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OTOW Softball

Another season ends

All the stories you've heard about the On Top of the World Softball League are true!

We have batters who can hit the ball over the fence.

We have baserunners who can go from first base to home without an oxygen mask.

We have outfielders who can catch fly balls as high as the Coast Guard planes.

We have infielders who can make running catches with their backs to the infield.

And yes, another season just ended in May without a single error. Sure, things occasionally go wrong - but it's never the fielder's fault.

The OTOW Softball League recently finished seven months of play at the Safety Harbor sports complex. You bat. You throw. You field. You run the bases - just like any other league. But our athletes are mostly 55-plus.

There were so many players this past season, there had to be three teams at each game. One team bats. One team fields. The remaining team sits in the dugout to recuperate. And three times each inning it switches.

There were even times this season that OTOW Softball had to use two fields. There were just way too many people who wanted to play alongside us.

Well, the pictures on this page are proof we existed. In fact, our final day was one of our best days.

Red led Blue 14-10 in the eighth inning when Gail Potter singled with the bases loaded to drive in a Blue run. Bob Rittner doubled to drive home three more runs for a 14-14 tie.

In the ninth inning, a single by Robert Bannick, and doubles by Bill Holland, Barry Yellets and Bob Studwell provided a three run cushion for the Blue team.

White, which had been behind all game, scored five runs in the eighth inning. In the ninth inning, Bob Voigt's over-the-fence homer brought in two more runs and White tied Red 14-14.

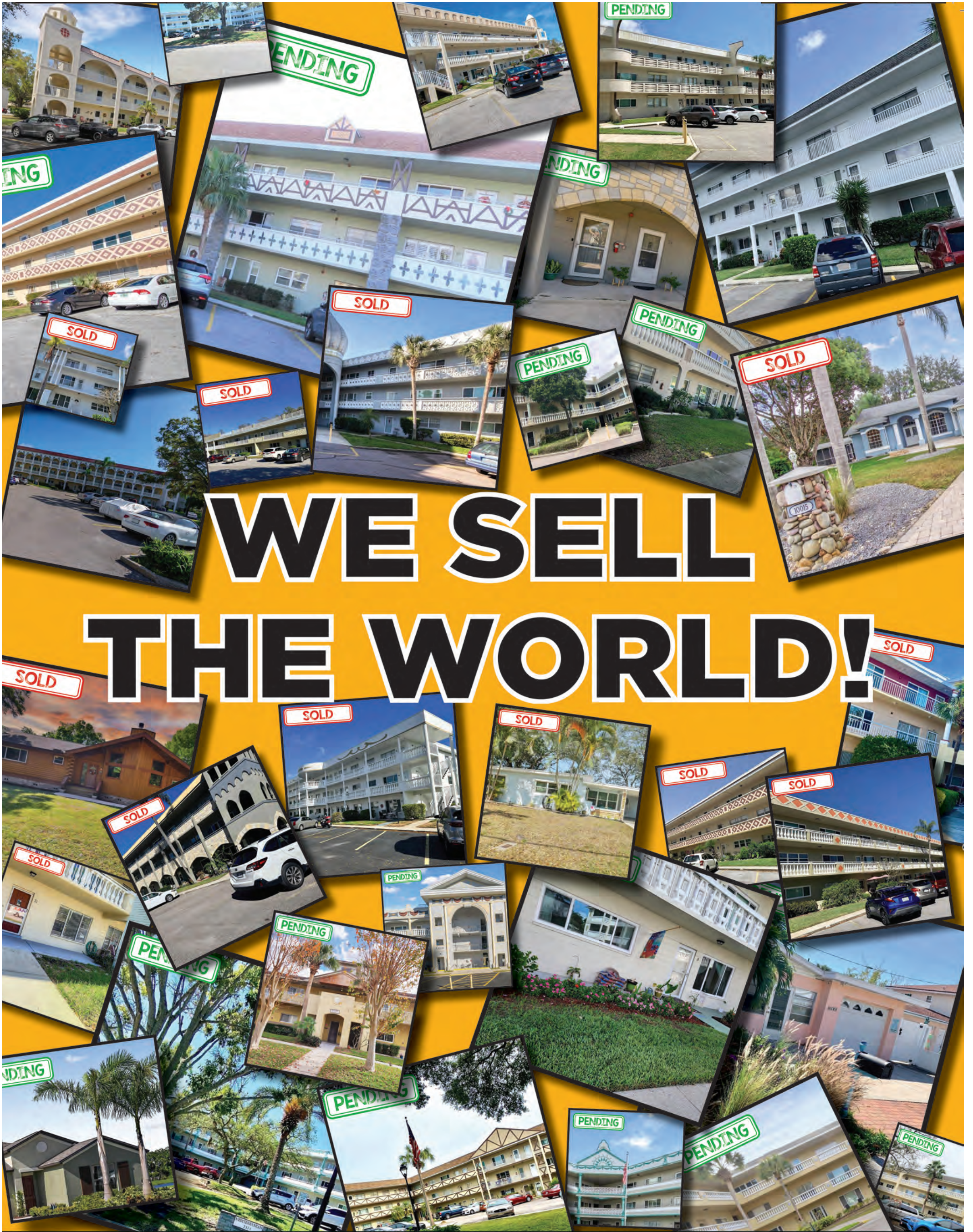
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Above, Rob Bishop rounds second base at full speed as the Red Team defense tries to prevent a run from scoring. Below, Eddie Ramriez prepares to snag a grounder at third base as shortstop Ralph Scunziano and outfielder George Morgan back up the play. At right, Melvin Tennille makes a catch in deep right field. Second baseman Mary Anne Benuzzi knew it was a catch all along - no doubt.

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Very important all residents vote for the budget prior to Annual Meeting on June 6

Please note, the June 6 Annual Meeting has been scheduled a little earlier than usual.

The Board received an update on both the Threshold Phase I inspections and the limited number of Phase II inquiries. They also heard from the Community Manager on the progress of the Structural Integrity Reserve Study (SIRS).

The goal of the Threshold inspections is to determine if there are any structural deficiencies among our condominium buildings that need to be investigated further (Phase II). Bottom line is that very few buildings will require a Phase II inspection. As to the SIRS study, that looks at the useful life of stipulated components and then establishes a dollar amount for reserves. This requirement must be completed within the fiscal 2024-25 budget cycle.

The most important matter before On Top of the World Condo Association is that unless you vote to waive reserves this fiscal year, \$70.11 will be added to your monthly community service fee beginning July 1.

It's your choice.

You will need to vote in this important matter.

If you did not receive the very important budget mailing, please reach out to the Community Service Office before June 4. I mention this because the United States Postal Service is racking up a very bad record for delivering the mail. We don't know why, but we do know that people who live here full time have previously not received their budget packages.

Fortunately, the budget package is



Chairman

also posted online at:

[OTOWClearwaterInfo.com/
Association Meetings](http://OTOWClearwaterInfo.com/AssociationMeetings)

When you visit the site to view the items mailed, you will also find an excellent alternative to a paper ballot and how to cast your vote electronically.

The easiest, and most preferred way to vote, is electronically through otow.conduu.com.

If you have previously voted electronically, please sign in and cast your vote.

If you have not opted-in to electronic voting, please visit:

[www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com/
electronic-voting/](http://www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com/electronic-voting/)

The site will provide more information on how to opt in for this convenient and secure voting option. Electronic voting closes on June 4, 2024, at 10 a.m.

What happens if the Board fails to adopt a budget?

I will caution you that if the Board were to reject this budget in its entirety, that action would put the Association in default of its obligations to Summit Broadband.

Two things would likely then happen: (1) the Association would then be sued by Summit Broadband for a breach of the contract, thus likely costing the Association thousands of dollars in litigation expense, and (2) the likely termination of services by Summit.

The only alternative in that event would be Spectrum a la carte service and their very high video and internet fees, as well as their problematic service.

Insurance

At the May 22, 2024, Board Meeting, the topic of Property and Casualty Insurance (P&C) was discussed.

A representative from Marsh, LLC., gave an update on the state of the global and national insurance market. The timing of the budget adoption and the start of hurricane season has always created a wrinkle in when property insurance must be bound by the Association. Once the "magic" date of June 1 passes, all bets are off as to (1) the availability of market capacity and (2) the pricing of said capacity.

Remember, insurance carriers are risk adverse. So while May 30 is just a date, having insurance in place before that date is an absolute must.

To that end, the Management Company asked the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing the chairman or the

vice chairman to sign an insurance contract binding coverage before May 30 based on the good faith estimate of the insurance broker, Marsh, LLC.

Should the Board fail to adopt reasonable coverage, some very real horrible things start to happen. Notably, almost all real estate transactions would cease. No lender will allow a purchase transaction to proceed without first having a current Statement of Coverage from the Association.

This would create very avoidable trouble for current and future residents.

Additionally, residents who have mortgages will have trouble with their current lenders, which require Master Property and Casualty Insurance. They may find themselves in a technical default by the lender.

Long story short, this Association (or any association) should never let itself fall into this horrible trap.

**Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 6
10 am, EAC Auditorium**

If you cannot be at the Annual Meeting live, OTOW-TV channel 901 coverage will begin 30 minutes before the meeting starts. Audio will be added when the meeting begins.

You can also watch by going to the Box Office and clicking an OTOW-TV live meeting link at the top of the page (as we get closer to June 6).

A link also will appear at otowclearwaterinfo.com but this link may not change if there are technical issues the morning of the meeting.



PREPARE TODAY FOR A HURRICANE

Don't wait for a bad storm to be hours away.

Don't think, "It will never hit here."
The photo at left was taken in 2017. It did hit here.

Your Pre-Storm Checklist

1. Map out an evacuation route and choose a final, fortified destination well-inland. Tell family and friends where you intend to be during a storm. You should have one post-disaster contact - one person who is out of the danger zone, who you can contact and who will share your information with other loved ones. You may be short on power so consider limiting your contacts to one person.
2. If you stay behind, keep the following in stock: 1 week supply of bottled water and non-perishable foods, refill prescriptions, bottle opener, flashlight and battery operated radio. Do you know where these items are stored? Don't go searching for them as a storm is closing in. Keep tape and cardboard handy should a leak develop.
3. Create an inventory of your home. Use photos and videos in case some day you need to replace your items or determine the value of items lost. Special items should be stored away from your home in a safe place. Store important documents in sealable, water proof containers.
4. Bring in porch items and anything outside that could become a projectile.
5. Fill vehicle with gas. Don't wait until the mad rush starts.
6. Don't assume a storm is over. Stay indoors. Please use a flashlight and not candles. Keep refrigerator closed as much as possible.
7. Get cash. Money machines could be out for weeks.
8. Review your insurance policy once a year to make sure you are covered for a major storm. If you need to file a claim, do so immediately after a storm. Make a list of damaged items. Keep receipts. Be patient.
9. The OTOW activity centers are not storm shelters. They will not be open during a storm. If you live on an upper floor or may need assistance after a storm, plan ahead. There are nearby evacuation shelters.
10. OTOW will provide weather updates if possible using RAVE, OTOW-TV 901 and the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED

- A. If you evacuated, do not return home until authorities give you the OK.
- B. Do not go outside. Do not begin cleanup on your own. Let OTOW management personnel remove limbs, wires and all damage.
- C. Do not drive into a flooded road. Turn around - don't drown.
- C. Traffic lights may be out. Stop at all intersections where a traffic light is not working. Treat each intersection as a four-way stop.
- D. Do not use sink water until authorities give the OK. Do not eat spoiled food.
- E. Do not wear flipflops outside. Wear sturdy shoes.

Sign up for RAVE alerts.
Community updates will be posted
on RAVE,
OTOW-TV Channel 901 and the
Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

www.nhc.noaa.gov

Please do not challenge

Don't Feed Alligators

Your Management Company wants to remind residents to beware of the dangers of feeding alligators.

This seems like a no-brainer, but you'd be surprised.

Dogs of all sizes are a favorite alligator snack. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Human Alligator Incidents Fact Sheet, "Alligators are opportunistic feeders and will eat animals that are readily available to them. They prefer to go after prey they can overpower easily."

Stay well back from the shoreline. If you think you can outrun one, you can't.

Opportunity is the primary factor that causes an alligator to pursue prey. Most alligators are naturally afraid of humans, but may lose that fear when people feed them. Feeding alligators teaches them to associate people with food.

"For that reason, it is illegal to feed wild alligators."

Alligators seldom bite people for reasons other than food. May and June are alligator mating season so female alligators may protect their nests by hissing and opening their mouths to frighten intruders.

Alligator bites are most likely to occur in or around water. Bites on humans have occurred in a variety of water bodies, many of which are small and not regularly used by alligators.

If you encounter an alligator that is believed to pose a threat to people, pets, or property, call the FWC's Nuisance Alligator Hotline, toll-free at 1-866-FWCGATOR (1-866-392-4286).

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) uses contracted nuisance alligator trappers throughout the state to remove alligators 4 feet in length or greater that are believed to pose a threat.

State law prohibits killing, harassing, or possessing alligators except under permit.

Never remove an alligator from its natural habitat or accept one as a pet. It is illegal and dangerous to do so. Handling even small alligators can result in injury.

If an alligator bites you, the best thing to do is fight back, providing as much noise and resistance as possible. Hitting or kicking the alligator, or poking it in its eyes, may cause it to release its grip.

When alligators seize prey they cannot easily overpower, they will often let go and retreat.

Seek immediate medical attention if an alligator bites you as they often result in serious infection.



68A-25.001 Feeding or Enticement of Crocodilians Unlawful. No person shall intentionally feed, or entice with feed, any crocodilian unless held in captivity under a permit issued by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or otherwise provided by this Title. Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-1-05, Amended 5-18-06.

SCA Shuttle Bus Update

We are happy to announce the SCA Shuttle Bus will resume servicing the community on June 3 and will be replacing Neighborly Care Network.

Currently, the bus will transport On Top of the World residents to Publix and Walmart twice weekly plus offer weekly trips to CVS, Aldi, Sunset Point 19 Plaza (Sprouts, Hobby Lobby, World Market and others), and Countryside Mall.

The schedule is posted on Channel 901, listed on Page 19 of this June newspaper, or you may obtain a copy from the Community Service Office (CSO). Please call 727-799-3417 Option 7 by 1 p.m. the day prior to your trip (Monday rides should be scheduled by 1 pm Friday) to make a reservation. Your driver's name is Jim and he is excited to meet the residents of our community. Please make sure you present your valid Activity Card when boarding the bus.

Maintenance and Service Requests

To ensure the most efficient processing of your maintenance or service request, please submit any requests online at: otowclearwaterinfo.com. Click the "Service-Department" tab followed by the "Request Form" tab.

If you are unable to access the online system, please call the Community Service Office (CSO) at 727-683-6981 and we will return your call as quickly as we can during normal business hours.

Submitting your request yourself is the only way to ensure that your request has been received. Please do not rely on neighbors or

friends to submit requests on your behalf.

Additionally, should you see something that needs to be repaired, please report it and don't assume that someone else has reported it. Once your request is received, a service order will be generated and forwarded to the appropriate department for resolution.

Please keep in mind that non-emergency service requests are typically addressed in the order they are received.

In some instances, we may need to contact you for additional information or clarification regarding your request. To ensure a smooth process, please provide accurate contact information and respond promptly to any inquiries. Submitting multiple requests for the same issue is unnecessary and may slow down our response time.

For any questions about your request, please call our Service Request Line at 727-683-6981 until the Community Service Office reopens.

If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, dial 911 immediately.

In the event of a power outage, please contact Duke Energy directly at 800-228-8485.

As a reminder, window and door repair or replacement is the responsibility of the condo owner, while the Association is responsible for maintaining the structure and common elements.

After Hours Emergency Information

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, after hours, in the event of an emergency, such as a water intrusion into your condo. For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service-related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and the "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll. You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page. This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited.

Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply. OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!

As a reminder, when signing up for

community and emergency alerts, be sure to enter your building number.

Community Service Office Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted. If your call goes to voice mail, it is because the staff is working with someone else. Please be patient.

Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter. The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request and to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and work scheduled.

Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than once.

If you have any questions regarding your request, and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

What to do when

Did you know that if you find yourself in a situation where you feel threatened you should contact 911 or if the situation is not an emergency, you can contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 727-582-6200.

When speaking with the responding deputy, be prepared to provide them with specific details of statements made and make them aware that you fear for your personal safety. If you are dissatisfied with how the deputy handles your concerns, you can contact the non-emergency number provided above and request to speak with a supervisor for further clarification. They can do their due diligence and find out why the call was handled in a particular manner.

Remember, there are factors that go into deciding to arrest someone. Each situation is unique and whether a threat is considered credible depends on various factors. A vague or ambiguous statement might not necessarily be considered a credible threat unless it can be backed by actions or other evidence to suggest that there is real intent to do harm.

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On Top of the World
Clearwater Florida

**Emergency Services
Phone Number**

(727) 799-1115

This 24-hour On Top of the World phone service fields calls for the following emergency situations only:

- **Water Intrusion/Leaks**
- **Sewer Backups**
- **No Potable Water Service to Unit**
- **Building Fire Alarm System Issues**
- **Elevator Outages or Entrapments**
- **Unit Related Electrical Loss Of Power – Full or Partial**

FIRE or MEDICAL emergencies require that residents dial 9-1-1

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR, CRIMINAL, or CIVIL issues should be directed accordingly to either 9-1-1, or the Pinellas County Sheriff's non-emergency number at 727-582-6200.

All other service request situations should be directed to the Community Service Office at 727-683-6981 between the hours of 8am-3pm, Monday – Friday.

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an alligator - you will lose

Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue working on the east side of property in June with the front façade of Buildings 48 and 5 being recoated next.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or personal property on porches/patios. Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

Just a reminder for residents in Buildings 85 and 87 that the fire alarm and elevator recall improvements for those structures are anticipated to begin in late May/early June, pending approval from Pinellas County. This work includes State of Florida and local fire code requirements whenever elevator equipment is upgraded to the latest components.

Walkway coating improvement projects have concluded for the fiscal year and will resume again in the fall once Florida's rainy season draws to a close. As of this article, only five buildings remain on the schedule and at that point the entire property will have been completed. Immediately afterwards, the Management Company will transition into a maintenance phase for the property. We want to say thank you to the community for its support and patience while this work was underway!

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope projects

As this work update is reaching your hands, asphalt maintenance projects for the community's condominium buildings should be close to wrapping up.

This year's improvement work encompassed the sealcoating and restriping of 10 building parking areas which will increase the longevity of the asphalt and provide a renewed surface for parking.

We appreciate the community's cooperation in making these projects a success by relocating their vehicles and allowing ample time for the contractor to finish their work safely and unimpeded.

Double-yellow lines on World Parkway Boulevard, Netherlands Drive, and Americus Boulevard will also be refreshed with a thermoplastic application which will yield better visibility for the community's residents and visitors alike.

The spring tree removal and replant cycle that began in April should be close to

completion, too. Parkway's tree division also handles the grinding of the stumps where removals had to occur.

As in years past, many of the trees removed provided shade, habitat and scenic charm for the community for many decades. Pinellas County did not require the planting of saplings with this year's removals, however the Management Company has plans to install new trees nonetheless in its commitment to being green-conscientious and understanding that much of the property's beauty lies in its stately trees.

Rest assured that the new saplings being set to ground will do the same for generations of On Top of the World residents in the future.

Recurring Reminders for All Community Residents

The Management Company continues its efforts with enforcement of community standards by removing all unapproved items placed in building common areas. This includes, but is not limited to, plants (live or artificial), personal items, non-exterior-rated furniture, rusted chairs/tables or in disrepair, tchotchkes, etcetera, as these items are not permitted to occupy common spaces.

As has been referenced in the newspaper, on the community TV channel, and the bulletins posted in all building center core lobbies, these items will be removed and disposed of without further notice.

These ongoing efforts help keep the areas safe for first responders as well as maintain an aesthetically pleasing community for all to reside in. We ask that residents help keep the community's common areas in compliance by reporting violations of this nature to the Management Company. We appreciate the community's cooperation and support in reporting any violations of this nature so the Management Company can investigate and correct if necessary.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services Team, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle. This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hangar brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice. Resi-

dents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future. Thank you for your cooperation.

Inspection Services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the current improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This color matching applies to first floor unit doors on the rear façade of the building while all front façade doors will be color matched to the majority wall color or repainted white as currently installed. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you are not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coating's vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

First floor unit owners will continue receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department as the Management Company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike. The Management Company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stone at the earliest convenience.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The Management Company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Often, decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts continue to be fo-

cused on the tagging and removal of portable barbeque grills, including propane, charcoal, or electric, defined as violating life-safety and fire codes in any building common areas or kindled in proximity to the structure as they pose a fire risk to the building and residents. Only grills meeting the approved Clearwater Fire Department standard are permitted on the patios of first floor units. If you're a first-floor unit owner and not sure if your grill is in compliance, please stop by the Community Service Office to request a visit from our friendly Inspections Services staff. We're always happy to educate or assist the community as possible.

You've received a notification from Inspection Services, now what?

Inspections Services handles those matters that pertain to modification requests to the common elements and individual units as well as performing inspections of common areas within each building including, but not limited to, common areas, storage rooms, walkways, balconies, patios, laundry, and trash rooms. Long story short, they work to ensure that community standards are kept in compliance with the On Top of the World Condominium Association, Inc. Third Amended and Restated Rules.

Should you receive notification from them, it is important that you act quickly to make any repairs or remove any items by the date requested. Failing to do so could result in damage to common elements, Association owned property, your unit, or a neighboring unit. Most often, the request may come to you due to a safety concern, such as uneven pavers.

However, should you have questions or are unsure what to do next, you can visit the Community Service Office and ask to speak to a representative from that department. They are the best sources of information in helping you understand what your notification means and what you need to do next.

Running short on time and can't stop in, you can contact the Customer Service Line at 727-683-6981 and leave a detailed message along with your contact information. Speaking with a representative will help you get the most up-to-date and accurate information as possible and according to your specific situation.

For more information regarding Inspection Services please visit the community website at: <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/inspection-services-department/>.

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Press Association 2024-25 board set for another year

By Doug Kates

Everybody knows the On Top of the World newspaper staff is made up of more than 100 writers, photographers and proof readers.

It is also led by three board members.

On May 2, the Press Association held a ceremony to swear in officers for the 2024-25 season.

Tom Butcher is back for another term as president and Joanne Cordes is back for another term as secretary.

In an online vote, members of the Press Association elected Donna Gagnon as vice president. She began her first term at the May 2 meeting.

Voting took place April 5-April 26. There were 110 people eligible to vote. Fifty-one members voted.

Donna received 38 votes. Joe DeChiaro received 13 votes.

Joe served as vice president for two years. He helped tremendously with the annual pizza party, Writer's Workshop and contributing ideas at monthly meetings.

In the beginning of the meeting, Tom told the 27 people in attendance that he wants to start hosting a Press Association information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium on a Monday or Thursday morning every once in a while just so visiting residents will see our banner and newcomers will learn we do have a community newspaper.

Donna said she will join Tom at the Press Association information table. He invited others to join him.

If you have ever considered writing for your building, visiting our club's information table is a great way to ask questions and get answers. Tom and Donna are both regular writers and will be able to answer any question.

Look for them 8:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays, this summer.

This was the Press Association's first meeting of the new season. There will be no meetings in June or July. The next one will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8 in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

For those looking ahead, the annual Writers Workshop will be Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. This is the only time all year that Editor Doug Kates teaches basic journalism. This class is recommended for veteran staffers as well as new reporters.

Also during online elections, members voted to keep monthly meetings at the same time during the year - first Thursday of the month in the afternoon. There are exceptions during the year.



Taking the oath of office are, left to right, Donna Gagnon, Thomas Butcher and Joanne Cordes. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)



If you find yourself in the Fiji Islands, you might be able to find the latest edition of OTOW News.

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Want to meet other residents?

LAWN BOWLS
9:15 am
Monday-Saturday
Lawn Bowl Courts

Lawn Bowls will remain active over the summer as long as there are participants. Lessons available. Sign-up for our club. All equipment provided. Call Bruce Mills at 343 999-9871

We had a great shuffleboard season

By Tim Lewis

We've had a great season of shuffleboard, including tournaments and picnics. Thank you to everyone for being a great group of people to work and play with.

The Shuffleboard Club is officially taking the summer off, but activities will restart in the fall. If you've never played, but are considering a fun, athletic activity, come join us in October. For those who stay around the community all summer, the shuffleboard courts remain open for fun play. Make it a point to play a game or two each week as the weather allows.

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If your water heater fails, it could not only flood your unit, but units below you. You may be financially responsible if it causes damage to your neighbors' units.

On Top of the World Movie Night Returns

"Ordinary Angels"
Wednesday: June 26, 4 pm.
East Activity Center Auditorium

Inspired by the incredible true story of a hairdresser who single-handedly rallies an entire community to help a widowed father save the life of his critically ill young daughter.

(2024) Director: Jon Gunn

Rating: PG

Studio: Lions Gate Films, Inc.

Release Date: 04/20/24

Runtime: 116 minutes.

Cast: Alan Ritchson, Hillary Swank, Drew Powell, Skywalker Hughes.

Seating for 80, first come, first served.

No reservation required

The movie is for OTOW residents only and offered at no charge. Registration is not required. Popcorn is free (1 bag per resident).



Budget adoption meeting June 6

Saturday, Nov. 2

First chance to register your club for Fall Festival & Expo in November

Happy Father's Day to all our dads on Sunday, June 16.

Summer begins with the solstice on Thursday, June 20, marking the astronomical first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

Remember the story of the tortoise and the hare? During our hot Florida summers, take it slow and easy if you want to win the race. Don't forget to stay hydrated.

Fall Festival & Expo

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The On Top of the World annual Fall Festival & Expo will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Once again, SCA will provide space outside to accommodate 20 club tables. The club tables are provided at no charge, first come, first serve. Canopies are available for rent at \$25.

This is a great opportunity for a club to meet new residents and sign them up for membership and just have a fun day together with the entire community.

Here are the rules for participation and how to register for a table and a canopy:

1. Clubs must have at least two representatives willing to host a table. In other words, back up is required in case one of the reps must cancel.

2. Clubs also must be willing to decorate their table and participate in a "Best Decorated" table contest. The decoration theme can be based on your club type or "Fall Festive." The prize for the best decorated table will be a \$100 Visa Gift card.

3. To register for a table and a canopy please email general_activity@scaclw.com and note on the subject line: "Fall Festival & Expo Club Table." Please provide your name, the name of your club, phone number, and the email address to be contacted with future information regards the event.

Note: whether your club would like to reserve a canopy for \$25.

Once I confirm your table and canopy are reserved, you may stop in the Community Service Office to make payment by check, credit card or cash, or mail a check payable to "SCA" to: OTOW Community Service Office, attention Events & Activities Manager, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. East, Clearwater, Fla., 33763.

Please contact me with any questions at general_activity@scaclw.com or call 727-799-2734.

We look forward to another successful Fall Festival & Expo!

Safety Seminar

There will be a Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Safety Seminar on Tuesday, June 4 at 10 a.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium. This seminar is free. No registration is required.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will present "Situational Awareness – always be aware of your surroundings."

Deputies Jessica Hughey and Charles Skipper will teach us how to recognize other people's body language and demonstrate how you can observe signs someone may be a potential predator.

The officers will review how to communicate information with 911 when you feel threatened, and how to proceed if you



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are dissatisfied with how your concerns are handled.

As always, there will be time at the end or after the seminar for your questions.

Food Truck Night

The next Food Truck Night will be Wednesday, June 12, 3–7 p.m. featuring Jersey Kabobs and Softee King.

This event will be in the East Activity Center front parking lot, not the back parking lot.

This is a pick-up and go event.

There will be table seating in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room or under the Pavilion.

Come out and enjoy some delicious food that you don't have every day.

For more information on how to pre-order, visit Nancy's Bulletin Board located at the OTOW Clearwater website: www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.

Movie Night

Movie Night will return on Wednesday, June 26 at 4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The movie will be "Ordinary Angels" from 2024. The director is Jon Gunn. It has a PG rating and is from Lions Gate Films Inc. Runtime is 116 minutes.

Seating is available for 80 people, first come, first served, no reservation required.

The cast includes Alan Ritchson, Hillary Swank, Drew Powell and Skywalker Hughes. "Ordinary Angels" is inspired by the incredible true story of a hairdresser who single-handedly rallies an entire community to help a widowed father save the life of his critically ill young daughter.

The movie is for OTOW residents only and offered at no charge.

SCA will provide one free bag of popcorn per person. The Good Neighbors Association will be serving refreshments and goodies at a great price. We look forward to seeing you!

AAA Safe Driving Course

There will be no AAA Safe Driving Course in June.

The next two classes will be held on Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, Sept. 10, and you can register for either class now.

The in-person, onsite course is for OTOW residents only at the rate of \$20. Residents are not required to be AAA members.

The classes are held at the West Activity Center Learning Lab on the second Tuesday, of every other month from 9 a.m. to

4 p.m. with an hour lunch break from noon – 1 p.m. (class size max 30, sorry, no exceptions). Please bring your own bag lunch and refreshments.

Registration is easy. Call 727-431-8887 with your name, address, and credit card info or you may also stop by the AAA Clearwater branch at 2347 Gulf to Bay Boulevard to register.

Residents will receive a certificate of completion on the day of the course which earns you a discount on your car insurance. The instructor can also email you the certificate in PDF format if you or your insurance company would prefer. The discount will be good for three years from the day the course was completed.

Wishing you all happy and safe road travel!

OnSpot Dermatology

The OnSpot Dermatology Mobile Unit will be taking a break over the summer and return on Friday, Oct. 11. In the meantime, here are some tips for protecting yourself from the sun in the summer:

- Use sunscreen: Apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 to all exposed skin, including your nose, ears, neck, hands, feet, and lips. Reapply at least every two hours, or more often if you're swimming or sweating.
- Wear protective clothing: Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and skirts, and tight-weave clothing.
- Wear a hat: Wear a wide-brimmed hat that shades your face, ears, and the back of your neck. If you don't have much hair, you can apply sunscreen to the top of your head.
- Wear sunglasses: Wear sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays, and have side panels.
- Seek shade: Take breaks in shaded areas.

• Limit your time in the sun: When the UV Index is 3 or higher, protect your skin as much as possible. Try to avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• Drink plenty of fluids: Drink cool liquids (especially water) before you feel thirsty.

SCA Shuttle Bus Update

We are happy to announce the SCA Shuttle Bus will resume servicing the community on June 3 and will be replacing Neighborly Care Network.

Currently, the bus will transport On Top of the World residents to Publix and Wal-Mart twice weekly plus offer weekly trips to CVS, Aldi, Sunset Point 19 Plaza (Sprouts, Hobby Lobby, World Market and others), and Countryside Mall.

The schedule is posted on Channel 901, listed on Page 19 of this June newspaper and can be viewed online by visiting otowclearwaterinfo.com or otowboxoffice.com.

Please call 727-799-3417 Option 7 by 1 p.m. the day prior to your trip (Monday rides should be scheduled by 1 pm Friday) to make a reservation. Your driver's name is Jim and he is excited to meet the residents of our community. Please make sure you present your valid Activity Card when boarding the bus.

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center front parking lot on Thurs-

day, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board at otowclearwaterinfo.com, in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a short-sleeved T-shirt, \$20 E-card, and wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening! Take this opportunity to save lives!

Thank you to all our donors on May 9. The Honor Roll is as follows: Allan Hamilton, Anna Foss, Craig Keilbach, Debra Godfrey, Diana Carraturo, Gail McNeil, James Cassidy, Jeffrey Flynn, Maryann Bruton, Michael Lenzi, Ross Roberts and Susa Roberts.

How do I make a reservation on the calendar?

The first step for making a reservation on the calendar is to email or call the Activity Office with the type of event you are planning, and preferred date and location.

Send an email to general_activity@scaclw.com or call 799-2734. This starts the process.

Once we confirm all the details, you will fill out the online Facility Request Form.

Visit: otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on "Community Activities" and "Forms" and select the SCA Online Facility Request form. Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger and click submit.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. This form works better if you use Google as your browser.

Paper forms are still available and can be picked up and dropped off in the Community Service Office where I have a mailbox. Please complete the form outside of that busy office and then drop it off. I will acknowledge receipt in an email or phone call.

Activity Card Annual Renewal

Activity Card annual renewal will commence on Monday, June 3.

On Top of the World Clearwater residents may renew their Activity Cards for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Community Service Office (CSO) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch).

The CSO also will be open Saturday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to noon for anyone who cannot visit during regular business hours.

You must bring a valid, government issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued Activity Card.

There is no fee for renewals, however, if your card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new card is required and the fee is \$3. If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card or Access Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement. If you already have an Access Card, there is no charge to renew. If you need an Access Card, there is a \$7 charge.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity and access cards with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. Any noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

Food Truck Stop-And-Go

Wednesday, June 12, 3–7 p.m.

East Activity Center front parking lot featuring Jersey Kabobs and Softee King.

This event is pick-up-and-go but there will be table seating available in the EAC Kitchen/Clearwater Room and outdoor seating available at the Pavilion.

For pre-ordering information, visit Nancy's Bulletin Board at otowclearwaterinfo.com



OTOW Community Activities Calendar

June 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTOW Association Annual Meeting, Thursday, June 6 at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium
 Food Truck Night: Wednesday, June 12, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, EAC Front Parking Lot
 OneBlood: Thursday, June 13, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
 Club Information Tables are now 8:30-10:30 on Thursdays only in June (June 6 will be in the Clearwater Room)
 AAA Driver Safety Course Tuesday, July 9, 8 am - 4 pm WAC Learning Lab. You must pre-register. (No classes in June)

CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Acrylic Painting, 1 - 4 pm, Thursdays, EAC Largo Room
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, June 5, and Thursday, June 20, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Ballroom Dance with Noland: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Bible Study: Fridays, 2 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:00 - 10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:00 - 10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1 - 3 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Bingo - Off in June
 Caring & Sharing: 9 am - 12 pm, Tuesdays, Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Coloring Book Group: 12 - 3 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Computer Club: Computer Help, 8:30 - 10 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Computer Club: Meetings, 8:30 - 10 am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Cornhole - Off in June
 Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Democratic Club: Happy Hour, Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2:00-4:00 pm, Thursday, June 27, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: Monday, June 10, 10:30 am - 12 pm, EAC Crystal Beach Room
 Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, June 15, 7:30 - 11 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Fletchers Keyboard Lessons: Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am, West Activity Center Learning Lab through June 17
 French Language Society: 10:30 - 11:30 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Golden Minds Club Thursdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, June 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 High Vibe Tribe 7 - 9 pm, Tuesday, June 11, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Kibbitz Corner (Coffee Corner), Mondays, Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Knitting Group 9:00 - 11:00 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Lambda Social Friday, Friday, June 14, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room
 Lambda Chat Friday, June 7 and Friday, June 21, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room
 Line Dance Club 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Line Dance Club Practice 7:00 - 8:00 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing - Off in June
 Music Group Tuesdays, 3:00 - 6:00 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Philosophy Club 10:00 - 11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Plant-Based Living Club 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Wednesday, June 12, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Ping Pong 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Pray for America Meeting, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Press Association Meeting: Next meeting 1:30 pm, Thursday, August 8, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Republican Club Meeting, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Tuesday, June 11, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Republican Club Coffee, Donuts and Learn, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, June 5, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Resident4Residents Meeting Tuesday, June 18, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, West Activity Center Belleaire Room
 Social Dance: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleaire Room
 Texas Card Game Club: Friday, June 28, 3:00 - 10:00 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Theater Workshop: General meeting 6:30 pm, Wednesday, June 5, West Activity Center Belleair Room. Social meeting follows.
 Travel Club Friday, June 7, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room
 TOPS 10:30 am-12:00 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Veterans Group Coffee Wednesday, June 5, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 World Quilters 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Writer's Ink 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

CARDS AND GAMES

Bid Euchre 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Blackout (Canadian Club) 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays, WAC Belleair Room
 Casual Bridge Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, EAC Ozona Room
 Cribbage 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Double Deck Pinochle 1:00 - 3:30 pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Euchre Club: Fridays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30 - 8:30 Tuesday, June 11, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Mahjongg: 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Mondays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6:00 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Laura's Group): 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Tom's Group): 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Richie's Group): 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Rummikub: Mondays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Spades Night: Sunday, June 2, June 16, June 30, 4:00 - 9:00 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool
 Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Gentle Movement Exercises - Off in June
 Hatha Yoga: 10-11:15 am, Mondays, WAC Belleair
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Moving & Grooving Cardio Dance: 11 am -12 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Rm
 Moving & Grooving Cardio Dance Light: 12:15-1:15 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 Saturdays, XR
 Moving & Grooving Broadway Bound: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Sundays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Tai Chi Qigong: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-3 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room

Floor Strip Wax Project in the EAC
 Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20
 in the Auditorium, and Oldsmar and Largo rooms.
 No events in those rooms.
Floor Strip Wax project in WAC
 Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27
 Belleair Room will be closed.

PAVILION

Saturday, June 8
 Old World Spanish Building

**There will be no
 Get Acquainted Coffees
 until September**

Food Truck Night 3-7 pm
 Wednesday, June 12
 EAC Front Parking Lot

Information Tables

Club information tables
 Thursdays only in
 June, July and August.
 Tables will be open 8:30-10:30 am
 in the EAC Auditorium

Shuffleboard
 4 pm, Mon, Tue, Wed

Lawn Bowling
 9:30 am
 Monday through Saturday
 Lawn Bowls Courts

Pickleball

PLAY SCHEDULE

Mondays:	10 am - 12 pm	
Tuesdays:	8 am - 10 am,	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays:	10 am - 12 pm,	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursdays:	8 am - 10 am,	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Fridays:	10 am - 12 pm	
Saturdays:	8 am - 10 am	
Sundays:	9 am - 12 pm	

Newcomers welcome. Must have a valid Activity Card.

TENNIS CLUB

Spring / Summer Schedule

Mondays: 7 am - 10 am	Thursdays: 10 am - 1 pm
Tuesdays: 10 am - 1 pm	Fridays: 7 am - 10 am
Wednesdays: 7 am - 10 am	Saturdays: 10 am - 1 pm
Sundays: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	

FACILITIES

Library
 10 am to 12 pm, Mondays
 1-3pm, Wednesdays

Woodshop
 8 am-4 pm Monday-Friday (Sept-May)
 (membership required)

Fitness Center Hours
 7 am to 9 pm, Monday through Saturday
 9 am to 8 pm Sundays
 (closed 12:30-2:30 Mondays and Thursdays)

Swimming Pools (May through Sept)
 Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 8 pm

Swimming Pools (Oct through April)
 Mondays-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm



Carmelo Nicosio plays guitar and sings during the final Get Acquainted Coffee of the winter season. The next Get Acquainted Coffee will be in September. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



Good Neighbors Association getting rejuvenated for fall

By Sue Trost

Good Neighbors Association hosted our last Get Acquainted Coffee of the summer on Thursday, May 9.

Our entertainment was Carmelo Nicosia and he provided us with great acoustics and singing. So many of us got up and formed a line to dance around the room to "Hot Hot Hot!"

The whole crowd was singing along and clapping to the music. It was such a great performance.

We will be back with Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the East Activity Center Auditorium from 9-11 a.m.

Our next event will be our fall social and due to popular

demand, we will be having music bingo again! The date is Saturday, Oct. 19, from 4-7 p.m. Details will be in the August newspaper. We will be selling tickets starting on Thursday, Sept. 6 and every Monday and Thursday after that in the EAC Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Our next Flea Market and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16. Tables will be \$15 for one or \$25 for two. We will start selling tables every Monday and Thursday starting Sept. 6. This is first come, first served so come as soon as possible to pick out your table location.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September. Have a safe and happy Summer!

Welcome New Resident



Kerrie Kammerer of Ohio



Sherri Clear of Indiana



Jeff and Claudia Duncan of Indiana

Get Acquainted Coffee

Nearly 20 residents formed a dance line that weaved its way around the East Activity Center Auditorium like a snake. They went around the GoodKarma Outpost, up and down the aisles and around the guest vendors' tables. Even though the Snowbirds are gone, the summer residents are still having fun.



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Line dancing to the Boomer Band from an earlier concert here.



JUNE

15 Boomer Band
(dance, 7:30, \$10)

JULY

20 Three's Company (dance, 7:30, \$10)

AUGUST

17 Louie Bravo Trio

For more information about
the Entertainment Committee
call (727) 449-9243.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



The Streetlife Serenader Billy Joel Tribute Band was here in May and put on a great show. 'Piano Man,' 'Pressure' and 'New York State of Mind' were just some of the crowd favorites. When Jonathan Elgart (aka Billy Joel) sang 'Uptown Girl,' we even had a visit from Christy - the bands own back-up singer Christy.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

If you are not a Snowbird, we have dances scheduled all summer long

By Mary Ann O'Neil

The Entertainment Committee had another exciting show on May 16.

A Billy Joel Tribute – Streetlife Serenader entertained us all with hits and classics, such as “Piano Man,” “Allentown” and “New York State of Mind.”

We imagined we were at a live Billy Joel concert at Madison Square Gardens for the evening. This was our last show until Oct. 24.

A big thank you to all of you who attended our shows over the past six months and we hope to see you again in October for Majesty of Rock, who will be entertaining us with music by Journey and Styx.

Be sure to purchase your tickets for this exciting group.

Our May dance featuring the legendary Impacs, was a fun evening. The music was great and listening to the

music of the '60s got everyone out on the dance floor.

We had a good turnout for our Sunday Meet & Greet on May 19. You may have noticed that some of the horses that were in the Kentucky Derby stopped by to participate in our races.

After the races, everyone was counting their winnings, plus there were light refreshments.

We know that a lot of our residents have gone back north for the summer. We want to assure those who are staying all summer that we still have events to attend during June, July, August and September.

We will have a dance every month throughout the summer months. Our June 15 dance will feature the Boomer Band. This band has performed for us throughout the years and brings us music of the '60s and beyond. So keep

your dancing shoes on and come out and support our dances.

Remember dance tickets are only \$10 per person. Our dances are reserved table seating - bring your own favorite beverages. We will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your table(s). If you are having a birthday, why not come and celebrate with your friends and enjoy an evening of dancing. You can reserve your tables so that everyone is together.

Just a reminder, shorts are not allowed at our dances. This includes both females and males. We would hate to have to ask you to leave.

Starting in June there will be one flyer posted in each activity center and on the bulletin boards in all buildings that will list all the dances starting in June through the end of September. Having one posting during the summer

months will give our volunteers a well-deserved break.

New Year's Eve dance tickets are on sale now so get your friends together to reserve your table. The earlier you purchase your tickets the better chance you have of selecting the table you want. This is one of our biggest dances of the year, and we are always sold out. Cost of tickets is \$30 per person.

During the summer months, the Entertainment Committee will be selling tickets on Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center Auditorium.

If you have any questions, please call 727-449-9243 or 215-431-4799

On behalf of the OTOW Entertainment Committee thank you for your support!

Sunday, Sept. 22
2 PM, EAC Auditorium

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- Donna Gagnon
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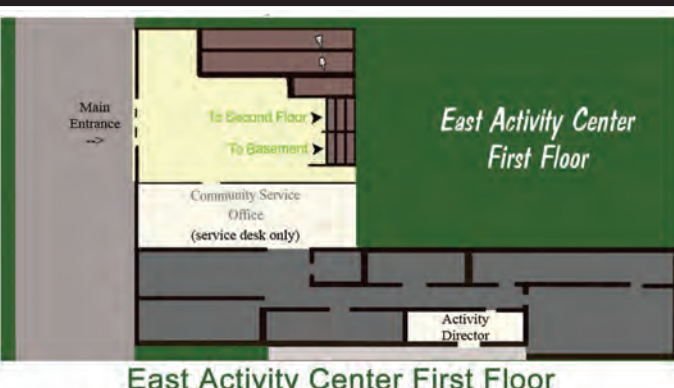
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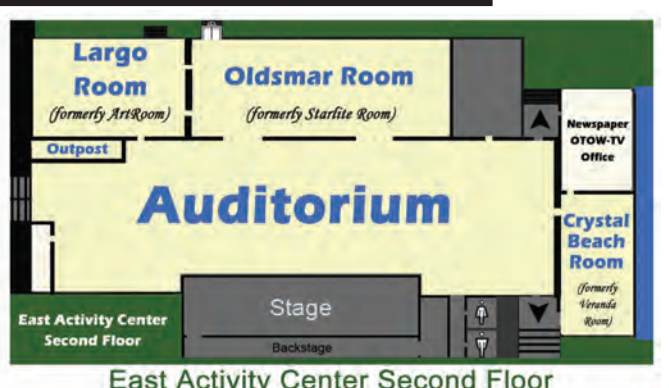
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What you need to know in time for Flag Day on June 14



By Tony Santarsieri
 June 14 is a special day for America. It's Flag Day and our flag represents our freedom and democracy.

On June 14, 1777, our American flag was adopted by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

Old Glory, Stars and Stripes, Star Spangled Banner or Colors, refer to the same flag we pledge allegiance to or lower in times of loss.

Congress adopted the United States flag code about the proper way to display the American flag and or place it at half staff/mast. The word staff is used when flown on land, mast when on a ship. Your local American Legion or Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) have more information on this topic.

Did you know you can send out to the observant eye, three different messages using the American flag?

When flying high and proud - all is well, Half staff represents sorrow.

Upside down is a distress signal.

I know this because while I was in the Navy, I was responsible for sending and receiving visual signals to other ships via Morse code, semaphore or raising flags. Each flag represented a letter of the alphabet to be decoded. We'd raise those flags. Execution of the code was when we quickly brought them down. If the code was for all ships to turn left, all would turn left at the same time.

When placing the flag at half staff it is lowered all the way down, briskly raised to the top and then lowered slowly because you are now honoring the person you are lowering it for.

Three questions come to mind about this topic: when did the tradition of lowering a flag start, where on the pole is half staff and how large should the flag be?

In researching the origins, the tradition of flying the flag at half-mast began in the



Pam Rosenblatt, leader of the On Top of the World Veterans Group, helps a veteran with a cup of coffee during a coffee with veterans social back on May 1. Pam is stepping down as the group's leader and the Veterans Group will be overseen by the New York-New Jersey Club. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

17th century. According to some sources, the flag is lowered to make room for an invisible flag. When a British ship lost its captain, the crew lowered their flag in his honor. They lowered it just enough to show there was an invisible flag above it.

The size of the flag - according to some businesses that make flags and install the staff, recommend that the flag's longest

length be 1/4 of the staff's height. With a staff that is 20 feet tall, flag size should be 5 feet wide.

On Top of the World flies the American flag at the East and West Activity Centers as well as the front globe. Some residents decided to chip in to fly an American flag for their buildings. All of them have a light and are in good condition. If you have a worn-

out flag, bring it to the American Legion or VFW for proper disposal. I'm told they are burned in a ceremony.

Enjoy this June 14 with renewed pride and thankfulness for the freedoms we have. You may also want to thank a veteran.

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PSTA seminar



Emily Archer from the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) speaks to On Top of the World residents about their county bus service. She encouraged everyone to download the PSTA app to their cell-phones so they can look up valuable information, such as bus routes, bus stops, fares and where their bus is currently located along a route. She also talked about how to switch buses to get to a desired location, how to be safe waiting and riding a bus, and showed the county layout for where PSTA buses visit. Similar seminars will take place in the future. For more information visit PSTA.net.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



Our volunteers need a vacation.

There will be no Bingo May 21 through June 30.

Bingo will resume on July 1 at 6 pm in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

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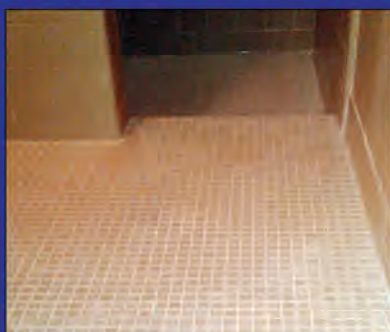
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Portraits by Irene

Each month in 2024, OTOW artist Irene Piper will be providing each Pet of the Month winner with a pet portrait based on their submitted photograph.

The owner will be contacted when each portrait is finished.

If you would like to contact Irene and request your own pet portrait, she is receiving emails at loislane96@hotmail.com.

Irene does not take the initial photograph. You must submit a photo and she will create the painted portrait based on the picture.

Irene also can be reached at 617-921-3272

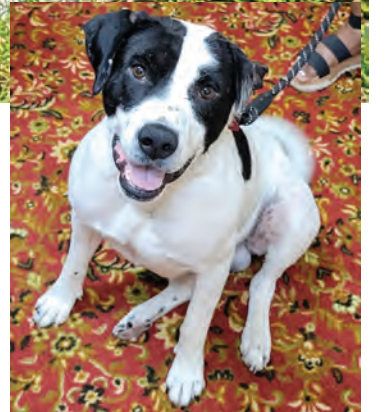


This is Chance. He is a rescued English Pointer mix. (At right shortly after adoption) What makes Chance so special is his loving demeanor, even though he was used as a bait dog in dog fighting.

He was wounded and discarded (hence the half of ear, which is part of his charm).

In spite of his childhood, Chance is warm and sweet. He loves people, children, dogs and cats. He is a special boy who has been given a second "Chance."

Chance is owned by Kathy and Andy Cassel of the Brittany Farmhouse building.



Each month in 2024, OTOW News will be featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but two pets from the same household can be one entry. The winner each month will receive a portrait from On Top of the World artist Irene Piper. If you are the winner this month, the newsroom will notify you when your portrait is finished. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The Pet of the Year winner will receive a portrait and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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3. Shopping time is 1.0 hours for grocery stores and 2.0 hours for Countryside Mall. Those going to Sunset Point 19 Plaza will have approximately 90 minutes to shop. Shopping time begins when you are dropped off at the destination.
4. Although appreciated, the driver is prohibited from accepting gifts or tips.
5. The driver may not assist you with entering or exiting the bus or with your packages. Please do not ask him to do so.
6. The start time listed is when the shuttle bus departs the Community Service Office. The pick-up schedule will rotate weekly between low and high buildings, meaning one week pick-up will start with the lower-numbered buildings, the following week it will start with the higher-numbered buildings.
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Thursday	12:30 pm	Publix	1.0 hours	SCA
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Rachel Wagoner



Jerry Colen

Jerry Colen and Rachel Wagoner stop by to teach us about trusts and wills

Attorney Rachel Wagoner says everyone 18 and older should have a will. However, trusts are not for everyone.

So how do you know if you need a trust? What is the risk if you do not have a will?

Well, if you were in the East Activity Center Auditorium on April 25, you would have heard Rachel and Attorney Jerry Colen talk about wills and trusts. Both are columnists in this newspaper

and the lecture was free.

“You should always have a last will and testament,” Rachel said.

A will specifically dictates who receives your benefits and lists all the assets in your possession. When you pass on, you need this document to make sure your assets go exactly where you want them to go.

Jerry said you need to talk to your attorney if you are considering a living

trust. They are not for everyone, but your attorney will help you decide.

A living trust can avoid state probate if you are unable to speak or act on your own behalf. You can pick the person in charge of your trust. You select your beneficiaries. A trust can protect you from creditors.

Most important, a trust can provide easy access to your benefits, which could include money in a bank, real es-

tate or deeds.

Jerry and Rachel emphasized everyone has different needs. Attending this lecture or reading this article doesn't accomplish anything. You really need to see an attorney to find out what's right for you.

Did you miss the lecture? Jerry and Rachel will be back again. Watch this newspaper for their next lecture.

If someone passes away in your condo, there is no rule you have to sell

I need your help.

I am asking you to spread the word about “Over-55” communities and how ownership of dwellings (units or apartments) in over-55 communities, such as On Top of the World, are affected by that law.

I will primarily use the word “dwelling” from now on in this column. This is for both OTOW in Clearwater and OTOW in Ocala.

A few months ago, a client read me a portion of a Facebook post dealing with ownership of dwellings in OTOW, which, as everyone knows, is an over-55 community (i.e. senior community).

It seems that someone posted something on a Facebook page, devoted to OTOW, that said when an owner at OTOW passes on, if the survivor, or someone who inherits, is under 55, he/she has two years in which to sell the dwelling.

Please do not believe everything you see or read on a Facebook page!

Golly!

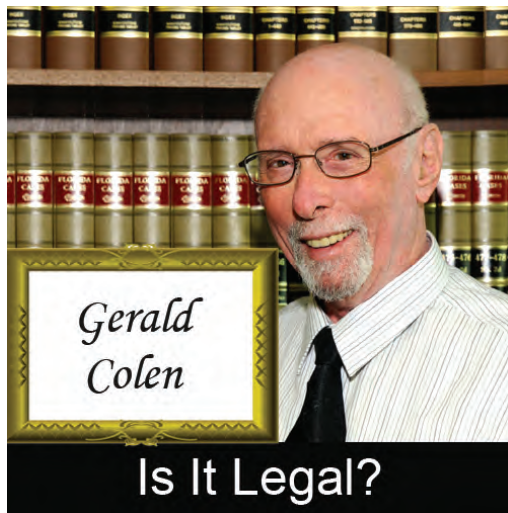
First and foremost, the over-55 rule stems from a 1995 Federal law named the Housing For Older Persons Act.

It is not a rule created by or for OTOW. It is a federal law to make housing available for, well, for “older persons.”

This applies to OTOW because it is a senior community, but it's not only an On Top of the World rule. It applies to senior communities, such as HOAs, condominiums, and co-ops throughout the entire United States.

It's a federal law, folks.

1. In an over-55 community, federal law states that in order to maintain the senior



community status, at least 80 percent of the dwellings in that community must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older. Notice that the word is “occupied,” not owned.

2. If a dwelling were occupied by a husband and wife and one was 55 or older and the other was younger than 55, there is no occupancy issue and no ownership issue, and both can reside in and occupy the dwelling.

3. Again, the issue in an over-55 community has to do with who occupies a dwelling, not who owns it. Anyone, regardless of age can own at OTOW. Whether he/she can occupy it depends on (a) if the person is 55 or older, or (b) if the person is a surviving spouse, or (c) if the person inherited the dwelling from someone who previously occupied it, or owned it, or owned and occupied it.

4. If the person 55 or older dies, the surviving spouse (even though he or she is younger than 55) can continue to live in the dwelling and occupy the dwelling for so long as he/she wants. Or it can be sold. Or it can be leased. Or it can be bequeathed by will or trust to whomever the surviving person wants.

There is no time limit on how long the under-55 person has before he or she must sell the unit. He or she never has to sell it.

By golly! From where do such rumors come?

5. If a person owns a dwelling or owns and occupies it, he/she can bequeath it to anyone. The person to whom the dwelling was bequeathed can move in and can own it or occupy it regardless of his or her age, assuming that person is not a minor.

Example: A 65-year-old woman is married to a 45-year-old man and they both own and occupy a dwelling at OTOW. If the 65-year-old passes on, the survivor can stay right there in the dwelling. He can keep it. He can sell it. He can lease it. He can leave it in his will to whomever he chooses. There is no requirement to sell it.

There is nothing difficult about that.

6. OTOW is rigid in making sure the 80/20 percent rule is maintained. So, how do they do that and still permit someone under 55 to inherit and also occupy a dwelling?

At OTOW, they basically reserve that 20 percent for folks who inherit directly from an owner and, of course, for surviving spouses who might be under age 55.

Example: Someone who is 50 years of

age, who seeks to buy a unit at OTOW, will be refused the right to occupy, until reaching 55. However, if that same person inherited from the owner, he/she can indeed occupy the dwelling.

Ownership is not the issue, because federal law requires occupancy to maintain the over-55 status.

8. Summary: OTOW is an over-55 community, as prescribed by federal law. There is no requirement at OTOW that a dwelling must be sold within two years of the passing of someone over or under 55.

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White lines in front of traffic lights are not decorations - they have a purpose

By Tara Still

Ever wonder what the solid white line at an intersection means?

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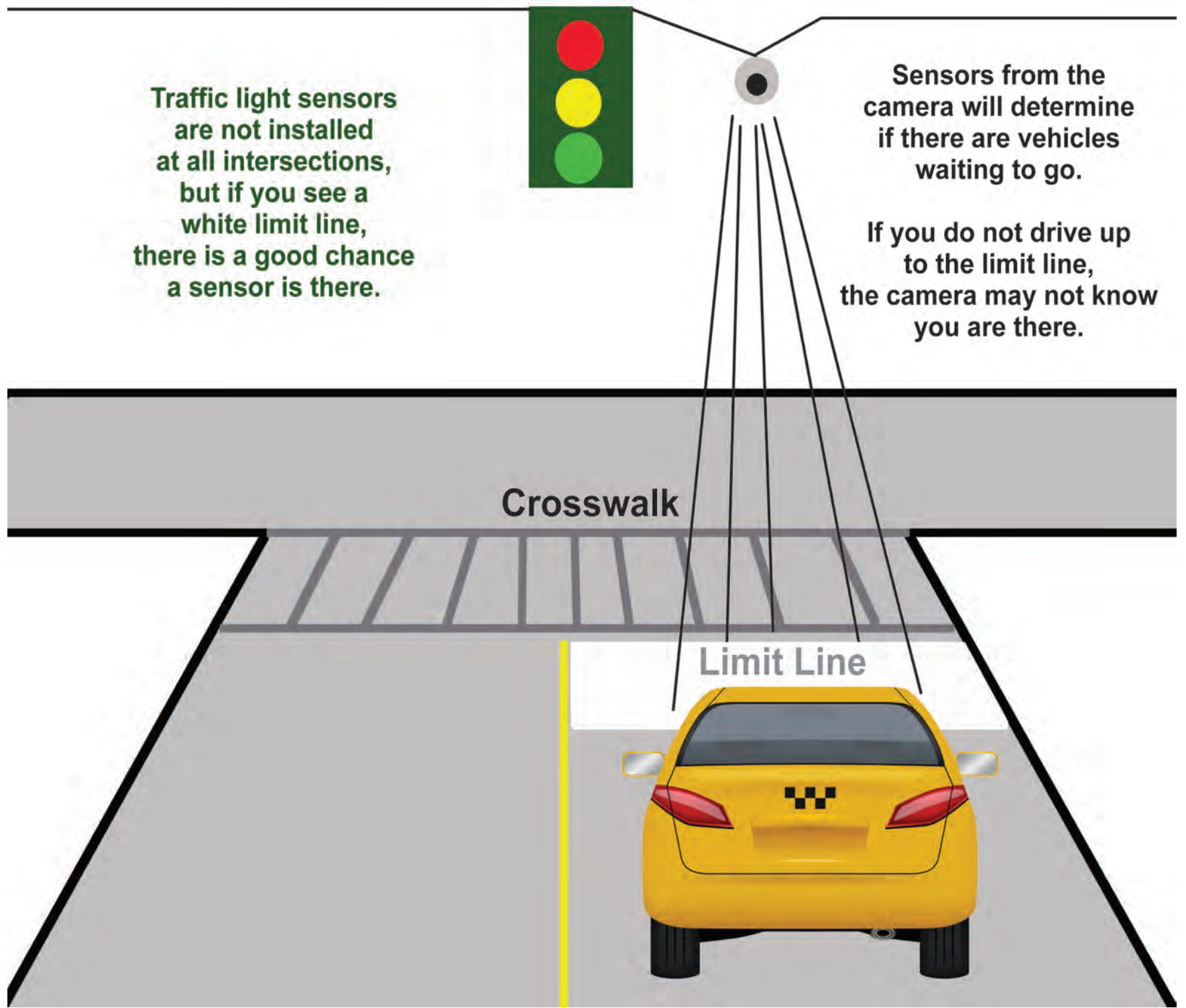
If there is no limit line, stop before entering the crosswalk. If there is no crosswalk, stop before entering the intersection.

Most important, many intersections have camera sensors that tell a traffic light when cars are waiting in line. If you do not drive up to the white line, there is a chance the camera will not tell the traffic light you are waiting.

Want to get everyone mad behind you? Don't drive up to the limit line. The light might not change and horns will start honking.

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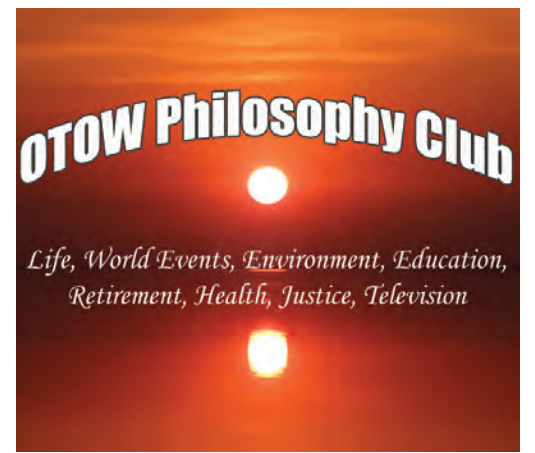


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Margot Johnson was the guest speaker at a Philosophy Club meeting on May 7. She talked about mental health and access to care. More than 15 people were in attendance to listen. Philosophy Club meets every Wednesday morning in the Crystal Beach Room. Just come and listen.

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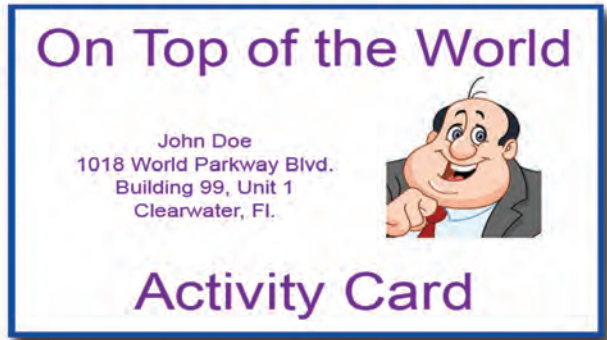
On Top of the World Clearwater residents may renew their Activity and Access Cards for the 2024-2025 fiscal year beginning Monday, June 3. The Community Service Office (CSO) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch). The CSO will also be open Saturday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to noon for anyone who cannot visit during regular business hours.

ACTIVITY CARDS

You must bring a valid, government-issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued Activity Card. There is no fee for renewals, however, if your Activity Card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new Activity Card is required and the fee is \$3. If you have never received an Activity Card, the fee is \$3. If you have lost, damaged, or misplaced an issued Activity Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement.

ACCESS CARDS

The Access Card is required to use the Fitness Center, either pool area, and the Learning Lab. Your Access Card does not have fiscal years at the bottom of the card, but it still requires renewal each year at no cost to you. You must present your Activity Card when you renew your Access Card. If you do not have an Access Card and would like to obtain one, you must first acquire an Activity Card. In addition, you must bring a valid, government issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address and pay a one-time fee of \$7. If you have lost, damaged, or misplaced an issued Access Card, there is a \$25 replacement cost.



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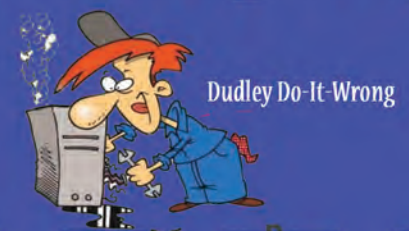
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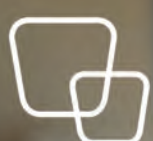


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ACTIVITY REPORTS



How many different sports teams do you see above? Thirty? Forty?

Everyone had a sports shirt and many teams were represented in May

By Pat Hayes

Many thanks to all of the New York-New Jersey Club volunteers who helped out with a very successful Sports Shirt Night in May.

Our guests proudly wore clothing representing their favorite sports teams.

This year I wore my New York Giants' Jeremy Shockey jersey. Last year I wore my Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Tom Brady jersey.

Any favorite team and any favorite player is always welcome.

We had two sheet cakes - one wishing a bon voyage to Frank and Renee Ingrassi, who were planning a cruise this summer, but came to assist us any way. The second cake said "Thank you Pam Rosenblatt" for her many years running the Veterans Group.

Pam and Stuart Rosenblatt have given 100 percent effort in organizing multiple events every year that our veterans have joined in. Our club will continue to assist the Veterans Group with future events.

Lucky for us, Pam joined the New York-New Jersey Club Board of Directors!

Our newspaper photographer, Mary Lou Wall, captured great photos of the cakes along with a fantastic group photo. The sub sandwiches and pasta salad came from Felice's Italian Catering.

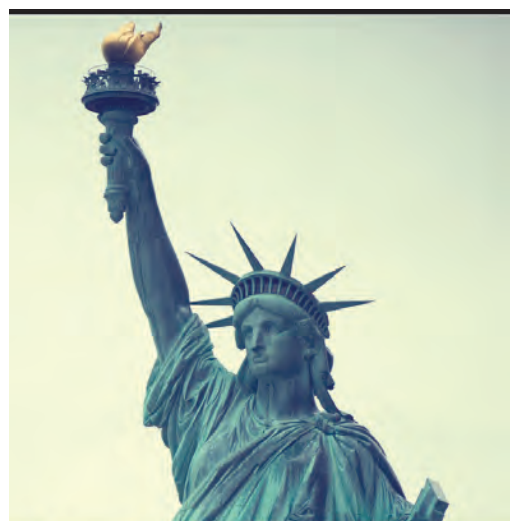
Our new disc jockey Tony Orifici put on a great show.

In August, we have a return visit from "Chef Gene Amature." For the low price of just \$10, we are having an old-fashioned New York-style block party. This event, formerly known as Coney Island Hot Dog Night, will feature New York-style hot dogs (boiled like in hot dog carts). All the regular fixings will be available, plus beans, potato chips, cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, water and ice.

DJ Frank Lebano, straight out of Brooklyn, will be here.

So, get ready to meet and greet your neighbors. The party is on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 5 p.m., our



New York - New Jersey Club

club will host Hawaiian Shirt Night.

Felice's Italian Catering will cater barbequed pulled pork, chicken fingers with dipping sauces, baked beans and macaroni and cheese, plus salad, bread and dessert.

We were able to get "Les-n-More" to provide entertainment for the evening, so bring your dancing shoes. The ticket cost is \$25.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, we will be hosting our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. Felice's Italian Catering will provide ham, mashed sweet potatoes, ziti, meatballs, salad and bread.

As usual, our club will provide dessert, hot chocolate, coffee, water, tea and ice.

Of course we will have a DJ and dancing. The cost will be \$25.

On Tuesday Feb. 11, 2025, we will have Dessert with Carla Hines at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Carla is the lead vocalist for In Perspective Music. Her show focuses on the Motown sound and other great music from the '60s and '70s. We are pleased she has agreed to a repeat performance. The dessert is in the planning stages.



New York-New Jersey Club President Pat Hayes, right, presents Frank and Renee Ingrassi with a cake before they took a cruise in May. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Membership in our club is still only \$5 and we are open to all residents of On Top of the World. If you would like to volunteer to help out at events, please call Pat Hayes at 516-728-7883 or stop by our information table and speak to a club representative.



New York Hot Dog Night Is Back
5 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28, Tickets \$10
East Activity Center Auditorium





Pictured above are Baby Boomers who love to spend Monday mornings at the Maple Lanes Bowling Alley. You cannot see it in the background, but some of their scores are between 200-250! Well, actually 75-100.

Remember how exciting it was to break 100 at the bowling alley - you can still do it today

By Dianne Dvorak

Baby Boomers get out and bowl at nearby Maple Lanes in Clearwater at 10 a.m. on Mondays.

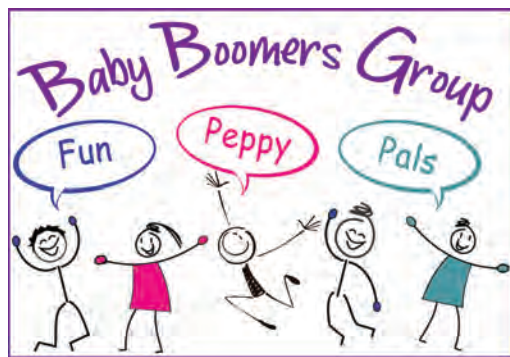
We get there by 9:50 and gather as a group near the front desk to check in and pay so we can get the right amount of lanes with no confusion.

We never really know who will show up or how many bowlers there will be, so it's totally casual - sooooo Boomer.

The price is very reasonable at \$1.50 a game and \$5 for shoes if we don't have our own.

And of course, there are a lot of balls available to use free of charge.

Most of us have not lifted a bowling ball in many years, so it's a hoot and a half to watch. What's great about it is there is no long term commitment or league to join and



we can show up when we can and want to.

It's very low key, non-competitive and just fun times.

Even by accident, we can pick up a crazy split or get a turkey (that is three strikes in a row). Sometimes it can be amazing to just break 100.

It's all about having fun, exercise and some laughs.

Afterward, all are invited to join for lunch, usually Clear Sky Draught House in Dunedin.

Many of our Baby Boomers are Snowbirds or Sunbirds, which can certainly change the number of bowlers who show up in the summertime. The leader of the pack is Wayne Dubrawsky and he has consistently put messages out on our handy Google Groups email.

Hopefully, our full-time Floridians will keep this going, put messages out and show up.

In the heat of the summer, it's a great way to do something in air conditioning and get outside of On Top of the World.

Our great community offers so many opportunities for activities and fun things

to do. Our Baby Boomers meetings, though smaller for sure in the off season, will still be happening on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

After our meetings, we usually head to a local place for eats/drinks. It's great getting to know active new people who like all sorts of fun activities. We have a cool group and many of us have met great long term friends by joining.

There are no dues, no officers and we meet up and share ideas by attending club meetings and getting on our Google Groups email list. We rely on each other for fun ideas and contributions (not the expensive kind). It's easy peasy being in the Baby Boomers Group!

Have a great June y'all.

Numerous events, local and county wide, to take place during Pride Week

By Jay English

The Lambda Club social in May was well attended by more than 50 members and friends.

The buffet main meals were numerous and many of us were already full from all the amazing appetizers that we brought and shared, but we forged on and dug in, ate, laughed and talked about this month's upcoming Pride events in the area.

We all had fun.

And while there are many Pride events happening in the Tampa Bay and St. Petersburg area in June, one doesn't have to go too far to participate in many of the local Pride activities. In Dunedin there are events every day during Pride Week, sometimes more than one. Very convenient for us all.

Lambda members, you can start early this month by attending our Pride-themed social in the East Activity Center Largo Room starting at 6 p.m. on June 14. Dress festive to show off your Lambda pride. Come drink some Pride Punch and bring a dish to pass. Who's watching waist lines at our age anyway?

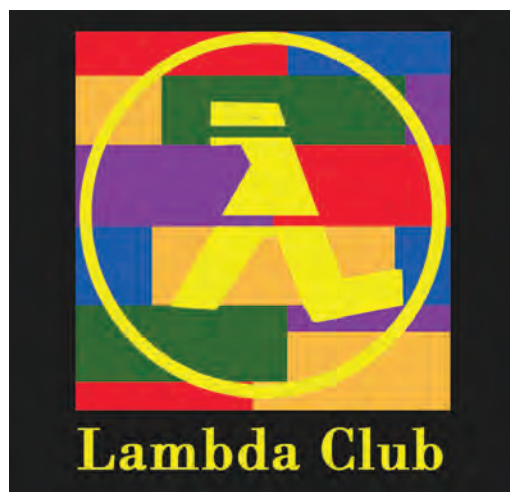
This month, the Lambda Bookclub is reading "Fried Green Tomatoes" by Fannie Flagg. That discussion will take place June 27. (Yum, I want one of those right now!)

Host and/or leader of discussion is still needed. In July, the book will be "Naked" by David Sedaris. That discussion is also in need of a host/leader for next month and is scheduled for July 25.

Our regular weekly Monday 3 p.m. golf meet up is still swinging away, weather depending.

Wednesdays is our noon mall walk with lunch following, and Fridays at 5 p.m. we have Lambda Zoom calls with Howard.

Our Lambda Chat is on the first and



third Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the EAC Safety Harbor Room.

An upcoming Lambda Cruise on the Oasis of the Seas is scheduled for April 2025. It leaves from Fort Lauderdale to Aruba, Curacao, Coco Bay and Bahamas.

For further information, contact Marcel L'Heritier at: Mlhert57@gmail.com.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBTQ population at On Top of the World as well as our friends and neighbors. For further information about the club, go to our official web page: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

You can also check us out on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), or call Lambda Club President Dave Beaven at (727) 410-7566.

If you would like to learn more about the origins and history of PRIDE, this link is very informative: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_parade.

For more Tampa bay pride events, check out this website: <https://www.stpetepride.org/events/2024-pride-parade-festival>.



Lambda Club members never worry about waist lines. When a table looks like this, you take one of everything.

Can music heal? Find out June 11

By Laurie LeClaire

On June 11, the High Vibe Tribe will introduce a pair of talented young men who have created a company focused on a genre of music called Echo-chill.

Together, Johnathan Bosse and Hazel Voss created a multi-sensory, multi-disciplinary, mixed media sound installation tuned to the healing frequency of 432Hz.

Gathering world instruments and pairing them with synthetically made sounds, as well as with field recordings from acoustic ecology, echo-chillers experience sound in a new frequency.

Guests are invited to experience echo-chill in many different ways - as sound meditation, installation art, healing sound bath, or just as a concert with visual, audio and tactile stimulation.

Audiences are asked to open their minds and be taken away into their creative inner minds to explore what arises.

Hazel has had a career in the customer support and service industry from hospitality, food preparation and retail, to digital communications. In his field, he is seen as a creative solutionary who uses the broad-reaching skillsets formed in his musical background to assist not only in quality control, but operation refinement and enhancements.



Hazel has gone on to incorporate his wisdom into a framework called Bodhiology, which is set to help mom-and-pop organizations as well as Fortune 500 companies reconnect with their employees and customers bringing back humanity into the workplace.

With a background in woodwind performance from Reinhardt University and Young Harris College, Hazel's passion for betterment covers a wide spectrum of emotional and psychological mediums of expression and thought.

Johnathan has earned multiple graduate degrees from the renowned Boston Conservatory in music, music education, and performance pedagogy.

Johnathan has had doctoral work in audio-visual entrainment, emotional regulation through music, and teaching applied music skills to students on the autism spectrum.

He is certified in vocology. Johnathan pairs acoustics and physics with the anatomy and physiology of singing to allow his students a healthy and effective means to storytell in a way that is authentic to each individual singer as well as in the style they wish to sing.

As a conductor, Johnathan has helped bring hundreds of singers together to connect and bring joy to their respective audiences and communities.

Johnathan continues his instruction privately in Palm Harbor as well as an Adjunct of Voice and Music Education at the University of Tampa.

I have personally had the pleasure of

participating in a Christmas and Easter choir conducted by Johnathan, as well as the beginning of a drum circle in Palm Harbor and have benefitted from his professionalism.

I enthusiastically endorse him.

There will be a discussion of growth and what it feels like on Earth as it evolves in degrees and the root chakra and our self connection as well as an installation of their Elemental Soundscapes based on Earth called "Geosonic Rhythms."

In this installation, guests will participate in a hydroponic plant activity, be engulfed in the smells of petrichor and grass and entranced by the earthy rhythms of the djembe, bass drum, tongue pan and the wood tongue drum.

Given interest and availability, participants will be asked to join in a small drum circle to conclude the event. Bring a drum, bring a mat or whatever brings you comfort and come ready to relax with GeoSonic Rhythm by MetMusic.

The High Vibe Tribe meets once monthly on the second Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Clearwater/Kitchen Room. All residents are welcome and it is a free event. Any questions may be addressed to Laurie LeClaire otwoowo@gmail.com.



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Republican Club members get lessons on housing costs and environmental issues in our county

By Debbie Russell and Carl Turner
The Ronald Reagan Republican Club (the Club) started May off with our free monthly educational coffee, donuts and learn session from 10:30 a.m. to noon on May 1.

This event will continue to take place the first Wednesday of each month in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

Noted Pinellas County Republican strategist Ron Ogdon explained how the local and state party worked to help grow the economy.

These monthly coffee sessions are especially interesting for conservative newcomers to learn the ins and outs of the local and state politics and some of the people involved. To learn more, the next monthly coffee meeting will be June 5 at the same time and place as above.

Then on May 14, the club had our monthly meeting the second Tuesday of the month in the West Activity Center in the Belleaire Room from 6-8 p.m. with 74 attendees. We had a 45 minute meet and greet, a 30 minute business meeting and then a 45 minute speaker forum.

Our first speaker was Chris Latvala, the District 5 County Commissioner. Chris stated this will be his last term as County Commissioner if he wins the election. He has been working hard to make Pinellas County a better place for everyone to live, from being an advocate for teachers to the support and safety of our community, especially during a time of crisis.

Our second speaker was Chris Scherer, who is running for County Commissioner, District 1-At Large, because he loves this area.



He's the son of a naval captain who taught him hard work and determination were what got you through life. He's educated in finance and accounting. He moved here because he fell in love with this area. He came here for the beaches, but also for the affordable living. He's a general contractor and builder. He just finished building 32 homes. The cost of buying a home for young people, first time buyers, etc. is now so high, that many of our first responders have to buy homes out of our county. This means they have a longer commute to get to work. When they have to drive over 45 minutes to get to work here, people's lives are at risk when there are major emergencies.

Chris' number one priority is our environment and he's tired of seeing our turtles lying belly up in the water because some boater ran them over. Also, our water in our lakes and the bay is being adversely affected by runoff from roads, parking lots and ball-



From left to right in the front row are Pinellas County Commissioner Chris Latvala, Ronald Reagan Republican Club Treasurer Karen Tatge and Club Secretary Louanne Feist. In back are Club President Carl Turner, Pinellas County candidate Chris Scherer, Club Webmaster Marc Schell, and Club Vice President Dave DiNardo.

parks. When it rains, our water treatment processes allow it to run off directly into our beautiful outdoor oasis. Chris is running for office to make sure Pinellas County continues to be the beautiful, safe, affordable place we all love.

The third speaker was our own Marc Schell, who went over the updates to our club's new website www.otowrepublicans.com which he is developing for us. He recommended that we all go there to discover the great voter and election information available to us.

The winner of our meeting's 50/50 raffle was Helen Hughes, who won \$90.

Next month's club meeting will be June 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleaire Room and will feature Danielle Marolf, who is running for the Pinellas County School Board, District 1, at large. If there are any questions, call Carl Turner at 443-624-9303 or email carlmarvinturner@gmail.com.

Theater Workshop meets June 5

By Robin Scent

As we say hello to summer, it's also the start of a new year of Theater Workshop with the focus on fun!

As a year-round club, we will continue monthly meetings with a slightly different format. Formerly, we gathered at 6:30 p.m. to socialize and hold our meetings at 7 p.m., but starting in June we will flip the script. It will be business before pleasure with meetings starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. followed by social time that will be a mix of music, fun and mini-workshops exploring various aspects of theater.

First up, following the June meeting will be music furnished by Bill Houser, also known by his stage name Mr. Fun!

Of course, it's not all fun and games in this business we call show business! The first order of business for Theater Workshop is the 2025 show. Putting on a production is like an iceberg. What the audience sees is just that teeny little bit above the waterline. Below the surface is a huge mass so much larger than one imagines that represents hundreds of hours of hard work. It all starts with a visionary with an idea that we fondly call the director. A director is someone who supervises not only the actors, but all the off and on-stage action in the production of a show.

At this time, President Spring Shorten invites all aspiring playwrights/directors in the On Top of the World community to submit a draft proposal of your visionary idea for our 2025 production. One need not have a complete script - just an outline or synopsis of a show with content suitable for a diverse audience. Submissions should be sent to springshorten@yahoo.com no later than June 30.

Our next monthly general meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5, in the West Activity Center Belleaire Room. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by music, fun and fellowship. New folks are always welcome.



Sign up for 2025 show at Jesters information table on Thursdays

By Valerie Martin

Would you like to be part of something special?

How about giving joy to others while having fun yourself?

Be a part of the club that puts on the 2025 Jesters Variety Show each year.

We know you are out there. This is your year to share your time and talents to help make some magic happen.

Our new Jesters board and creative team are in place and are already working on developing the 2025 Jesters variety show. They would be happy to hear your ideas for the show theme or acts.

To share your ideas, email new President Valerie Martin at: vmart0027@gmail.com or call Director Robyn Kumar at 516-662-9640.

If you want to offer to perform in the show, or want to help behind the scenes, or help with parties, etc, don't be shy.

Let us know.

We are open to finding people with all kinds of talent, or willing to learn some new ones, beyond the traditional singers, dancers and actors.

Artists, costume designers and the all important worker bees are always needed.

To join the Jesters Club, come to the East Activity Center Auditorium on a Thurs-



day morning, between 8:30-10:30 a.m. and sign up to be a member at our information table. Our policy is still to get everyone involved both on stage and behind the scenes with the wide variety of tasks for the development, promotion, production and performance of the show.

Being a member of our group is "Jest for fun!" and you will make some great new friends.

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Got a computer question? Get an answer during a Saturday morning Q&A session

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club is all about sharing technological knowledge.

As one way of sharing information, the club holds a question & answer session for members on the last Saturday of every month. Anyone can ask any question and other club members do their best to answer those questions.

The session might be called “everything you always wanted to know about technology, but were afraid to ask.” These are some of the questions members asked during a recent Q&A session:

Q: What free antivirus program can I get for my computer?

Answer: Windows 10 and Windows 11 have an antivirus program built in. Typical users don't need another one.

“The Windows anti-virus program is a robust app,” said Computer Club President Lisa Pompeo. “I've used it for years without any problems.”

Q: What is an mp3 file? What do I do with it? How do I open it?

Answer: mp3 files are music or other audio files. They're useful because they're small in computer-byte size and can be copied from computers to other devices, such as cell phones or tablets. Windows opens them automatically when you double click on them. Tablets and phones also open them easily when you tap on them.

The club's Q&A sessions consist of more than club leaders answering questions. Members also share useful information.

A club member recently shared this experience: He said he ordered an item online. Later he received a text that said the shipping



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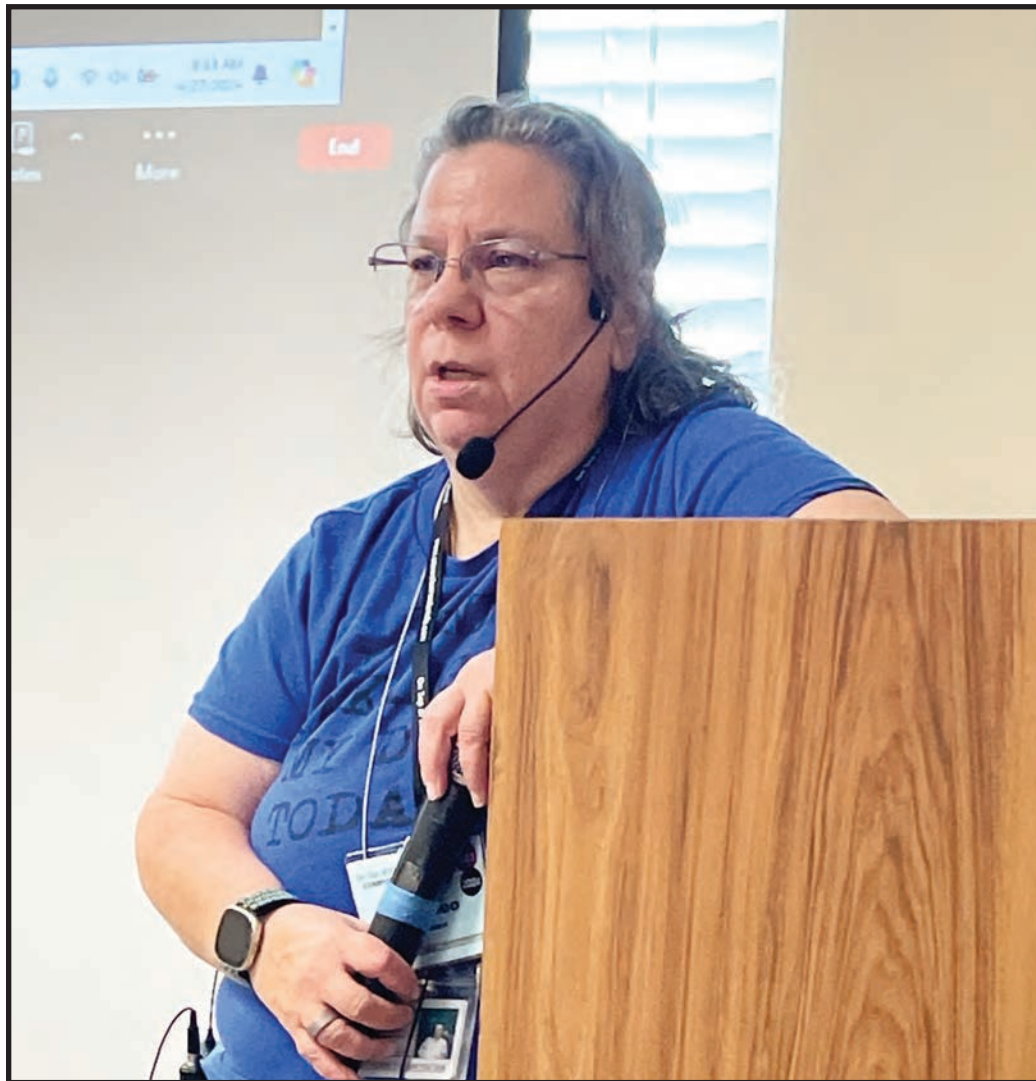
company needed to update his address. The company would supposedly charge him 26 cents for the address change and they needed a credit card for that charge. Of course the member immediately recognized that this was a scam and did not give the scammer his credit card number.

No question is too simple or too basic to ask at the club's Q&A sessions. And on those occasions when club leaders don't know the answer, they know where to find it which is by running an online search.

If you might be interested in the Computer Club, a Q&A session would be a good time to check the club out. The club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Meetings take place both in person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

More about the Computer Club

OTOW residents are welcome to come to the Computer Club help session any



Computer Club President Lisa Pompeo answers a question during a recent Q&A session.

Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. We're located in the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center. Our services are free. Please arrive before 9:30 so we have enough time to help you.

For more information about the Com-

puter Club, or to ask computer service-related questions, email otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com, or click our link in the OTOW Box Office, otowboxoffice.com.



First woodshop picnic at Pavilion

By Jesse Tiamson

So exactly how many people belong to the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club?

Well. Take one look at how many club members attended a picnic in late April.

A lot!

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club, along with the Caring and Sharing group, held its first picnic at the Pavilion last April. This was their first ever picnic and it was meant to foster camaraderie among members in a non-work setting and get to know the members' spouses.

Much thanks goes to the club's vice president and grillmaster, Ronald Cree, who provided all the meats, hamburgers and hot-dogs.

Attendees brought food to share. They raffled off 50-50 and tickets to the Threshers game.

Music and cornhole games rounded off the day's fun. From the looks of it, they will be doing it every year.


There are many residents at On Top of the World who take full advantage of having a woodshop available to them. For more information on how to become a member for over the summer, stop by and talk to a board member.



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Manny Rios reaches final four money table for first time

By Joe DeChiaro

The Texas Card Game Club had its fewest amount of players in six months with only 21 participants.

Pat Hayes brought cookies for everyone to enjoy. The final four players decided to split the prize pool.

Manny Rios finished in the top four for the first time since joining the club.

The next tournament will be on Friday June 28 at 6 p.m. in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room. Anyone can join the club with an updated Activity Card by showing up 15 minutes before the start time or by sending an email to joegdechiaro@yahoo.com.



At the finals table are, left to right, Bob Ellis, Warren Levene, John Isabel and Manny Rios.

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Liz Dahan stops by to tell OTOW she is running for Congress

By David Beaven

Did you get a call from me?

If you're a Democrat living here in On Top of the World, it's very possible.

That's one of the ways our club gets in touch with our voters here.

OTOW is a no solicitation community, so we don't go door to door. But we can call. And we end up leaving a lot of messages because many people don't answer their phone if they don't know who's calling.

That's OK.

That's the life of campaign volunteers.

We send postcards, wave signs, attend rallies, donate to campaigns, knock on doors, and do any number of other tasks to help our party.

Some people like sports, some like to garden and some dance. To each their own. Political people like to be involved in community government. We care about who is elected to be our leaders, and so we carry on.

As a reminder, the next election is a primary election on Aug. 20. Go to votepinellas.gov for information about all things electoral.

Our club welcomed a primary candidate at our April club meeting. Liz Dahan is running in the primary in August to be the Democratic candidate for Congress for our district this year. She spoke to our club and impressed our members.

Liz has an extensive record of working for both government and private organizations in this country and abroad. Over the years, she has worked with Senator Tom Dashle and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on projects.

More recently, Liz has been a partner with a consultancy firm working with other countries around the world.

Now she wants to bring this experience to help our country and our local community in Congress. More information is available at her webpage: lizforflorida.com.

The Democratic Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. You can find out more about our club at our webpage: worlddemsclub.blogspot.com or call 727-410-7566.



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What an incredible 38 days we had - now it's time to rest



By Tom Chalupka

The Travel Club's motto is "We're going places" and wow, have we been going places!

Travel Club ended its spring season with a bang. Over a span of 38 days, we traveled to 12 different locations or events.

We went to The Pier 60 Sand Festival, Weeki Wachee, The Plantation, Homosassa State Park, Dunedin Prohibition, Moccasin Lake, Johnny's Italian Restaurant, Cedar Lakes and Woods, the University of Florida Natural History Museum, the University of Florida Bat Houses, Baycare Ballpark and had a rocking Ice Cream Social in the West Activity Center.

We have seen amazing sand sculptures and real mermaids.

Some of us swam with manatees, had a spa day, took a nature walk, went to a birds of prey demonstration, learned about snakes, saw baby hawks being fed in their nest, walked through an old limestone mine that has been turned into a beautiful botanical garden, visited a butterfly rainforest, watched bats take flight at sunset and went to a baseball game.

We saw many different animals, too.

We saw peacocks in full display, a stinky hippopotamus, bald eagles nesting, water moccasins swimming in their natural habitat and manatees feeding on lettuce.

Of course, Travel Club members love to eat and we had a variety of meals from Johnny's Italian Restaurant, southern barbeque at



Travel Club President Tom Chalupka took this photo while visiting the University of Florida Natural History Museum in Gainesville. Club members visited a butterfly rainforest.

Prohibition Dunedin, buffets at the Plantation and Baycare Ballpark.

Of course, none of us will forget Dave Berman being chased by a tortoise and Janet attracting butterflies that used her as a resting spot.

As we break for the summer, we have announced our schedule for the fall which includes lunches at Giggiewaters, Bahama Breeze and Duff's Buffet. There also will be an island sunset cruise, two trips to Cape Canaveral for a Victory Casino Cruise and a

trip to the Kennedy Space Center.

Terri Mikszenas has put together a great trip on Oct. 28 for club members to enjoy the city of Miami for five glorious days, including day trips to both Key West and the Fort Lauderdale canals, called by some the Venice of America.

We also will be chartering three Jolly Trolley Christmas Light tours in December and our Christmas dinner will be at the Countryside Country Club on Dec. 12. It's going to be a busy fall. Come and join us!

At our June 7 meeting at 2 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room, the club will be letting our members know what ideas we're working on for 2025.

Please note that for the month of June, our information table will be at the EAC Auditorium only on Thursdays from 8:30-10:15 a.m. We will be off for the months of July and August and will return to our normal schedule in September. Our first information table back will be on Thursday, Sept. 5 with a meeting on Friday, Sept. 6.



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Around the Bay

Clearwater Area Entertainment
By Mike Wood



OTOW residents love magic shows

Happy Together Tour and Les Miserables highlight June shows

Yes, "June is Busting Out All Over," a song from the Rogers and Hammerstein II famous musical Carousel.

This is the perfect way to headline the great lineup for this month.

The bay area June music and theater scenes are providing us with great shows all around the area. The Happy Together Tour, Foghat, Santana and The Counting Crows, stand out in the Rock-n-Roll concert scene.

You won't want to miss any of the live theatrical performances, like Les Misérables at the Straz, along with You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, and Bell, Book and Candle at local theaters.

Remember to look for the *Must See* pick performances and shows!

For more information on live music and theater concerts and shows around the bay, keep reading!

Ruth Eckerd Hall Venue Highlights

With all of the shows put on at Ruth Eckerd Hall venues, the following are some of the highlights.

All tickets and information for the following Ruth Eckerd Hall venues are available through their website: www.rutheckerdhall.com.

The Nancy & David Bilheimer Capitol Theater

405 Cleveland St, Clearwater

June 2, Mr. Big with special guest Robin Taylor Zander.

June 9, Steve Earle (Solo) – Multi-Grammy award winner returns for a great solo show.

June 14, John Hiatt – master lyricist presents songs he wrote for the likes of Bob Dylan, Emmylou Harris, B.B. King, Willie Nelson and Bonnie Raitt.

Ruth Eckerd Hall

1111 McMullen Booth Road

Clearwater

* June 2, Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The

Association, Badfinger, The Vogues and The Cowsills. ***Must See Show***

June 7, Foghat, Cactus and Pat Travers Band – a Rock & Roll trip down memory lane!

June 14-15, Clearwater Smooth Jazz Jam – featuring jazz greats Jeffrey Osborne, Brian Culberson, Sheila E. and much more!

June 22, Abducted by the '80s – featuring the classic 1980's rock of Wang Chung, Men Without Hats, The Motels and Naked Eyes.

Other venues around the Pinellas County side of Tampa Bay:

freeFall Theater

6099 Central Ave, St. Petersburg

June 6-16, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown – a musical theater classic for the whole family.

June 29, Sophisticated Swing – Tampa Bay great jazz singers Fred Johnson and Theo Valentin sing jazz standards from the Great American Songbook

Dates, showtimes and tickets available on their website: www.freefalltheater.com

West Coast Players

21905 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater

June 7-23, Love/Sick – "An unromantic comedy for imperfect lovers and dreamers."

Tickets are available on their website: www.wcplayers.com.

Palladium Theater

253 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

June 7-11, St. Petersburg Opera: Donizetti's Lucia Di Lammermoor.

June 20, Larue Nickelson – World-renowned Tampa Bay area jazz guitarist.

June 29, Jeremy Carter: Pure Imagination – A great way to enjoy an evening with this original jazz saxophone great!

Visit their website www.mypalladium.org for show dates, times and tickets.

Central Park Performing Arts Center

105 Central Park Dr, Largo

The Central Park Performing Arts Center has three great shows this month, featuring Deana Carter, Comedian Jen Kober and Larry Carlton.

For tickets and showtimes, visit their website www.largoarts.com.

Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center

4951 78th Ave. N, Pinellas Park

June 15, The Caribbean Chillers Tribute to Jimmy Buffett.

Visit their website for a full list of all the Central Park Performing Arts Center shows, showtimes and tickets at pinellas-park.com/1772/Performing-Arts-Center.com.

Zubrick Magic Theater

1211 1st Ave N Suite 101

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* Must See Family-style magic shows every Friday through Sunday in June.

All Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Editor's note: I recently heard from some residents who advised me that this is a fantastic, must-see show! Therefore, I'm putting it on my list of *Must See* shows, especially if you have family coming to visit over the summer!

Tickets available on their website www.zubrickmagic.com. (See ad below)

Early Bird Dinner Theater

13355 49th St N, Clearwater

* June 1-16, Bell, Book and Candle, a "Spellbinding tale of love and magic," by John Van Druten.

If the New York Times calls this show a "great comedy success," I'm putting it on my Must See list! Shows 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. All performances include lunch or dinner and a show.

Tickets are available on their website, www.earlybirddinnertheater.com.

Dunedin Showcase Theater

1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin

The Dunedin Showcase Theater will be back in the fall with their 2024-2025 lineup of great shows.

Dates, showtimes and tickets are available through their website at www.dunedinshowcasetheater.net.

The Mahaffey Theater

Duke Energy Center for the Arts

400 1st Street South, St. Petersburg

Dance shows highlight the June lineup at the Mahaffey Theater.

Show dates, times and tickets are available on their website, www.themahaffey.com/shows-and-events.

Fantastic Venues Across the Bay

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1010 N Macinnes Pl, Tampa

* June 11-16, Les Misérables – Still the world's most popular musical!

If you have never seen it live, you must see it now, especially since it is so close!

Dates, showtimes and tickets are available on their website at www.strazcenter.org for these venues: Jacob Theater, Shimberg Playhouse, TECO Theater, Morsani Hall and Riverwalk Stage.

Amalie Arena

401 Channelside Dr, Tampa

June 14, Justin Timberlake – The Forget Tomorrow World Tour.

June 16, Santana and the Counting Crows – Oneness 2024 Tour.

Six other great shows are slated for June.

The full listing of shows and tickets are available through the Amalie Arena website, www.amaliearena.com.

Wow, what a lineup for June "Around the Bay." Come back next month for more fantastic live music and theater shows!

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Italian-American Club is taking summer off but look for an outdoor picnic in October

By Sam Gonnella

This will be the Italian-American Club's final newspaper article until the fall. We want to thank all members for their support and participation at our events.

Additionally, we want to end this season with another bit of Italian trivia. A reminder of what joy this club brings to the table.

Ziti - what does the name Ziti mean in Italian?

It means "spouse" and in Italy it is traditionally served at a wedding lunch.

In Sicily, Ziti is referred to as the bride's pasta and is shared as a wedding favor with neighbors. "Buon Appetito."

The Italian-American Club will be temporarily inactive for most of the late spring/summer season. We do, however, expect to

have volunteers manning our information table starting in July or August, on Thursdays, to sell tickets for the fall season.

The officers of our club express our thanks to the membership for many very successful seasons. A robust membership allows for the club to continue to provide both traditional and new events. The mission of the club is to have interesting entertainment, socializing and enjoyable cuisine. Lots of fun and food.

The club had a membership of 206 for 2023-24. New membership cards will be issued in the fall for the 2024-25 events. Residents do not have to be Italian to become members of the club.

Looking forward, these are two events for the 2024 season.

Oct. 16 will be an outdoor picnic at the Pavilion.

Nov. 13 will be the return of a club favorite, a Pasta Night Dinner Dance.

Flyers for the fall 2024 season will become available later this summer with details of the events and costs.

When summer ticket sales are available for events, they can be purchased at the EAC on Thursdays from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. Monday ticket sales will return in the fall.

You can look for future event postings on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) this OTOW newspaper or on OTOW-TV channel 901.

"Grazie," thank you and have a nice summer. See you in the fall.



Lola Dickert (standing at right) hosted a get together with food and beverages in May. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)



The purpose of the the new Golden Minds Club is to just get together and socialize.

And it helps when there are food and beverages available.

Lola Dickert organized this social in May and several residents attended.

The Golden Minds Club meets 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room.



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This is half of the Auditorium filled with Moving 'n Grooving people to eat and dance. There was even time to celebrate some spring birthdays.

Moving 'n Grooving ends spring with a blowout party then takes June off to rest

By Hope Tera

On May 10, Moving 'n Grooving club members and their guests gathered together to eat, drink, be merry ... and of course, dance.

This was the club's first party where members from Gentle Movement Exercise Class joined in.

One of the best things about our parties is that it gives our members a chance to socialize together. Often, we're busy dancing, stretching or tossing beanbags. It's a treat to just relax and catch up with friends.

With everyone contributing, there was an incredible assortment of goodies to enjoy from appetizers to entrees to fabulous desserts (and of course, Bob Crampton's top notch homemade sangria).

Once again, Michael Payne did a great job serving as master of ceremonies.

Carlee Layton ran a share the wealth raffle, which everyone enjoyed (especially the winners).

Leora Hamm and Steve Bernai ensured the drinks kept flowing.

Linda Callison, Sheila Charette and Kathy Brumbaugh kept us all in tune as the whole crowd came together for a spirited performance of "One Fine Day" and "Foot-loose."

As has become the norm, we operated like a well-oiled machine. Folks showed up early to transform the Auditorium into a party hall and arranged seating for a large crowd. There was a crew working the food distribution tables in the back room and the lines flowed smoothly. Clean up was relatively easy



**Line Dancing/Cornhole
General Movement Exercises**

No Classes in June

July
Line Dancing
Tuesdays
8:30 – 10:45
Fridays
12:30-2:45

Gentle Movement Exercise
Tuesdays
11:00-12:00
Fridays
3:00 – 4:00 Gentle Movement Exercise



because there were plenty of helping hands.

The Broadway Bound Dance Troupe, in keeping with the party theme, performed two dances, "Seize the Day" from Newsies and "I Just Can't Wait to be King" from The Lion King.

While the choreography was impressive, the creative and bouncy tails created by Carlee Layton were a big hit. The dancers put in countless hours rehearsing and it showed.

Just for the month of June, there will be no line dancing, cornhole or Gentle Movement Exercise Class. These activities will resume in July with some changes for line dancing and Gentle Movement Exercise. Please make note: When line dancing resumes in July, how about trying it out with Margaret LeTourneau? She caters to all levels and a great time is guaranteed. The schedule is listed below.

You can refer to the advertisements in this newspaper for Cardio Dance/Cardio Dance Light, Broadway Bound, Cornhole, and Gentle Movement Exercise for more information on those activities.

Members of our club receive monthly calendars, showing dates, times and locations for our activities. If you would like to receive a copy of our monthly calendar for July, see the contact info below.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you'd like to check out inclusive line dance, cardio dance, Broadway Bound, cornhole, and Gentle Movement Exercise classes that teach to all levels, guarantee great fun, and promote an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please phone Hope Tera at 914-217-9206 or email movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com, or come to any of our activities to try them out.

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

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Fridays
Level 1/2 - 1:00 - 2:20 Levels 3/4 - 2:30 – 4:00
(No line dancing in June)

There will be no Moving 'n Grooving

- Line Dance
- Cornhole or
- Gentle Movement Exercises Classes

in the month of June.
Everything will return in July.

**This time off does not affect
Hope Tera's aerobic classes.
They will continue as scheduled.**

Plant-Based Living Club learns about pressure cookers

Eating healthy is one thing - cooking healthy is another thing

By Ronald A Baltrunas

The Plant-Based Living Club opened its May meeting with a presentation on pressure cooking.

We learned about manual and automatic pressure cookers. Special note was made of safe usage and safety features. The advantages of using a pressure cooker was pointed out.

Pressure cookers can cook in about half the time cooking in a pot would take. This saves some energy cost with less cooking time. It also reduces how much heat is generated into an apartment that the air conditioner must then run to remove.

Cooking something like beans can take an hour or more, but a pressure cooker can do it in half that time.

Manual cookers must be watched and adjusted to maintain steam. The automated cookers keep the heat stable by doing the needed heat adjustments. The cook only has to set it up and let it run itself.

Special note: Cookers can only do half the stated capacity. For example, a 3 quart pressure cooker can only do about 1 1/2 quarts of food. The rest of the space is for steam.

We went on to enjoying each others company by chatting about making vegan or near-vegan diets more healthy. In addition to the need for B-12 supplements, we covered the need for Omega-3 fatty acids. They are



available in vegan foods like chia seeds, walnuts, and flax seeds (that need to be ground into powder fresh).

Mark Blair treated us to samples of Dulse a very tasty seaweed that is rich in iodine.

We hit upon many other things too numerous for this article, but we never fail to find new stuff to discuss.

For information on the many reasons for plant-based diets, visit the website Vegansalvation.com.

For information on our club and upcoming meetings visit the Box Office at OTOWBoxOffice.com Scroll down and



Club members learning about pressure cookers - safety and health benefits.

click our Plant-Based Living Club logo.

You can contact us by email through Vegans10@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting will be on June 12 at 3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning

Lab. Johna Mailolli, a 13 year dietitian from the Feeding Tampa Bay organization, a non-profit organization that provides food assistance and resources to people in need, will give a presentation.



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Cardio Dance & Cardio Dance Light

Cardio Dance
Mondays & Wednesdays 11 am - 12 pm
Saturdays 9 am - 10 am

Cardio Dance Light
Mondays & Wednesdays 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm
Saturdays 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes, and bring a refreshing drink. Must have a valid activity card.

Cardio Dance is an intense, heart-healthy workout. Cardio Light is for individuals who want a less intense class. Cardio Dance is free with membership to the Moving 'n Grooving Club. We meet in the EAC Exercise Room.





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SPORTS

Tennis Club added other social events for current, new members to enjoy



By Marie Clodge Valdes

At one of our recent Tennis Club meetings, members were encouraged to send out email invites to the group to come up with other activities that are enjoyable and allow us all to socialize at non-tennis events.

Christy Mills organized an afternoon of golf with several club members. At the same time, she encouraged friends, who were not tennis club members, to join in the tennis fun.

Of course, playing golf in the heat of the afternoon meant that once the round was completed, the group had to stop by The Varsity Club for cold drinks and dinner!

Even Tennis Club members, who didn't join the golf outing, met us later for dinner. We had a great time as you can see in the photo.

This summer we are planning some fun tennis days tied in with social events related to "The French Open" and "Wimbledon" tennis tournaments.

In speaking with many On Top of the World residents, who are in other clubs, and



Tennis Club members stop by The Varsity Club after a day of athletic events. There comes a time when you just have to stop for refreshments.

who are concerned about their skill level (as they haven't played for many years), we want to reassure you that new club members are welcome no matter what skill levels.

As with any game, you can always improve with regular practice!

We are also fortunate to have a tennis pro, Rich Bruer, who runs a group tennis clinic at the OTOW courts each Wednesday morning from 8:30-9:30 a.m. for a minimal

cost. These clinics have been valuable for many of us, as they have helped develop the skills necessary to play the game and are essential to learning and improving.

We have also committed to participating in next year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are working on a new Tennis Club banner with newspaper editor Doug Kates, who has experience designing banners for some of the other OTOW clubs.

This new banner also will be used on Monday and Thursday mornings in the Auditorium at our club information table. Please stop by and say hi when you see us there!

Our Tennis Club schedule is as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7-10 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sundays 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see more smiling faces on the courts!

Billiards names new officers and holds annual 8-ball tournament



Billiards

By Tom Chalupka

In April, at our Billiards Club end-of-the-year picnic, new officers were elected for the coming year.

First, the club would like to thank Jim Hudson for his time as president for the past two years and his leadership and dedication to keeping the Billiard Club running so well.

Serving as the new president will be Tom Chalupka, the former vice president of the club.

The new vice president will be Rashanee Turner, who is looking forward to her new position.

Debbie Barry will serve as the secretary and Gerald Barry will continue as the treasurer.

The club also had its annual 8-ball Championship Tournament and would like to congratulate Eddie Ramirez who won the Monday night A-Class Championship and Ken Dove who took the Tuesday night B-Class Championship.

The Billiards Club is always welcoming new members, experienced or beginner, as our members are always willing to help new members learn the games and terminology of Billiards.

Come on in and learn the game or sharpen your skills with us.



Pictured above are new board members Debbie Berry, Jerry Berry, Rashanee Turner and Tom Chalupka. On top is Ken Dove, Class B 8-ball champion and below is Eddie Ramirez, Class A 8-ball champion.



SPORTS

In the OTOW Softball League, reaching base doesn't mean you are going to score

By Bob Rittner

Softball players will meet at noon on Thursday, June 27, at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor for our summer monthly get-togethers.

While you are waiting, here are more results from the end of our season.

Blue 21, Red 18 (Field 1)
Blue 11, Red 6 (Field 2)

Despite four-hit days by Eddie Ramirez, Lenny Segall, Al Bartolo and Charles Kovarik, Red fell to Blue on field one.

The slugfest saw Blue score in every inning led by Rob Bishop's four doubles.

On field two, the game took just one hour, 10 minutes, so the two teams played an extra three-inning game which Blue also won 4-3. Mike Sullivan, Ray Woolsey and Rick Champ each had four hits.

The score was tied at 5-5, but Blue then took charge. The key blows were Bob Voigt's three-run homer and Bob Rittner's bases loaded clearing double.

White 11, Red 6 (Field 1)
White 10, Red 8 (Field 2)

Except for doubles by Jim Kemp and Robert Bannick, the White team singled Red to death scoring in five of the first six innings on field one.

On field two, outfielder Barry Yellets made spectacular running catches which stymied several White rallies. But the key defensive gem was Alex Scaranda snaring a rising liner at third base to end the game with the tying run on third.

Red 13, Blue 7, White 4

Led by Mike Blaa's three hits, Ray Woolsey's triple, double and single, and Bob Voigt's brilliant first base play, Red raced out to a 7-0 lead and coasted to victory.

Pitcher Bill Lepping navigated the first three innings facing just nine batters before allowing a single to Rodger Hillier in the fourth inning.

Blue 20, Red 6 (Field 1)
Blue 10, White 9 (Field 2)

Down 9-1 going into the bottom of the sixth inning, Blue rallied for nine unanswered runs over the last four innings to pull out the victory.

Lenny Segall's two-run double in the bottom of the ninth inning brought home the winning tally.

On field one, Blue scored the maximum three runs in six innings to rout Red. Every Blue batter had at least two hits, and Eddie Ramirez had four hits, including a triple. John Ferraiolo, Ray Woolsey and Bob Voigt also had four hits while Tara Gunning tripled.

Red 13, White 5, Blue 4

Ralph Scunziano's triple in the first in-



ning and double in the fourth inning drove in six runs leading Red to victory.

The game also featured a wonderful running catch by Tara Gunning.

Bob Bishop, Bob Voigt, Charles Kovarik, Jim Kemp and Bill Holland each had perfect three-hit days.

Red 14, Blue 10 (Field 1)
Red 11, Blue 6. (Field 2)

If you were keeping score on an official scorecard, the play of the day was 8-10-5-6-2 for a double play.

What does this mean?

The center fielder (8) fielded a batted ball, threw to a middle infielder (10), who threw to third base (5), who threw to shortstop (6) who threw home to the catcher (2).

Baseball aficionados would be puzzled, but the translation of this play is actually simple:

With runners on first and second bases and one out, the batter seemed to single into center, but Joe DeChiaro's rifle arm whizzed the ball to middle infielder Mark Margolis racing to cover second base for a force out. Seeing a runner rounding third base, Mark threw to Eddie Ramirez who, having held the runner, then tossed it back to shortstop Ralph Scunziano hoping to get the batter trying for second base. When the runner on third base started again for home, Ralph threw home plate to Bob O'Donohue who stretched keeping his toe on the plate for a shoestring catch for the double play.

This was not the only great play of the day. Mary Anne Benuzzi sprinted into the outfield for an over the shoulder catch and gobbled up sizzling grounders all game to stymie rallies. She also smacked three hits as well.

On field two, a tight 6-4 game in the seventh inning turned into a Red comeback victory when they scored seven runs over the last three innings with every batter contributing, especially Bob Fields, George Morgan and Jack Wright, who each doubled, and Ben Bronson, who tripled.

Red 6, Blue 4. (Field 1)
Red 17, Blue 9 (Field 2)

An exciting defensive game on field one

seemed to favor Blue as they went up by one run in the seventh inning when Jim Kemp's RBI single drove home Robert Bannick. But in the top of the ninth inning, Barry Yellets drove home the tying run with a double and Bob Fields knocked in two more Red runs and the lead held up.

The slugfest on field two saw spectacular outfield play headlined by three leaping catches by Rick Champ and another two by Charles Kovarik. Gail Potter sprinted in and backhanded a sinking liner at her knees.

The offensive stars were Lenny Segall and Ralph Scunziano who, between them, amassed a home run and five doubles in perfect days at the plate - a combination of 18 total bases.

Blue 13, Red 12 (Field 1)
Red 7, Blue 7 (Field 2)

On field one, Mary Anne Benuzzi added to her growing legend of defensive gems and then topped it off with an inside-the-park home run.

Despite her heroics, the Red team parlayed a four-run eighth inning into a tie score. In the bottom of the inning, Bob Rittner's triple drove home David Belton and Karen French and he scored when Rob Bishop doubled.

Blue then hung on due to brilliant short-stop play by Rob Bishop.

On field two, Blue entered the bottom of the ninth inning a run down, but Ron Childress led off with a double and scored on Mike Sullivan's single.

When Mike tried to score on Bob Studwell's two out double, a relay from Joe DeChiaro to Ralph Scunziano nabbed Mike at the plate to keep the score tied.

Red 14, Blue 14, White 7

Behind Don Mandeville's three-run homer in the first and five straight hits for three runs in the second, White led the game 6-2-1. Guy Bertuzzi then shut them down for the rest of the game, giving up just one more run on Bob Fields RBI single in the eighth.

Meanwhile, Red and Blue ran up the score. Red did it behind a four hit day by Dan Joyce and three hits by each by Bill Rafferty, Ron Shields, George Morgan, Eddie Ramirez and Ralph Scunziano.

Blue relied more on the long ball with Joe DeChiaro hitting for the cycle, driving in four runs and scoring two and Ray Woolsey getting four hits as well with a double and triple. Tara Gunning drove in three with a double and two singles and Gail Potter contributed two RBIs with a single and triple.

Blue 13, Red 8 (Field 1)
Blue 8, Red 3 (Field 2)

On a blustery day, balls hit in the air were an adventure for fielders, but Mary Anne Benuzzi and Gail Potter solved the puzzle, each making remarkable catches of balls twisting and turning in the air.

Nor did it stop Ralph Scunziano from running out two inside-the-park homers or Bill Holland and Dan Joyce from slamming balls deep over outfielder's heads for homers as well.

Red 16, Blue 14, White 4

This game has been officially dubbed "Ray Woolsey's game." He dominated as rarely happens in softball.

There were four smoked hits that included a triple and there were five RBI that was the icing on the cake.

It was his defense, his seven putouts on fly balls all over the outfield, running in and out, catching from his knees and over his head. And his signature catch, a ball he raced to the fence for to jump and stretch and snatch back from home run territory. It was a "we gasped" play.

The game saw seven double plays, two started by co-star Robert Bannick at second base, who caught everything within his wide range, and twice caught runners off first base on line drive outs.

Red 9, Blue. 8, White 4

For four innings, Red was shut out and after five innings were down 6-1.

But singles by Lenny Segall and Gail Potter followed by a John Liccione double, Mary Anne Benuzzi triple and doubles by Bill Holland and Barry Yellets created five runs for a six all tie with Blue.

Red went on to score three more runs over the next three innings and clinging to a one run lead in the ninth inning, held on for the win.

White's offense was stifled by the pitching of Frank Whitney, although Ron Nobile and Ralph Scunziano each had three hits.

The hitting star for Blue was Joe DeChiaro with four hits, which gave him eight consecutive hits and two doubles over the last two games.

Blue 17, Red 14, White 14

Blue trailed Red, 14-10, in the eighth inning when Gail Potter singled with the bases loaded to drive in a run and Bob Rittner doubled to drive home three runs for a tie.

In the ninth inning, a single by Robert Bannick, and doubles by Bill Holland, Barry Yellets and Bob Studwell provided a three run cushion to Blue.

White, which had been behind all game, scored five runs in the eighth inning, and Bob Voigt's over-the-fence homer brought home two more runs in the ninth inning to tie. Red's offense had been sparked by Mike Blaa's four hits, including a double, and Henry Zussman's four hits.

Players and fans were excited by the superlative defense of Tara Gunning and Mary Anne Benuzzi in the infield and Melvin Tennille and Ron Shields, each of whom made sterling catches in the outfield.

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SPORTS

Bill Whipps wins Championship Season in 2023-24 Friday Mixed Golf League

By Sheryl Barbin

The championship season for the Friday Mixed Golf League ended on April 26.

Our league champion is Bill Whipps who ranked first with 47 points.

The leaderboard consists of 10 spots. Other top finishers were John Maloof (45 points), Rick Muchler (45 points), Lisa Muchler (42 points), Ken Smith (41 points), Andy Polselli (38 points), Bill Higgins (36 points), Jack Patterson (35 points), Bruce MacPherson (34 points) and Ada Maloof (34 points).

Congratulations to all!

Our last event of the season was a 6-6-6 Tournament which was held on April 12. The tournament used a best ball format on holes 1 through 6, alternate shot on holes 7 through 12, and a scramble on holes 13 through 18.

Forty-six players participated.

First place went to Joe Wisinski/ Ken Smith with 49 points, second place went to Andrew Polselli/Joe Johnson with 51 points, third place went to Harry Barbin/Deb Young with 52.5 points, fourth place went to Dave Baldwin/Len Picone with 54.5 points, and fifth place went to Fred Peace/Peyton Grogan with 54.5 points.

Sixth place went to John Maloof/Ada Maloof with 55 points, seventh place went to Sheryl Barbin/Tom Pettit with 55.5 points, eighth place went to Jahn Lawson/Bill Higgins with 55.5 points, ninth place went to Mark Legin/Mile Lucas with 56 points and 10th place went to Lisa Muchler/Rick Muchler with 56.5 points.

All ties were broken by a match of cards.

Closest-to-the-pin on Hole No. 3 went to Lisa Muchler/Rick Muchler, hole No. 5 to Scott Rogers/Bruce MacPherson, hole No. 6 to Chris Regan/Mike Palermo, hole No. 9 to Bill Higgins/Jahn Lawson, hole No. 13



to Sheryl Barbin/Tom Pettit, hole No. 15 to Don Hahs/CJ Messina, and hole No. 16 to Joe Wisinski/Ken Smith.

Skins were awarded on hole No. 2 to Joe Wisinski/Ken Smith (eagle) on No. 16 and 17(eagle).

Other skins went to Dave Baldwin/Len Picone on hole Nos. 7, 8 and 18 (eagle), Jahn Lawson/Bill Higgins on holes No. 10 and 13, and Chris Regan/Mike Palermo on hole No. 11.

Even though the championship season is over, summer and fall golf continues May through October. On Fridays, please sign in between 8:30-8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information about our league, please contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email him at HarryBarbin1@gmail.com.

Our league standings are kept on the Box Office, otowboxoffice.com. Look for our logo.



Bill Whipps wins the championship season of the Friday Mixed Golf League.



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You know someone loves golf when they play 18 holes and then does another 18 holes just for the fun of it



MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Barney Hanrahan

He wears bright orange golf shoes for no reason other than he likes the color.

He belongs to every golf league at On Top of the World.

He tries to play every day and always adds another 18 holes to his game after finishing his first round.

He walks the course even in the hottest temperatures.

When asked why, Fred Peace says, "I really like golf."

Fred's last name truly reflects his personality. He is one of the most liked players in our golf program. Fred is from a small town named Middleboro, Ky., a town of approximately 12,000 inhabitants and is found in a basin created by a meteor strike millions of years ago.

Fred graduated from Eastern Kentucky University. While in school he played as a linebacker position and his team, The Colonels, won the 1979 NCAA 1AA national championship from the Ohio Valley Conference.

But that doesn't solve the mystery of Fred's shoe color. His college colors were white and maroon, so we still don't know where the orange shoes originate.

Fred just celebrated his 38th wedding anniversary on May 3. He is married to Candice, who worked as a guidance coordinator and was an elementary counselor of the year for Hillsborough County Schools (Tampa).

Fred worked as an ICU nurse and a nursing administrative supervisor. He retired in July 2019.

Fred and Candice bought their condominium in 1999 and moved permanently to OTOW in 2007. Anyone that has ever met this dynamic couple can only say how honored they are to call them friends.

Peace is the definition of tranquility and



Fred Peace and his wife Candice

anyone who knows Fred can say we are better because of him. Our thanks to Fred and Candice for allowing us to share a bit of their history with our golfing colleagues. OTOW is a better place because of people like the Peaces.

Remember, June 19 is the monthly OTOW Men's League lunch.

April 17

Flight A

Top scores: Jay Schwallie, 63, Jim Anzalone, 65, Jeff West, 66, David Johnson, 67, Fred Peace, 67.

Flight B

Top scores: Jim Iacobaccio, 61, Ron Noble, 62, Lester Whynot, 64, Dick Pasco, 64, Fran Majewski, 65.

Flight C

Top scores: Joe Johnson, 65, Greg Basheda, 67, Tim Palmquist, 68, David Baldwin, 68, Harry Crawford, 69.

Flight D

Top scores: Bob McGrogan, 61, David Collings, 63, Paul Seggelin, 66, Bob Ellis, 66, Joseph Dowe, 66.

April 24

Flight A

Top scores: George Mead, 62, Jay Schwallie, 63, Bill Haener, 64, Bill Whipps, 65, Nilson Sabadin, 66.

Flight B

Top scores: Andy Polselli, 59, Jim Vanleuven, 63, Bob Belas, 63, Roy Monteith, 64, Bill Holland, 65.

Flight C

Top scores: Tim Palmquist, 62, Toim Finnan, 62, Harry Crawford, 63, Sal Vasapolle, 63, Rich Spang, 66.

Flight D

Top scores: Ken Schifferle, 57, Jack Drewiega, 58, Bob McGrogan, 59, Bob Ellis, 60, Les Meneilly, 62.

May 1

Flight A

Top scores: Jay Schwallie, 63, Bill Haener, 63, Ed Sixon, 65, David Johnson, 65, Fred Peace, 66.

Flight B

Top scores: Jim Vanleuven, 56, Andy Polselli, 60, Kevin Murphy, 62, Len Picone, 64, Bill Holland, 64.

Flight C

Top scores: Harry Crawford, 58, Bob McGrogan, 59, Barney Hanrahan, 60, Joe Johnson, 62, Sal Vasapolle, 62.

Flight D

Top scores: Jim Cadwell, 59, Darrell Collings, 68, Paul Sennelin, 70, Art Pacillo, 70, Jim Mutschler, 71.

May 8

Flight A

First Place: Mike Crittendon, 63, Fred Peace, 63, Nilson Sabadin, 66, Stanley Doran, 67, David Johnson, 67.

Flight B

First Place: Tom Pettit, 61, Lester Whynot, 62, Jim Vanleuven, 64, Andy Polselli, 64, Ronal Huber, 64.

Flight C

First Place: Guy Bertuzzi, 62, Marc Schell, 62, Gerald Morrissette, 63, Harry Crawford, 63, Joe Johnson, 64.

Flight D

First Place: Jim Cadwell, 62, Joseph Dowe, 68, Paul Seggelin, 68.

From seasonal golfing in Erie to year-round at OTOW

By Karen French

Debbie Figaski is from Erie, Pa. She is a 35 year veteran of the school system there, having been the director of guidance. She is an expert assistant in filling out college applications.

Debbie has two children and one grandson.

Debbie was fortunate to have learned golf as a kid - golfing with her parents on many occasions. She rode in the golf cart with her parents at the local country club.

Debbie got more serious when she came to On Top of the World eight years ago and could golf all year.

Debbie is also an avid cross-fitter and loves to travel. She has been to Europe five times and loves it more every visit.



Debbie Figaski

Recent 18-Hole Ladies League Scores

By Karen French

The Ladies' 18-hole Golf League's official last day for the 2023-2024 season was May 21. The 2024-2025 season will begin the first Tuesday in October, which is Oct. 1. There is no official summer league in 2024. The ladies will meet as desired to golf with each other when they want.

The On Top of the World 18-hole Golf League is in our 55th year of having fun golf with each other. Many of our golfers have been golfing at OTOW for over 15 years!

April 18

Flight A: 1-Kim Norried, Becky Wes, Gloria Sayer. 66. 2-Verna Lundgren 73, 3-Ursula Taylor 86.

Flight B: 1-Cindy Schell 63. 2-Rosemary Sabatino 66.

Flight C: 1-Rose Mulhall. 2-Joedie Albert. 3-Donna Osborne.

Closest to Pin on No. 15 - Rosemary Sabatino. Chip in on No. 10 - Verna Lundgren.

April 23

Flight A: 1-Becky West. 63. 2-Kim Norried 67, Gloria Sayer - 67. 3-Verna Lundgren - 72.

Flight B: 1-Rosemary Sabatino 65. 2-Nancy Lo - 66. 3-Cindy Schell 69.

Flight C: 1-Donna Osborne 60, Rose Mulhall - 60. 2-Arlene Hanso 70. 3-Sherry Ivey 71.

Closest to the pin on No. 9 - Becky West and on No. 15 - Nancy Lo. Chip in on hole No. 12 by Donna Osborne.

May 7

Flight A: 1-Kim Worried 70, 2 - Cindy Schell - 73.

Flight B: 1-Rose Mulhall - 58, 2 - Debbie Figaski 63. 3-Nancy Lo 67.

May 14

Flight A: 1-Terry Kuplen 63, 2-Kim Worried 65, 3-Cindy Schell - 72.

Flight B: 1-Rose Mulhall 59, 2-Arlene Hanson 61, 3-Donna Osborne 71.

Closest to the Pin Hole on No. 9 - Terry Kuplen. Closest to the Pin on No. 15 - Cindy Schell.



Tuesday golf continues through summer

Playoff putt stops inches from hole to wrap up tournament win for Carole Whynot



Carole Whynot's playoff putt finished inches from the hole.

By Paula Ergang
 "Oops, I did it again," might be what Carole Whynot is singing these days.

Carole, who tied in her flight tournament earlier this year, was once again in a tie once when the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League had a Jackpot Play fun event on April 9.

In Jackpot Play, everyone played a normal round of golf. Afterwards, two random numbers were pulled from a hat. Players then averaged their scores on those two holes.

Sue Beals, Theresa Gates, Pat Holland, Marge Sivek and Carole all had an average of four. That meant a tie breaker. Those five ladies returned to the nine-hole course for a putt-off. Each of them puttied from 12 feet away to either get their ball in the cup or closest to the cup.

During each player's putt, the other ladies had to face away from the green so they couldn't see each other's putts and the line of the green.

In the end, it was Carole's ball that was closest - just inches away.

Good job everyone and congratulations Carole for that great putt!

Our league played three Tuesdays in May and now we are officially on a summer break. However, many of us will continue playing Tuesday mornings to keep up with our game and to keep up with friends. Scores are not recorded. Just show up at the little house on



Flight C: Sheryl Barbin 43, Geri McIntosh 44, Carole Whynot 45, Celeste Pert 47. Flight D: Theresa Gates 49, Mary Ann O'Neil 53.

April 16

3 Clubs and a Putter

Flight A: Pat Holland 36, Paula Ergang 40, Flight B: Ann Stewart 41, Sue Beals 42, Flight C: Carole Whynot 42, Sheryl Barbin 43, Geri McIntosh 44, Carolyn Lust 47, and Flight D: Mary Ann O'Neil 46, Carol Murphy 51.

Birdies: Pat Holland on hole No. 8, Anne Jarvis No. 2 and Mary Ann O'Neil No. 3.

Chip-in: Pat Holland on hole #4.

April 23

Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Anne Jarvis 41, Pat Holland 42, Marilyn Lisbon 41. Flight B: Sue Beals 43, Ann Stewart 46. Flight C: Geri McIntosh 44, Marge Sivek 44, Joan Yorkery 44. Flight D: Mary Ann O'Neil 46, Sarah Fergas 50.

Birdies: Anne Jarvis on hole No. 3 and Shirley Johnson No. 3.

April 30

Throw Out Worst Hole

Flight A: Paula Ergang 37. Flight B: Sue Beals 40. Flight C: Carroll Harris 42, Sheryl Barbin 47, Celeste Pert 49. Flight D: Sarah Fergas 51.

Birdies: Ann Stewart on hole No. 4.

the first tee as always.

If you've been thinking about joining the 9-hole league, why not come out on a Tuesday morning for some informal play? You can meet other players and see how our league works. If you have questions or need information, call Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684.

Here are the weekly low scorers with their gross score:

April 9

Jackpot Play

(all holes included in score)

Flight A: Pat Holland 39, Paula Ergang 40. Flight B: Sue Beals 44, Linda Graff 46.

Ping pong comes with air conditioning

By Marie Clodge Valdes

As is the case with many On Top of the World clubs, when the Snowbirds return home for the season, our membership numbers dwindle down and it is difficult to grow our clubs.

However, with the Ping Pong Club, we have been noticing that as the weather becomes hotter, we have new residents joining our club.

Word is out - we have air conditioning! Ping pong players also get to exercise and have loads of fun playing in friendly ping pong competitions.

In saying that, the Ping Pong Club would like to welcome four of our newest members this month: Aggie Brown, Dave French, and Frank and Yan Lu.

Our group displays friendly camaraderie, shares special celebrations and various holiday parties together.

We welcome all levels of players with smiling faces and great attitudes from Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Activity Center Belleaire Room.

If this sounds interesting to you, drop by and say hi, and consider bringing a friend. We would love to see more new faces!



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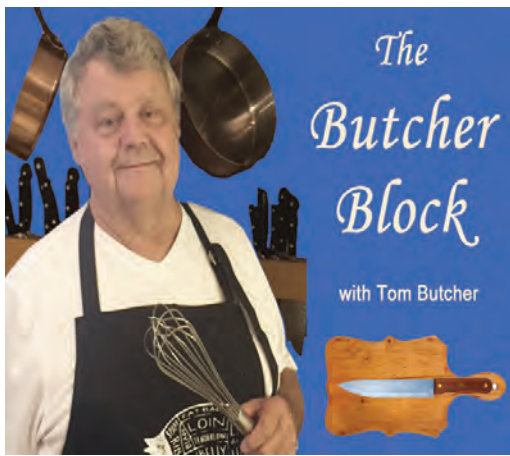
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If you want to learn more about tapas, you go right to the source - Spain



My wife, Cheryl, and I took a trans Atlantic cruise from Tampa to Barcelona, Spain in late March.

I know I wrote about tapas in September of 2023, but I had to do an update based on experience with tapas in Spain.

A little history about tapas.

The word "tapas" is derived from the Spanish verb tapar, "to cover," a cognate of the English "top."

Tapas is an appetizer or snack in Spanish cuisine. Tapas can be combined to make a full meal. It can be served cold (mixed olives and cheese) or hot (with chopitos), which are battered, fried baby squid, or patatas bravas.

In some bars and restaurants in Spain and across the globe, tapas have evolved into a very sophisticated cuisine. In some Central American countries, such snacks are called botanas.

The original tapas were thin slices of bread, or meat, which sherry drinkers in Andalusian taverns used to cover their glasses between sips. This was a practical measure meant to prevent fruit flies from hovering over the sweet sherry.

The meat used to cover the sherry was normally ham or chorizo, which are both very salty and activate thirst. Because of this, bartenders and restaurant owners created a variety of snacks to serve with sherry, thus increasing their alcohol sales.

The tapas eventually became as important as the sherry.

In pre-19th century, Spain tapas were served by posadas, albergues or bodegas, offering meals and rooms for travellers. Since few innkeepers could write and few travelers could read, inns offered their guests a sample of the dishes available, or "tapa" (the word for pot cover in Spanish).

Tapas have evolved through Spanish history by incorporating new ingredients and influences.

Most of the Iberian peninsula was invaded by the Romans, who introduced more extensive cultivation of the olive and irrigation methods following their invasion of Spanish 212 BC.

The discovery of the New World



Examples of tapas at a Spanish restaurant.

brought the introduction of tomatoes, sweet and chili peppers, maize (corn), and potatoes, which were readily accepted and easily grown in Spain's microclimates.

It has also been claimed that tapas originated in the south of Spain during the time of the Spanish Inquisition as a means of publicly identifying Jews who had converted to Christianity. Since tapas often consists of part ham or other non-kosher foods, offering tapas dishes could determine who abandoned their Jewish faith. Thus, tapas was a tool of the Spanish Inquisition.

Though the primary meaning of tapa is cover or lid, in Spain it has also become a term for this style of food. The origin of this new meaning is uncertain but there are several theories:

1. The tapas tradition may have begun when King Alfonso X of Castile (1221-1284) recovered from an illness by drinking wine with small dishes between meals. After

regaining his health, the king ordered that taverns would not be allowed to serve wine to customers unless it was accompanied by a small snack or tapas.

2. Another popular and more modern explanation says King Alfonso stopped by a famous tavern in Cadiz (an Andalusian city) where he ordered a glass of wine. The waiter covered the glass with a slice of cured ham before offering it to the king, in order to protect the wine from flies.

Anchovies Marinated in Vinegar

Ingredients

10 ounces can anchovies in olive oil
1 cup white wine vinegar
2 cloves garlic chopped
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt to taste
2 sprigs fresh parsley

Directions

1. Lay anchovies flat, covering bottom of a glass dish.
2. Cover in oil and vinegar until all anchovies are submerged.
3. Finely chop garlic and sprinkle over anchovies, then pour olive oil on them.
4. Seal tightly with plastic and place in refrigerator for 2 to 3 hours.
5. Season to taste with salt and top with freshly cut parsley.

Serve with slices of rustic bread and Spanish olives.

Chick-Peas and Spinach Tapas

Ingredients

10 ounces fresh spinach or 1 10-ounce package frozen spinach
19 ounce can (2 cups) chick-peas, drained and rinsed
1 red bell pepper, finely diced
1 to 2 lemons juiced
1/4 to 1/3 cup olive oil
Salt and fresh ground black pepper
1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives

Directions

1. Cook the fresh spinach in a saucepan with the water clinging to the leaves, stirring until wilted. Drain, squeeze dry and finely chop frozen spinach.
2. In a bowl, combine the spinach with the chick peas, pepper chives, lemon juice, oil and pepper. Serve as is or chilled with toasted bread or as a filling for pita pockets.

Shrimp and Chorizo

Ingredients

1 tablespoon, plus 1/4 cup of olive oil
1/2 cup dry sherry
1 pound chorizo, sliced on the diagonal into 1/2 inches slices
1 1/2 cups thinly sliced onion
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon Spanish paprika
2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 pounds fresh shrimp
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
Crusty bread, for serving

Directions

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil and sauté the sliced onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, until they are caramelized around the edges and softened somewhat - 4 to 6 minutes. Add garlic and cook stirring for 1 minute. Add 1/4 cup of the sherry and cook for 1 minute. Add the shrimp, paprika, 1 teaspoon of salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until pink and cooked through, about 4 to 5 minutes. Add the remaining 1/4 cup of sherry and 1/4 cup olive oil, lemon juice, parsley and remainder of the salt and pepper. Stir to combine and remove from the heat. Serve immediately on small plates with any accumulated cooking juices spooned over the top. Pass the bread at the table.

Orecchiette - an interesting, tiny little pasta



Science of Cooking Healthy Food
By Marie

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Pictured above is orecchiette pasta with peas.

As the days get longer with the hint of summer, here is a pasta salad that is the perfect option to welcome the season with a burst of freshness.

It is low in fat and high in fiber, and is a good source of protein.

Orecchiette pasta and cannellini beans with brussel sprouts (not pictured).

This is a quickly-made dish to offer up a lovely dinner. It is light and refreshing. The flavor comes from the seasoned panko mix and the crispy onion. The nutrition comes from the beans and Brussel sprouts.

Orecchiette (pronounced oh-reck-ee-ET-tay) pasta is a fancy pasta that adds texture and impact to the dish. The act of tasting and savoring a pasta dish stimulates positive memories and emotions.

It is also a plus that this is an economical meal.

My dear chefs, if you prefer, substitute navy beans or pinto beans for cannellini beans. Likewise, you can substitute broccoli for Brussel sprouts. Penne or farfalle pasta can be substituted for orecchiette.

It is rare for this column to mention the brand name of a particular product. The reason Fresh Gourmet® Crispy Onions is recommended is because this product has fried onions that are truly crispy without being greasy. They add a lot to the texture and flavor of the dish in combination with the toasted panko bread crumbs.

The Nutritional Value

Orecchiette pasta is a very delicious and healthy pasta dish. With at least 15 grams of protein per serving, this salad helps you feel

full and energized for longer. Plus, this salad also boasts at least 8 grams of fiber and no more than 400 calories per serving which can help support weight loss if that is your goal.

The pasta is also very filling, so it is typically served as a main course.

Orecchiette is commonly used in pasta salads where it maintains its firmness well.

Orecchiette is a traditionally eggless pasta, making it vegan. Or, if you prefer, turn this dish into a one-pot meal by adding meat. It's a terrific way to use up and stretch any poultry or meat leftover from last night's dinner. Diced chicken is an excellent choice.

The Science

Since pasta is made of wheat flour and water, the dough has the ability to morph

into various shapes. Combining the wrong sauce and pasta shape together will result in your dish getting soggy and mushy. The shape of the pasta is integral to its flavor.

When cooked, the shape of pasta will determine how it interacts with the sauce. If it's too small, the pasta will absorb too much of the sauce and become soggy. If it's too large, the pasta will not be able to absorb enough of the sauce and the dish will be dry.

For example, long, thin pasta shapes, such as spaghetti and linguine, are best suited to light, delicate sauces, such as tomato sauce or olive oil.

Different pasta shapes hold different thicknesses of sauce better than others. If the pasta is smooth, the sauce will slide off, so it's important to find a pasta that has some

texture to it.

Orecchiette is pasta the size and shape of tiny saucers and translates to "small ears." Its indented shape cups hold sauces and anything it is cooked with, making it ideal for combining with other ingredients.

As you cook pasta in a small amount of water, the starches slightly thicken. When the cooking water is used in making the sauce, its starchiness produces a wonderful creaminess. This is why a talented chef saves the cooking water from the pasta.

However, this dish is not suitable for leftovers due to loss of sauce. If you have half of the dish uneaten, try reworking the pasta into a soup or make a cold chicken salad.

Orecchiette and Cannellini Beans with Brussel Sprouts

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- ¼ cup panko bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons spicy brown mustard
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 8 ounces orecchiette
- 2 roasted chicken breasts, sliced thinly in small bites
- 10 Brussels sprouts
- 1 (15-ounce) can Cannellini bean, undrained
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- Fresh Gourmet® Crispy Onions

Directions

1. Mix panko, mustard, salt, garlic cloves and pepper. Place in skillet with oil and, under medium hot, cook, stirring continuously, until brown for about 5 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl to cool.
2. Cook pasta al dente using two quarts of water for cooking. Set aside and drain pasta, but save one cup of the cooking water. Return to pan (heat off) and cover to keep warm.
3. Trim Brussel sprouts and slice very thinly. Cook in a large covered skillet with 1 tablespoon of water and ½ teaspoon salt for about 4 minutes until sprouts are a bright green. Stir in beans and their liquid plus ¼ cup of reserved pasta cooking water and vinegar with pepper.
4. Add Brussel sprouts and sour cream to pasta and stir. If needed adjust consistency using remaining reserved cooking water.
5. Plate and sprinkle with panko mix. Garnish with Fresh Gourmet® Crispy Onions. Serves four.

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COMMUNITY REPORTS



Mike and Charlie Wood at the base of a snow-covered glacier in Alaska.

Alaska is not just another trip

By Mike and Charlie Wood

Have you ever gone somewhere on a vacation because others told you how incredible a place was?

Well, that is what your Rizal building reporters were thinking when they planned a 14 day Alaskan cruise. Our first thought about this trip was, "then we can check Alaska off our list."

Boy, were we wrong!

What started as a bucket list trip quickly turned into a life-changing experience.

The Carnival Spirit Cruise Ship originally started its journey on April 7, departing from the Port of Tampa and ending up in Seattle, which is where we started our journey.

We boarded Carnival Spirit in Seattle on a sunny 65 degree day - unusually nice weather for the Pacific northwest! From there we cruised to Ketchikan where we saw our first of many bald eagles. What a wonderful sight it was to see eagles.

The theme of the day was totem poles and we visited a totem pole park and learned a great deal about the Tlingit Native Tribe.

The capital of Alaska, Juneau, was our next stop, where we walked to the lake at the base of the beautiful Mendenhall Glacier. We were reminded again that one can only get to Juneau by air or sea.

Our next stop was Skagway, where we did a tour of the city and traveled through beautiful mountains into the Yukon Territory. Skagway has a cool old west vibe, with wooden boardwalk sidewalks.

Traveling a two-lane highway across the Canadian border afforded us many photo opportunities of glacial iced mountain tops and beautiful waterfalls.

From Skagway we cruised to Icy Strait Point on our way out of the Inside Passage to Hubbard Glacier. We were escorted to the glacier by a pod of beautiful orca whales.

Once we arrived at the glacier, we witnessed the incredible blue hue of the glacial



On this page are scenes Mike and Charlie Wood saw while visiting Alaska. These pictures are from an area between Skagway, Alaska, and White Pass, Yukon Territory in Canada.

ice created by the denseness of the ice reflecting light, except for the color blue.

As we were leaving, we saw an enormous herd of sea lions and listened to their distinctive bark as we passed.

Valdez and Seward were our next two stops and we had reached the furthest northern and western ports on our journey. Can you imagine living somewhere with an over 30 foot tidal variation?

Along with visiting the famous Iditarod

Sled Dog Race Mile Marker 0 in Seward, we toured the Alaska Sea Life Center which is a sister marine life research center to the Florida Aquarium in Tampa.

After crossing the Gulf of Alaska, we arrived in Sitka, one of our favorite ports! We toured the Raptor Center and Fortress of the Bear, two facilities dedicated to wildlife rehabilitation.

The skies around Sitka were filled with soaring bald eagles - truly an incredible sight.

Our next day was spent cruising through Tracy Arm Fjord on our way to our last port, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The fjord was incredible and Victoria's beautiful flowers were in full bloom.

So, after 3,547 nautical miles, upon returning to Seattle, we realized that this was not just a bucket list trip, it was the journey of a lifetime.

Alaska, we will be back!



(Our monthly 25 Years Ago column reflects world news from 25 years ago)

By Randae Van Denver

U.S. Events

June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The summer solstice marks the official start of astronomical summer and is the longest day of the year. Typically, most of the U.S. sees between 14 and 16 hours of daylight on this day. It occurs when one of Earth's poles is tilted toward the sun at its most extreme angle. The Summer Solstice in the U.S. in 1999 occurred on June 21. The day passed uneventfully in the U.S. without protest. Indeed, all of June seemed lulled into a summer stupor throughout the U.S.

Florida News

Jonathan James was only 15 years old when he hacked into the systems of NASA and the United States Department of Defense in June 1999. Since he was a juvenile and was charged with two counts of "juvenile delinquency" placed under a six-month home arrest and asked to write apology letters to NASA and the Department of Defense. He was an American hacker (a gray hat ethical hacker) who was the first juvenile incarcerated for cybercrime in the United States. Between Aug. 23, 1999, and Oct. 27, 1999, James committed a series of additional intrusions into various systems and was facing additional federal law suits. He was a South Florida native, living in Pinecrest, Fla.

Sports

June 5 – French Open women's tennis: Steffi Graf of Germany wins her 22nd and final Grand Slam title by defeating Martina Hingis 4-6, 7-5, 6-2. This was an exciting, fierce battle in which Steffi won her sixth French singles crown. In total, Graf won 22 Grand Slam singles titles in her career which ended in 1999 ... attaining position among the top women players in the open era. She holds rank with a long continuous run as the world's No. 1 player, second only to Serena Williams. French Open men's tennis: Andre Agassi of the U.S. wins his first and only French Open men's title, beating Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine 1-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 in a nerve-racking win.

Musical Contribution

June 24 – Christie's Auction House in New York City conducts a sale of 100 of Eric Clapton's guitars, raising nearly \$4.5 million to benefit Crossroads Centre at Antigua, a drug and alcohol residential rehabilitation facility he co-founded in 1997.

Local Oddities

June 30 – "Caution: Chicken Crossing" signs are posted at three points on State Road 434 at Cross Seminole Trail in Oviedo, Fla. where chickens have taken to milling near a Popeye's Chicken store. Oviedo was known for its agriculture, historic houses and buildings, as well as its population of chickens that roamed the downtown area. Oviedo is part of the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metropolitan statistical area.

OTOW News

An ad in the June 1999 OTOW newspaper promotes a \$5 haircut for men at Bert's Dunedin Barber Shop. The rate for all other hair cuts (women or children) is \$7. Today, a typical man's haircut is \$12. There is no such thing as a typical woman's haircut. The price can range from \$14 up to \$35 or more.



Donna Gagnon with My Dear Watson and Tiffany Schad with Pip.

My first lesson on horses

Tiffany Schad, an Austrian Alpine resident and owner of two horses, invited me to meet her beloved My Dear Watson and Contigo, also known as Pip.

We met in the parking lot of the equestrian center in Pinellas Park and at her heels was Barney (cat), the unofficial mayor of the stable.

Barney is a barn cat, along with four other barn cats. Barney provided an escort into the stable. These cool cats know that Tiffany will feed them before we get on with the main attraction.

Tiffany has been a horse lover since an early age when she first took riding lessons. Her life and love for horses is evident in the exquisite care she gives them.

Here's just a bit of what I learned from Tiffany.

Pip is 14 years old and was a jumper. Pip is a Dutch Warmblood and is training in Dressage with Tiffany. What I saw was a tall majestic horse.

My Dear Watson is 23 years old. He is a Tobiano Paint horse. Both horses are geldings. Watson is a rescue horse and registered with the IRHR (International Rescue Horse Registry). Watson is working on dressage and jumping.

I helped Tiffany with My Dear Watson, brushing him and Tiffany got his saddle out for a walk through the property.

It was more than I could have imagined to be in the presence of these beautiful horses and to be able to actually get in the saddle and enjoy the gentle stroll around the



paddock and green pastures surrounding the property.

This was the first time in years since I had the opportunity to sit on a horse and it was such an unforgettable experience.

Mr Ed, the talking TV horse, came to mind when Tiffany showed me that Watson does actually smile for carrots. And factually, I saw it with my own eyes repeatedly and I have pictures and video to prove it.

Tiffany spent time at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala this past spring. She enjoyed the various clinics where she met Equestrian Olympian and Bronze Medalist, Lisa Wilcox.

Tiffany's life is so unique and full with the loves of her life.

Thank you for sharing your story with us, Tiffany.



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Twenty residents attended Italian Night at Queen's Pizza.

Pizza Night becomes Italian Night for Brahman residents

One day, shortly after Brahman residents gathered for breakfast at Clearwater Family Restaurant, a sign-up sheet was placed in the building core for a Pizza Night at Queen's Pizza.

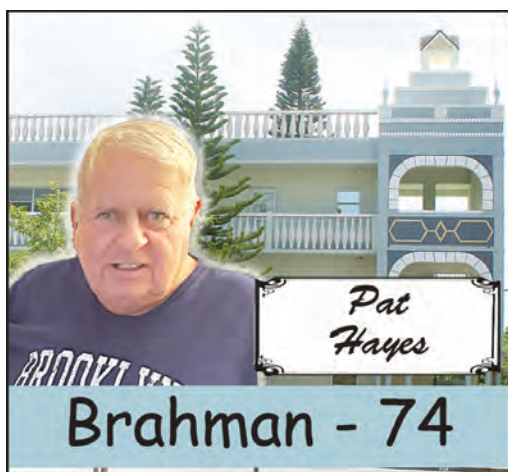
With such short notice, it would have been fun just to have a few neighbors show up. To our surprise, 20 residents attended for two hours of food, fun and conversation.

Turns out, most of us started with a Greek salad and entrees that were not pizza.

Most dishes were primarily Italian or Greek. Only four people ordered pizza.

As the night rolled on, we discovered that not only were our neighbors friendly, but we were starting to remember each other's names.

Since our last get together, Tony Santascieri has created a Facebook page for the building (Brahman Building Buddies). Tony has agreed to manage the page, which can be a useful means of communication for residents. We will post all upcoming events



as well as building notices in addition to posting them in the core.

By the way, Tony serves as the building liaison for the Veterans Group and manages the veterans materials on the bulletin boards. So many thanks for your service to our community.

83rd birthday shared with family



By Cecile Sangiamo

Esmeralda McGill had a great 83rd birthday in May when family members attended a party thrown by the English Gothic building. The day included a barbeque on the front lawn and a pink birthday crown. Guests included cousin Debbie Hampton and aunt Doris Hampton, both from Clearwater.

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Will Johns plays his guitar during a Valencia building cookout at the Pavilion. Who is Will Johns? Well, Google British rock musicians related to Eric Clapton, Mick Fleetwood and George Harrison and his name might pop up for more information.

Guest guitarist entertains at Valencia cookout

At a recent Valencia building hot dog cookout, residents were treated to a surprise that everyone is still talking about today.

Kim Copeland asked if she could bring her British musician friend to the cookout. Of course, we said yes. After all, we are a very friendly group.

Turned out, Kim's friend was Will Johns, a very accomplished British rock/blues musician, whose relatives include uncles Eric Clapton, Mick Fleetwood and the late George Harrison.

Musical talent literally runs through his veins. What a treat.

After we ate, Will played a few songs for the group and he was amazing.

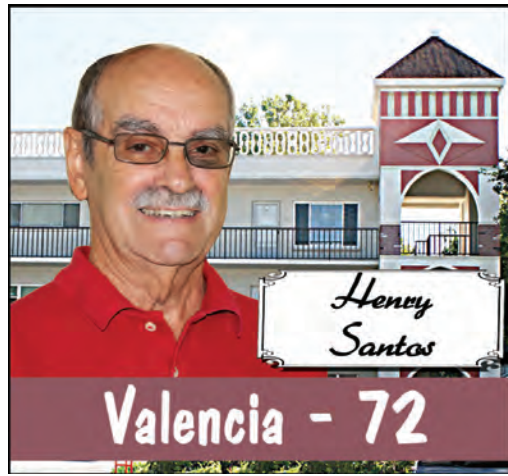
Will was actually on a Florida tour performing and promoting his latest album "Ying and Yang" after recently completing a tour in Germany and other European countries.

Will's tour in Florida gave him a chance to visit friends, make some new ones and find some relaxing time to do a little fishing.

By the way, he also won part of our 50/50 raffle payout. Thank you Will and thank you Kim. This was one cookout to remember.

Please check our bulletin board for the next building gathering and sign up. You never know what can happen.

Also, the ladies luncheons have been resurrected



and be sure not to miss out. These dining divas really know how to have a good time.

And now for the Name That Teen contest. The photo of this gentleman was taken when he was about 18 years old. Do you know who he is?

Here is a hint. His name, plus four additional letters, is included in the following phrase: Scrambled Eyerest.

The Teen of the Month for May was Joy Longo and everyone who took a stab at guessing was correct. Thanks everyone who participated.



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Every building should have a person in charge of clever holiday decorations



Nancy Niewelt points out one of the favorite decorations at Bavarian Chalet.

There are five building captains in the Bavarian Chalet building and each captain has a unique responsibility which is taken seriously.

This month I would like to share a story with you about the person responsible for decorating our corridor, Nancy Niewelt.

Nancy moved to On Top of the World in October 2023 from Chicago to become the caregiver for her mother. She also wanted to enjoy her retirement years.

Along with caring for her mother, Nancy also has dogs who require time and attention, but she never complains about her many daily challenges.

After seeing Nancy's Halloween decorations, our captains' team knew we needed her on our building team. We are so excited she accepted.

During Nancy's working years, she wore many hats and was the person in charge of decorations for her place of employment. She has a real talent for placing the right things together. She makes sure we are decorated for all holidays.

Nancy does find times during her busy schedule to have fun with some new friends. She is a member of the Shuffleboard Club, is on a bowling team and her real treat is being a member of the Night Riders group.

Bavarian Chalet residents are very happy to have very welcoming decorations and a



beautiful corridor at On Top of the World. Nancy has decorations on all the walls as well as over the mailboxes. It is the extra little things like sunglasses on the bulletin board that cause smiles to our residents.

As the sign reads, "Welcome to Paradise." Enjoy the beauty you see as you stroll through our corridor.

We thank Nancy for her dedication to this responsibility and appreciate her talents.

(Editor's note: Building cores are only allowed to be decorated for upcoming holidays. They cannot be decorated just for fun. Decorations must be temporary and easily taken down after a holiday.)

More than 20 from Rural French dine out at Olive Garden



Rural French held its May luncheon at the Olive Garden restaurant in Clearwater.

The luncheon was hosted by Jim and Carmel Leblanc and we had a good turnout of 22 people.

We enjoyed the endless salad bowl and bread sticks. Next we ordered our lunches. Lunch was served and it was enjoyed by all.

Our waitress Julie did a great job looking after all of our needs and requests. Many of us brought home doggie bags or we bought the Olive Garden (\$6 Take Home Entrees) to enjoy for our dinners that night.

This was a good turnout for this time of year. It was nice to see some new faces that were able to join us.



Rural French residents enjoy dining together at Olive Garden.

We enjoyed good conversations and all of the company was pleasant. A good time was had by all and we look forward to our next building function which will be hosted by Judy Wennerstrand and held at Eddie's

Bar and Grill in Dunedin in early June.

Once again, keep checking our building bulletin board for any happenings or building updates that you might be interested in joining or you don't want to miss.

If you have a function, activity or restaurant you'd like to share with our building sign up and make it happen. Good times don't happen by themselves. Sometimes they need a push.

Fujiwara celebrates a May wedding

The bells were ringing at the Fujiwara building celebrating two momentous occasions on May 11.

The first was the Renewal of Vows to commemorate the 40th wedding anniversary of Larry and Kathy Raubenstine. These long-time residents met on a blind date in July 1983 and Larry knew she was the one at first sight.

They married in May of 1984 and traveled around the country by boat and Prevost Bus before settling in OTOW in 2004. Along with their Havanese, Teddy, they are great neighbors. Kathy's infectious laugh can brighten up even the dreariest of days.

Three years ago, Anna Brinkerhoff moved into our building with Baby, her adorable Westie. Teddy and Baby hit it off immediately (like father, like son) and have been inseparable since then. So, to add to the wedding vows celebration, Baby and Teddy got married the same day!

Teddy wore a very smart tuxedo and Baby's wedding dress was designed by Carol Caseber from the Contemporary building. The dress was made from Anna's original wedding gown.

The ceremonies were followed by a won-



derful cookout reception for more than 50 guests in the parking lot. It featured Anna's amazing cooking. Anna's sister, Margie, visiting from Pennsylvania, took care of decorating the wedding wagon for Teddy and Baby. The new couple even provided Woofgang Bakery Doggy Cakes for their canine guests.

When asked about their future family plans, Baby and Teddy said that they had responsible owners and had already been spayed and neutered, so we're not expecting any pups from these two cuties.



Baby and Teddy tied the knot.



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Our whole month of May at Bedford in just 88 words



Backyards were made for potluck dinners. This one at the Bedford building took place in May.

May came and went so fast! Barbara and Alan Wong had a fabulous time on their Norwegian cruise. Sally Herman and Jerry Jordan hosted a backyard pot luck dinner. Eighteen residents and one guest attended. There was a lot of food and socializing. There was even a game of cornhole.

Barbara Wong hosted a beautiful, surprise, tea party for Domenica (Nickie) Arbucho's birthday. With nine ladies attending we had cut out sandwiches, sweets and tea served in pretty tea pots.

Joe and Cindy Popelik traveled to Hawaii then cruised around the islands.

Congratulations to Granada's Linda Faust

Breaking up is hard to do! The "Granadian Porch Potatoes" spent a morning trying to say the right heartfelt words to end their morning coffee and news paper break for the summer. We will miss the morning porch potatoes as they are always out laughing, sharing headlines and greeting those who are simply passing by walking their dogs or just enjoying their early morning walks.

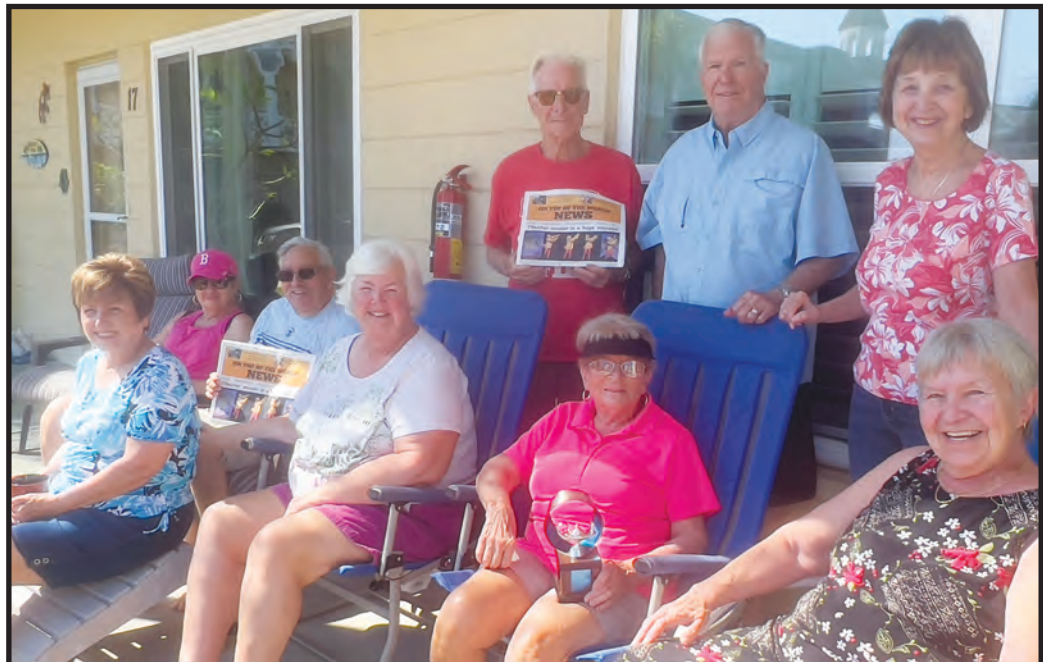


in Hope for Heroes Veterans Projects with On Top of the World's Veterans Group. They meet each Honor Flight as they fly in from Washington DC to greet each veteran.

Linda is always there at each flight waving flags and displaying welcome banners and greeting our veterans with a big open heart.

Linda is also involved in Wreaths Across America, a project you will hear more about at end of year. It is a way to honor our fallen soldiers at Christmas time.

We had a good crowd at Smokey Bones



for our building lunch in May. We will announce our next luncheon date and time and post next to elevator bulletin board for sign up. Please stand by for details for Meeting on the Green. Summer weather permitting,

we will always keep you informed. Until next month... As always, be blessed and let not your hearts be troubled.

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Somewhere between driving across the country, Villa residents still celebrated Mother's Day

Eleanore Albano, assisted by daughter Natalie, recently hosted a delightful high tea.

Eleanore's enchanting table, as pictured, featured teas and an assortment of delish treats from around the world.

Hats were the order of the day. It was a lovely afternoon.

The Careys drove to California to celebrate their granddaughter's wedding with a return stop in Las Vegas.

Jim Farmer had a fun holiday in Mexico.

Rosalie Borselli enjoyed Mother's Day with her daughters, and grand- and great-grandchildren in Sarasota.

Chris Tuttle and my cousin, Phil Larivere, from Rancho del Mundo, shared birthday celebrations at Longhorn Steakhouse with pals.

I ventured to Maine with stops in Connecticut. Son Mike and I ventured to Jackie Holland's family ice cream store "Scoops" on opening day. Jackie is part of our On Top of the World family. If you're in Maine, do visit Scoops in Jefferson.

I was very happy to return to warmth. Attire of the day were ski silks and jacket and electric blanket by night. Was cold and wet but for a day.

On Top of the World staff, armed with



fans and dehumidifier, were quick to respond to water in my Florida room ceiling from above an air conditioner vent line. Want to thank the guys for such quick response. Now to repaint!

Wishing all dads a happy Father's Day.

Thanks Gerri and Brian Lance for placing flags for Flag Day.

OK boys and girls. Until next we meet, best wishes to all celebrants. Remember any news fit to print send to fresca@maine.rr.com.



Eleanore and Natalie Albano show off their high tea table.



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On Top of the World became a home away from home after hurricane damage

Here we are, smack-dab in the midst of spring and the time for new beginnings. And residents of the Old World Spanish building are making some big changes. We're delighted to see the bees buzzing, flowers blooming and butterflies fluttering.

Residents have not seen much change on the Australia Way side of our building, but this month we bid farewell to our neighbors, Sue and Denny Burns.

Originally from western Michigan, they had been wintering in Ft. Myers area for a number of years. Hurricane damage in that area caused them to look elsewhere for their utopian winter months in Florida and they landed in On Top of the World six years ago. And then they decided to move across Belcher to the Paradise Reserves where they are literally in the land of Camelot, Utopia, Shangri-La.

At right is a picture of Sue and Denny Burns enjoying a fully, in-bloom tree in their front yard on the east side of On Top of the World. This move is bittersweet for them because they are happy with our neighborhood and we'll miss them as much as they will miss us. At least they're close enough to visit often. And there will be new friends with their new neighbors.

Our Brazilia side of the building is undergoing changes with several vacancies awaiting new residents and the parking lot still awaiting a full resurfacing.

In search of our own Utopia at Old World Spanish, we are making significant progress at organizing our storage rooms.



Spring cleaning is an understatement. The majority of one storage room was full of abandoned belongings of residents who left long ago. And now it is nearly empty.

The May OTOW newspaper featured an article on storage room maintenance and was perfect timing for those of us who are doing the dirty work of deep-cleaning. And those in other buildings who have done it, know exactly what I mean.

Soon will be the task of marking off measured spaces for each resident and then we will sort and stack the identifiable space with belongings. Finally, we reach the monitoring phase.

Even though we've not quite finished our storage room deep-cleaning project, we will celebrate our progress with a picnic at the Pavilion in early June, before the Summer Solstice. Cheers!



Sue and Denny Burns, at right, called On Top of the World home after a hurricane damaged their home elsewhere in Florida. Now it is time to go back home.

Cinco de Mayo building party

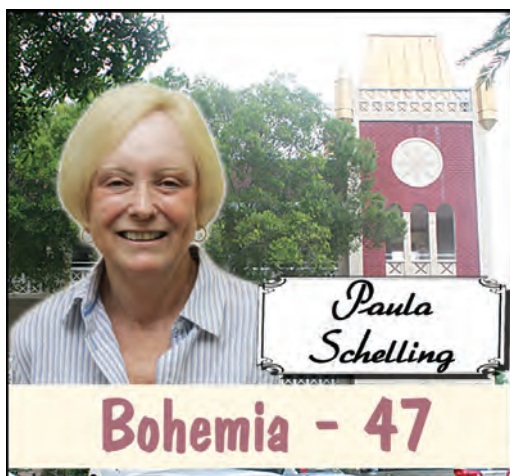
Bohemia building residents started the month of May by celebrating Cinco de Mayo at Taco Quila.

Twenty-six residents sampled delicious, traditional foods with merriment.

The festivities continued with a second celebration at Southern Lights Brewery with music, beverages and the Black Rabbit Catering food truck, which specializes in all types of tacos.

Our beloved Katie Shivell celebrated her 95th birthday in May. Her son, Stanley, traveled in from Pennsylvania to be a part of the celebration. Twenty residents attended a special happy hour to celebrate her momentous day. Stanley then whisked her off to a steak dinner. She later reported the whole day was very special.

On Memorial Day weekend, we were scheduled to come together again – this time to celebrate with our annual potluck dinner and scavenger hunt. The Jamaican side of the building was determined to win this year after losing three straight years to the Irish Lane



side. We'll report on the winning building in the July newspaper.

It was the perfect way to "whine" down the month.

... and they are off!



You have all heard rumors that we race horses at On Top of the World. Above is proof. The Entertainment Committee held horses races in the Auditorium during Sunday Meet and Greet in May. The next one is in September. Bring \$1. (Photo by Mike Wood)

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Bingo outings are building-wide

Residents from New World French not only play bingo together, but we recently attended a bingo marathon together.

We rolled out our purple table cloth on the same table we always play on on Monday nights.

It all started when we got to know each other at bingo. Now we are all buddies. We even go out to lunch together.

Bingo is a good social event to get together and if someone shouts "bingo" from our table it's a bonus.

Would like to thank all the volunteers who run the bingo. You all do a great job.



Left to right are Pat Cullen, Janet Peterman, Mary Leist, Brad Shively, Danielle La Rochelle, Phyllis Sussman and Marian Martello.

Classifieds

Bed Frame

For sale, queen size mechanical bed frame, headboard, matching dresser and two night stands. Asking \$300. TV console wood tone, 40 inches wide, 20 inches depth, 30 inches tall. Asking \$50. Pick up only. Call 727-424-3279 and ask for Cheryl.

Living Room Table

For sale, stone-topped living room table. 28 inches depth, 28 inches wide, 22 inches tall. Has bronze legs. Very heavy. Asking \$30. Call Tara at 727-577-8145.

Mahjongg Set

For sale, Mahjongg set. Asking \$60. Please call 727-421-7628.

Golf Club Carrier

For sale, Silent Caddy Golf Club Carrier. Holds eight clubs and three golf balls. Sticks in the ground. Asking \$50. Call Kevin at 631-662-7329.


Dog Ramp

For sale, dog ramp for dog to get up and down from a bed. Made for 10-24 pound dogs. Box is unopened. Asking \$25. Three chewable flea and tick tablets. Asking \$25. Call 727-536-7639.

Patio Set

For sale, High Top Patio Set including four chairs and 43-inch table. Blue and white. Hardly used. In good condition. Asking \$400. For sale, mahogany curio cabinet 76 inches tall, beveled glass all around with lighted glass shelves. Asking \$425. Call Mary at 727-744-1125.

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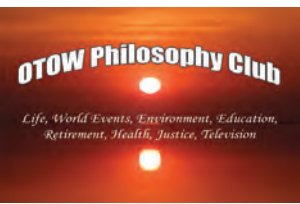


Shuffleboard is open to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card. Just show up and play. We have the equipment.

Philosophy Club

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available.



Social Dance Lessons


Social Dance Lessons are now being offered by instructor Howard Wolff, who allows his students to pick the dances to learn - and there are a ton of dances to choose from. Howard will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

Howard's classes are open to all residents with a valid activity card. Social Dance takes place every Thursday afternoon, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

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Curious what our club is all about? Stop by as a visitor on any Friday at 10:30 a.m. for one of our meetings. We will be in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Our TOPS Club focuses on lifestyle change to help people lose weight and learn how to keep pounds off sensibly. Join us for support and accountability. Included in your yearly dues, besides a magazine, is a digital health library, webinars from experts, fitness guides and recipes. Hope to see you at a future meeting.



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Meets 10:30 am-12 p.m. Fridays in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.



Bonesavers

The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Clearwater Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women are both welcome.

Learning to Dance with Noland

Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.



Duplicate Bridge

Beginner duplicate bridge takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

Regular duplicate bridge takes place 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

Tai Chi is now free.

Look for our ad in this month's newspaper.

Billiards

9-Ball
Fridays
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

8-Ball
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Mah Jongg in a condo

There is a group of Mah Jongg players that plays Mondays in different condos throughout the spring and summer. This group plays from 1:30-3:30 pm. If you would enjoy visiting a neighbor's condo and playing Mah Jongg, give Libby a call at 727-669-1486.

Pray for America

Saturdays
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Crystal Beach Room

Casual Bridge

New bridge players, and not-so-new bridge players, are welcome to join Casual Bridge.

We meet 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday.

The club will meet in the East Activity Center Ozona Room, the former puzzle room.

Come enjoy some fun card playing while challenging your skills - old and new. No partner necessary.

For further information, contact Carlos at loresc@yahoo.com



Canadian Club Social Games

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Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
WAC Belleair Room
Year Round

Coordinator Tom Jamrozy is available to train new players at 5:50 p.m. each Thursday, followed by practice games from 6-6:30 p.m. and regular games running from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Bring your own beverage of choice. Must have a valid activity card.

Experienced Mah Jongg players wanted

Are you ready to toss your tiles again? If so, there is a group of experienced Mah Jongg players that meets each Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

We mainly adhere to the National Mah Jongg League guidelines with just a few variations.

No sitting at home in your room wishing you were playing Mah Jongg! Bring your lucky Mah Jongg card and join us Friday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you. If you have questions, please stop by the Palm Harbor Room before our games begin.

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OTOW News
WORDMIX

Unscramble the six words listed below.
If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.
If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

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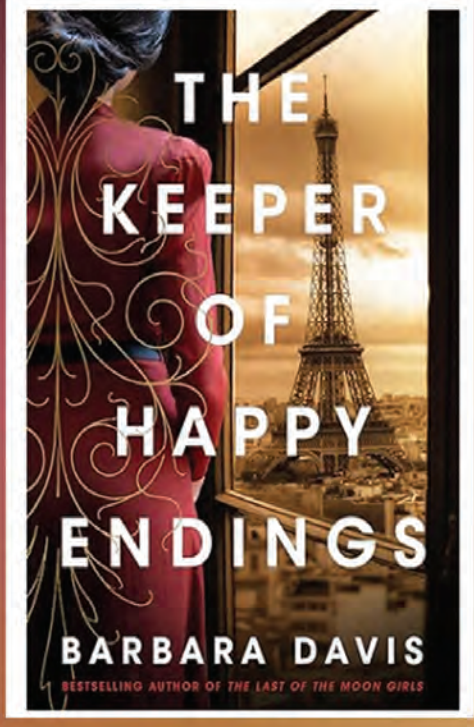
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10 a.m., Thursday, July 18
“On Earth We Are Briefly Gorgeous”
 by Ocean Vuong

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