Derby Day Downtown

This was the lineup of Derby hat entries in the contest on the Downtown Square in Ocala Saturday. Before, some people gathered around the big televisions to watch the festivities from Louisville. These folks are watching trainer Bob Baffert being interviewed during the pre-race walk.

WPHS seniors get college diplomas at CF commencement

BY AM CLARK

Last Friday, 42 West Port High School seniors graduated ... before they graduated.

After taking advanced courses from the College of Central Florida, the 42 seniors graduated last Friday evening, more than three months before their scheduled June 1 commencement exercises at West Port's campus.

Three of the graduates gave their views during an interview the day before graduation from CF.

Justin Gonzales, Dakota Gardner and Gabriela Saez described what was going through their minds during their two-year course. Here are some of their responses:

What long have you been in the local school system?

Gabriela: "I came from West Palm Beach in the sixth grade." Dakoda: "All the way through." Justin: "I went here in the seventh grade from Miami." 

When did you first realize that you could get a head start on things?

Dakoda: "I went in after hearing of the dual enrollment program as a freshman. My friend who was a junior graduated with her AA, and I thought that was really cool." He said he thought he could do it as well if he "tried really hard." Dakota: "Everything starts at home, as my mom, who is a single mom, believed that her child wouldn’t become a statistic, then put me through advanced programs, dual private schools and then magnet schools. Tomorrow’s the big day: it all pays off." 

Gabriela: "I’ve always been in advanced courses, and I thought I’d give it a shot, and I could do it, and here I am, I’m graduating tomorrow.

What do you want to do in the futures?

Justin: "I am majoring at UCF in life science and my goal is to get a masters in technical theater, and I’m going to double major in computer engineering. Dakota: "A major passion of mine has been the human mind, why we’re thinking, what we’re thinking, why we’re thinking. I want to go and learn about the human mind so that you can do that.

Gabriela: "I am majoring in international relations and minoring in foreign languages. I’d be attending UF.

What kind of courses did you have to take out of the seniors?

Justin: "We had to take the basic courses last year, this year we could expand and take what we wanted to. And I think the most fascinating course I took was human growth and development, and that is the idea that make up our own mind, through trials and tribulations, eventually to death, and how they cope with death. That was my favorite course.

Dakota: "Actually, I’ve gone through a transitional period over the past few months. I wanted to design accounting for such a long time so I was taking pre-calculus, economics all at a college level. It was challenging and fun, but it wasn’t any caliber.

Gabriela: "My favorite course was sociology. I get to learn about relativity, you learn about government and economics, there was a whole bunch of that.

What do you say to follow students who might be coming into the program?

Justin: “I would tell them to just try for their hands. It never hurts to take a chance on something that could change your life completely, and by taking this chance being able to get two years of college out of the way saves you so much time by being able to take those prerequisites instead of taking them in actual college, you can expand on our major and in depth.

Dakota: "It gives a solid foundation in time management, which is one of the most important things that you can do as a productive member of society. You need to pay your bills on time, you have deadlines and quotas to meet, depending on your profession, so this really gives you an introduction on how life is, and the work load of it.

Letter carriers to collect food this Saturday

On Saturday, May 12, letter carriers throughout Marion County will participate in the 20th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers’ (NALC) National Food Drive to “Stamp Out Hunger.”

This annual effort has become the largest one-day food drive in the nation’s history, resulting in more than a half billion pounds of food to local food banks, pantries and shelters in all 50 states. Last year in Marion County, 275,000 pounds of perishable food was collected and donated to Interfaith Emergency Services for distribution to the Salvation Army Brothers of charity, Harvest House, Lansing, and the Help Agency of the Forest food banks.

The Ocala Post Office is one of the first in the nation in their union member category for the fifth year for the country’s outstanding effort in supporting this program.

In Marion County alone, more than one million pounds of food has been collected.

Postal customers are asked to hang a food donation on their mailboxes before their letter carriers deliver the mail on Saturday, May 12, and the carrier will do the rest. Collection barrels will also be set up at all Post Office branches to accommodate those with Post Office Boxes.

For individuals interested in volunteering for the collection and including loading, please call Thomas Curtis at 752-6664, former hours for high school stu-

United Way of Marion County, USP, Campbell’s, Wal-mart, Procter & Gamble, the National Rural Letter Carriers Association and APL-CIO have partnered with the NALC to help stamp out hunger.

Phantoms return to USP, and “Avengers” says Sue McCue of northern Ocala, right, had no problem getting the character from the movie Friday evening. More photos, Page 7.

Some of the small children shied away from the “Black Widow” from the movie "Avengers," but Sue McCue of northern Ocala, right, had no problem getting the character from the movie Friday evening. More photos, Page 7.
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She looked at me as only a waitress behind a counter can and ratted off names I have never heard before. As best I could, I repeated these to the man who repeated their flavors to me, and we were off.

Finally, when she took a break I jumped in and said with all the confidence I could muster without compromising my good nature, “No, I don’t want any espresso, just a regular cup of coffee.”

“Exactly,” she said with a flicker of a smile. “Most people enjoy our cappuccinos. What kind of cappuccino would you like?”

Then she rattled off an endless list of cappuccino flavors until I no longer knew the names of any of them.

Alas, this is the useless deficiency of the human mind. I thought I had a clue that somehow in our constitution is the right to be heard, but I now see that it does not compensate the mortgage on my house.

“Most people,” I said as calmly as possible under the circumstances, “listen to me very carefully. I want coffee. Not espresso. Not cappuccino. Just two cups of plain, regular old American coffee.”

“Oh,” she said in a burst of enlightenment. “You want coffee. Why didn’t you say so in the first place?”

There is no satisfaction more fulfilling than finally getting through and arriving at a common understanding. I usually know what I want. This was a nice change.

“Shee,” said in a confidential tone, “you want coffee. Why didn’t you say so in the first place?”

“All right, I get it,” I said, and then, “I’m going to order a latte—and I’ll add a Doppio!”

And that is how I arrived home, and as I write this, I am enjoying my two perfectly prepared cups: a Doppio and a latte. I think I’ll have another.

Scoring very serious and studying information to give to those present are Sandi Ford, Norma Powers, Loretta Carg, and Toni Belcher of Fairfield’s SAC. Believe, some of those who attended the meeting.

Fairfield SAC meeting focuses on planning

With many of the neighbors going the way of the “tired hands” now, there were some adjustments made to the Social Arti-

facts Committee that were announced at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 1. At 6:30 p.m.

Carole Harris, who has left to return home for the summer and her secretarial duties will be resumed during her absence by Norma Powers. Until her return, her hus-

band, Chuck, has volunteered to be the instructor/leader until Toni is released by her doctor.

Chuck may have some new ideas for the mostly fun-

ful group, as a big lead-up to the pool, he has to get some photos, which is going to mean that in the morning of the last week, the “tender” would add a number of new members of our com-

munity and I will do all that I can to make sure of this infor-

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Knowing what you want — just a plain cup of coffee, please

As you know, they do not permit metal through this gate, and a, you know, a buzzard going through the airport, we immediately had to leave the gate and go to the other counter where we received our same security equipment. Then we surrendered our luggage and had our head and a hostage." Yeah, that was a day of distress, not profit. — Henry M. Lehrer

When our recent visit in Ohio concluded, we made our way through the security booth to their "friendly" little sign. "I did, in fact have the plane empty, all right now. I think that whole thing was a great cause with a shining light of justice." With a full house to spare, the airport was packed, and it is a custom to spend a bit longer on the airplane to retract that opinion. We made the final flight free leaving five at an airport. I can not prove it, but I am sure they have figured it out a way to change one's breath.

For instance, a 15 cent cup of coffee can cost us $10 the neighborhood of $15. We don't even visit the neighborhood if we don't have an extra dollar for that. However, Being the natural number, charging us a fee for the coffee was unfair. We did not prove it, but I am sure they have figured it out a way to change one's breath.

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Happenings

Saturday, May 12

High Tea at the Sherrill

The Lauryn Sherrill Manor will be hosting their annual "High Tea" on Saturday, May 12th from 2-4 p.m. The tea will begin at 2 p.m. and the ticket cost is $10 per person. Hats and gloves are optional but bring your own tea cup.

Sunday, May 13

Brunch at West Marion Moose

The Mother’s Day Brunch at the West Marion Moose Lodge will be May 13 and it is open to the public. An additional $5 is sold for each adult. Brunch will begin at 11 a.m. and is open to all persons.

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Tuesday, May 15

Commission to start early

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners meeting originally scheduled for 9 a.m. has been moved up to 7 a.m. on the morning of May 16 at the 600 SE 29th Avenue, Ocala. The meeting will run from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Agenda items to be discussed may include but are not limited to the following:確定

Monday, May 21

Legion post to meet

The Ralph J. Green American Legion Post #341 will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on May 21 in the community room of the Sherrill’s Brian Litz Building, 9409 SE State Road 200. To try to arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and companionship with fellow veteran.

Tuesday, May 22

Babka Oake homeowner to meet

Babka Oake Mobile Homeowners Association (BOHA) will hold their next meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freedom Library, 6575 S.W. 9th St., Ocala. All homeowners are invited.

Saturday, May 26

Two-day show for Dunnellon High

The Halleigh Girls will be presented the Dunnellon High School Drama Club at the Historic Dunnellon Train Depot on May 19 and May 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This show is a talent competition that will make you laugh out loud and shout “Halleigh!!”

Sunday, May 27

Train depot on May 19, 7 p.m. and May 20, 3:30 p.m. This is a fun event for all ages. Everyone is welcome.

For further information, call Mike Emig 352-854-8328.

Leisure

Weekly SUNDAY Kiosk by Linda Thiiste

ARIZONA May 1 to April 19

You Bears and Bears will find this week’s horoscope a mostly receptive flow. This case of the Monday blues will be turned around by your character. Put a smile on those around you.

TUESDAY April 10 to May 27

Time to take the full plunge, to share your secrets with your loved ones. The Hallelujah Girls will be presented by the Dunnellon High School Drama Club at the Historic Dunnellon Train Depot on May 19, 7 p.m. and May 20, 3:30 p.m. This show is a talent competition that will make you laugh out loud and shout “Halleigh!!”

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

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**Why young workers should care about Social Security**

**Adon Williams**

Summer will be here before we know it. That means millions of high school and college students will be searching for jobs. Whether a new job means earning some extra money for the school year to come, there is one question that is likely to be on each new worker’s mind when they see their first pay stub: Where’s the rest of my money?

Generally, employers are required to withhold Social Security and Medicare taxes from a worker’s paycheck. The amounts you pay in Social Security and Medicare taxes are matched by your employer. Usually the money that is withheld is called “Social Security taxes” on the employee’s pay stub. Sometimes the deduction is labeled “FICA taxes,” which stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act. Let us tell you how that money is being used, and what it is for you.

The taxes paid now translate into a lifetime of protection, when you eventually retire. If you help pay Social Security taxes, it means you will receive survivors benefits that your Social Security taxes help provide.

You may be a long way from retirement now, so you may find it hard to appreciate the value of benefits that could be 40 or 50 years away. But consider this: the Social Security taxes you pay now could pay off sooner than you think. Social Security provides valuable disability benefits—and studies show that a 20-year-old has about a three in ten chance of becoming disabled sometime before reaching retirement age.

Another bit of helpful advice for young workers: be wary if you’re offered a job “under the table” or “off the books.” If you work for any employer who pays you only in cash, underreporting your Social Security taxes, you are not entitled to any Social Security benefits. Check it out at www.ssa.gov/pubs/刊物/related_articles/101.html.

Want to learn more about Social Security and what it means to young workers? If so, we invite you to enjoy a webcast Social Security 101: What’s In It For Me? The webcast will fill you in on the details you should know to get the most out of Social Security. Check it out at www.ssa.gov/pubs/刊物/related_articles/101.html.

Adon Williams is district manager for Social Security in Ocala.

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**Symphony Under The Stars**

Fine Arts For Ocala (FAFO) will hold its 19th annual Symphony Under the Stars Sunday, May 13, Mother’s Day, at the Ocala Golf Club on Silver Springs Boulevard, formerly Ocala Municipal Golf Course. The Ocala Symphony Orchestra will be performing a celebration of music from the last four decades.

**Symphony Under The Stars is a perfect way to spend Mother’s Day**

The evening is family-oriented and picnic baskets are encouraged. Spread a blanket, bring your own folding lawn chairs. There’s not a bad seat in the house. It is an evening of music under the stars that ends with a spectacular fireworks display weather permitting.

The fun begins when the gates open at 6 p.m. The concert starts at 8. There will be on-the-go refreshments and drinks, or patrons may bring their own. Adirondack chairs may be reserved by calling 352-987-0313.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $7 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 5 are free. Tickets are purchased at the gate, or in advance, at Carriage Theatre, the FAFO office, Pharmascan Galleria Jewelers, Barc’s Ocala Golf Club, Stella’s Modern Pantry, The Villages Playhouse & Yoga Trey.

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**Ocala Palms residents enjoy mini-cruise**

On April 12, 56 Ocala Palms residents boarded the Victory Casino Cruise Line at Port Canaveral for a chance to hit “big,” either at the tables or with the “one-armed bandit.” Whether playing or just enjoying the music on the deck, the mini-cruise proved to be a successful day for all. At the end of the day, Heidi Wills and Tom Trace were among several happy winners. Organizers for this event were Ocala Palms residents, Jettie Hanover, Barbara Lietzel and Renee Hopkins. These ladies work very hard to arrange such outings.

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**Happy winners. Organizers for this event were Ocala Palms residents, Jettie Hanover, Barbara Lietzel and Renee Hopkins.

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**DONATE TO JEWELERS NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING**

Each year, May 7th, is National Day of Giving for the Jewelers National Council (JNC). This event is an opportunity for Jewelers to donate jewelry and gems to local charities and non-profits. This year, Ocala’s local non-profits include the Boys and Girls Club of Ocala, the Boys and Girls Club of Dunnellon, the Food Pantry of Ocala, Ocala Family YMCA, Ocala chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Ocala chapter of the American Cancer Society.

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**Host a Healthy ‘Fiesta’**

*Roasted Poblano Chicken Quinoa Quesadillas*

- Yield: 18 servings

- **Prep Time:** 10 to 15 minutes

- **Cook Time:** 30 minutes

- **Ingredients:**
  - 1 cup diced red onion
  - 2 cups reduced sodium black beans
  - 2 cups diced red pepper
  - 2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
  - 3/4 cup diced cilantro
  - 1/2 cup diced red onion
  - 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
  - 1 cup cooked, shredded chicken
  - 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheese
  - 1/2 cup salsa

- **Instructions:**
  1. Sauté garlic and onion in corn oil over medium heat in a skillet. Add black beans and corn and continue cooking to heat through, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add remaining Poblano mixture and stir. Garnish with remaining lime and cilantro.

**Fiesta Black Bean, Corn and Pepper Salad**

- Yield: 10 servings

- **Prep Time:** 10 minutes

- **Ingredients:**
  - 1 cup diced red onion
  - 1 cup corn kernels
  - 2 cups diced red peppers
  - 1 cup diced tomatoes
  - 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
  - 1/4 cup antennae lime juice
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1/2 teaspoon cumin
  - 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
  - Salt and pepper

- **Instructions:**
  1. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except lime juice and oil.
  2. In a small bowl, whisk together lime juice and oil. Pour over the salad and toss to coat. Serve immediately.
Legislators cause damage to higher ed

A t a time when the state uni-
versity system is struggling with
massive cuts, Florida Gov.
Rick Scott’s decision to sign a
bill creating a 12th university is
flawed.

Hundreds of millions of dollars
have been sapped from the Florida
university system and now legislators
and the governor are creating a new
university by splitting USF Polytechnic
off from the University of South Florida
despite the lack of a demonstrated
deficit or public re-
quest to do so.

Departing Senate budget chair-
man JD Alexander has led the
charge making the formation of Florida
Poly-
tech’s new uni-
versity’s future

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Editor

This is a classic case of a power-
ful state politician using his influ-
ence to drive home a pet project.
The creation of a new university is
not in Florida’s best interest and
not something driven by public in-
terest — it is driven by the personal
interests of one man.

Gov. Scott, who campaigned as an
outsider, has allowed himself to be
drawn into the insider politics of
Tallahassee and, in doing so, is
damaging the future of higher edu-
cation in Florida.

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Our Message

A among Friends

Mom still around? Make sure you call her

Jim Clark

Editor

War on women

The “war on women” is a false claim
created by the liberal media and the
current administration as a way to divide
women and the conservative movement.
The majority of American women are
much too intelligent to accept their plan.

What began as a debate regarding the
government demanding the Catholic Church
pay for and furnish contracep-
tives to all women, has turned into
the Church’s health insurance suddenly
becoming a huge victory which the liberal
media calls a “war on women.”

Whether a majority of Catholic women
of child-bearing age do or do not use con-
traceptives is not part of the debate. The
fact is that the promised doctrine of the
Catholic Church forbids the use of con-
traceptives and this doctrine is well-
known. Throughout Catholic
congregations.

The real war on women has been in
existence since 1973 when the U.S.
Supreme Court created Roe versus Wade,
which declared abortion legal. This
war is waged against women and their unborn
children, both male and female.

Abortion is the authentic “war on
women” and is promoted by President
Obama and his entire administration.
Their advocacy for Planned Parenthood,
the largest abortion supplier in the world,
has continued and without interference from
the Congress and the administration itself.
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Legislators cause damage to higher ed

A t a time when the state uni-

versity system is struggling with

massive cuts, Florida Gov. Rick Scott's decision to sign a bill creating a 12th university is

damaging the future of higher edu-

cation in Florida. Scott, in doing so, has allowed himself to be

drawn in to the insider politics of

outsider, has allowed himself to be

interested in one man.

This decision weakens the other

university system and now legisla-
tors and the governor are creating

a new university by splitting USF Polytechnic off from the University of South Florida despite the lack of a demonstrated need or public re-

quest to do so.

Departing Senate budget chair-

man JD Alexander has led the charge making the formation of Florida Poly-

tech his primary focus. Despite broad

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Our Message

Among Friends

Mom still around? Make sure you call her

Jim Clark

Editor

T he year was 1997. I was temporarily

working out of state but came back
to Ocala around New Year's Day,

visiting my family.

We rode somewhere, I can't remember where, and when we got to my parent's house, which is now my home, I got out of the car and opened the door for my ill-

year-old mom. She took my hand and got out of the car but gave me a wistful look at the door.

That look sent chills through me – I didn't know why I stayed at the house and was driving myself. That look haunted me for hours.

About a week later she collapsed and was rushed to the emergency room of the hospital of that same house. Somewhere, he knew she was seeing me for the last time.

There are certain built-in instincts that

mothers have, that most of us men just

understand. Through most of our lives, we take a lot of what they do for

granted, but then suddenly they're gone, and the love and importance of what they did for you over all these years really hits you.

This will be my 19th Mother's Day with

her gone, and let me tell you, it doesn't get any easier. As you look back, there are so many things you wish you had done that can never take

On this annual weekend celebration, I have a bit of advice for all the out-

there whose mother is still alive.

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**HOST A HEALTHY "FIESTA"**

**Roasted Pollo Asado Chicken Quesadillas**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 1/2 cups cheese (queso fresco)
- 4 tablespoons Mazola® Corn Oil
- 4 tablespoons cumin
- 4 tablespoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large onion (diced)
- 6 garlic cloves (diced)
- 1 1/2 cups corn (kernels)
- 1 1/2 cups beans (black)
- 1 cup lime juice
- 1 cup salsa
- 2 tablespoons butter

**Instructions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
3. Add corn, beans, and lime juice. Cook for another 5 minutes.
4. Remove from heat and let cool.
5. Preheat a tortilla press to 350°F.
6. Place 1/4 cup of filling mixture on half of a tortilla. Cover with another tortilla. Press down firmly.
7. Heat quesadilla for 1 to 2 minutes per side.
8. Serve warm or chilled.

**Tips:**
- You can substitute any type of cheese for the queso fresco.
- You can use any type of beans, such as black beans, pinto beans, or kidney beans.
- You can use any type of tortilla, such as flour or corn tortillas.

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**Symphony Under The Stars**

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra will be performing a celebration of music from the last four decades. Symphony Under The Stars is a perfect way to spend Mother's Day. The evening is family oriented and picnic baskets are encouraged. Recessed lawn chairs with a spectacular fireworks display will be set up. The fun begins when the gates open at 6 p.m. The concert starts at 7. There will be cold refreshments available for purchase.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the gate, or in advance, at Canyon Theatre, The OAP, or at Gem Galleria. To order tickets, call 352-465-6745. 

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**Why young workers should care about Social Security**

Summer will be here before we know it. That means millions of high school and college students will be searching for jobs. Whether a new job is the source of a summer income or a summer job is the start of a lifetime of earnings, there is one question that is likely to be on each new worker’s mind when they see their first pay stub: Where’s the rest of my money?

Traditionally, employers are required to withhold Social Security and Medicare taxes from a worker’s pay stub. The amounts you pay in Social Security and Medicare taxes are matched dollar for dollar by your employer. Usually the money that is withheld is labeled “Social Security taxes” on the employee’s pay stub. Sometimes the deduction is labeled “FICA taxes,” which stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act. So let us tell you how that money is being used, and what it is for you.

The taxes paid now translate to a lifetime of protection, when you eventually retire. If you know that you will receive Social Security benefits when you retire, it makes sense to start contributing now to make sure you are getting the most out of the money you pay in Social Security taxes.

Want to learn more about Social Security and what it means to young workers, or if you are very young and have not earned income, we invite you to enjoy a webinar titled: Social Security 101: What’s In It For Me? The webinar will fill you in on the details you should have to get the most out of Social Security. Check it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/library/webinars/social_security_101.html.

Adon Williams is district manager for Social Security in Ocala.

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**Synergy Arts For OPAO (FAPO)**

Fine Arts For OPAO (FAPO) will hold its 19th annual Symphony Under the Stars on Sunday, May 13, Mother’s Day, at the Ocala Golf Club on Silver Springs Boulevard, formerly Ocala Municipal Golf Course. The Ocala Symphony Orchestra will be performing a celebration of music from the last four decades.

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**Happenings**

**Sunday, May 13**

**High Tea at Marion Moose**

The Mother’s Day Brunch at the West Marion Moose Lodge will be May 13 and is open to the public. An additional full course meal will be offered for each mom. Brunch hours are from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The public is invited to this annual event.

West Marion Moose Lodge 2536 is at 10441 S.W. 110th St., Ocala. For more information, phone 352-854-2200.

**Tuesday, May 15**

**Commission to start early**

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners meeting originally scheduled for 9 a.m. has been moved to 8 a.m. on the McPherson Complex Auditorium (901 S.W. 20th Ave., Ocala). The meeting will review, open and receive comment on funding, at 9 a.m. If necessary, the recomending is not the regularly scheduled time for County Commission meetings. Call 471-3500 for more information.

**Saturday, May 19**

**Two-day show for Dunnellon High**

The Hallieghost Girls will be presented the Dunnellon High School Drama Club at the Historic Dunnselle Train Depot on May 19 and 20, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a perfect remedy that will make you laugh out loud and shout “Hallieghost!”

The train depot is in historic downtown Dunnellon at 106 W. S. Williams St. Tickets are $5 each and sold at the Ocala Dixie Harvest Flea Market Dunnellon High School at 352-803-1988 for more information.

**Scandinavian Club to meet**

The Scandinavian Club of Marion County invites people of Danish, Finnic, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish descent to join us at our next meeting on May 19 at 3:30 p.m. at the Freedom Library, 655 S.W. 98th St., Ocala. All members are invited.

**Tuesday, May 22**

**Breast cancer group to meet**

The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) support group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 3030 S.W. 20th Ave., Ocala. For more information, phone Commander Fred Lacy, 352-687-1580.

**Wednesday, June 6**

**Blueberry Festival planned**

On Sunday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center, 3120 N.W. Bonnie Health Blvd. (U.S. 27), there will be a Blueberry Festival, the perfect place to benefit Sheltering Hands Homeless.

There will be arts and crafts, prizes, a baking contest, SOUFFLE’affle, book sale, plants, a food area and fresh blueberries to be served.

There will also be Elizabethan-Mini Theatre, a Lego event on the McPherson Car, Brick City Oil Slickers VW Club, Ocala Ki’s Uplift, Ocala Carriage ride, Boy Scout Barbershop Quartet and the “Blueberry Princess.”

Donations will be for adults Cholesterol under 12 are free. For more information, call Gil Turpin at 352-291-0561 or email food2008@gmail.com.

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When our recent visit in Ohio concluded, we flew our way through the security booth and boarded for the flight. As they passed me, our "friendly" little sign, I did, in fact have a plan of escape. I threw any stress was a simple cup of coffee. Now every time I am about to visit that county, I have a full cause of a shining jewel of a job.

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In my opinion, someone decided it would be a good idea to put the two programs to port into the airport, to avoid the security. Unfortunately, it is the best the security. We turned around to the counter where we received a certain identification equipment. We surrounded our luggage in the airport. We ordered a head and a "hassled" type of check. I am the system today. I hope to visit your area one day soon. Next, we made our way through the security booth and boarded for the flight. As they passed me, our "friendly" little sign, I did, in fact have a plan of escape. I threw any stress was a simple cup of coffee. Now every time I am about to visit that county, I have a full cause of a shining jewel of a job.

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“Young lady,” I said as calmly as pos-


“Oh,” she said in a burst of enlightenment. “You want coffee. Who didn’t you say so in the first place?”

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Derby Day Downtown

This was the lineup of Derby hat entries in the contest on the Downtown Square in Ocala Saturday. Below, some people gathered around the big televisions to watch the festivities from Louisville. These folks are watching trainer Bob Baffert being interviewed during the pre-race walk.

WPHS seniors get college diplomas at CF commencement

BY AM CLARK

Last Friday, 42 West Port High School seniors graduated...before they graduated.

After taking advanced courses from the College of Central Florida, the 42 seniors graduated last Friday evening...more than a month before their scheduled June 7 commencement exercises at West Port's campus.

These of the graduates gave their views during an interview the day before graduation from CF.

Justin Gonzales, Dakota Gardner and Gabriela Sanez described what was going through their minds during their two-year course. Here are some of their responses:

How long have you been in the local school system?

Justin: I came from West Palm Beach in the sixth grade.

Dakota: "All the way through."

Gabriela: "I kind of started here in the seventh grade from Miami."

What did you first realize that you could get a head start on things?

Justin: I heard about the dual enrollment program as a freshman.

Dakota: "I was almost in the dual enrollment program as a junior. My friend who was a junior graduated with her AA, and I thought that was really cool."

He said he thought he could do it if he "tried really hard."

Dakota: "Everything starts at home, as my mom, who is a single mom, believes that her child wouldn't become a statistic if he didn't go through advanced programs. First private schools and then magnet schools. Tomorrow's the big day. It all pays off."

Gabriela: "I've always been in advanced courses, and I thought I'd give it a shot. I could do it, and here I am, I'm graduating tomorrow."

What do you want to do in the future?

Justin: "I'm majoring at UCF in life sciences and my goal is to get a masters in technical theater."

Dakota: "I'm going to double major in computer engineering and Business Administration."

Gabriela: "I've been in advanced courses, and I thought I'd give it a shot. I could do it, and here I am, I'm graduating tomorrow."

What kind of courses did you have to pay for?

Gabriela: "It gives a solid foundation in biology."

Dakota: "I'm a major in electrical engineering."

Justin: "I'm majoring in computer engineering."

What did you think of the CF experience?

Gabriela: "I got to learn religion, you know, like a lot of different things."

Dakota: "I learned just about how life is, and the work we're doing and our profession, so this really gives you an idea on how life is, and the work load of it."

What do you say to fellow students who might be coming into the program?

Justin: "Just be bold and just try to take that chance on something that could change your life completely, and by taking this chance you are able to get two years of college out of the way so much time by being able to take those prerequisites instead of taking them in actual college, you can expand on our major more and in depth."

Dakota: "It gives a solid foundation in time management, which is one of the most important things that you can do as a productive member of society. You need to pay your bills on time, you have deadlines and quotas to meet, depending on your profession, so this really gives you an introduction on how life is, and the work load of it."

Letter carriers to collect food this Saturday

On Saturday May 12, letter carriers throughout Marion County will participate in the 20th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers’ (NALC) National Food Drive to “Stamp Out Hunger.”

This annual event has become the largest one-day food drive in the nation’s history, resulting in more than a half billion pounds of food to local food banks, pantries and shelters in all 50 states. Last year in Marion County 275,000 pounds of nonperishable food was collected and donated to Interfaith Emergency Services. The drive was organized in Marion County during the May 5th collection and unloading/loading, please call Thomas.

In Marion County alone, more than one million pounds of food has been collected.

Postal customers are asked to hang a food donation on their mailboxes before their letter carriers deliver the mail on Saturday, May 12, and the carrier will do the rest. Collection barrels will also be set up at all Post Office branches to accommodate those with Post Office Boxes.

For individuals interested in volunteering for the collection and volunteering loading, please call Thomas.

United Way of Marion County, USP, Campbell’s, Valley Coop, Inc., and United Natural Foods Inc. have partnered with the NALC to help stamp out hunger.

Avengers downtown

Some of the small children shied away from the Black Widow, but Sue McCabe of northern Ocala said she had no problem with the character from the movie Friday evening. More photos, Page 7.