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Veterans Day



Former servicemembers, top photo, lead a contingent of JROTC cadets from all Marion County Public Schools Friday during Veterans Day ceremonies at Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park. In the photo to the left, a vocalist from the Lake Weir High School Jazz Band sings "Blue Skies" during a pre-ceremony performance.



Students honor veterans

Upward to 2,500 students from every public school in Marion County participated Friday in Veterans Day ceremonies at Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park.

Marion County Public Schools public relations director Kevin Christian said 60 buses transported students to and from the event. The music this year was performed by the Lake Weir High School Jazz Band and chorus groups from other schools. The ROTC units from all county high school paraded into the park and stood in formation during the ceremony.

Also, Hammett Bowen Jr. Elementary, the namesake of the county's Medal of Honor recipient, the only elementary school with an honor

guard/color guard, is sponsored by various veterans' organizations, participated in the program.

"This is the 14th year we have done this. It provides a great opportunity for us to show why veterans are so important to our community," he said. "The veterans come into our classroom. They are living history, so they share their perspective with our students who have only read about it in books and online so that history comes to life."

It is also a way for us as a community to show our appreciation to those who made sacrifices for others.

Retired Air Force Major George Clarke is the senior aerospace instructor at Forest High School. He and two others teach military cus-

toms, leadership development, and discipline to about 200, of which 30 high school juniors and seniors participated Friday. Forest High is the largest Air Force ROTC program in the county and second in size only to West Port Army ROTC.

Cadet Master Sgt. Breanna Jolley, a junior Forest High School, said she is in JROTC because her family was in the military and she intends to enter the Navy as an Aviation Rescue Swimmer.

She said a movie sparked her interest and made the decision after talking to a recruiter who visited Forest High.

"I love swimming and helping people," she said. Of her physical stamina, she

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Not everything in life is automatic

Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder



Two days in the year I don't like. Somebody is thinking it is my wife's birthday and our wedding anniversary.

I worked that out a long time ago. My birthday is two days before the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and our anniversary is three weeks after our birthday. No way can I forget that.

When my wife gives me a birthday card with some gift it reminds me that I have two days to reciprocate. And reciprocate, I do very well. I love it when a plan comes together.

I remember my wife's birthday and I remember our wedding anniversary, but more often than not, I cannot remember the years. I do not know how old my wife is. At least, that's my story. And, I am not sure how long we've been married.

I know we have been married long enough to work out many things.

The two days I'm not very happy with are the days when we turn the

clock forward an hour and then turn the clock backward an hour. I still do not know why in the world we do that. We gain an hour in the spring, but then we lose an hour in the fall. What's the sense in all that?

I finally figured out what the sense of all that is. It is to confuse me, in particular. It is not that I am easily confused, but rather, I confuse easily. If that makes sense, I have a bridge I want to sell you.

Why would you want to gain something and then give it back a couple months later?

I grew up in the non-technical age. I had to wind my watch every day to make sure it had the right time. It was not like it is today worth the time is set automatically.

I look at my cell phone and the time is updated automatically. I look at our TV set and see that the time is updated automatically. I like that.

My problem is that I like it too much. I have become accustomed to things being adjusted

automatically.

Now they have cars that part automatically and you can be sure I'm not going to buy one. I am satisfied with the automatic setting of my clock and TV.

When I was in high school, I worked part-time for a woman. I mowed the grass and cleaned inside the house. One big thing she had in the house was about 25 clocks. I'm serious. Twenty-five clocks that all had to be set manually.

The first time I did it, I did not realize that each clock was set differently. You go upstairs and the clocks were 15 minutes faster than the clocks on the first floor so she would not be late for an appointment.

Being my employer, it would have been nice for her to explain that to me. But, as most employers do, they do not explain everything to their employees.

I was the kind of employee that liked to impress my employer with how good I was.

It was in the fall and

we were to set the clocks back one hour. I thought she would appreciate the fact that I went around and reset all 25 of her clocks. After all, I was doing something on my own that needed done.

The thing I did not know of course, the clocks were all set different on different levels of the house. I went around and set all 25 clocks to the same time. I was so happy.

I did not tell her because I wanted her to be surprised.

I was anxious to hear her commend me for a "job well done." I was not prepared for what she was going to do.

When I arrived on her property, she comes out yelling and screaming at me at the top of her lungs. Trust me, she had lungs. At first, I could not understand what she was so upset about.

"Did you," she said hysterically, "reset all

the clocks in my house?"

I smiled back at her and said quite cheerfully, "Yes, ma'am, I did."

Courtesy keeps me from quoting her right here. It was more than French she was yelling back at me.

I have never been yelled at so much in my life and I did not really understand why.

I stayed away from her for a couple of days and then I was working for her husband at his store. When I walked in, he looked at me and laughed hysterically.

I was not sure what he was laughing at that he motioned me to come over. So, I did.

"My wife," he said between laughs, "told me what you did the other day." Then he broke into some more hysterical laughter.

Why he was so cheerful about the incident was beyond me at the time.

Then he sat me down and explained the whole situation to me. I whole confess when he finished telling me the whole story, I joined him in some hysterical laughter. We kept this to ourselves for as long as I worked there.

I thought of what Paul said, "Let's not get tired of doing what is good, for at the right time we will reap a harvest—if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Not everything is automatic, some things you have to work for.

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Bible Trivia

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of 3 Corinthians in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who was praised for his beauty "from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head"? Absalom, Elisha, Pekah, Tola

3. What camp saw 185,000 of its soldiers slaughtered by an angel of the Lord? Assyrian, Midianite, Philistine, Persian

4. From Genesis 1:30, what is the first color mentioned in the Bible?

Purple, Red, Green, Yellow

5. Which city's wall fell down flat at the shout of Joshua's army? Tarsus, Jericho, Corinth, Sardis

6. From 2 Chronicles 34:1, who was 8 years old when he began his reign? Abijam, Rehoboam, Marcus, Josiah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Absalom; 3) Assyrian; 4) Green; 5) Jericho; 6) Josiah

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Veterans Day weekend filled with patriotism at Ocala Palms

Not having gone thru military basic training, I can only imagine the cafeteria style meals which were and are served.

This past Saturday, residents who are veterans and live within the Ocala Palms Golf & Country Club community, were served a delicious free plate of pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice. This was just a small token of appreciation to those who have served in the military for this country.

One must remember that here they didn't have to stand in huge lines to wait for their meal. Instead a group of volunteers (some veterans themselves), cook, took orders and quickly brought the meal to the veterans. These breakfasts are served to only OP residents and their guests once a month for a minimal charge, however, since this was Veterans Day weekend the fee was waived for our OP veterans.

Once the golfing veterans had their tummy's full, they joined others in a golf tournament at their local course. Being the patriotic women and men that they are, they dressed in red, white or blue golf shirts in honor of all veterans.

In addition to the appropriate fees, an entry fee of \$10 was paid by each player (\$5 for prize money and \$5 toward the OP Veterans Committee).

The OP Veterans Committee uses the monies



Senior Ocala Palms Veteran Bob Whitaker



Pat Melhouse point to her husband Tom's photo

to purchase new flags, ropes, flowers, etc., to be used at Memorial and Veterans Day services.

The OP community has their very own worship services held every Sunday. This past Sunday, which happened to fall on Veterans Day, was a time to again thank God and our veterans, and for the blessings we enjoy living in a free country.

Prior to the worship service, the OP Honor Guard paraded the flags of each military service branch, followed by a reading by retired Navy veteran Lou Rossi titled "The Soldier's Story." Judy Stygar led the church choir in song and hymns. Rev. John Bock's (Marine Corps veteran) sermon was titled "Freedom," which was certainly appropriate for the day.

The weekend of honoring OP Veterans didn't stop there. On Monday morning, residents and friends gathered at the OP Veterans Memorial



Veteran Golfers Joe Dedics, Bob Knakal, Dennis Peterson and Veterans Officer Russell Owens



Veterans Larry Groth, Howard Stanfill and Ron Owen with Joan Wesnofske

Park to honor and pay tribute to our military service veterans and active duty personnel now serving our country. This tradition has been going on at OP for close to 20 years. Co-chairmen for this service were Army veterans Bob Higgins and Bob Cross with Marine veteran Joe Wilkins who acted as leader of the Honor Guard. Navy veteran Lou Rossi, who had been in that capacity for many years, now acts as an advisor.

The ceremony in-

cluded the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and welcome words by Gary Nelson (National Guard) followed by the invocation by Chaplain Tom Hughes (Air Force veteran). Floral Memorial Wreaths were paraded by Jerry Howton (Air Force) and Don Cross (Army).

OP "Golden Sounds Chorus" under the direction of Barry Fies and the OP Community Band under the direction of Bob Brouillard performed patriotic songs throughout the service.

At each service performed at the Memorial Park, a special honor is bestowed upon a relative of an OP resident. During this service a flag was offered to the community by Diane Volko and Chris Paulus in honor of their father WWII and Korean War veteran Edward Douglas Autosolief.

QM3 Autosolief served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Massachusetts where he received the African Campaign, Asian, Pacific, Middle

East Campaign, WWII Victory, Korean Service Medals and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. The flag was then paraded to the flag pole where it was unfurled and raised by the Honor Guard.

As an extra honor, 95-year-old Army veteran Robert Whitaker was recognized as OP's senior veteran. Whitaker was inducted at Camp Perry, Ohio, in 1943 and served in the Pacific on Panay Island in the Philippines, Fiji Island, Luzon and New Guinea. He received the Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Victory and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He mustered out in 1946 as a Tech 4, which is equal to sergeant.

As their branch of service was called the veterans were asked to stand at attention. This was followed by the OP Community Band and Golden Sounds Chorus playing a medley of military themes. Not only at this time, but throughout the entire service these groups performed

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patriotic songs.

As a solemn honor of those military servicemen lost at sea, Gary Nelson paraded flowers overlooking the pond and cast them into water while Bob Higgins paraded to the POW Memorial Stone rendering an honor salute while the Band played a short version of the Navy Hymn "Eternal Father." The memorial bell was rung for those veterans. Chaplain Tom Hughes then read a reading for the recent deceased OP veterans. As the names and branch of service were called by Air Force veteran John Paulus, a bell was tolled by Jerry Howton for each as a remembrance.

Buglers Bob Brouillard, Barry Fies and Andy Pietrzyk are to be commended for their outstanding performance of "Taps." As there are no official words, the following words were selected. "Day is done, gone the sun, from the hills, from the lakes, from the skies, all is well, safely rest, god is nigh."

The closing of the service included the residents singing "God Bless America."

For several new residents, this was a "first" for them to experience this memorable service for the Ocala Palms veterans and we hope they enjoyed the weekend as much as we did.

There are so many people to thank who contributed in each and every way for this entire OP Veterans Day weekend. Most of all, we thank God and not only OP veterans, but all who have answered the calling for this country. We are so very grateful!



Veterans Lou Rossi, Don Cross, Bob Higgins and Joe Wilkins accepting monies for the Veterans Committee from Golf Pro Barry Fies



Veteran Ron Stewart flipping pancakes



Veteran Bob Renninger holding the Navy veteran display where his photo appears.



Veterans serving pancakes Tom Melhouse, Larry Hooks and Bob Barr

"We're being sold a brand new idea of patriotism. It never occurred to me that patriotism had to be advertised. Patriotism is something you deeply felt. You didn't have to wear it on your lapel or show it in your window or on a bumper sticker. That kind of patriotism does not appeal to me at all."

— Sam Shepard

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United Way of Marion County is looking for volunteers who are interested in preparing income taxes for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. No experience necessary and free certification training is provided by IRS certified instructors.

Certified volunteers will provide free income tax assistance to Marion County residents at six VITA sites located in Ocala and surrounding areas in Marion County.

Informational sessions will be held at United Way of Marion County located at 1401 NE Second Street, Ocala, FL 34470 Thursday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 2 p.m. and repeated from 6 - 7 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Doug MacPhail at 352-355-1225 or dmacphail@uwmc.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

United Daughters of the Confederacy

United Daughters of the Confederacy: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 11 a.m., Ocala Elks Lodge, 702 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala. For reservations call 352-427-8863 or 352-625-5544.

Thursday, Nov. 15

Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the November program "The New Family History Center and Family Search Website" by David Hogg and Lorraine Sandeen. For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcgsocala.org.

Florida Trail Association

Sandhill Chapter

Join the Florida Trail Association Sandhill Chapter's hike Thursday, Nov. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Marshall Swamp Trailhead on Highway 314, east of Baseline Road. Total distance is 6 miles.

International hiker Mike S. is joining us and will give a 15-minute talk at the beginning will be available for questions during the hike. Mike hiked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain last year and recently hiked the infamous Caminho da Fe in Brazil.

Mike's talk will center around the Brazil hike and he will bring along recommended equipment for long hikes. You won't want to miss this presentation! This presentation is free to the public.

Bring plenty of water, snacks, bug spray and sturdy walking shoes. No pets please.

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/Ocala-CongregationalChurch.

Daughters of the Confederacy

The Rainbow River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, Nov. 17, gathering 9 a.m., meeting 9:30 - 11 a.m. The meeting is held at the Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW State Road 200, Ocala, FL 34476. Our theme for the month will be National Defense and our members will be sharing their family military stories.

For more information contact Regent Pat Bevis at bevis.pat@gmail.com or 352-867-0764.

Sunday, Nov. 18

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.

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, Nov. 18 - 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, Nov. 18 - 10:30 a.m.: Our Worship Service opens with a special by our Worship Choir entitled "Healing Rain." Our praise time includes a blend of familiar hymns of the church as well as contemporary praise songs with a full praise band. Pastor David Bellows will present a message of inspiration.

Monday, Nov. 19: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study utilizing the Study Book "The Attributes of God" by Dr. Steven J. Lawson

Tuesday, Nov. 20: Women who are interested in crafts meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

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.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Circle of French Friends

The Circle of French Friends (Le Cercle Des Amis Français) meets on the third Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon at Marion County Sheriff's Office Community Conference Room at 9048 Highway 200, about one-quarter mile from Walmart.

The club promotes all things French: language, culture and fun. You do not have to be a fluent speaker to join the group.

Guests are welcome at any meeting. Call Marie McNeil at 352-502-4504 for more information.

Our next meeting is Friday, Nov. 16.

Monday, Nov. 19

American Legion

American Legion, Post No. 354 meets Monday, Nov. 19, from 12:45 - 2 p.m. in the Community Room, behind Southwest District Office of the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 9048 SW State Road 200 directly across the road from Martin's Cars. Please look for the American Legion sign next to

the driveway.

Members are encouraged to arrive by 12:45 p.m., for coffee, beverages, doughnuts and cake, followed by our monthly meeting that starts promptly at 1 p.m.

All branches of military newspapers will be available for attendees. A 50/50 drawing follows the meeting with free drawings for local merchant gifts.

For additional information, please contact Allen Jones by calling or texting 352-817-0224 or email DrJones9000@gmail.com.

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Joy Lutheran Church will have a special Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 6:45 p.m. Pastor Art will deliver an inspiring message of gratitude. The Bell Choir and the Vocal Choir will sing the praises of thanksgiving.

All are welcome to participate so start the holiday weekend off by attending and bring a friend and be thankful for your blessings.

Joy Lutheran Church is located on SR 200 at 7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala. For more information contact the church office at 352-854-4509 ext.2.

Thursday, Nov. 22

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Free Thanksgiving Day dinner, Nov. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. and open to the entire community served by St. John's United Methodist Church. This is totally free to anyone reading these words. We're located at 12390 W Highway 328, Ocala, FL 34482. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings, fellowship and fun, we just need you. Come join our family.

Please call Deb Laliberte at 608-831-2532 for free reservations so we're sure to have plenty of food.

The Turkey awaits!

Sunday, Nov. 25

Countryside Presbyterian

"The Star of the Christmas Night" will be the lecture theme of Countryside Presbyterian Church's Fourth Sunday Lecture Series Nov. 25, at 3 p.m. Perhaps you remember going to a planetarium years ago and seeing such an astronomy planetarium show at the historic Hayden Planetarium in New York City or in cities around America.

The Sunday afternoon lecture will present this astronomy style program up on the big screens and fascinate you with how the ancients looked up at the stars in wonder, how three scholars came from the East to see a mysteries star of wonder deciding that it meant the birth of a king.

Adults, young people of all ages will enjoy this fascinating subject. Be a part of this program welcoming in the Christmas season. There is no cost or tickets needed, a free will offering will be received.

Crossroads Church

Our Senior's ministry will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a luncheon on Saturday, November 17th at 12 noon.

Our Youth department will be selling Thanksgiving pies this month. Pies will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 18th after services. Please place your order now.

We will be beginning our annual "Buy A Tree, Change A Life" ministry on Friday, November 23rd. All profits from the selling of our Christmas trees will be given to children's ministries,

both here and around the world.

Mondays - Monday Night Bible Study at 6:30pm.

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Sunday Services - Sunday School, 8:30am; Worship Services at 9am, 11am and our Spanish Service at 1pm. Nursery Ministry provided for all services.

Crossroads Church, 8070 SW 60th Ave. (south off of SR 200) 352-291-2080.

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

Friday, Dec. 7

Santa Over the Rainbow

Santa Over the Rainbow 2018, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 - 9. Dec. 14 - 16, join us for food, music and lights. Admission is \$ 2.

Santa arrives at 7 p.m. via his pontoon sleigh boat. A photo with Santa is \$2.

Join us for a light display only Dec. 26 - 27 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Ocala 200 Lions Club

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will be holding a Flea Market Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bank of the Ozarks at 8375 SW Hwy 200, Ocala.

There will be a variety of vendors on hand as well as food/drink available for sale by the Dunnellon Lions Club. The Ocala 200 Lions Club will also be offering free diabetic (blood sugar) screening during the same hours. You are invited to join us for this fundraising event. As always, all proceeds generated by the Lions Clubs will be used for community projects throughout the year. For more information, please call 352-861-2730.

Ocala Lions Club

The 25th Memorial Ocala Lions Club Golf Tournament is Saturday, Dec. 8, at Ocala Golf Club. All proceeds go to various community charities including "Kidsight" which screens for eye problems in pre-K and kindergarten children. For information or to register, please call at Garry Adel 895-1084 or Barry Fies at 362-7713.

Thursday, Dec. 13

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Dunnellon on the corner of Hwy. 40 and 41 is sponsoring a "Clothe the Children" drive Thursday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the church hall. Clothing will be distributed to families in need free. For more info, call Judie at 489-5954.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Geneological Society

The Marion County Geneological Society will meet Thursday, Dec. 20, 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 Holiday Party. For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcgsocala.org.

Ongoing

Prostate Cancer Support

The Prostate Cancer Support Group meets each month at 5 p.m. in the West Marion West Marion Hospital on the fourth Tuesday. Every month a doctor or other licensed medical professional speaks to members and anyone else who is interested.

The nonprofit group's goal is to



Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi

National Harvey Wallbanger Day!

Nov. 8 is National Harvey Wallbanger Day!

Now, I have a story on this drink. Some 47 years ago I was on a blind date.

My date and I were taking mutual friends to the San Gennaro Feast in Little Italy in New York.

After the feast, my date, who eventually became my husband, was in the Coast Guard and he and his buddies were into drinking Harvey Wallbangers.

He wanted me to try it so we went to a bar in China Town, which is next to Little Italy.

Now, the Chinese bartender was not quite sure what we wanted, so he brought us his version of a Harvey Wallbanger, which was bright green.

The guys knew that this was not correct. So, now 47 years later, I am having a "real" Harvey Wallbanger made by Stone Creek's own mixologist, Kim Kent.

Her assistant Maryann Blaine was pouring drinks for residents.

A Harvey Wallbanger is made with three parts vodka, one part Galliano and six parts orange juice. You pour it into a highball glass and garnish with an orange slice and a maraschino cherry. Also, it is NOT green.

They say that this drink is a modern classic that combines a screwdriver with the Italian liqueur Galliano. It was born in the 50s and hit its peak in the 70s when I was first introduced to it.

According to legend, this cocktail was named after a Manhattan Beach surfer, but no one knows for sure.

It is also said that the drink gained national at-

tention in the 1970s when TWA featured the cocktail on its in-flight menu.

Remember, when airlines had in-flight menus and food was served with silver ware?

Fifty people came out for their Harvey Wallbanger and friendship.

I met Linda and Robert Wenn who are new to Stone Creek.

They moved here in December and love Stone Creek.

They come to various events like this to enjoy a drink and meet people. I am happy I got to meet them and finally have a Harvey Wallbanger and it wasn't green. Thanks to Kim and her staff for providing so many events to learn, and socialize!



Top photo, Diane, Joe Knott, Lee, Brenda Starkloff and Dan Airing enjoy their drinks and each other.

In the top center photo are Linda and Robert Wenn, who are new residents to Stone Creek.

In the bottom right photo is Bob Grasso

In the bottom photo, assistant lifestyle director Maryann Blaine pours drinks for the residents.



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VETERANS

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said, "I'm a runner. I've run my entire life. I swim. I play soccer. I run and do track." She will be working on weight training her junior and senior years."

Christian, who served as master of ceremonies, said in his opening remarks that many students are connected to veterans who did or are serving. They include parents, grandparents, siblings and other relatives.

"We can never fully repay our debt to more than 1.3 million American service members who died in battle or the 1.5 million who were wounded. We can and do "recognize the 22 million veterans still living, including 1.6 million in Florida."

He said 1.3 million servicemen and service-women serve the United States around the world along with 801,000 serving in seven reserve components.

"The price of freedom

is high, and we cannot and will not forget our veterans who paid it and today we celebrate America's veterans for keeping our country the land of the free and the home of the brave," he said before giving the microphone to MCPS Superintendent Dr. Heidi Maier.

She said, "As each of you looks around and sees people dressed in military uniforms all over this park, I hope every one of you will say 'thank you' as you pass them. This is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day at the eleventh hour, the 11th Day, of the 11th Month, the war to end all wars."

Dr. Maier told the students she hopes they appreciate the history surrounding them at the park.

"History comes in many forms, and it's alive today, thanks to the men and women who served our country, so you can enjoy a day like today," she said. "These people are true American heroes."

She said some heroes are famous while others

are not, but they are heroes nonetheless, and that includes the nearly 300 veterans working for the school district.

Marion County Veterans Services director Jeffrey Askew asked the audience to stand in a moment of silence for those killed in such a senseless way in California, Hurricane Michael, wildfires in California, the synagogue in Pittsburgh.

"There is a lot of mayhem in the world, let us remember those lost lives and those who are there yet to save lives," he said.



More than 2,300 Marion County Public Schools students attended the Veterans Day ceremony Friday, Nov. 9, in the Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park.



A battle cross marks the absence military members who have died.



The Lake Weir High School Jazz Band plays music before the Veterans Day ceremony Friday, Nov. 9, in the Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park.

QUAIL

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else on our street, or even on another street. Robby, the carrier we had for many years, is no longer servicing this neighborhood.

I went to the Post Office and asked for an explanation of why our delivery is so late. This is what I was told: we do not have a regular carrier now, so there are substitute carriers every day - not even the same one each day! The P.O. is busy trying to get a regular delivery person for us. In the meantime, I suggest you go to the Paddock office and let them know you are not happy with the delivery. After all, most of us do not like going out in the dark to get our mail - or especially do not want to leave "out-going" mail in the box all day - this is just an opportunity for someone to

steal our mail.

Now that the election is over, maybe we won't get so much junk mail and robo-phone calls.

Have you seen the neighborhood coyote? Quite a few residents have seen this animal in our neighborhood. Florida Wildlife has been contacted, but they say it isn't a "protected" animal, so therefore they can do nothing about it. Just be careful; especially watch your dogs and cats when they are outside. We also have a red fox that roams the neighborhood.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, Dec. 6; that is the day of the Annual Homeowners meeting. The meeting will be in the clubhouse at 6:00 PM.

If you know you will not be able to attend, please fill out the form for a proxy vote (these forms were sent to you in the mail).



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The community yard sale had a lot of traffic. The weather cooperated with the rain holding off all day! Many customers were out very early looking for the bargains.

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Opinion

Can you count on a bountiful investment “harvest”?

We're officially in autumn – the season when we bring in what we planted in the spring. But the concept of planting and gathering isn't confined to agriculture. In fact, it can be used in many walks of life, including investing. So what can you do to help work toward a successful investment “harvest”?

Here is (not quite) a bushel of ideas:

■ **Plant the right “seeds.”** When farmers plant specific crops, they know about what to expect – how long it will take for them to grow, how much yield they'll produce, and so on. When you invest, you too need to plant “seeds” by choosing investments that are designed to help meet your goals. For example, to accumulate enough money for a comfortable retirement, you will probably need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks – you generally can't expect the type of growth you need by investing solely in fixed-income investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit.

■ **Nurture your “crops.”** Agricultural workers are diligent about cultivating their crops through proper irrigation, fertilization and weed control. And if you want to keep your investment portfolio healthy, you also must find ways to nurture it. First of all, you will need to keep adding new dollars regularly, because the larger your overall investment base, the more you can expand its growth potential. But you might also need to do some “weeding” of your own, because over the years, you may have purchased some investments that, for one reason or another, are now no longer suitable for your needs. If that's the case, you might be better off by selling these investments and using the proceeds for new ones that could fill gaps in your portfolio.

■ **Diversify.** Farmers may plant a mix of crops: corn, soybeans, flax, legumes, fruits, and so on. Consequently, if one crop fails, it won't sink the farmer's entire business. As an investor, you, too, need to diversify, because if you only own one type of asset class, and a financial downturn hits that asset, your portfolio can take a big hit. But spreading your dollars among stocks, bonds, cash and other investments can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings. (However, diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

Thus far, we've looked at ideas on how you can create a healthy investment crop. But once it's time to actually

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Jeanne

My sister in law is also a good friend. She's a very active, involved, and productive person, and just happens to need a wheelchair for most of her activities to get around. Last year Jeanne visited a local “pirate festival” on the historic coast of Virginia. She came upon a happy crowd of fun, high spirited people aboard an old ship in the harbor. One of them noticed Jeanne in her wheelchair, where she patiently smiled and waited to get through the crowd to board that ship. In that festive holiday he shouted out, “Aargh; ahoy, mates! Make a hole!” Jeanne, and a bunch of the celebrators, quickly opened a welcoming friendly path. Jeanne enjoyed a good laugh with the fun crowd. It was awesome the way she was welcomed and appreciated, as she joined them and participated in the merry events.

That's Jeanne! I've known her for a lot of years, always find her sense of humor and game spirit a breath of fresh air. Jeanne has faced years of enduring MS, gradually declining physical abilities, and trips to emergency rooms. But as she lives her life she shows a strength and a positive outlook on life. For years, Jeanne continues being an active regionally recognized artist. She has a unique painting style; she uses lots of non-objective patterns, and wonderful bright colors. She paints on canvas, or wood, and on a wide range of articles, from little objects to large furniture like tables and chairs. She's always unique and very creative. She participates in art shows and local festivals, running her own booth. Her MS is causing a numbing and a lack of dexterity of her hands, a real challenge for her painting. But that



Just Thinking

By Bob Denny

doesn't stop her. She has other activities in her life that she devotes time to. She is cause-oriented and politically active, and pursues social justice, equality, and good will for all. She has hosted political rallies and campaigns in her own home. What was she doing today when I called her? Serving on the Board of Elections for Louisa County, in Virginia. Today she is testing voting machines, and preparing for the upcoming midterm elections.

Jeanne seems to face her problems and challenges as opportunities to learn and grow from, to develop her character, and find ways to use what she has to make her own life meaningful and productive. More than anything, I believe she uses what she is, and what she has, to make a difference, and to make the world a little better because she's here. And she does it with humor, friendship, and hard work, not complaints.

In a major presidential election, when I have trouble deciding, I call Jeanne. And Jeanne's church is one of those rare ones where you can have open discussions about religious beliefs, without being judged, without facing a refusal to consider controversial issues. When I find myself struggling with ideas or problems like political choices, religious or philosophical questions,

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

Urban America's Vagrancy Outrage

It's appropriate that the U.N. special rapporteur devoted to adequate housing has visited encampments in Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Mumbai – and San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

The homeless situation in those cities and others around the country is positively Third World, a blight that shows the persistence of human folly and misery, despite what we take to be our steady progress to greater enlightenment and prosperity.

San Francisco is a crown jewel of the new economy, and a sink of vagrancy. One of the more compelling pieces of reportage that The New York Times has run recently was on the dirtiest block in San Francisco, the 300 block of Hyde Street, blighted by discarded heroin needles and other filth.

In the 21st century, in the richest country on the planet, you would think that we would have figured out how to live without having to step around human feces. The experience of San Francisco says that, against all expectations, we haven't – or at least we forgot how.

In an article for the journal National Affairs, Stephen Eide of the Manhattan Institute recounted how we got here over the past 50 years.

Cities wiped out or drastically diminished their skid rows, once a last-ditch housing recourse for men who had hit bottom. As urban renewal and regulations to improve the quality of housing eliminated these down-on-their-luck areas, the people who once lived there decamped to public places.

We “deinstitutionalized” the mentally ill, too often a euphemism for dumping them onto the streets and into jails. About 20 to 30 percent of the homeless are mentally ill.

Meanwhile, the number of single-parent families drastically increased. Women only rarely lived on skid row, but poor families headed by single mothers are a large component of the homeless.

These large-scale trends have been met with a new, more permissive legal environment. The Supreme Court in 1972 made it more difficult for city police forces to hustle along vagrants, and subsequent free-speech jurisprudence has made outlawing panhandling tricky. Civil commitment of the mentally ill has become highly restricted. The American Civil Liberties Union is a great de facto friend of vagrancy.

Not that anything is easy in this area. The hard core of the homeless population is cut off from human relationships and finds the perverse freedom of the streets more appealing

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Cheddar's grand opening



PHOTO BY RON RATNER

Cheddar's managing partner Ashley Norman cuts the ribbon to the new restaurant Tuesday, Nov. 6, along with Ocala Mayor Kent Guinn, far right. The first 100 customers received croissants as a gift. Cheddar's is at 4065 SW College Road.

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than the structure that would come with assistance. Many refuse help, either because they are too sick to make rational decisions or they don't want to deal with any rules.

But the beginning wisdom is to consider the status quo intolerable,

and resist the advocates who want to normalize panhandling and camping, and the associated drug abuse, petty crime and disorder. Houston has had success with a tough-love policy of more services, coupled with a crackdown on encampments and other public nuisances.

One of the advantages of modern society is that people don't have to live in public, or in squalor.

That it is widely accepted in some of our greatest cities is an outrage of our age. It is deeply harmful to our civic life, and does no favors for the men and women living in parks and highway underpasses.

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

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By Bob Denny, Licensed Mental Health Counselor (retired) Please address your comments to bob.denny8@gmail.com or phone 386 454 4950.

Bunco tournament is a huge success

The second Bunco tournament at On Top of the World Saturday, Nov. 3, was an overwhelming success. We thank all the participants and offer a special "thank you" to our moderator Betty Thayer for a first-class presentation. We acknowledge the sponsors for their donations and Faith Kenney for the etched egg. Her artwork is seen at the farmers market on Thursday. Gift baskets were donated by ABC Liquors, Ranch Fitness, Your Hair Affair and Piesano's. We also received donations of gift cards or items to raffle from our members.

This month, there are two dogs available for adoption. Lucy is a 7-year-old Chihuahua/Dachshund mix. She is friendly, smart, docile and gets along with other dogs. She is a bit overweight, but that is being worked on by her foster.

Tina is a 10-year-old terrier mix. She is sweet and well behaved, and house trained. She will make a great companion.

For more information on either of these animals, please contact SCPA at 352-362-0985



Tina



Lucy

Lowell inmates train service dogs through WOOF program

BY DELPHINE HERBERT
Friday Forum Moderator

Accompanied by "Radar," a 22-month-old golden retriever service dog in training who soon will be given to a disabled veteran, three women who work with donated Patriot Service Dogs and rescues through the WOOF program at the Lowell Correctional Institution shared their passion and dedication for transforming lives when they spoke at the Nov. 9 Friday Forum at the Golden Corral.

Julie Ann Sanderson, co-founder with Susan Bolton of Patriot Service Dogs in 2009, approached authorities at Lowell in 2011 to establish the WOOF program enabling inmates to assume 24 hour a day responsibility for the animal with which they are paired resulting in a well-trained service dog which after two years training will help a disabled veteran gain a sense of independence and purpose. "WOOF shines because education extends to the inmates. They are required to do book reports and presentations and, in working and living together for the benefit of the dogs, they become part of a community. The goal is building stability in their lives so that they can help rebuild society when they leave. Not all will succeed but the likelihood increases if they can learn to tell their stories with confidence."

Jerry Lea Garber, obedience instructor at the South Ocala Animal Clinic, oversees the healing and training of rescue dogs. She sees parallels between the girls and the animals. "These dogs are survivors, often living unloved and unsp-

ported off the streets just like many of the inmates. They come afraid and distrustful, sometimes needing healing physically and psychologically. The rescue program is intended to last weeks but like puppies shipped from Korea often it takes a lot longer to first remove the fear in their eyes before socialization can begin."

Garber and Sanderson have only the very highest praise for Leigh Ann Marlow who knows the dogs better than anyone else. Now released from the Lowell work group after seven years Marlow continues to volunteer. "Miss Jerry believed in me and my Mother now says 'I have my little girl back.'"

Moderator Bruce Seaman who volunteers at the men's prison observed that life in prison is totally dysfunctional, with Marlow confirming that every aspect of an inmate's life is dictated. But the girls learn to improvise and to work together to solve issues concerning the dogs and thus with one another.

Sanderson said the WOOF program blossomed when she realized that she didn't have to make all the rules and Garber concluded that patience and prayer are needed for both the girls and the dogs. "I love these girls. They are my friends. We have learned so much from them."

For more about this program visit PatriotServiceDogs.org or email julie@patriotservicedogs.org or JerryLea@aol.com.

The Friday Forum next meets December 14, 2018. The topic will be "No room at the inn." Email FridayForum@MarionCounty@gmail.com or call Delphine Herbert at 352/873-9970 for more information.

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start harvesting your portfolio – that is, once you begin liquidating parts of it to support yourself during your retirement years – you also need to act carefully. Specifically, you need to establish a withdrawal

rate that's appropriate for your situation, based on your age, lifestyle, income sources and other factors. You could be retired for two or three decades, so it's essential you don't withdraw so much during your early years of retirement that you risk outliving your money. A financial professional can help you determine the rate that's right for you.

she listens to others' opinions.

More and more, I'm convinced that Life continually throws obstacles in our path that we can see as challenges and opportunities to learn and grow from, and to use to become the best we can be.

During our lives, we can all develop wisdom, character, and a respect, empathy, and appreciation for others, as well as for their beliefs and ideas. Each and every one of us has something we can offer to make the

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or occasional life problems or conflicts that I face, Jeanne is one of my best "go-to" people for a little wisdom and good judgment.

She's one person I call and have a really good discussion with, that won't turn into an argument or a rejection to a free debate. Jeanne will see both sides of an issue, and she can reserve judgment while

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bring education and awareness to men, spouses or caregivers the importance of early detection, treatment options and treatment concerns such as side effects and life after cancer. For more information, please call Steve Austin at 352-812-0406.

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

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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 Cooperative located at 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in the heart of

Dunnellon'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. For additional information contact 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.

Happenings

Veterans Helping Veterans

Veterans Need You! Veterans Helping Veterans assists veterans and their families with food, clothing and other personal needs. We are looking for variously skilled volunteers to help in the resource center. Hours and days at your convenience. Call Anthony or Linda at 352-433-2320 ext. 100 and leave a message for a return call.

United Way VITA Program

United Way of Marion County is looking for volunteers who are interested in preparing income taxes for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. No experience necessary and free certification training is provided by IRS certified instructors.

Certified volunteers will provide free income tax assistance to Marion County residents at six VITA sites located in Ocala and surrounding areas in Marion County.

Informational sessions will be held at United Way of Marion County located at 1401 NE Second Street, Ocala, FL 34470 Thursday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 2 p.m. and repeated from 6 – 7 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Doug MacPhail at 352-355-1225 or dmacphail@uwmc.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

United Daughters of the Confederacy

United Daughters of the Confederacy: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 11 a.m., Ocala Elks Lodge, 702 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala. For reservations call 352-427-8863 or 352-625-5544.

Thursday, Nov. 15

Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the November program "The New Family History Center and Family Search Website" by David Hogg and Lorraine Sandeen. For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcgsocala.org.

Florida Trail Association

Sandhill Chapter

Join the Florida Trail Association Sandhill Chapter's hike Thursday, Nov. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Marshall Swamp Trailhead on Highway 314, east of Baseline Road. Total distance is 6 miles.

International hiker Mike S. is joining us and will give a 15-minute talk at the beginning will be available for questions during the hike. Mike hiked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain last year and recently hiked the infamous Caminho da Fe in Brazil.

Mike's talk will center around the Brazil hike and he will bring along recommended equipment for long hikes. You won't want to miss this presentation! This presentation is free to the public.

Bring plenty of water, snacks, bug spray and sturdy walking shoes. No pets please.

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/Ocala-CongregationalChurch.

Daughters of the Confederacy

The Rainbow River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, Nov. 17, gathering 9 a.m., meeting 9:30 - 11 a.m. The meeting is held at the Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW State Road 200, Ocala, FL 34476. Our theme for the month will be National Defense and our members will be sharing their family military stories.

For more information contact Regent Pat Bevis at bevis.pat@gmail.com or 352-867-0764.

Sunday, Nov. 18

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.

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, Nov. 18 – 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, Nov. 18 – 10:30 a.m.: Our Worship Service opens with a special by our Worship Choir entitled "Healing Rain." Our praise time includes a blend of familiar hymns of the church as well as contemporary praise songs with a full praise band. Pastor David Bellows will present a message of inspiration.

Monday, Nov. 19: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study utilizing the Study Book "The Attributes of God" by Dr. Steven J. Lawson

Tuesday, Nov. 20: Women who are interested in crafts meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

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.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Circle of French Friends

The Circle of French Friends (Le Cercle Des Amis Français) meets on the third Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon at Marion County Sheriff's Office Community Conference Room at 9048 Highway 200, about one-quarter mile from Walmart.

The club promotes all things French: language, culture and fun. You do not have to be a fluent speaker to join the group.

Guests are welcome at any meeting. Call Marie McNeil at 352-502-4504 for more information.

Our next meeting is Friday, Nov. 16.

Monday, Nov. 19

American Legion

American Legion, Post No. 354 meets Monday, Nov. 19, from 12:45 - 2 p.m. in the Community Room, behind Southwest District Office of the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 9048 SW State Road 200 directly across the road from Martin's Cars. Please look for the American Legion sign next to

the driveway.

Members are encouraged to arrive by 12:45 p.m., for coffee, beverages, doughnuts and cake, followed by our monthly meeting that starts promptly at 1 p.m.

All branches of military newspapers will be available for attendees. A 50/50 drawing follows the meeting with free drawings for local merchant gifts.

For additional information, please contact Allen Jones by calling or texting 352-817-0224 or email DrJones9000@gmail.com.

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Joy Lutheran Church will have a special Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 6:45 p.m. Pastor Art will deliver an inspiring message of gratitude. The Bell Choir and the Vocal Choir will sing the praises of thanksgiving.

All are welcome to participate so start the holiday weekend off by attending and bring a friend and be thankful for your blessings.

Joy Lutheran Church is located on SR 200 at 7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala. For more information contact the church office at 352-854-4509 ext.2.

Thursday, Nov. 22

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Free Thanksgiving Day dinner, Nov. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. and open to the entire community served by St. John's United Methodist Church. This is totally free to anyone reading these words. We're located at 12390 W Highway 328, Ocala, FL 34482. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings, fellowship and fun, we just need you. Come join our family.

Please call Deb Laliberte at 608-831-2532 for free reservations so we're sure to have plenty of food.

The Turkey awaits!

Sunday, Nov. 25

Countryside Presbyterian

"The Star of the Christmas Night" will be the lecture theme of Countryside Presbyterian Church's Fourth Sunday Lecture Series Nov. 25, at 3 p.m. Perhaps you remember going to a planetarium years ago and seeing such an astronomy planetarium show at the historic Hayden Planetarium in New York City or in cities around America.

The Sunday afternoon lecture will present this astronomy style program up on the big screens and fascinate you with how the ancients looked up at the stars in wonder; how three scholars came from the East to see a mysteries star of wonder deciding that it meant the birth of a king.

Adults, young people of all ages will enjoy this fascinating subject. Be a part of this program welcoming in the Christmas season. There is no cost or tickets needed, a free will offering will be received.

Crossroads Church

Our Senior's ministry will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a luncheon on Saturday, November 17th at 12 noon.

Our Youth department will be selling Thanksgiving pies this month. Pies will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 18th after services. Please place your order now.

We will be beginning our annual "Buy A Tree, Change A Life" ministry on Friday, November 23rd. All profits from the selling of our Christmas trees will be given to children's ministries,

both here and around the world.

Mondays – Monday Night Bible Study at 6:30pm.

Tuesdays – Intercessory Prayer Meeting at 9am.

Wednesdays – Family Training Hour at 7pm. This includes Crossroads Kids, Crossroads Nursery & Crossroads Youth Ministries.

Thursdays – Our Spanish "Estudio Biblico" at 7pm.

Sunday Services – Sunday School, 8:30am; Worship Services at 9am, 11am and our Spanish Service at 1pm. Nursery Ministry provided for all services.

Crossroads Church, 8070 SW 60th Ave. (south off of SR 200) 352-291-2080.

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

Friday, Dec. 7

Santa Over the Rainbow

Santa Over the Rainbow 2018, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 - 9. Dec. 14 - 16, join us for food, music and lights. Admission is \$ 2.

Santa arrives at 7 p.m. via his pontoon sleigh boat. A photo with Santa is \$2.

Join us for a light display only Dec. 26 – 27 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Ocala 200 Lions Club

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will be holding a Flea Market Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bank of the Ozarks at 8375 SW Hwy 200, Ocala. There will be a variety of vendors on hand as well as food/drink available for sale by the Dunnellon Lions Club. The Ocala 200 Lions Club will also be offering free diabetic (blood sugar) screening during the same hours. You are invited to join us for this fundraising event. As always, all proceeds generated by the Lions Clubs will be used for community projects throughout the year. For more information, please call 352-861-2730.

Ocala Lions Club

The 25th Memorial Ocala Lions Club Golf Tournament is Saturday, Dec. 8, at Ocala Golf Club. All proceeds go to various community charities including "Kidsight" which screens for eye problems in pre-K and kindergarten children. For information or to register, please call at Garry Adel 895-1084 or Barry Fies at 362-7713.

Thursday, Dec. 13

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Dunnellon on the corner of Hwy. 40 and 41 is sponsoring a "Clothe the Children" drive Thursday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the church hall. Clothing will be distributed to families in need free. For more info, call Judie at 489-5954.

Thursday, Dec. 20

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Ongoing

Prostate Cancer Support

The Prostate Cancer Support Group meets each month at 5 p.m. in the West Marion West Marion Hospital on the fourth Tuesday. Every month a doctor or other licensed medical professional speaks to members and anyone else who is interested.

The nonprofit group's goal is to bring education and awareness to men and spouses or caregivers the im-

FFV honors veterans photos



The Veterans Club honors our military in the FFV Clubhouse year round in the photo to the left. In the top photo, Mark Camp from Life Care gave a historical presentation as well, as a financial, for those who gathered in the FFV Clubhouse.

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your parents (if you are a dependent student); 2016 untaxed income (Social Security, disability, workman's compensation, etc.);

driver's license or state ID; Social Security card; spouse or parent's Social Security number and date of birth.

For Florida residency verification, please bring a copy of your Florida driver's license and a copy of

your Florida vehicle registration or voter's registration. Students under the age of 24, parent or guardian information is needed.

For more information, visit www.CF.edu/openhouse or call 352-854-2322, ext. 1379.

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The Christmas tree in downtown Ocala was erected on the square over the weekend.

PHOTO BY RON RATNER

Reilly Arts Center features exciting collection of performances

This November, the Reilly Arts Center will feature an exciting collection of performances. All events are held at the Reilly Arts Center, 500 NE Ninth St. Ocala, FL 34470. All tickets can be purchased at ReillyArtsCenter.com, or by contacting the Reilly Arts Center box office at 352-351-1606 M-F, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Reilly Arts Center box office during box office hours.

November Highlight for the season includes An Evening with Petula Clark

Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

■ Petula Clark is the

iconic artist behind countless huge global hits including 'Downtown', 'I Know A Place', 'My Love', 'This Is My Song' and 'I Couldn't Live Without Your Love'.

■ Clark boasts three Grammy Awards, 68 million records sold and 159 Top 40 worldwide hits.

■ One night only at the Reilly.

About the Events: Pianist John O'Connor LIVE at the Reilly Arts Center

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 3:00 PM

Tickets from \$17

■ An Ocala Symphony Orchestra tradition. Always met with a sold-out audience.

■ Pieces sung by the newly formed Ocala Symphony Chorus and performed by the Ocala Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Joshua Mazur.

■ In addition to Messiah guests will enjoy a special bonus work of, Winter from Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

UF Opera Theatre Hansel and Gretel Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m.

Tickets from \$15, Students \$10

■ Students from the UF Opera Theater and a full 80-piece symphony orchestra will perform this holiday tradition on the Reilly stage!



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