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BY BARB DEDICS
OP Correspondent

With the exception of a Ferris wheel, carousel, candy apples and cotton candy, you would think there was a county fair going on at Ocala Palms Saturday, Oct. 13. There indeed was the "midway" atmosphere with large tents, live music, hot dogs, pizza, chicken and ice cream booths. Needless to say, this was the huge 25th Birthday celebration of the establishment of OP.

After several months of planning, Barry Fies and his crew were able to pull off the party without a hitch. Every detail was carefully planned ahead of time and through traffic was closed. A group of volunteers provided golf cart transportation for residents to and from their homes if needed. This was an "OP only party" and approximately 700 residents participated in the festivities which started at 11 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. To start the cel-



There was a county fair atmosphere at Ocala Palms Saturday, Oct. 13, for the community's 25th anniversary. The "midway" setting was complete with large tents, live music, hot dogs, pizza, chicken and ice cream booths. (See more photos, Page 5)

bration Rev. John Bock said the Invocation at noon.

The following musical groups entertained the residents throughout the day starting

with OP's very own "The Pickers." This group consisted of: Fred Burgess, Dan Cole, Bill DeMarest, Rick Marr, Dennis Noble and Howard Stanfill.

The OP Worship Community Choir, Golden Sounds Chorus and Noelie & the Greyhounds followed. All members of these groups are primarily residents of OP. It was also a pleasure to have a nonprofit local Ocala band known as "The Kingdom of the Sun" entertain afterward which closed the festivities of the day.

A display of the History of Ocala Palms was coordinated by Judy Berthelot, Janice Lambui and Elaine Liebegott, with several other residents assisting. This group researched OP history and printed a "Through the Years" pamphlet highlighting the community which originally was a cattle ranch. A life-size replica of a "bull" and a windmill still are on the community property as a reminder of what the property once was. Construction started in 1990 and the first homes were built in 1993. The last section of homes was built in 2007. Today there are 1,100 homes in this

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Fall is for festivities, fellowship, food



Fall in Florida is somewhat different than in the north, but the Lifestyle Office at Stone Creek made fall happen with the Fall Festival.

Stone Creek holds fall festival

BY PATRICIA GIZZI
Stone Creek correspondent

Fall is that season where the trees take on beautiful colors, the air is crisp and clean and you have the added job of raking leaves. If you are a kid or a kid at heart, you get to crunch the leaves or roll in the leaves.

Fall in Florida is somewhat different than

in the north but the Lifestyle Office here at Stone Creek made fall happen with the Fall Festival this past weekend. This event takes a great deal of preparation and planning long before the actual date. Tents started go up on Monday and continued during the week. Vendors were set months prior to make the day a success.

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The Fairfield Village visitors were happy to see Jim and Carol's little Shih Tzu, Bailee, who was always a neighborhood favorite.

FFV enjoys music, sharing, fellowship

BY PRISCILLA BARNETT
FFV correspondent

The monthly meeting and performance of the Faith Filled Villagers Sunday, Oct. 14. Those present enjoyed the music and sharing. The Fairfield Village visitors were so happy to see Jim and Carol's little Shih Tzu, Bailee, who was always a neighborhood favorite.

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Quail Meadow ladies enjoyed their monthly luncheon at the Hilton Hotel last week. Twenty-four residents and guests attended.

Quail Meadow ladies enjoy lunch

BY CAROLYN FLOWERS
QM correspondent

The monthly Ladies Luncheon was held at the Hilton hotel last week. Twenty-four residents and guests enjoyed being together. Grace Maguire, Judi Hargraves, Joyce Huey, and Marion Gartman were the "birthday" girls this month. The November 9th luncheon will be at

Big Rascals Restaurant (just East of I-75 on Highway 27).

Did you know that the outside mail drop box at the Paddock Post Office is back? Hopefully, the people who enjoy destroying property will leave it alone. Now we can just drive up to the box, drop in our letters, and be on our way.

The Social committee is busy with planning

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Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

Is it fragrance or stench?

This past week I had to go to the mall. I know, I should know better, but I thought I could sneak in, get what I needed and sneak out again. So much for my thoughts.

I wanted to purchase several tie chains for my neckties and searched every jewelry store and nobody had them. Finally, I ordered three online, which would be shipped free, (which always gets my attention) to the nearest store, which happened to be in the mall.

I do not like the mall and choose not to go there if I can help it. When in the mall, I am

usually very nervous and get confused and do not know which way I am going. Once I get in, I am not quite sure how to get out again. Everything seems to be contrived to confuse a person like myself.

Looking down at the ground while walking I became rather confused and I happen to turn into an open door.

My mall savvy is not sophisticated in the least. The door I turned into happened to be for the store Victoria's Secret. I do not know what the store was all about, but when I got in the store, I discovered Victoria's Secret much to my

great embarrassment.

That is exactly the reason I do not like going into the malls. They have places like this that a gentleman, such as Yours Truly, should never enter.

I am not sure how I got out of that store, all I can remember was a great deal of hilarious laughter thrown in my direction from inside. I just hope they did not recognize me. They probably did not, because I had all my clothes on.

It has been a long time since that incident and now I had to go and pick up my order. I put together a plan to sneak in very quietly, pick up my order and tiptoe out as quietly as I came in.

You know what they say about well-laid

plans! Whether mine was well laid or not, it blew up in my face.

I did slip into the mall and found the store where my order was. I picked them up and quietly turned around and started for the door. How I got turned around is any man's guess. Actually, I think I turned around too many times. For the next 15 minutes, I tried to find the way I came in so I could go out.

The trouble started when I hesitated. I stopped to try to get my bearings and in stopping a young woman approached me.

"How do you do today, sir," she said most cheerfully.

I nodded and tried to get away as graciously as possible.

She would have none of it. "And how do you smell today, sir?"

Had I been in my right sense of mind, I would have told her I smelled with my nose. Being in a confused state of affairs, I had no quick come back for her. It was then that she introduced me to her product.

I must confess I am not up-to-date with all of the body lotions and perfumes that are available today. I shave in the morning, splash some aftershave on my face, rub some deodorant under my armpits and that is as far as I go.

This young woman took me for a potential customer of her body lotions and ointments and perfumes. I suppose many people are

concerned with how they smell. I am not one of them.

My basic philosophy along this line is simply, if I cannot stand my own smell, I take a shower. I know when it is time to take a shower when I can smell myself.

She wanted to introduce me to some body lotions and ointments and perfumes that would make me smell alluring to anybody I met during the day.

Personally, I do not have a "Bucket List" but if I did, this would not be one of the items on it.

Trying to be polite, I informed the young woman I was late for an appointment and needed to get on right

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Kim Kent, Lifestyle Director and her staff offered food to eat with food trucks and vendors like the Stone Creek Grille, Paw Paw's Kitchen, Sweet

Tooth BBQ, Hardwood Smokehouse and Mc-Foodlands. The food selections included Tacos, variety of barbeque, burgers, sausage, sweets, corn on the cob, beer, wine and more!

Food without music is not a festival so Kim had the 'Propeller's'.

The duo provides music from the 60's and 70's. They had toe-tapping melodies to fill you with nostalgia and so there was toe-tapping by the residents. There were many sponsors: State Farm, Raymond James, Senior Health, Sunshine Solar Group, FWH & Associates which is Florida Blue Insurance, Hearing Life, Tri-County Hearing Services, Yard Stop, Closet Design Information, Bridgewater Assisted Living, Na-

tional Cremation Society, Budget Blinds, Swan Financial Services, Zinnia Wealth Management.

Many residents came out for great food and learning from the many vendors. While it was quite fall weather, it was a beautiful day. Thanks to Kim and her staff for making fall come to Stone Creek and to Kim for taking the pictures for this article!



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6 p.m. for their regular second Sunday night evening of praise, music and prayer. Those who attended joined in the singing and made "a joyful noise" as the leader Mickey Theile complimented their participation.

Afterward the group enjoyed good times with refreshments and coffee and a social time of friendly conversation.

On Thursday, Oct. 18, a group of neighbors from Fairfield Village enjoyed having lunch and seeing the beautifully decorated home of former neighbors, Carol and Jim Meissner. The group enjoyed pizza followed by homemade brownies topped with vanilla ice cream.

The Meissners and their adorable Shih Tzu, Bailee, were very active members of the Fairfield Village community for a good many years and visited friends regularly. They are still part of our community in many ways because they are such good friends and attend many social events.

Whenever neighbors get together in Fairfield Village, "the lively place filled with lovely people," the times are good because the people are good.

Please enjoy the beginning of what seems to be our very pleasant fall season.

Stay flu-free; get your flu vaccine before Halloween

The Florida Department of Health in Marion County is reminding all Floridians to get their flu shot as soon as possible, before the height of the upcoming flu season. Specifically, the department recommends getting the flu shot before Halloween, so the vaccine will have enough time to develop full effectiveness before the active holiday season kicks into gear in November. It can take up to two weeks after vaccination for your body to develop protection against the flu.

"Getting your flu shot is quick and easy and will provide peace of mind as flu season arrives," said Florida Department of Health in Marion County medical director Dr. Olu Ogunsanwo. "It's one of the best ways to protect yourself and loved ones this season."

The flu vaccine is recommended for ev-

eryone ages six months and older, including pregnant women. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a yearly flu vaccine because flu viruses evolve quickly, and last year's vaccine may not protect against the current year's flu strain. Even if the flu vaccine does not fully protect against the flu, it may reduce the severity of symptoms and the risk of complications. According to the CDC, last year's record-breaking flu season resulted in 80,000 deaths in the United States, which is the highest number of deaths from the flu in over three decades.

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events for the remainder of this year and on into next year. Due to the election, the next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, October 30th. This is in place of the November 6th meeting. The QM clubhouse is a voting precinct and cannot be used for other events on that day.

Do you like to take cruises? The QM cruisers have a trip planned for next October! The cruise is scheduled for seven days beginning October 13, 2019. The itinerary is the Eastern Caribbean. Call Marion Gartman for more information. Several people have already made reservations.

It is still very disturbing hearing the reports and seeing the pictures of the destruction caused by Michael. Our

thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by this horrendous storm.

Do you know when we began naming hurricanes? The first named storm in the Atlantic was "Able" in 1950. Only female names were used until 1979 when Bob was added to the list. It was during the late 1970's that a group of influential women decided that it wasn't fair for all storms to have female names. This group of professionals went to Washington, DC and presented their case to have male names included in the hurricane names. They succeeded, and in 1979 the first male name, Bob, was included in the list. Now every other name is male. In speaking with my cousin last week, she informed me that she was the spokeswoman of the committee that worked on getting the male names added to the list - "thank you" Jeri.



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Veterans Elmo Berthelot, left, Myrna and Don Murphy.



Betty and Don Cross



Bruce Walter and friends



Ann and Jim Warmington



Bob and Cynthia Trudeau



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Helen Jensen

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Don McClure, Emma and Richard Lanzana, and Edwina McClure.



Jim Williams listening to music.



Ladies waiting in hot dog line.



Felicia and Lew Keen, and Pat and Gerry Hutnick.



Ocala Palms ladies having fun.



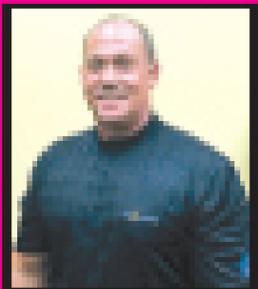
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Opinion

THE BOB FRANKEN COLUMN Winning at gutterball

It's Major League Baseball playoff season, as well as the run-up to the elections. Oh, the games people play.

Way back when, in the early 20th century, New York Giants manager John "Mugsy" McGraw was the first to utter an important life lesson for those who play either form of "Hardball" (thank you, Chris Matthews). "Nice guys," he growled, "finish last."

It's wisdom the Democrats are only now allowing to penetrate their cluelessness. "Really?" they whimper in amazement. "It's not enough to be righteous?" Not when it's self-righteous, which is what so many Americans perceive them to be, along with sanctimonious. Nor is it enough when the other team is governed by a mindset of "whatever it takes to win," fair or foul.

Back in John McGraw's day, the cross-town Yankees with Babe Ruth dominated "America's Pastime." These days, in our other pastime, the Republicans succeed by being ruthless. They don't really stand for the interests of the great bulk of Americans, opting instead to represent the wealthy few, who long ago realized, as Will Rogers declared, that we have "The best Congress that money can buy." Actually, Mr. Rogers was only in the neighborhood. It's really the best government money can buy. And even that's not true, because, in many cases, it's really a pretty useless one, which suits the GOP just fine. It keeps their rich patrons happy because they don't want to be effectively regulated as they pursue their money-grubbing ways.

The Democrats like to think they're above all that sleaziness, which is totally wrong for two reasons: First of all, the D's scrounge for dollars as much as the R's do. Besides, even if they were squeaky-clean, they actually need to be willing to roll around in the mud. Michelle Obama's "When they go low, we go high" just won't cut it, particularly when it comes across as being high and mighty.

A few Democrats are even saying so publicly, like former Attorney General Eric Holder, who got a rousing cheer with his "When they go low, we kick

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My hometown made news, but not why I'd hoped

TIME ran a story about my hometown! Woohoo! Achille is a small farm town tucked away off the beaten path in Southeastern Oklahoma made national news!

The news wasn't the type I hoped it would be. It was about a small school trying to accommodate a 12-year-old transgender student in the seventh grade.

My sister couldn't date until she was 16 and even then, I had to chaperone when she dated an airman from Perrin AFB, so in my mind, allowing a child to identify as the opposite sex at an age before reaching adulthood is just plain wrong.

According to the story, a school district in southern Oklahoma was forced to shut down for two days after parents used a Facebook group to threaten violence against a transgender seventh-grade student.

Superintendent Rick Beene closed Achille Public Schools after parents posted claims on a Facebook group "Achille ISD Parents Group" that the student, who identifies as a girl, was looking over the stalls in the girls' bathroom.

"Heads up parents of 5th through 7th grade," parent Jamie Crenshaw said in a now-deleted post. "The transgender is already using the girl's bathroom. We have been told how the school has gone above and beyond to make sure he has his own restroom yet he is still using the girls. REALLY... Looks like its going to be a long year."

Beene would not confirm whether the alleged bathroom incident occurred.

The post set off reactions from other adults who referred to the 7th



Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

grade student as "this thing" and "half baked maggot." One parent repeatedly referred to the student as "he" and suggested a "good sharp knife" stop the student. Another parent said that their child should "whip his a — until he quits coming to school," according to the TIME story.

Beene told TIME he made the decision to close both the elementary schools, which houses kindergarten through eighth grade, and the high school on the advice of local law enforcement.

It's not easy being different in a small town. Some of the boys teased me unmercilessly because they thought my parents were wealthy. They were, but they weren't then. I finally had a couple of fights and that was the the end of that. I always knew we were poor when daddy moved us back to Achille, his hometown.

Then, there was the girl who moved to town when she was in the eighth grade. She — (gasp!) — smoked cigarettes! She wore oversized sunshades that were way too big for her face and wore blue leotards, pantyhose or something on her legs. Peers teased her unmercilessly and her family left town before the school year ended. And sure enough,

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN Civility is for suckers

It's doubtful that a former American presidential candidate has ever formally endorsed incivility before, but Hillary Clinton is ever full of surprises. In an interview on CNN, the erstwhile advocate of "if they go low, we go high" switched around to unapologetically call for going low.

"You cannot be civil with a political party," she explained, "that wants to destroy what you stand for, what you care about." She added that if Democrats retake a house of Congress, well, then, "that's when civility can start again."

Clinton's statement is yet more confirmation of the radical mood of the current Democratic Party, not just in blessing tactics that once would have been anathema to the mainstream, but questioning the legitimacy of core elements of our system. The party's base is just a few steps from beginning to give up on our common national life.

Civility is a rather fundamental thing to throw under the bus. It is the basis of our political life, assuring that disagreements are settled within certain bounds and don't escalate into blood feuds.

This doesn't mean that there can't be intense arguments, harsh condemnations, passionate controversies and partisan donnybrooks. These are all endemic to a free society and very healthy things. It does mean that there are certain widely accepted guardrails.

In the Brett Kavanaugh debate, the normal pressure points of the democratic process (rallies and demonstrations, phone calls to congressional offices, online, print and TV advocacy) were deemed insufficient — senators had to be berated in the hallways, chased out of restaurants and harassed at their homes.

Asked on CNN if the actions against her fellow senators went too far, Mazie Hirono stood by the harassment: "I think it just means that there are a lot of people who are very, very much motivated about what's going on."

But when you angrily confront someone, especially as part of a group, it carries an inescapable whiff of physical intimidation. When you shout Ted and Heidi Cruz out of a Washington restaurant, you aren't trying to convince them of anything, you are merely abusing them. When you yell at Senate hearings and floor votes, you aren't influencing the process, but disrupting it.

Our system of government is increasingly held in low regard on the left. The 2016 election was somehow stolen, and the mechanism that gave Trump his victory, the Electoral

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Rotary works to eradicate polio

Members of the Belleview High School Interact Club, a high school service club of Rotary Clubs in Marion County, met at the school with members of both the Ocala Rotary Club and the Belleview Rotary Club on the day designated as "World Polio Day" Oct. 24, and the 27th anniversary of Rotary International's effort to help eradicate polio from the world, to demonstrate how easy a polio immunization is.

A few drops in the mouth of a child is all that is required, and then the child's index finger will be marked with a purple dye to signify they have been immunized.

In honor of World

Polio Day, which is widely recognized Oct. 24, the two local Rotary Clubs, as well as the Belleview High School Interact Club joined nearly 35,000 Rotary clubs and 1.2 million members around the world as part of Rotary's 27-year mission to eradicate the crippling childhood disease polio.

The Ocala Rotary Club raised nearly \$3,000 in its most recent effort to address this plague. The money is used for vaccinations in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria.

"Our club has been made contributions for polio vaccinations worldwide for over 25 years," Ocala Rotary Club president Al For-

mella said. "We've just reached \$3,000 this year as additional support."

World Polio Day follows a succession of significant developments that have made 2018 one of the most important years in the history of the polio eradication initiative. The message to world leaders is clear: support the final push to achieve eradication now while the goal has never been closer or face the potential consequences of a new polio pandemic that could disable millions of children within a decade.

Polio is now nonexistent in every country in the world, thanks to the immunization program, except Afghani-

stan, Pakistan and Nigeria, with a possible flareup in another country.

Since 1985, Rotary Clubs throughout the world have contributed nearly \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.

The disease remains endemic in three countries — Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan — although other countries remain at risk for imported cases.

In order for a country to be classified as "polio free" there must not be a reported new case in the country for at least three years.

A highly infectious disease, polio causes

paralysis and is sometimes fatal.

As there is no cure, the best protection is prevention.

For as little as US 60 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

After an international investment of more than US \$9 billion, and the successful engagement of over 200 countries and 20 million volunteers, polio could be the first human disease of the 21st century to be eradicated.

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order

to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world with over 34,000 clubs and 1.2 million members.

The Ocala Rotary Club was founded May 1, 1919, is the sixth oldest Rotary Club in the State of Florida, and meets every Monday for lunch at the College of Central Florida.



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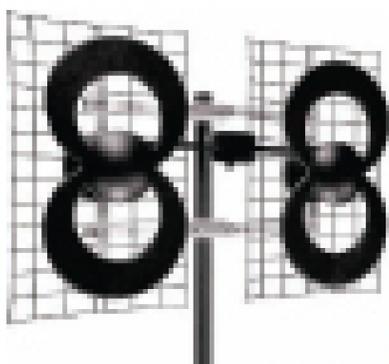
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For years, the Democrats constantly told us that the Bush tax cuts were “tax breaks for the wealthy.” This is despite the fact that the bottom rate decreased from 15 percent to 10 percent and the number paying no federal income tax increased from 25 percent to almost 50 percent, and many of those paying no federal income tax got refunds of money not paid in due to refundable tax credits!

When those cuts were scheduled to expire, we found out what they already knew. They said we couldn’t allow them all to expire since that would harm those with lower income.

If the cuts benefited primarily “the wealthy” why not let them all expire.” Those whose are not benefiting from the

tax cuts wouldn’t be harmed if they expired.

Now they are at it again. The tax cuts are being characterized as the “tax breaks for the wealthy” and tax breaks for “wealthy corporations.” They focus on the tax rate decreasing from 39.6 percent to 37 percent and totally ignore the other tax cuts.

Only estimates are available since numbers for 2017 are not yet available and 2018 numbers won’t be available for another year.

It is estimated that in 2018 the top 1 percent will pay 43 percent of Federal income tax, up from 38 percent in 2017. The share of the top 20 percent will increase from 83.6 percent to 86.9 percent. The top 1 percent will have 15.9 percent of the total income and will pay 43.3 percent of federal income taxes. (How is that fair?) Any tax cut that is fair will always give a significant

cut in taxes to those who pay a significant portion of the taxes!

The benefits from the corporate tax cuts are already becoming evident but there is not enough space here to address that aspect. Just look at the economy and job market.

Why would the left perpetuate this story of “tax breaks” for the wealthy? Because it sounds good to the other 99 percent. That translates to votes from those who don’t take the time to do some research. The real answer resides in a quote from George Bernard Shaw.

“A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.”

How long will it before the 99 percent decide that the 1 percent should pay all of the income taxes?!

Thomas Strayer
Stone Creek

Women-owned small businesses celebrated

BY KIM PRESTON
Center for Rural Affairs

October is Women’s Small Business Month, making now a perfect time to highlight accomplishments of women entrepreneurs and small-business owners across the nation.

About 150 Women’s Business Centers across the nation are designed to assist women in starting and growing small businesses. They provide training, mentoring, counseling, and access to capital for one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy: women business owners.

In 2017, centers reached more than 145,000 clients and conducted over 93,000 hours of counseling and more than 15,000 training ses-

sions. In 2015, Women’s Business Centers created 23,471 new jobs.

Why are centers focused specifically on women important? Today, women own more than 35 percent of all businesses and are starting new ventures at four times the rate of men. The most recent data indicates there are more than 11 million women-owned businesses employing 9 million Americans and generating \$1.6 trillion in receipts.

It takes courage, ambition, and ingenuity to start your own business, and all the women entrepreneurs out there possess these qualities. Women’s Business Centers have helped many of these talented entrepreneurs turn their

dreams of starting a business into reality.

Small businesses are the engines that drive America’s growth, and women are just beginning to leave their footprint in this sector of the economy. With the continued support of Women’s Business Centers across the country, their impact will surely grow.

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sprawling community. The OP community is proud to boast a wide variety of activities in addition to golf. Just a

few activities include Aerobics, Arts & Crafts, Bowling League, Bible Study, Bocce, Cards of all types, Chorus, Computer Club, Dancing, Motorcycle Club, Painting classes, Pickleball, Swimming, Tennis, Veterans Club and more.

The community is well-known for supporting various charity organizations throughout the county. In addition to the History display, yours truly made an exhibit of photos of approximately 200 Veterans who make

their home at OP. This exhibit is ongoing as more residents provide their name and a photo to be added. When new people move to OP, they can have theirs added if they wish. Because of the size, only current residents are listed.

This is made to honor and thank those who have served this country. Barry Fies would like to thank ALL who helped with this "dream" of celebrating the 25th birthday of Ocala Palms. He did in-

dicade he is in hopes the 50th will have as good a turnout as the 25th should someone decide to have a big party. All residents who attended enjoyed the day and indicated what fun they had.



A life-size replica of a "bull" and a windmill still are on the community property as a reminder of what the property was once a cattle ranch.



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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@flblind.org; or visit online at www.flblind.org.

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

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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

Oak Trace Yard Sale

Oak Trace is having its semiannual yard sale Friday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oak Trace is located off SW Hwy 200 on 103rd St. Road Look for signs.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Audubon Society membership

Marion Audubon Society will have a membership program about Marion Audubon community involvement Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Main Marion County Public Library, 2720 E Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470.

Join us and learn about what Marion Audubon is doing for the community and meet the new board members. Bring ideas of activities you would like to see us do and what committee on which you want to volunteer. Guest speaker Judy Greenberg will talk about the upcoming Christmas Bird Count.

There will be snacks and refreshments. Marion Audubon Society is a 501c3 organization and donations are welcome. For more information, please visit www.marioncountyaudubon.com or like us on Facebook at "Marion Audubon Society."

Sunday, Oct. 28

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. 28 - 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. 28 - 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. Special guest missionary in the service will be Roger Munchian of "Rescued Not Arrested" Prison Ministry.

Monday, Oct. 29: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study in the book of Galatians.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 31: Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group at 4 p.m. The group meets in our main building and takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message with a video message 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.

Crossroads Church

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.

Crossroads Church will be assisting the annual "Walk for life" sponsored by the Women's Pregnancy Center will be held at Wachilla Park Saturday, Nov. 3, at 9 a.m. Every dollar raised helps to give hope to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy and share truth with thousands in the year ahead.

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

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Meeting at 9 a.m.

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

Thursday: 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 or see our new website at www.ourcrossroads.church for up to date calendar events.

You are invited

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

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

Marion Landing Indoor Fall Sale

Marion Landing will be holding its annual Fall Sale Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Lifestyle Center. Jewelry, books, home-made baked goods, plants, sports equipment and tools, household items and giftware. 8601 SW 65th Avenue Road (off SR200). Free admission, open to the public. No pets, please.

Ocala Palms Bazaar

Ocala Palms Arts & Craft Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bake sale and lunches are available for purchase

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 club house 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.

Death Café

Death Café Ocala meets at 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Freedom Library, 5870 SE 95th St., Ocala, Monday, Nov. 5, and Jan. 7, 2019. For more information, please call Teddy at 352-368-9927 or Kat at 352-557-3075.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Compassion and Choices

This workshop will describe the Life Stage Planning Process to encourage participants to create a personal end of life care plan. It will include a description of the complete range of Humane end of life care choices with and outside of medical supervision. We will explore the four major documents needed to express one's end of life preferences with emphasis on personal advocacy. There is a \$5 supply fee payable to the instructor the day of class to purchase a book on which the series of 3 classes is based. If two are from the same household, they can share the printed book.

Workshop style classes are three consecutive weeks on a Tuesday from 1-3 pm in Classroom 4. Register at masterthepossibilities.org

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

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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 participate 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/oas-nopa/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 Grampsas

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 coffee 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 handcrafted 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 Interstate 75. Follow the signs to the Clubhouse (Oak House).

Marion Civic Chorale

The Marion Civic Chorale community chorus

announced its 2018 Veterans Day Concert series. The Chorale will sing traditional patriotic favorites as well as present inspirational pieces to honor veterans. The dates and locations are:

■ Nov. 10, Oxford Assembly of God, 12114 N US HWY 301, Oxford.

■ Nov. 11, Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala.

Interns from several Marion County high schools have joined the Chorale this year. Also performing are The Villages Charter School Elementary Honors Choir and The Villages High School Chamber Singers.

Concerts are free to the public and begin at 3 p.m. Donations to help fund the Grat L. Rosazza music scholarship are greatly appreciated. New members are always welcome.

Contact President@marionchorale.org or visit www.marionchorale.org, for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 11

Marion Chamber Music Society

Sunday, Nov. 11, The Marion Chamber Music Society presents Matitahu Braun and Holly Small, Violin and Piano Duo. This Orlando based duo will perform works by Mozart, Sibelius, Shostakovich and more. The concert is at 3 p.m., at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 6455 SW SR 200, Ocala. MCMS concerts: Always Exceptional, Always Free. For more information call 867-1340 or visit us at marionchambermusic.com.

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.

Bring family, friends, blankets, lawn chairs and join us for this very special evening of music, fireworks and good old American spirit. Bleacher seating is available. For information please call 352-624-9291.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Interfaith

Thanksgiving

Saturday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ on 7171 SW S.R. 200 in Ocala, there will be an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the Islamic Center, Temple Beth Shalom, Congregation Beth Israel and St.

Mark's United Methodist Church. Followed by a multicultural dinner together. This event is open to the public. An RSVP for the dinner is necessary at 352-368-9927, on Eventbrite or facebook.com/OcalaCongregationalChurch.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

Maranatha Baptist Church

Mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving Concert Tuesday, Nov. 20, with the gospel group, River Jordan concert at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy this wonderful group as they worship our Lord in song.

Ongoing

Kabbalat Shabbat

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

Shabbat @ Chabad: every Shabbat at 10 a.m. followed by a delicious kiddish-lunch. Torah & Tea: study the weekly Torah portion Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Yossi Hecht by

calling 352-330-4466 on the internet at www.OurChabad.org.

Oak Run Bridge

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.

We look forward to having you join us. Please feel free to call Fran at 808-725-9362.

ESL Program

The ESL program at College Road Baptist Church, 5010 SW College Road, meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. This is a weekly one-hour class. Students practice using their English speaking skills in an informal, friendly environment. Contact ESL Director Janet Smith at 352 854-6981.

Rainbow Springs

Artists

Artists and fine craftsmen are sought by the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooper-

ative located at 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in the heart of Dunelton'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.



Former OFR assistant chief to speak on 'The Great Fire'

Brian Stoothoff presents the "History of 'The Great Fire' and the City of Ocala Fire & EMS services - 135th Anniversary of the Thanksgiving event that created the Brick City" Nov. 18.

Stoothoff is a former Ocala Fire Rescue assistant chief who retired in 2014 after 30 years of service. He worked his way up through the ranks as fire equipment operator, captain, battalion chief, public education specialist and OFR public information officer.

All programs are scheduled on third Sunday of odd months at 2 p.m. in Green Clover Hall. A reception follows at East Hall. Admission is free to members and \$5 to nonmembers. Individual and family memberships are available.

The next in the series of programs presented by the Marion County Museum of History & Archaeology, 307 SE 26th Terrace, Ocala. For more information, please call 352-236-5245.

"Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them."

— George Orwell, 1984

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MOLEHILLS

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another quick internet search showed that this family was also moving.

The updated TIME story stated that for the second time in less than two years, Brandy Rose is planning to move her family to a new town, saying she no longer feels safe in Achille because of violent threats against her 12-year-old transgender daughter, Maddie.

The TIME article stated that two years ago, the same concerns drove the family from Sherman, Texas, where Maddie experienced "horrendous" school bullying after she transitioned.

Some students had

forced Maddie into the boys' bathroom and taunted her to commit suicide, Rose said.

Sherman, with a population of 41,000, is about 30 miles south of Achille.

According to TIME, the move to Achille in 2017 was supposed to give Maddie a "fresh start." Now the family is moving again — this time to Houston, seeking "a more open, diverse community for people like my daughter" — as Rose fears for Maddie's safety in the small town where she became the center of a firestorm this week.

I'm just going to end on this: A small town of fewer than 500 people is not a place to find a fresh start if you're different.

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them." He didn't say where you kick them, but use your imagination. Even Hillary Clinton, who personified her party's inner sanctimony when she ran for president, caused a few gasps when she declared, "You cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy

what you stand for."

Some liberals probably got the vapors when she said that, but she was taught a bitter lesson by Donald Trump, who now occupies the White House, riding a crest through the hateful gutters of his campaign and his dangerous presidency. Hillary's superior qualifications amounted to nothing. Time for Trump's enemies to learn some hard lessons from him.

Democrats have evolved from working-class champions to effete snobs.

Too many don't understand that cheap shots work in campaigns, the kind the other side puts out constantly in their TV ads. Cheap shots are expensive. It costs a lot to conduct oppo research and then distort it in TV spots.

The liberals need to accept that the only way for a candidate to set up

shop inside the Beltway is to hit his or her opponent below the belt. Just like the conservatives do.

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.

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College, is illegitimate. The Senate, which confirmed Kavanaugh and gives small, red states the same representation as large, blue states, is also illegiti-

mate. Finally, the Supreme Court, now home to two Trump-appointed justices, is illegitimate as well.

That's a lot of illegitimacy, all stemming from one lost presidential election. Imagine if Democrats lose another? The fact is that if you believe an insti-

tution is legitimate only if you control it or it works in your favor, you never truly believed in its legitimacy to begin with.

Perhaps the Democratic fever will pass if the party gains some power again, as Clinton suggested in her remarks. But it's nota-

ble enough that one of our major parties is showing signs of contemplating a divorce from our system as it currently exists.

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You enjoy the attention early in the week, but it might be a good idea to opt for some privacy by week's end so that you can have more time to consider an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You unearth some surprising facts. Now you need to consider how to use them to your advantage. Meanwhile, it might be best to keep what you've learned secret for now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A comment by a colleague piques your curiosity to know more. Best advice: You'll find people more likely to offer information if you're discreet when making your inquiries.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels begin to rise by midweek. This allows you to catch up with your heavy workload and still have plenty of get-up-and-go to go out on the town this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're probably roaring your head off about a perceived slight from a longtime critic. Ignore it. That person might just be trying to goad you into doing something you might later regret.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The early part of the week is open to spontaneity. Then it's time to settle into your usual routine to get all your tasks done. A personal situation could require more attention from you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A meeting of the minds on a workplace project might well develop into something more personal for Librans looking for romance. Aspects also are favorable for platonic relationships.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive mood might be difficult to assume in light of a recent problem involving the health of someone special. But by week's end, your emotional barometer should start to rise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look for a changed attitude from a former adversary once he or she realizes you have your colleagues' full support. Now you can refocus your energies on that workplace project.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This time, a difference of opinion might not be resolved in your favor. But be patient. It could all ultimately work out to your advantage, as new information begins to develop.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A tug of war develops between the artistic Aquarian's creative aspect and his or her practical side. Best advice: Prioritize your schedule so you can give appropriate time to both.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could be entering a career phase awash with job-related demands. But avoid being swamped by the overflow and, instead, keep treading water as you deal with demands one by one.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are an exceptionally loyal person, and you're respected for your ability to keep the secrets entrusted to you.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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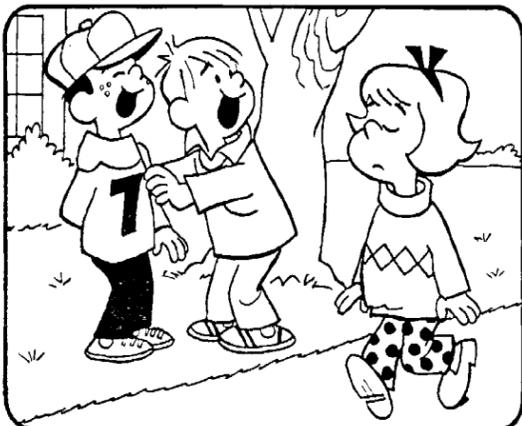
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Super Crossword

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- 1 Actress Paxton
 - 5 Miss — (Dickens spinster)
 - 13 Small-combo jazz genre
 - 20 Even-steven
 - 21 Hated thing
 - 22 Like waves, to shorelines
 - 23 Disdain for cow milkers?
 - 25 Heeded, as a suggestion
 - 26 Not be under the weather
 - 27 Note before la
 - 28 "Moses" novelist Sholem
 - 30 A, to Klaus
 - 31 Ungenuine
 - 33 Give a tot some grub?
 - 38 Psych., e.g.
 - 40 Trail rope
 - 43 Priam's city
 - 44 Part of USSR: Abbr.
 - 45 Tremble resulting from drawing curtains?
 - 48 Gas additive
 - 52 With 66-Down, she won a 1957 Tony for "Lil Abner"
 - 53 Sleek, briefly
 - 54 Tanzania's — es
 - 55 Moniker
 - 56 Quantity in a given area
 - 59 More irate about the cards one was dealt?
 - 64 Work unit
 - 65 Grain bundle
 - 68 Rod go-with
 - 69 Old region of Asia Minor
 - 70 Retaliation plan that's proceeding tediously?
 - 74 Mag revenue source
 - 77 River of Florence
 - 78 Dame Judi
 - 79 Larch cousin
 - 82 Statement about a tea box?
 - 86 Certain tax shelter
 - 88 Author Blyton
 - 89 LAPD division?
 - 90 Julio's "eight"
 - 93 Driving club
 - 94 Orate
 - 96 Sleep furniture designed for athletes?
 - 101 West ender?
 - 102 Cuddly "Star Wars" critter
 - 103 Office scribe
 - 104 TV "Science Guy" Bill
 - 105 Rice field with a salami factory in the middle of it?
 - 110 Used a bat
 - 112 What sit-ups work
 - 113 "Yeah, bro"
 - 114 Cheer for a 12-Down
 - 117 Love of Tristan
 - 120 Scrounged at auctions?
 - 127 Members of the mob
 - 128 Underscored
 - 129 Elsa's sister in "Frozen"
 - 130 Written law
 - 131 Euros replaced them in the Netherlands
 - 132 Lucy's guy
 - 5 Tool for cutting metal
 - 6 Year, in Brazil
 - 7 Movers' vehicles
 - 8 "Leave — me!"
 - 9 Library unit
 - 10 Skirt border
 - 11 Bit of gig gear
 - 12 Torero
 - 13 Georgia fruit
 - 14 Symphony performer
 - 15 Boozing type
 - 16 Mao — -tung
 - 17 — one's time (waited)
 - 18 Egg-shaped
 - 19 1-cent coin
 - 24 Rich boy in "Nancy" comics
 - 29 Pig holder
 - 32 Tried
 - 34 Abbr. at JFK
 - 35 Before, to Browning
 - 36 — -i-noor diamond
 - 37 Novel by Sir Walter Scott
 - 38 Uppsala native, e.g.
 - 39 Apple quaff
 - 41 "Thar — blows!"
 - 42 Sharing word
 - 46 — Plaines
 - 47 DeLuise of "Fail Safe"
 - 48 Head organ
 - 49 Indian bread
 - 50 Old Dodge hatchback
 - 51 Mother of Helen, in myth
 - 54 Dig deeply
 - 57 — Brothers ("Fight the Power" R&B group)
 - 58 E'en if
 - 60 Inert element
 - 61 The, to Klaus
 - 62 Achievement
 - 63 Snug-fitting
 - 66 See 52-Across
 - 67 Unwavering
 - 70 Sells
 - 71 L.A.-to-Boise dir.
 - 72 Dresses
 - 73 SFC or CPL
 - 74 Nailed
 - 75 Aarhus native, e.g.
 - 76 Bank acct. guarantor
 - 79 Forefront of an activity
 - 80 Wry twist
 - 81 Span
 - 83 Most tenacious
 - 84 — -pah
 - 85 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard
 - 87 Covered up
 - 91 Euro divs.
 - 92 Pres. after FDR
 - 95 Parseghian of Notre Dame
 - 96 Goodie-filled gala gift
 - 97 Pea holder
 - 98 Permitted
 - 99 Coils around
 - 100 Drench
 - 102 Dermis or Pen lead-in
 - 105 "Dynasty" actress Emma
 - 106 "Three Men in —" (novel or film)
 - 107 Yank's land
 - 108 "Metro" star
 - 109 Sing on a peak, maybe
 - 111 Roving type
 - 115 Loan out
 - 116 Art Deco notable
 - 118 Cubs' homes
 - 119 Morales of "Caprica"
 - 121 Op. — (kin of "ibid.")
 - 122 Astros, on a scoreboard
 - 124 Hospital div.
 - 125 Roman
 - 126 At any time, to Browning

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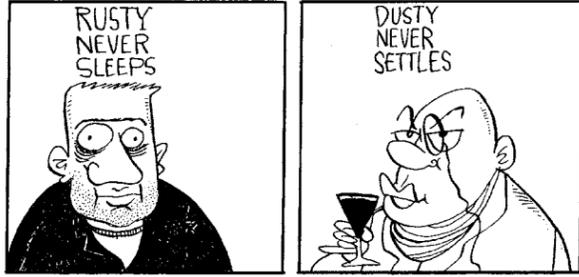


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away.
 “Oh,” she said very cheerfully, “this will not take long at all.”
 With that said, and before I could process what she said, she began rubbing my face with body ointment or lotion of some sort. I froze and for a few moments, I could not even move. Even the little grey cells upstairs were shocked into a rare state of stillness.
 “Now, you smell wonderful.”
 It was at that time I retired with honor my gentlemanly manners and started running as fast as I could run without drawing too much attention to myself.
 I smelled that “fragrance” for three days in spite of the fact that I took 17 showers in

the meantime.
 Sometimes our focus is always on the outside. I like what Jesus said, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess” (Matthew 23:25).
 It does not matter how good I smell on the outside if there is stench on the inside. I want to focus on my inside and make it as

fresh as possible. That is the fragrance God smells.
 —
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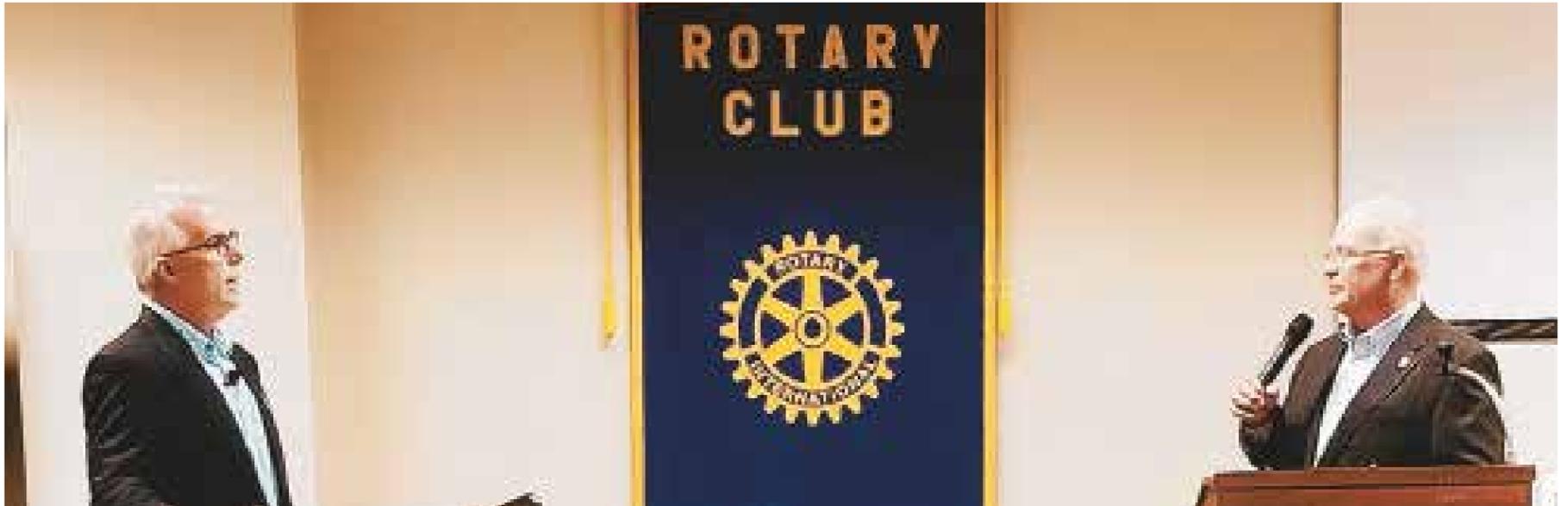
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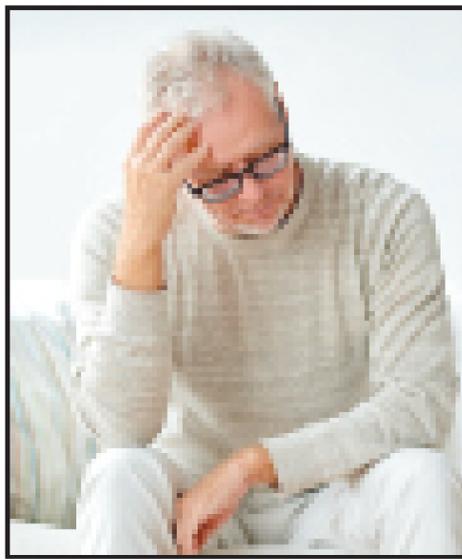
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