

Community News

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Publisher

**Celebrating
Accomplishments**

Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service nominated Landscape Superintendent Phillip Hisey for Florida Association of County Agriculture Agents Outstanding Agriculturalist. Anyone who knows Phillip would not be surprised to know that he was selected to receive the award. His commitment to creating water-wise landscaping is well known in the industry. Congratulations! The award will be presented on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at the Friends of Extension luncheon.

Congratulations also go to Events Manager Gary Pierre at Circle Square Commons on graduation from the Leadership Ocala/Marion (LOM) program through the Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP). Each year, the program is limited to a select number of applicants who demonstrate leadership qualities as well as integrity. It is an honor to be invited to join this important program.

Patriotic Celebration

July is shaping up to be a great month! We are looking forward to another wonderful Patriotic Celebration on Wednesday, July 4 at Circle Square Commons. The event will take place from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. and includes three great bands, food trucks, ice cream at Mr. B's Big Scoop Ice Cream, and the day's most popular conclusion - fireworks at 9 p.m.

The kiosk will also be open to sell beer, wine, sodas and bottled water. Parking lots open at 4 p.m.

Market Update

Demand for new active adult housing remains very strong in 2018. New home sales continue at a brisk pace. All new products are selling very well and the new phases in Avalon and Candler Hills are being added rapidly. We are already planning a new model center (again) in Candler Hills. Stay tuned as we have several nice surprises in store.

Another sign of a robust local economy and a healthy community is the steady pace of resales. A quick check of On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion County's tracking system shows that prices are trending 15.85 percent higher over July 2017. Total number of resale homes closed over June 2017 is nearly double.

Landscape Update

July is a great month for growing a garden and planting shrubs. That said, please remember that landscape modifications, just like any modification of the structure, must receive prior approval from the owners association. I am mentioning this in my column in the hopes that we can all avoid unnecessary consequences of flaunting the Rules and Regulations of your Association.

The application process is very simple. Just stop by Customer Service to complete a modification request. You will be asked to provide a detailed description of the work requested, a dimensioned drawing of the affected area, the name of the contractor performing the work and proof of your contractor's insurance. A representative of the association will inspect the area and advise the owner of approval, approval with minor changes, or denial.

Storm Preparedness

If you missed the message in June, it is not too late to start seriously planning how you will deal with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a major storm. Your Association makes every ef-

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**Music, Food &
Fireworks for All!**

By Jo Salyers

This year's Patriotic Celebration will be another huge event with entertainment, food, and fireworks for the grand finale!

On Wednesday, July 4, Circle Square Commons will be closed to all traffic (foot, golf cart and cars) until 4 p.m. The gates will promptly

open at 4 p.m.

This year, in addition to familiar favorite bands - Rocky and the Rollers and Second Slice - we are proud to welcome the U.S. Navy Band the Cruisers! The Cruisers will start off the day with patriotic memories and unparalleled musi-

cal talent. We are honored that our location was chosen for a visit!

Food will be available for purchase through food trucks and Mr. B's Big Scoop Ice Cream.

As a reminder, we encourage you to bring lawn chairs. Golf carts will be parked in a designated area in front of Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli. For vehicles, please park where directed by our team members. Parking is free for residents showing their resident I.D. Non-residents will be charged \$5 per vehicle.

We appreciate your cooperation; come prepared to have a great time!



U.S. Navy Band the Cruisers will perform at the Patriotic Celebration on Wednesday, July 4.

Patriotic Celebration Lineup	
4:30 p.m.	U.S. Navy Band the Cruisers sing National Anthem
4:35 p.m.	Independence Day Ceremonial
5:00 p.m.	U.S. Navy Band the Cruisers
6:25 p.m.	Rocky and The Rollers
7:35 p.m.	Second Slice
9:00 p.m.	Firework Display

Beat the Heat

By Michelle Shideler

The month of July brings much excitement with the celebration of Independence Day, summer picnics and family gatherings, and leisurely days at the beach or on vacation with loved ones. It is also a grand month to find exciting educational events indoors to beat the sweltering Florida heat.

Luckily, there are many opportunities to spend time indoors learning something new right here at Master the Possibilities. As a matter of fact, there are more than 120 events happening at Master the Possibilities this month. Participants may choose to attend everything from a Thursday "Afternoon at the Movies," to "Into the Past: Visions of Florida's Native American Monuments."

Those interested in attending one of our Thursday movies, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Live Oak Hall may visit our office for a complete list of movies being shown. Signing up for our weekly email blast will ensure participants receive movie information right in their inboxes. Admission is free, but registration is required. This is a great way to beat the heat, connect with new people, visit old friends, and catch up on movies possibly never viewed before.

If visiting Sholom Park is on the list of to-do events this month, why not participate in our "Introduction to Tai Chi and Qi Gong at Sholom Park" 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 10? Come learn how to improve balance, concentration and overall health with the gentle movements

and postures of Tai Chi at Sholom Park. Cost for this event is \$5 for members, and \$10 for non-members. Additional information may be found on page 44 of the summer 2018 catalog, or on our website at masterthepossibilities.org.

An added course to our curriculum this month is "How the 2014 ad Valorem Tax Has Benefited Marion County Public School Students." This 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 10 course will highlight the benefits and successes of the referendum and detail why the tax should be continued. There is no cost for this course, but registration is required.

After that, take a look into the Revolutionary War conflicts with instructor Billy Bass during "The Civil War Within the Revolutionary War," 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12 in Live Oak Hall. He will touch on information about how internal

conflicts among various groups of Americans shaped the course of the war. The course fee is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members, and registration is required.

Our Visiting Artist presentation for this month is "Into the Past: Visions of Florida's Native American Monuments," presented by John Capouya and Suzanne Williamson on Thursday, July 26. As part of this presentation John and Suzanne will reveal the hidden history in words and images of Florida's Native American heritage sites. This event will be followed by an optional field trip to the nearby Appleton Museum to see their exhibit, "Shadow and Reflection: Visions of Florida's Sacred Landscape," Friday, July 27 with a docent tour.

For a complete list of exciting courses this month, visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org, or stop by our main office to pick up a copy of our current catalog. Registration is available 24/7 on our website, or by calling (352) 854-3699.



John Capouya and Suzanne Williamson will give a talk about their upcoming exhibit at the Appleton Museum of Art.

Photo by Suzanne Williamson

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On Top of the World NEWS

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Friendship is one mind in two bodies.

Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT: Recently I've been receiving email offers or gift cards from companies such as Sam's Club or Walmart and others as well. You must be very cautious if you get these emails because they are almost always just another scam method of getting control of your computer.

I am aware that it is more difficult each day, to protect ourselves from scams including but not limited to phishing. Yet, we must always remember that we should never click on a link that is sent to us unsolicited, even if it appears to come from a company with whom we've had business dealings in the past or from some person with whom we have had previous dealings.

SCAM ALERT: Many of us are on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. That's a great way to stay or become connected with family and friends. However, you must remember that scammers are lurking on these

sites as well. They can infect someone else's account so when you get a message from your relatives or friends, they might already be infected. Just don't click on links or attachments without first confirming separately, that it's safe to do that. And always remember if you are not 100 percent sure, then you are not sure at all so don't click or open.

Q. I recently married after a long period of widowhood. During my career, I worked for (a very large company) and I have a substantial retirement account with them. My new husband worked for a large company also. We've both been told that our retirement accounts are in a "Qualified Retirement Plan." We have a pre-nuptial agreement where neither of us can claim the retirement benefits from the other's account and thus they go to our own beneficiaries. Are we protected?

A. If I understand what you are asking, the answer is probably not protected at all. A Qualified Retirement Plan offers certain tax benefits to employers, but they must meet the requirements of the Employee Retirement Security Act (ERISA). Typical qualified plans are

401ks, profit sharing plans and certain (but not all) IRAs. When you are the beneficiary of a Qualified Retirement Plan and you are married, the only way your spouse can waive his or her interest in that plan is to do so as a spouse. A pre-nuptial agreement made in contemplation of the marriage. In other words, you aren't married when you execute it. Therefore, even though the pre-nuptial agreement says that you waive an interest in a Qualified Retirement Plan, it cannot be done until the parties are married.

Bottom line: Where a Qualified Retirement Plan is involved, a pre-nuptial agreement should clearly state that after they are married each party will sign the appropriate plan's specific spousal waiver.

Having said all of this, it is critical that you meet with your attorney and obtain his/her advice on how to accomplish the waiver of a spousal right in a Qualified Retirement Plan. Other than the limited thoughts I've set out here, this subject is simply too complex to be adequately addressed in a column like this.

Q. We live in On Top of the World, which is a 55 and over com-

munity. Since none of our children are 55 or older, does this mean that we can't leave our On Top of the World property to them?

A. Sigh. I've covered this very issue over and over and over and I guess I'll have to keep on covering it from time to time.

1. You can leave your On Top of the World property to anyone you choose regardless of the age of the person.
2. If you leave your On Top of the World property to someone who is not 55 or older, he or she can own it, occupy it, rent it, and/or sell it.

In a 55 and over community, 80 percent of the units must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older. At On Top of the World, that 20 percent remaining amount is used to permit someone who inherits a unit to own it, occupy it, etc. Of course, it's different if you wish to sell your unit to someone who is under the age of 55; but that's not the same as inheriting a unit by someone who is not 55.

Q. My three children want me to give them my home now, so that if I go into a nursing home they can protect it for me. Your thoughts, please.

A. Sigh. So many children, so little time to dump them by the side of the road. Your homestead should remain in your name alone. It's a protected asset from Medicaid spend-down, although there's always the issue of how to maintain it if you are in a nursing home.

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All Around Our World

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Happy Independence Day! Once again this year we will have our very own fireworks display to celebrate this momentous occasion and it just so happens to be one of the best displays in Marion County. Be sure to check out all the fun events planned at Circle Square Commons for the evening leading up to the fireworks.

A fun VIP event is planned at The Club at Candler Hills that will include a buffet, draft beer, house wine as well as a front row seat to view the fireworks. To buy tickets, please stop by The Club at Candler Hills.

As we observe the Fourth of July, please stay safe and have fun celebrating the independence and freedoms we enjoy.

Customer Service

The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, July 18, this month. Customer Service may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 200 in Friendship Commons Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you reach our voicemail during normal business hours, please know that we are helping others and will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Since the holiday falls on a Wednesday, Customer Service will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

Customer Service Remodel

The Customer Service office has started renovations, which will continue over the next several months. Please pardon our dust as we work on updating and expanding our office to better serve you.

Inspecting Your Gutters

If you have gutters, please check them on a regular basis and keep them clean of debris. It is especially important to do so after each leaf season. If you don't clean them out regularly, the gutters could become weighted down with leaves,

acorns, branches, etc. and clog the downspouts. If we have a heavy rain, this could result in the gutter pulling from the roof and possibly taking the soffit and fascia with it. Clogged gutters can also be a source of a serious roof leak, as the water backs up and penetrates behind shingles. Please take a few minutes periodically to visually inspect them. If you are unable to clean them out yourself, you may contact Customer Service for a list of handymen who have provided proof of insurance to work in the community.

On Top of the World Central Re-Roofing Schedule

The following is a list of roof replacements that are scheduled within the next 90 days: Buildings 1927 Units A - E, 1989 Units A - F, 1991 Units A - G, 2012 Units A - G, 2038 Units A - H, 2043 Units A - D, 2052 Units A - D, 2068 Units A - D and single family homes, Lots 0305, 0306, and 0605.

Due to unforeseen weather conditions, we are unable to provide exact dates of replacements. Schedules are also based upon several other factors as well: return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority.

Heat Exhaustion & Stroke

We have experienced some pretty warm temperatures already this summer ... to me it actually feels like summer started in May. With that said, please remember to take steps to guard against heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Think prevention and always drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids before, during and after any activity in hot, sunny weather. If you feel overheated, go indoors or to a cool shaded area.

If you are a walker, jogger or gardener, it is best to avoid being outdoors at the hottest part of the day when participating in these types of activities. To find out more information, on the web, search "heat exhaustion" or "heat stroke." Heat stroke is an emergency that requires immediate recognition and prompt treatment.

I touched on leaving dogs in vehicles last month, however I want to reiterate to those who may have missed it. Please do not leave your dog in a closed up vehicle with windows cracked. It can take only a

matter of minutes for the heat to build up, and your dog can become distressed or even perish. Our good intentions of only being away from the car for a minute can easily turn into 10. I can't say it enough, please do not leave your dog in the vehicle unattended.

Hurricane Preparedness

Although hurricane preparedness was touched upon in last month's newspaper in various columns and an insert, I'd like to reiterate a couple of things. It is very important that those with special needs register now and not wait until the last minute. Residents with medical needs such as nebulizers, oxygen, feeding tubes, or cognitive impairment are examples of medical criteria that are eligible for the registry. After Hurricane Irma last year, we had quite a few residents who ran out of oxygen and I'd hate for that to happen if we were to experience another hurricane this year. If you have special needs, please register at <https://snr.floridadisaster.org/Signin?client=marion> or call (352) 369-8100.

Another great tool to use, not just for hurricanes, is AlertMarion. When you subscribe to AlertMarion, you can receive alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the emergency alert and notification program. The system enables

them to provide Marion County residents with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You may sign up at alertmarion.com/home.html.

Trash Disposal

A resident asked that I share a reminder to all residents regarding trash disposal. For those who do not have curbside collection, household trash should be disposed of at one of the many disposal areas located throughout the community. "White goods" should be disposed of only in the "white goods" area at the SW 90th Street disposal location. Contractors working for residents may not dispose of items in the community; they must dispose of them elsewhere. We ask that you please not put inappropriate items in the compactors; please take them to the SW 90th Street location.

We do ask that if a container is full, be it a single stream recycling container or a compactor, please do not set the recycling or trash on the ground around the container or on top of the container. We want to keep our community looking beautiful, and I am sure you do too.

OneBlood Bloodmobile
Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus® was here on Monday, June 4. I would like to thank the 22 people who took the time to save a life. You are true heroes.

The snowbirds have flown the

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coop. Summer is upon us. Many people are on vacation. Unfortunately, the need for blood does not go on vacation. We need everyone who is able to please consider saving a life. Some day it may be your own or someone you love.

The next blood drive will be Monday, Aug. 6. All residents are welcome including Indigo East (with Gateway of Services). Please mark your calendar. See you on the bus.

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Indigo East

Howard Frierman

The family had just finished dining and everyone settled into the living room, when Gerald asked, "Who wants to go live in the Philippines?" His little girl looked a bit confused, and said, "Just one minute daddy, I have to check something," and she darted out of the room. A minute later she returned with her globe of the world, and asked "Is the Philippines near Taiwan?" Gerald told her it was, and she said, "I will go. Taiwan is the toy maker of the world!" So off this family went, halfway around the world, with Gerald, this time, working for the federal government, in a public relations position while the Philippines experienced nine government coups. "Very intense times," he said.

Margaret and Gerald Durrett, new residents in Indigo East, are from Bowling Green, Ky. and met in high school. One summer, Gerald's college buddy Larry Isenberg (also living in Indigo East) told Gerald that the FBI was looking for employees. They both applied and were accepted for positions in Washington, D.C., but only Gerald

went. "Larry didn't want to leave his girlfriend, who is now his lovely wife Maryanne," Gerald said. "But I decided to take the plunge and move."

Of course, soon afterwards, Gerald's sweetheart Margaret moved to D.C., they soon married and both of them began working for the federal government. Margaret joined the State Department's posting division, and it was her responsibility to distribute those "wanted" posters to the nation's law enforcement divisions, hoping to catch the worst of America's criminals.

Eventually, the family moved to Tallahassee, Fla. where Gerald and Margaret fell in love with Florida, but after seven years they returned to D.C. when a better job was offered to Gerald in the Secret Service. Among his many encounters at this job, one took him deep in the backwoods of Georgia, with other agents about to raid a home. The proprietor was illegally manufacturing Michael Jackson t-shirts, and cashing in on the pop star's meteoric rise to fame. When the agents knocked on the door, the mother answered and immediately said, "I told him he would get caught, I told him. All his stuff is in the basement." The guy was arrested when he got home.

The family continued to traverse the world, being assigned to South



Photo by Howard Frierman

Gerald and Margaret Durrett.

Africa for three years, then to Poland for a few more, and then back home. When they finally settled in Pensacola in the late 1990s, Gerald was still on call, and his last adventure was to ship out to the Honduras embassy.

When the Isenbergs decided to move to On Top of the World and enjoy retirement, their long-

time friends the Durrettts decided to come and visit. Of course they loved it, and moved here this past March. "It reminds us of Kentucky and Virginia," Margaret said. "We love it." The Durrettts are still settling into their new Sunflower model, but have made quite a few friends and are slowly learning to adore the Florida lifestyle.



Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

The ice cream social on Sunday, June 10 was a huge success. Over 200 Candler Hills residents attended. What a great time we all had sampling ice cream flavors, making ice cream sundaes and ice cream floats as well as socializing with friends and neighbors. The next ice cream social will take place on Sunday, Aug. 19 with tickets going on sale again at the end of July and beginning of August (96 tickets have been sold thus far). Should

you have any questions regarding this event, please contact John Bain at (352) 414-5434.

The next potluck dinner will take place on Tuesday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. This potluck will take place on the veranda and at the pavilion. We will try to have a picnic again because our May picnic event was rained out.

Residents with last names beginning with A-C should bring a salad; D-K - main entree; L-S - dessert; and T-Z - side dish. Please prepare dishes for 10 to 12 people and label your dishes for the people with dietary issues.

Setup volunteers should arrive at 4:30 p.m.; others by 5:30 p.m. to obtain a table number for where you will be sitting. \$1 cost per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins and decaf coffee.

To attend, contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@

verizon.net to let me know how many will attend and if you help with setup and/or cleanup. There will be snack foods on each table to munch on before dinner and a 50/50 drawing will be held. Hope to see you there!

Our speaker series continues at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills on the following days:

- Thursday, Oct. 11: E.L. Strickland of Circle Square Ranch.
- Tuesday, Nov. 20: Phillip Hisey on "Winterizing Landscape and New Technology" and Robert (Boe) Stepp from Land Development.
- Thursday, Dec. 6: Michelle and Charlie Stone on "Marion County Updates."

The sixth annual barbecue picnic will be on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the pavilion. 267 residents attended this event last year. More information will follow in future World News columns and

in "The Happenings." Volunteers are needed!

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email to keep up-to-date with events.

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to 510 members. Instructions to join this Facebook group are outlined in "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection social board is still evaluating the use of MyGrove to disseminate information to Candler Hills residents. We will keep you updated in future columns.

The next Candler Connection board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Candler Hills Community Center. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood!

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Summer is in full swing. It's a great time to enjoy the kids and grandkids, have pool parties, cook-outs, play cornhole and sit under a cabana and read a book. These are just a few things that The Lodge at Candler Hills can provide for you over the summer.

On Wednesday, July 4, our hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the pool. Ice can be provided for your coolers, if needed. Just step inside the office and ask the attendant.

Don't miss out on our Kocktails and Karaoke on Saturday,

July 7, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the ballroom. Residents are welcome to bring a guest; fee is \$2 each. If you're not a singer, you can be a clapper or dancer. It's all in good fun.

BYOB happy hour is Saturday, July 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. Grab your favorite drink and spend time with friends and neighbors. Guests are welcome for a \$5 fee.

In 2019, happy hour will fall on the last Saturday of each month, with the exception of January (Jan. 19). To avoid conflict in 2018, some dates were moved around to accommodate events that were previously planned. Moving forward in 2019, these dates are set on the calendar. We invite all of Candler Hills to attend and enjoy the evening. You may bring a guest for a fee of \$5 per guest.

It's not too early to start thinking about entering the second annual chili cook-off on Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. Our first year had eight contestants with a variety of flavors. If you would like to compete this year, sign-ups will run from Wednesday, Aug. 1 to Friday, Oct. 5 in the office at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Entry fee is \$5 per resident. Rules and regulations will be given at the time of sign-ups.

If you are planning an event at The Lodge at Candler Hills, it is important to have all paperwork turned into the office at least two weeks in advance. This gives adequate time to submit setups and guest list to the appropriate departments. Changes made at the last minute may result in an improper setup. Also remember, if a guest is not on the guest list form, they will

not be allowed to enter the property. This form must be in alphabetical order to ensure a faster process for the gate staff attendants. We all strive to make sure each event runs smoothly for everyone involved. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Friday, Aug. 3 is National Watermelon Day. Let's celebrate! All watermelon fans are invited at Candler Hills Community Center, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. There will be trays of ice cold refreshing watermelon for you to indulge in. We ask that you bring in a creation of your own with this delicious fruit. Come enjoy the delight of sweetness on these hot summer days.

* Events and activities that take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills are for Candler Hills residents only. Guests are permitted, where noted, for a fee.

Community News
Kenneth D. Colen
Publisher

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fort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association-related assets, and making sure we have an updated recovery plan. Please refer to the June issue of the World News in dealing with storm preparedness.

Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July. We thank visionaries who had the foresight to found this nation 242 years ago. The greatest nation on earth!



Community Patrol
Patricia Woodbury

The Community Patrol did not have a regular meeting in May, because the fourth Monday fell on Memorial Day. On Monday, June 18 the Community Patrol members met at Fire Station 21 where they received a tour and talk from a firefighter about their work and fire prevention.

Did you know that the Marion County Sheriff's Office has over 700 dedicated employees serving in law enforcement and corrections to ensure a better quality of

life for the community? Working to keep the citizens safe 24/7 are men and women on patrol, the K-9 unit, SWAT, the Bomb Unit, the Field Force Unit and the Forensics and Evidence Divisions. The Corrections Division focuses on the custody and security of inmates in the Marion County Jail.

The Sheriff's Office offers extensive training to their employees to help them become masters in their fields. Every sworn employee must run an obstacle course once each quarter to make sure they are fit and ready to perform their job to the best of their ability.

The Sheriff's Office encourages all citizens to be aware of scams. Recently they had several calls from citizens saying they are receiving phone calls from individuals claiming to be from the IRS. They say if they do not pay their back taxes now, the Sheriff's Office will come to their home and arrest them. This is a scam, and you should hang up and call the IRS at (800) 829-1040.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, July 23, at 3 p.m. when we will have a presentation by Mary (Beth) McKeen on the duties of the CERT team.

Anyone interested in becoming part of our Community Patrol or has questions should call Elmer Greene at (352) 237-8255 or Jim Miller at (352) 854-4947.

Our meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month in rooms B and C of the Arbor Conference Center at 3 p.m. Come and join us, the meeting is open to everyone.



Citizens Emergency Response Team
Beth McKeen

Hurricane season has begun! I hope everyone has had a chance to review the Storm Guide, which was delivered with your June newspaper. Please prepare to keep yourselves and your homes safe in the event of a disaster this season.

CERT members prepare all during the year to help you during an event. Recently all Marion County CERT teams participated in two countywide training drills.

On Saturday, April 21, Sentinel Crisis Solutions personnel trained team members in search and rescue, triage, bandaging, fire safety and hazardous materials. There were 90 participants and 17 CERT teams were represented at the Emergency Operations Center.

On Saturday, May 26, all teams participated in a countywide drill. Each team drilled in its own community. The On Top of the World CERT members met in the Arbor Conference Center. We organized our teams depending on the number of participants. We also prepared the paperwork which is necessary for submission to FEMA.

CERT relies heavily on the Marion County Emergency Radio Team, MERT, to help us communicate with the Emergency Operation Center, the teams in the field, and between teams. During a disaster, MERT members assist with radio integration for hospitals, shelters, and CERT teams, as well as from the Marion County Sheriff's Mobile Command Center.

Help us to help you! If you would like to become a member of our CERT and/or MERT teams, please contact Beverly Case at the Emergency Operation Center at (352) 369-8103 to receive an application.

There is currently a training class in progress, but please feel free to attend our CERT meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10 at 9 a.m. in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. For more information, contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.

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gather with loved ones. Hundreds of others trickle into the park throughout the day. Boisterous children tackle the trails, discovering butterflies or bugs, squirrels, maybe even sighting a rabbit, koi fish or turtle. Other guests amble along more slowly, seeking solace. All take time to pursue their own peace at their own pace. That's the beauty of Sholom Park: peace for all; vitality at whichever level you find. Sholom Park's founder, Sidney Colen, once said, "There is an energy here. If you can

Back at The Ranch



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TRX Float & Flex

The Ranch launches its newest Total Body Resistance (TRX) program, Float & Flex. The TRX suspension trainer is a very simple tool that provides very big results. TRX leverages your body weight against gravity to challenge strength, flexibility and balance. TRX Float & Flex fuses suspension training with yoga. This specialty TRX session focuses on core stability, mobility and flexibility. Suspension training provides balance support and offloads body weight; this enables the user to execute the movement more precisely resulting in greater outcomes.

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- Suspension training provides support for balance, which reduces the fear of falling. This enables the user to maintain balance and find success.

Give TRX Float & Flex a try, no need for previous TRX or yoga experience. Participants will be coached by a personal trainer and learn everything they need to achieve success. TRX Float & Flex is at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa in the F.I.T. Studio on Tuesdays, at 10 a.m.

Not a Ranch member yet? Not a problem, The Ranch offers membership alternatives ranging from a single Class Pass to full membership to accommodate your personal needs.

Veterans Club



Bill Richhart

We are moving into July with the Patriotic Celebration taking place on Wednesday, July 4 at The Town Square. There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence and then we will have our tribute to the services. It is a fine time and helps veterans get involved.

I have had people ask me about Honor Flight and how they can participate. Currently, Korean War

veterans take precedence over Vietnam War veterans. Call me and I can give you more information and phone numbers.

I want to brainstorm some ideas on a banner we can put up for our Veterans Club table at the Club Fair in September. So, if you have any ideas, please let me know.

Also if you have ideas about what you would like to see at the club meetings that would be great too. We continue to take donations for Operation Shoebox and Ocala Ritz Veterans Village as we always work together with other clubs to help our veterans. If you have any questions, please call (352) 304-8425.

become harmonious with it, you too, everyone, can share in it and enjoy deeply in it. It's important that [we are] teaching the ways of peace. Peace is not a simple answer. We must learn it. I hope more and more people find and comprehend and become in harmony with what there is here at Sholom Park."

Every outing brings opportunities for new perspectives at Sholom Park. Whatever your age, background, race, religion, or place in life, Sholom Park was, and continues to be, designed to bring peace.

When temperatures and humidity rise in the summertime, or afternoon thunderstorms threaten to roll in, our subtropical location handles warm days with distinction, and that means a variety of foliage truly thrives. This July, you'll notice an array of plants bursting with color as you walk the trails or take a seat to quietly soak in nature. Brian DeVane, Sholom Park Manager, points out a few blossoming plants to admire.

"North Central Florida afternoon rains in summertime tend to give a boost to many of our flowering plants during the summer," Brian said. "July is typically a great month at the park to see firebush,

which attracts butterflies, and fire-cracker plants, which attract butterflies and hummingbirds."

The blue-hued plumbago should be showing off its blooms throughout the summer, and visitors should not miss the famous crepe myrtles displaying bursts of color. In the formal garden, DeVane suggests looking for vitex, which has lavender flowers and often entices butterflies and honeybees.

Various grasses should be maturing, such as the ornamental muhly grass that can grow two to three feet tall and flowers with puffy pink or purple stalks. It will be a perfect time for lantana, roses, various gingers, and princess flowers. Look for a map of these plants in July at the new Sholom Park kiosk, located on the south side of the parking lot.

Please remember to check Sholom Park's calendar at sholompark.org to keep up with any upcoming events. This month offers several opportunities to be involved at the park in group activities, including a yoga class, Tai Chi and Qi Gong, mindful meditation, and more! If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact us at info@sholompark.org.



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- A disaster supplies kit (first aid kit, water, canned food supply, etc.)
- Have prescription medications and special needs, such as oxygen, on hand for at least 7 days
- Those with special needs should register with the Marion County Special Needs Program to receive assistance during a disaster (marionso.com/special-needs-program or (352) 369-8100)
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn ornaments, patio furniture, etc.)
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters*
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank and any gas cans you may have
- Obey evacuation orders
- Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals
- Register for emergency alerts at alertmarion.com

Visit www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php and www.ready.gov/hurricane for additional information.

*Please refer to the Association Rules as to when hurricane shutters may be closed.



Democratic Club

Dan Lack

There are three Marion County School Board races that will be decided on Tuesday, Aug. 28. One candidate is Eric Cummings and he will be the speaker at our Thursday, July 26 meeting. He will talk about his vision for Marion County's education system. He will also talk about the important referendum that will appear on the August ballot to renew funding for art, music,

physical education, library media services and school safety.

Happy Fourth of July! This time of year reminds us of the great nation that our Founding Fathers created 242 years ago. With our determination and active participation in the midterm elections, our democracy will survive. One way to do this is to sign up for door-to-door canvassing of Democratic voters in nearby neighborhoods. You will be paired with another club member after undergoing about one hour of training. It's a fun way to get out of the house and help with the coordinated Democratic campaign. If you are interested, use the contact in-

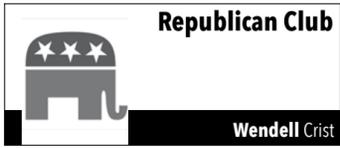
formation at the end of the column.

If you are a Democrat residing in On Top of the World and you aren't a Democratic club member, you may expect a postcard reminding you to vote and inviting you to come to a club meeting. There are no membership dues and you get to enjoy the company of like-minded people once per month.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club. Videos of our speakers may be

viewed on youtube.com (otow-demclub). We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with donations of towels, washcloths, twin/full bed sheets, dry/canned food, toiletries, dish/laundry detergent and paper towels so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us.

For more information contact Dan Lack at (352) 509-4942 or otowdemclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (On Top of the World Democratic Club). You are not alone!



Republican Club

Wendell Crist

The Republican Club met on Friday, June 8. Our first speaker was Kearsten Angle from the Trump Club of Marion County. She stated that their basic goal is the continuing support of President Donald Trump. They also interview candidates for our local and state offices. They record the interviews, which are available to all via their website.

Jennifer Hatchett and Mark Vianello, school board representatives, described the many enhancements achieved by the previous referendum - over 300 more teachers and paraprofessionals, result-

ing in smaller class sizes. More students are enjoying art and music, plus physical education. Mark explained the advanced vocational training that is helping graduates step into local businesses as valued employees.

To help cover the costs of placing resource officers in all schools, they spoke about how the school funding referendum would help.

Additional speakers at our meeting included Kelly King, the incumbent and candidate for school board, District 5; Michael Crimi candidate for county commission, District 2; and Baxter Troutman, candidate for Florida Agriculture Commissioner.

Barbara Martyn was introduced as the new president of the Republican Women's Federation.

Speakers for our Friday, July 13 meeting will be Bridget Smith, candidate for Florida House, District 22; and Shelia Arnett, candidate for School Board, District 5.



Photo by Wendell Crist
One of two new Adopt-A-Road signs on SW 80th Avenue.

Mountain Country Store

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

An old country store that was constructed between the years of 1872 and 1873 is still in business today although some of the merchandise has changed over time.

The Old Sautee Store is located near Helen, Ga. at the intersection of the Nacoochee and Sautee Valleys. Years ago, these valleys were the main transportation routes before major roads were incorporated. Locals in the general area relied on this store entirely for just about everything including food, cleaning supplies, feed and seed, construction materials and much more. This store also served the local area as the U.S. Post Office until it closed in the late 1950s when a new and larger facility was constructed.

The old store has many items of yesteryear on shelves along one wall with all the necessary equipment to run a store. Medicines of all kinds are in one area along with general goods. In another section of the store are small barrels of old fashion penny candy, which no visitor can pass up. In the rear of the store are modern day items like Swiss cheese and clothing of all sorts.

The two ladies manning the store were very pleasant answering all types of questions and providing cheese samples. Of course, no old time general store would be complete without a pot-bellied stove in the middle of the store. Well, this store did not fill that portion of what was expected but instead had a large fireplace on one wall.

The Sautee General Store is in the Nacoochee Sautee Historical District. Folklore has it that there was a beautiful Cherokee maiden named Nacoochee who fell in love with a Chicksaw warrior by the name of Sautee. Supposedly, tribal elders forbade their love for each other, a war party followed the eloping lovers and threw Sautee of the nearby Yonah Mountain.

When this took place, Nacoochee jumped to her death. This is known as the "lovers leap." This rendition of the story was popularized in a book written by George Williams in 1871 named, "Sketches of Travel in the Old and New World."

Today, the Sautee General Store is not just store but also a museum.



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Old Sautee Store.

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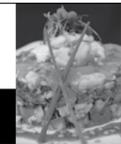
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Fourth of July

We hope you have purchased tickets to our exclusive Fourth of July celebration at The Club at Candler Hills. If not, there may still be

time. As of this writing, we still have some available, but they are selling briskly. Running from 6:30 to 9 p.m., we will offer a full buffet, complimentary beer and wine, a private parking spot in The Club at Candler Hills lot, and a chair in a VIP viewing area just outside The Club at Candler Hills. For tickets, come visit us.

Jazz in July

Look on The Club at Candler Hills Facebook page for details as they become available for "Jazz in July" event! It will be Sunday, July 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. on our beauti-

ful tree covered patio. Our guests will enjoy live jazz as they dine with us. Tickets for a wine tasting will also be available that day from our new friends at the Wine Shoppe. For tickets or information, please call Coleen Brady at (352) 794-3834.

Thank you for your support of The Pub, The Club at Candler Hills, Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli, and Fresh Plates Catering.



Winds of Windsor

Peter Wood

We like to think there is a certain sense of community in Windsor that is unique, and reminds us of the great amount of good news that exists all around us, if we want to see it. It's akin to that good feeling when you see and hear a teenager excelling in a sport, or music, or science and technology projects. This column covers the essence of this community and volunteering spirit that supported two recent area events and an ongoing service for Windsor neighbors.

Research and education were benefited in a recent Walk for Parkinson at Sholom Park; and to help make that happen, 24 Windsor volunteers manned the walk route to assist walkers and logistics organization. Windsor volunteers who contributed their time to the walk

were Fred and Jean Blume, Barry and Gertrude Southworth, Bill and Joni Wetmore, George Bausewein, Joe and Rose O'Rourke, Brian and Joyce Smith, Yvonne Beckman, Bobbie Hacker, Larry and Mervyn Paz, Sue Egger, Rod and Patti Nelson, Murilla Wester, Lila King, Edie Howard, Sonya Nunn, Peter and Joyce Wood, and RD and Marlene Zinc.

Each year the Fallen Vets Organization places flags at Bushnell and similar locations all over the US for Memorial Day. Ten Windsor volunteers braved the rain this year to again help place flags at Bushnell. John and Lila King, Peter and Joyce Wood, Barry Southworth, Pam Atkinson, Walt Lamp, Steve and Kathleen Steinman, Jim Weaver and Chris McIntyre were part of a team of 2,000 volunteers who placed 102,000 flags at Bushnell in one hour. It was a very rewarding and emotional experience in a beautifully landscaped atmosphere, and there was real remembrance of row after row of flags when driving away from Bushnell.

When you live alone or when you temporarily don't have transportation available, you may have an occasional emergency need for getting to a store, or to a doctor. Joyce Wood recently organized a group of Windsor residents including George Bausewein, Yvonne Beckman, Cammie Fairburn, Mel Manion, Sonya Nunn, Barry Southworth and Joyce and Peter Wood who would provide this service, and for access they were recently denoted in the roster available to all Windsor residents. So, if an occasional emergency pops up, Windsor residents have someone to turn to.

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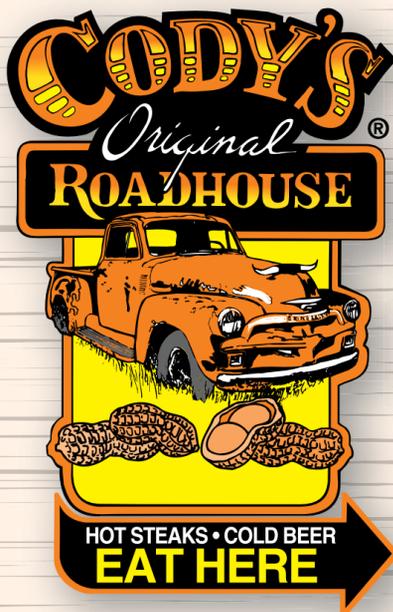
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Lions Club Presents Scholarship

By Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Memorial Day Ceremony at the Recreation Center on Monday, May 28 included the presentation of a JROTC scholarship. The Lions Club scholarship winner this year was Cadet Maya Glasso, who recently graduated from West Port High School. LTC (Ret.) Robert Irick listed the specific areas in which Cadet Glasso excelled that led to her being chosen for the scholarship. Cadet Maya Glasso gave a short acceptance speech. We wish her a successful school year at the University of Florida.

This year, we had a record-setting crowd at the Memorial Day Ceremony. Veterans from our community were part of the program. U.S. Army Lt. Col (Ret.) Arlo Jansen led the Pledge of Allegiance. U.S. Navy QM2 Charles Calhoun introduced the video celebrating the heroism of "The Four Chaplains and the Sinking of the Dorchester." As a U.S. Navy veteran, he gave background information leading to the reason the ship sank so quickly.

U.S. Navy (Ret.) Bill Richhart is president of the Veterans Club. He thanked the audience on behalf of

fellow Vietnam era veterans for giving them the thank you they never received when they returned to the U.S. MSgt. USAF (Ret.) Joe Maddox proudly listened as his poem, "Silent Praise" was read to the audience.

If you are a resident and a veteran, please contact Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256 to have your photo included in the Veterans Day Ceremony in November.

The Lions Club has received a donation that, when raffled off, could provide much needed funds to the Florida Center for the Blind and Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. Star Banner columnist, Emory Schley, donated a beautiful handmade walking stick to the Lions Club. The four foot high walking stick contains beautiful colored inlays and ornate hand carvings.

The walking stick will be raffled off with the proceeds benefitting the Florida Center for the Blind and Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. Tickets are available online only at go.rallyup.com/otowlionwalkingstick. The price of a raffle ticket is one for \$5 or five for \$20. Pictures



Photo by Lion Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Lions Club JROTC scholarship was presented at the Memorial Day Ceremony with Lions Club President Charles Parish, West Port High School JROTC Cadet Maya Glasso, Maya's mother, Diana Glasso, and LTC (Ret.) and West Port High School Instructor Robert Irick.

of the walking stick are available on the raffle site. Drawing is Monday, Sept. 3.

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings at 6 p.m. on the sec-

ond and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. For more information on membership, please contact Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358.

Adopt a Cat

By Maria Devine

The SPCA will not meet over the summer, so our next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. But don't worry; we will still be working all

summer long on behalf of the animals in need in Marion County. You can learn more about us and the animals up for adoption on our Facebook page (Marion County FL SPCA) and website (SPCAofMarion-



Prince



Pudgy

County.weebly.com). Our hotline is (352) 362-0985 for all inquiries.

We are happy to report that Eddie the young kitten that fell out of the oak tree and Bella the Chihuahua mix have been adopted into their forever homes. Congratulations to Eddie, Bella and their families.

We have two cuddly cats available for adoption this month. Prince is a 10-month-old orange tabby kitten with beautiful golden eyes. He's happiest sitting on your lap while you stroke his belly. He will purr contently and seek you out whenever you decide to sit or sleep. His manners are impeccable and he gets along well with other cats and dogs. He grew up with a Jack Russell terrier, so he's used to an energetic pup in the home. He's only nine pounds, neutered, up-to-date on all shots and overall a very healthy boy.

Our other cuddle bunny is Pudgy the eight-year-old white and gray ragdoll. As befitting a ragdoll personality, Pudgy is 14 pounds of love. He will follow you around the house and remind you to pet him if you're not already doing so. He's never met a lap he doesn't like and he wants yours. Although he's been raised with other pets, he would rather have you all to himself so

that all the hugs and kisses are just for him. He's also a healthy boy, neutered and has all shots.

Please call our hotline at (352) 362-0985 to meet Prince and Pudgy.

Don't forget to look for us at the Farmer's Market on most Thursday mornings at The Town Square. We want to thank everyone who has generously given us donations there. In addition to cash donations, we have received crates, food, toys, and beds. Gently used dog leashes and collars are always appreciated. We will also have a table at the car show in front of Big Lots on the second Friday of each month, at 6 p.m.

Our annual bunco fundraiser will be at the Arbor Conference Center on Saturday, Nov. 3. We expect to have tickets available by early August. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we'd love to see you there.

Amazon has a charitable foundation where they donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price of eligible products to a charitable organization. There is no extra cost to you. Go online to smile.amazon.com and select "The SPCA of Marion County Inc." as your charity and we will receive the donations from this program. Thanks!

Our Gardens Need You

By Ron Broman

Ever tried to skin a cat? Don't! Totally unacceptable (except in the Catskill Mountains - sorry). But we're told there are lots of ways.

Just like volunteering. There are many ways to serve by volunteering. And just what does it mean to serve? Simply put, service is putting the needs of others ahead of our own.

Last month's article "Volunteer Service Program Luncheon" by Bob Woods gave us a good idea of one of the ways On Top of the World recognizes the service of the many volunteers in this community. We appreciate the work Theresa Fields, Lolly Foss, and others have done to keep this "thanksgiving" coming.

Without folks who put others ahead of self, this community, state, nation, world, would be in a tremendously sorry state (pun intended).

So where does the Native Plant Group fit in? Since 2001, when the Native Plant Group was born, our mission has been threefold:

1. To learn as much as we can about plants native to north/central Florida.
2. To recognize and identify them in the wild.
3. To begin to include them in

the landscape of our homes and community.

We've added a fourth goal. To share what we've learned.

It is our firm belief that one of our responsibilities is to help make and keep this place we call home as healthy as possible. Planting, maintaining and insuring the continuation of plants native to this area is one way to keep this area healthy; healthy for everyone!

In keeping with these beliefs, the Native Plant Group has been developing and maintaining four native plant areas in our community. The half-mile circular trail to the west of the Arbor Conference Center was the first and largest. If you have walked the trail you know the feel of true Florida.

The Arboretum and Native Garden adjacent to the trail let you know what and where native plants grow in our area.

When we developed the SW 94th Street circle we knew immediately how neighbors felt about it. As we maintain it, folks slow down and let us know they appreciate how it looks. These areas are excellent places for folks to learn about natives "up close and personal."

By the way, we have been writing



Native Plant Group volunteers Janice Puta, Ron Broman and Melanie Vittitow maintain SW 94th Street circle.

about our natives and taking their pictures once a month since February 2001. What a joy!

This is how the members of the Native Plant Group volunteer to

serve the community, and we encourage you to join us. Call (352) 861-4560 for specific times and places. It feels good to serve by growing native!



Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

On Monday, May 21, Mary Ann Machonkin, president of the Citrus County Genealogical Society (CC-GenSoc), gave a very informative presentation on the genealogical resources available at the Family History Center (FHC) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lecanto, Fla. where she has been a volunteer for the last 16 years.

The FHC in Lecanto is open on Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free help with genealogy is available from members of the FHC and the CCGenSoc. Assistance can be given with creating family trees on familysearch.org. One problem with Family Search, however, is that the information in the tree can be changed by anyone.

There are five computers at the Lecanto facility on which you can get access to the following premium databases:

- American Civil War Database has names of soldiers, pension records, history of regiments and battles.
- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive
- American Ancestors (New England Historic Genealogical Society) has New England genealogies, probates, and journals, Massachusetts vital records, Vermont 1700-2008, New Hampshire 1654-1969 and Boston Roman Catholic records 1789-1900.
- Ancestry.com has international records.
- Arkiv Digital has web-based access to Swedish records.
- Findmypast.com - Institutional version on Irish, English, Scottish and Welsh genealogy.

- Fold 3 has Revolutionary War records, War of 1812 Pension records and Spanish-American War record index.
- Geneanet has family trees, books, newspapers and magazines.
- Myheritage.com has international family trees and records, even translated from foreign languages into English.
- Newspaper Archive.

Documents from the above databases can be printed (10 cents per page) or saved to a flash drive, except for ancestry.com, which must be emailed to your home.

You can also access microfilm records from home at familysearch.org/catalog/search/. If there is a camera icon next to the record, you can view it from home. If camera icon has a "T" on it, you can only view from FHC. If the record has a wheel with spokes, it is only available in Salt Lake City.

On Monday, July 9, the board will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building, followed at 10:15 a.m. by a brief business meeting. The majority of the meeting will provide members an opportunity to discuss genealogy issues and problems and share how to hopefully resolve "brick wall" questions.

On Monday, July 16, at 10 a.m., Ron Niebo will give an educational presentation, "Family History: Essential Basics," in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. This will be a preview for members of the presentation he will be giving at Master the Possibilities on Fridays, July 20 and Sept. 14.

One of the benefits of membership is our library of genealogical books and CDs available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check our website at otow-genealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.



View from the Library

Linda Barilli

"And a Bottle of Rum, a History of the World in Cocktails" by Wayne Curtis is a lively account of the history of rum, beginning in the 1600s when it originated as a by-product of sugar that was grown in Barbados and Antigua.

Rum became essential to pirates and the British Navy since adding lime juice to grog got rid of scurvy.

Before 1700, rum was imported from the West Indies, and then

Boston started importing molasses and distilling their own rum.

In 1733, England passed the Molasses Act, which was replaced in 1763 by the Sugar Act. The colonies rebelled and a union was formed which would play a central role leading up to the American Revolution. England replaced the Sugar Act with new taxes on tea and you know the rest of the story.

The history of our country would not be the same without rum!

Curtis has included many recipes concocted over the years. His book can be found in the center aisle labeled 394 CUR.

"1776" by David McCullough is a day-by-day account of major bat-

les in the Revolutionary War, beginning with Washington's victory in Boston, the Battle of Brooklyn which was an embarrassing disaster, and the amazing victories at Trenton and Princeton.

At the start of the siege, there had been no American army, no flag or uniforms. Lord Sandwich considered the colonists as raw and undisciplined. On July 3, 1775, Washington took command of the American "rabble."

By July 26, 1775, the situation in America was no longer regarded as a rebellion, but as a foreign war.

This is a must read if you are from Boston, New York or New Jersey. It is awe inspiring to read

about the officers and soldiers who planned and fought for our homeland during 1776. This extraordinary book can be found in the center aisle labeled 973 McC.

Dan Brown's "The Lost Symbol" is full of hidden meanings and suspense. Brown has incorporated intriguing facts: from Masonic symbols; architecture and art that adorn the Capitol Building, the Apotheosis of Washington; the Jefferson Bible; a statue of George Washington as Zeus; the significance of numbers, such as 13 and 33; many things about Washington D.C. that you might not have been aware of. So hop on the roller coaster for the ride of a lifetime! This book is in hardcover fiction labeled FIC BRO.



Active Singles

Ed Galizia, Jr.

We are coming up on the board nomination and ballot process. The time line is as follows: ballots will be distributed at the July membership meeting and will include a brief description of the duties of each office. In addition to handing

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them out at the July meeting, we will also be emailing them. Nominations will be due Wednesday, Aug. 1 and voting will be at the Wednesday, Sept. 19 membership meeting - a simple majority vote of the members present at that meeting per our guidelines.

Two folks have volunteered to be on the welcome committee: Pat Crowe and Gloria Nelson. They are looking for additional folks to be greeters, so they can cover all of the events. If you're interested, please contact them. We are also still looking for an organizer for

our Meetup.com website, a World News columnist and an activities coordinator to be the "go to" person for the scheduling of activities.

Just a reminder that all the activities/events are shared electronically, so rather than repeat them here, we're asking that you visit the websites: activesinglesotow.com or our Meetup.com to see what is coming up and to RSVP accordingly. Meetup will send you friendly notices about upcoming events and whether you responded to attend, which is helpful in organizing our busy lives. If you are having trouble

with Meetup, please let Ed Galizia know so he can help you.

Also, please remember to RSVP whether on Meetup or through the ActiveSinglesOTOW.com calendar, to let us know that you will be attending an event. This is especially important when we are attending something as a group and need the proper staff to handle us.

Remember you can always send your suggestions to us at activesinglesotow@gmail.com. You do not have to wait until the next monthly membership meeting to share your ideas with the board.



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Down Under: Picton

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Where and what is Picton? Most folks have never heard of this New Zealand community located in the Marlborough Region of New Zealand's South Island. This community is a major hub in New Zealand's transport network, connecting the South Island road and rail network with ferries across Cook Strait to Wellington and the North Island.

There is an old saying, "leave the best to last." This held true as this was the last port of call for our 33-night cruise around Australia and the South Island of New Zealand.

Top shore excursions included a tour of the largest city in the area, Blenheim, with a scenic cruise on Queen Charlotte Sound; a tour of the winemaking region; and Marlborough Maori cultural highlights tour.

The excursion that I will highlight is the Marlborough Maori cultural highlights tour. The motor coach traveled from Picton through some of the vineyards to a little community just outside Blenheim. A stout Maori woman dressed in native costume met the motor coach. She explained what was going to take place during our visit to this Maori community. It became apparent that this excursion was a great way to experience Maori culture, history and traditions.

The tour group was ushered into an area through a wooden archway decorated on both sides by historical meaningful Maori carvings of people from the past. The group stopped just in front of the marae great house that was decorated in all kinds of intricate woodcarvings. It was beautiful.

A group of Maoris appeared. The men were scantily clothed simulating warriors while the women wore native home made dresses. The group was about to witness a powhiri (pronounced powiri), which is a Maori welcoming ceremony.

The most spectacular part of the powhiri was when three Maori warriors advanced cautiously towards the group with grimaces and ceremonial weapons to perform threatening advances while calling out

battle screams giving the impression they were ready to attack the group. Imagine this happening especially when these warriors have painted marks on their faces horrifying the guests who have no idea what is happening or about to happen. Traditionally, arriving strangers at the marae are challenged by Maori warriors ready to defend their sacred place and their tribe.

At the completion of the welcoming ceremony, the group was told to enter the tribe's sacred house called the Maori marae, and since the interior is sacred, all visitors must remove their shoes. There were a few exceptions due to medical conditions.

Pictures could only be taken of certain carvings and paintings but not of their sacred wall where photographs and stories of their ancestors were displayed.

The head of the Maori group, whom some called their father and others called him chief, was adorned in a furry robe. He explained Maori traditions, where they came from originally, along with their customs. He introduced all the members of the host group and each had something to add to the proceedings.

All children starting grammar school learn the Maori language so that all the traditions and customs can be passed from one generation to another.

At the conclusion of this gathering in the Maori marae, the chief

greeted some with a hongi - the ceremony of touching of noses.

The group was ushered from this holy building to an adjoining building where the group was entertained with songs and dances along with refreshments.

The Maoris in New Zealand are originally Polynesians and are in most cases referred to as the country's Indians. Today, the Maori people continue to play a major part of

New Zealand's local tourism industry, opening up their homes and villages to tourists; sharing their food, song and dance, along with their customs, history and legends. The Maori excursion was one of the best ones offered by the cruise line.

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Maori tour in New Zealand.

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Women of the World

Nancy Grabowski

"We're back!" That is, the newly elected board of officers for Women of the World: April Pollard, president; Gail Curione, first vice president; Ruth Santman, second vice president; Nancy Grabowski, secretary; and Peggy Janisch, treasurer. With a mix of veterans and newcomers, we hope to build that right blend of fun, service, entertainment, and charity.

April Pollard was born and raised in the Finger Lakes region of New York. She married Archie and followed him throughout his service career to the coldest part of Maine to Germany to the more temperate climate of Virginia. She retired

from her career in real estate when they moved to On Top of the World in 2004. April is active in the SPCA and enjoys swimming, bunco, and most of all, shopping!

Ruth Santman is our second vice president. Ruth hails from New York, also. Yes, she was a child bride; just ask Dave whom she married 53 years ago. Ruth's career has been varied: accountant, asset manager, office manager, and she's not done yet! Currently, Ruth works as an insurance broker specializing in Medicare enrollments. Ruth still finds time to do the things she enjoys; in fact, you can find her at bingo every Wednesday evening. When asked what prompted her to take an office, Ruth replied: "I hope to increase the membership in Women of the World because I truly believe it is a great philanthropic organization and I would like to see it continue to grow."

Peggy Janisch is our new treasurer whose story will continue in the next edition. While you wait for that, know that Peggy will gladly accept your dues anytime during the summer hiatus. Your \$15 check can be mailed to Peggy at 8778 SW 86 Loop, Ocala, Florida 34481.

Many of the committee chairwomen will remain in place, also. You can look for our welcoming hostesses who will point you to the three collection areas for our monthly charity, Marion County Senior Services, and Operation Shoebox. The 50/50 gals will be in their traditional place, right next to the membership table all of which are in front of the windows closest to the outdoor pool. Refreshments will, as tradition dictates, be displayed near the front entrance. We are thankful for the willingness of these gals to spend time and effort to have a smooth functioning orga-

nization.

A reminder: make certain your contact information is up-to-date! If you have changed email addresses, phone numbers, emergency contact people, we need to know. You can verify the information at the membership table and fill out a new form, if necessary; that way, you won't miss any of the upcoming activities.

We look forward to a fun-filled year and can't wait to see you on Sept. 7 in the Recreation Center Ballroom, beginning at 12:15 p.m. for some socializing before the 1 p.m. start of business.

Women of the World is open to ladies from every nook and cranny of On Top of the World. Come and join us, bring a friend, make a difference! New friends and new adventures are only a smile away!



The Glitzy Gals

Mary Curry

The Glitzy Gals' June luncheon was held at Ayuttaya Thai Cuisine.

Carol Cecala and Mary Curry were the hostesses. We all enjoyed the food, service, and sharing time with each other. Two of our members just returned from cruises with their spouses. Janet Becker's cruise took her to the Panama Canal and Ann Parker just returned from a cruise to Iceland and Scot-

land. These ladies sure get around!

We held a short meeting to discuss future Red Hat events, that being the State Red Hat Convention in September in Clearwater Beach, a Victorian tea in October, and the upcoming Red Hat Elegant Gala in Tampa in April 2019.

We finished our meeting with

a game. The ladies had to name fruits, using the letters from the alphabet. Dot Hinde and Hedy Schmal won the prizes. Right after the game, it was time to enjoy our favorite sport - shopping.

"Friends come and go in your life, but the right ones will stay." QM Mary Curry



R/C LadyBirds

Caren Kowalsky

Once again, welcome to the lazy, hazy days of summer. Time to sit back, relax and sign up for the summer LadyBirds luncheons.

Thank you to Linda Lohr for planning our Tuesday, June 12 luncheon, which took place beginning at Blue Highway, a pizzeria. Delicious food and fun company - what a great combination.

Remember to be on the lookout for information regarding our July LadyBirds luncheon, being planned by Lyn Titcombe. Our September luncheon is already covered by Caren Kowalsky. Information will follow.

We are aware of the fact that a large number of R/C Flyers are continuously moving into our wonderful community. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all of their spouses and significant others, to come join us and sit in at one of our LadyBirds meetings, which take place from September to April, on the second Friday of each month, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. As always, delicious goodies courtesy of one of our fantastic LadyBirds bakers will be available. Just bring your favorite beverage, and come join us for a fun filled meeting. We are sure you will want to join our happy LadyBirds club. For more information, please contact Caren at allensky@earthlink.net or (352) 291-1235. Looking forward to speaking with you soon.



Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell

Det var helt texas! If you're Norwegian (are you listening Scandinavian Club?) you might know this but I was a little surprised, but kind of proud too, to find out that apparently the word "Texas" is slang for "crazy" or "wild."

Usually when the word "texas" - as an adjective, most often without capitalization - appears in Norway, the context involves the phrase, "det var helt texas," which translates to roughly, "it was totally, absolutely, completely bonkers." You wouldn't call a person "totally texas"; it usually describes a chaotic atmosphere.

The expression itself has to do

with associations. It apparently dates back several decades and speaks to how the mythos of Texas has been interpreted in Norway: "Texas" equals "cowboys" equals "Wild West" equals "an unpredictable, exciting, sometimes scary atmosphere."

To prove that "texas" is actually widespread terminology in Norway, Texas Monthly magazine dredged up several news articles in which the state name is used to describe everything from truck drivers on dangerous routes to a wild soccer game to a rare swordfish caught in a fjord.

So to my fellow Texans, I wish you a summer that is "det var helt texas" - in a good way!

And remember, we are not holding meetings during the summer. Our next regular meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 9. However, please check your email from the club as we are going to try to organize some restaurant dinner gatherings over the summer.

Happy trails until we meet again.

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Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

Luke Mullen

Favorite Recipes Dinner Club marked our 13th year anniversary

in May! Our club's very first dinner was held in May 2005. Since that time the club has had a total of 340 dinners. Twelve diners celebrated this anniversary dinner at two club members' homes.

Phyllis and Al Richards hosted the first dinner. The evening began

with two hors d'oeuvres brought by Ann and Conrad Massa: artichoke dip and beef roll ups. Following the hors d'oeuvres Phyllis and Al then served a spinach salad with warm bacon dressing which included hardboiled egg, mushrooms, red onion, and bacon. The entrée was Canelones, which were stuffed pasta crepes with ground beef, mild Italian sausage, cream and cheeses. They were baked with marinara sauce, béchamel sauce and provolone cheese. The accompanying side dish was Italian green beans. Nancy and Tom Meininger served the dessert, which was a key lime pie.

Hosting our second dinner were Carol and Roger Bonifield. Kathy and Luke Mullen started the evening off with two appetizers: cherry tomatoes stuffed with marinated feta cheese and Kalamata olives and Louisiana hot crab dip. Carol and Roger then served a wonderful salad of mixed greens with cranberries, walnuts, black olives, zucchini, squash and onions, topped with shredded sharp cheddar cheese. This was followed by entrée home-

made lasagna. Annette and Paul Hodges then served their dessert. They made fresh apple crisp using Fuji and Gala apples served with whipped topping.

Louisiana Hot Crab Dip

According to the recipe, fresh crabmeat is the star of this classic New Orleans appetizer.

- 1/2 pound jumbo lump crabmeat
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 tablespoons minced green onions
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Creole seasoning
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Combine first 10 ingredients in a medium bowl. Stir well. Transfer mixture into a two-quart baking dish. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until bubbly and lightly browned. Serve with toasted crackers.

Our club is looking for new member couples. If you are a couple interested in joining, please call Luke at (352) 304-8104.



Photo by Bob Woods

Titanic Museum in Tennessee.

Landlubbers Visit

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Just about everyone knows Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic sending the largest passenger ship of the time to the bottom of the sea. Recently, a group of landlubbers from On Top of the World visited the Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The group learned about the lives of the passengers and crew aboard Titanic from the museum's staff and interactive galleries.

The Titanic Museum is shaped like the RMS Titanic and is a half-scale version of the ship's forward section of the original ship. This museum is the largest permanent Titanic museum in the world containing over 400 pre-discovered artifacts in 20 galleries along with a reproduction of the ship's grand staircase. The museum is constructed in a large pool simulating the illusion of the ship at sea when it hit the iceberg. At the time, Titanic was the largest and safest passenger ship. It was constructed in Belfast, Ireland.

The ship was making its maiden voyage from Southampton, England to New York City when the disaster happened. The passenger liner was carrying some of the wealthiest people in the world along with emigrants from many European countries.

Titanic struck the iceberg on April 14, 1912 at full speed. The collision sliced a gash below the ship's waterline between five watertight compartments. It took approximately two hours after the collision before Titanic slipped beneath the waves. Two hours after Titanic went down another ship arrived on the scene.

The wreck of Titanic was first discovered in 1985, more than 70 years after her sinking. The ship is in two pieces on the ocean floor at a depth of 12,415 feet. Thousands of artifacts were recovered and most returned to survivors and families. Those unclaimed went to

many museums.

Thousands of those artifacts are on display at museums around the world. One guide at the Pigeon Forge museum stated that some of the artifacts are loaned out, as well as some of the family's artifacts on loan, to different Titanic museums to keep the displays fresh. The second largest Titanic Museum in the United States is located in Branson, Missouri.

When the On Top of the World landlubbers entered the Titanic Museum they received a reproduction of a boarding pass with the name of a passenger or crew member along with a short story about their life. At the end of the tour in the museum's memorial room, each discovered the fate of the person on their boarding pass.



I just returned from a long trip to Israel. Since I was knocked out by the food there, I am submitting two Israeli salads. They are perfect for the warm weather and will be a treat for you and your guests as accompaniments to your usual summertime fare. They both use ingredients that are available to us locally, so do some chopping and enjoy the results.

Watermelon and Feta Salad

- 4 cups watermelon, rind removed and cut into 1 inch cubes
- Kosher salt
- 1/3 cup pitted black olives
- 1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for drizzling

- 1/2 cup Feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup toasted pistachios, chopped

2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
Arrange watermelon on platter, season with salt. Combine olives and oil in processor and puree until smooth. Spoon puree over watermelon, then follow with Feta, pistachios and mint. Drizzle with oil.

Israeli Salad

- 3 cups diced tomatoes
- 3 cups diced cucumbers
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons olive oil,
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Toss well. There is something about the vegetables being in a small diced shape that makes this salad so special.

I am confident that once you make these salads they will become regulars in your recipe collection.



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Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

It's summer! There is no better time to plan a trip with Travel Toppers.

On Saturday, Sept. 22, there will be a trip to see "Academia Nuts" at the Just for Laughs Dinner Theater in Largo, Fla. Professor Peter Smedforson lives in a quiet New England college town, in the former home of poet E.R. Lennox whose writings are the subject of his scholarly life's work. Reclusive Peter finds his sedate life is suddenly turned upside down when his home is invaded by Tammi, a free spirit from

Atlantic City whose luck has run out; Judith, another Lennox scholar determined to unearth a lost manuscript in his home; and by Stewart, Judith's reprehensible ex-husband who is trying to beat her to the manuscript. Tickets are \$80 per person and include transportation, lunch and all tips. To book this event, contact Inga at (352) 237-7428 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

On Saturday, Oct. 20, we will travel to the Alhambra Theater in Jacksonville, Fla. to see "1776." The story is based on the events surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence. John Adams teams up with Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson to battle those in Congress who oppose the movement to separate from England. Tickets are \$82 per person and include transportation,

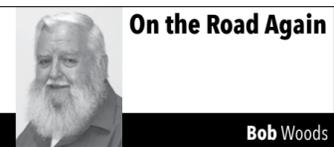
a three-course lunch which you will select after you arrive at the theater, and all tips. Lunch will be served at your table. You may call Linda at (352) 861-9880 starting July 2 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Christmas Day we will travel to the Show Palace for "A Show Palace Christmas." This enchanting musical features a magical group of characters, dazzling costumes, spectacular dance numbers and a chart topping holiday song list. This season, "hope" gets a makeover with this holiday treat for everyone and reminds us all that the heart of the season lives in all of us. Ivy is a disheartened elf who has lost her belief in the holidays and their true meaning. Holiday Incorporated is the organization that brings the magic to the holidays each year. The extraordinary characters, each

possessing their own unique expertise, share with Ivy their contributions and how together they make each season so very special. Through celebration, home and family, giving and receiving, faith, and food and merriment, the journey of Ivy will have everyone believing again! There is no better way to spend Christmas when family is not nearby than with friends from On Top of the World. Details for booking this event will be included in a future column.

On occasion trips are scheduled after our brochure or columns have been published. Please visit our website at traveltopperstours.com for all current listings of trips and details for making reservations.

Trips are open to all residents and their guests.



On the Road Again

Bob Woods

First of all, happy birthday USA!

A group of explorers will be departing next month on Friday, Aug. 3 for the British Isles. This is a 12-day trip exploring England, Wales, and Scotland taking in many historic destinations including Stonehenge and Edinburgh Castle and the Military Tattoo.

The club has put together a cruise on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas departing Feb. 9, 2019 from Tampa for a seven night cruise heading to Costa Maya, Belize City, Roatan, and Cozumel be-

fore heading back to Tampa. The club is offering a \$50 shipboard credit per cabin. Passports required. Call Bob at (352) 854-0702 for additional details.

April 6, 2019 a motor coach load of residents will be heading for Branson, Missouri for a nine-day trip taking in sights along the route to Branson and taking in seven fabulous shows which include three morning, three evening, and a three course dinner and show on-board the Showboat Branson Belle. At time of writing, there are four seats available.

June 6, 2019 sees residents heading for Washington, D.C. for a seven-day trip taking in many of the historic sights this city and surrounding area offers. The group will have an extended tour of the city with a local guide visiting the

Capitol Building (security permitting), all war, Lincoln, Jefferson and Martin Luther King, Jr. memorials, including a guided tour after dinner taking in the lights of the historic sights. The next day a local tour guide will take the group to Arlington National Cemetery. The group will stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial on its way to the Smithsonian Institution.

The next day the Washington group will visit George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens before ending the day with a stop at Washington's newest museum, The Bible, where over 40,000 artifacts and items are displayed in six floors on the museum after passing through a 40-foot bronze door at the museum's entrance. There is limited space remaining for this trip.

The next extravaganza the club is undertaking is the annual Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta departing Oct. 3, 2019. This event is the largest balloon festival in the world. The event boasts having over 600 balloons participating in the evening glow and the early morning launch. This event is something everyone will remember and talk about for years. There is a large group of those who have signed up to participate in the trip that will be taking a balloon ride. This trip is almost sold out.

For additional information on any of the trips, call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702 or go to the club's website at bobwoodsontheroadagain.com for flyers, registration forms, and pricing. Can't download the information? Call Bob and one will be delivered to your home.



100 Grandparents

Janet Fragapane

Don't think for a minute that school is out for the summer and 100 Grandparents are resting for the next few months. Emails and visits to the school are still happening. Five teachers retired and some teachers are moving to and from Romeo Elementary. Principal Balius

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and Assistant Principal White will still be heading up the team at Romeo Elementary.

Thanks to Linda Blewitt reading to the children will continue on the second Tuesday of the month starting in September. The Tuesday reading dates for the school year are Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, 2019, Feb. 12, 2019, March 12, 2019, April 9, 2019, and May 14, 2019. Mark your calendar! I will list these dates again in this column before school starts.

Phyllis Jarskey is one lovely lady. She is always giving items that she has made or bought for the chil-

dren. Jack Edos, Harry Schoepf, and Lois Stiner donated two bikes. Diana Riegler donated bike parts. Thank you all.

Romeo Elementary is always in need of art/craft supplies, Box Tops for Education and pull-tabs. Please remember to save them all year long.

Gently used or new school appropriate clothing for the children is also an ongoing need. Underwear needs to be new and in unopened packages.

Donations can be left at Evelyn Sarns Holiday's porch at 8880-C SW 94th Street (Friendship Village) or

call her at (352) 237-0304. Or Janet Fragapane at 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II) or call me at (352) 861-1575.

Tom Fragapane is still collecting bicycles for Romeo Elementary students. Give him a call at (352) 861-1575. He cleans and fixes them up for children. Thank you to Ocala Bicycle Center for helping Tom with a bike problem.

Food for children is also needed. A check in any amount would be appreciated. Please make your check payable to Dunnellon Food-4-Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Florida 34430.

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Fourth of July is one of the most celebrated holidays in America and with good reason. This is the holiday when we can enjoy the things that make America great. It's a day of picnics, patriotic parades, concerts, fireworks and also a day to remember to fly your American flag high and keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Patriotic Celebration

Celebrate America's independence on The Town Square on Wednesday, July 4, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. You will enjoy great bands, patriotic events, dancing and more. There will be food trucks along with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, ice cream, smoothies and more! Delight in a spectacular fireworks display at 9 p.m.

Holiday Hours

Please note that in observance of the Fourth of July, the Arbor Fitness Center and Recreation Center hours on Wednesday, July 4 are as follows:

- Recreation Center office: Closed
- Recreation Fitness Center and Arbor Fitness Center: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All fitness classes are cancelled.

Please note if you have club meetings in the afternoon and require a special setup this will not be done on this day due to the holiday.

Recreation & Wellness Connections

The Recreation & Wellness Connections guide is now available and is included in all home-delivered July issues of the World News. Be sure to check out the many exciting events, trips and fitness activities planned from July through December. Please note all trips and events require payment at time of sign up. No refunds will be issued two weeks or less prior to the event or trip. If you did not receive a copy of the Recreation & Wellness Connections guide, please stop by the Recreation Center or Arbor Fitness Center to pick one up, or visit otowfl.com.

Tropic Trivia Night*

Please note that there will no trivia in August. If you like trivia please join us on Thursday, Sept. 6, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind-boggling, brain-taxing questions.

We will have groups of eight per team. Select a team name and prepare to have a fun time! Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners.

The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. A cash bar will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. Please note that coolers, cups or beverages of any kind are not permitted.

Please do not bring any cell phones; anyone found with a cell phone at their table during trivia play will automatically disqualify the entire team (no exceptions).

June's Winners

1: Wonderful Windsor; 2: Nana's & Papa's; Tie at 3: Octagon & Grey Matters.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Individual resident I.D.s will be required for entry; anyone not producing a resident I.D. will be considered a guest, and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 and beverages of any kind are not permitted.

The "Under the Sea" Happy Hour on Friday, June 22 was a fun night

with a lot of imagination. A "Pajama Party" Happy Hour will take place on Friday, July 20. Let's see how creative you can be on this one without being too risqué!

The entertainment lineup for July is as follows:

- July 6: Kadillac Jack (Ballroom); Fred Campbell (Veranda).
- July 13: Dino (Ballroom); Dave & Kenny Duo (Veranda).
- July 20: "Pajama Party" with One Flite Up (Ballroom); Kurtis May (Veranda).
- July 27: Automatic (Ballroom); Danny & Johnny (Veranda).

EnviroShred

Shred all your important documents on Thursday, July 12, in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5 per one-cubic foot (normal storage size box or computer paper box).

Horse Farm Tour*

Join us for a morning tour of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association Museum on Friday, July 13. Visit two of Ocala's top horse farms, meet retired champions and learn about the area's rich equine history with local horsewoman, Karen Grimes, as your guide. Karen has "behind the gates" access to Ocala's horse farms. We will complete the trip with a stop at Las Margaritas restaurant for lunch on your own. The cost is \$32 per person and includes transportation and tours. Please note that this trip requires a lot of walking! Farm stops and lunch location subject to change.

Victory Casino Cruise*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Tuesday, July 17, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, relaxation, live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. Please note that a valid government-issued photo ID will be required to board. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes transportation, cruise and buffet.

Florida Deer & Turkey Expo*

Join us on Friday, July 20th for the Florida Deer & Turkey Expo in Lakeland, Fla. The expo features a variety of hunting exhibitors offering products and services unlike any other outdoor show.

Get in-depth information on habitat improvement, food plots, and hunting strategy. There will be many special displays catering to hunters of all ages! Get your official score, show off your deer, and have a chance at various awards. Plus, get a weekend pass with your submission! Cost of the trip is \$38.40 per person and includes transportation, entry into expo and door prize entry.

Baseball Game*

Join us at the Tropicana Stadium in St. Petersburg for an exciting game as the Tampa Bay Rays play the New York Yankees on Wednesday, July 25. Game time is at noon, and your seating will be in press level section 207. The cost of trip is \$77 per person, which includes transportation and game.

Social Hour

Enjoy an evening of smooth jazz by the popular Paul De Ritter Duo on Thursday, July 26 in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 4 to 6 p.m. Bring your neighbors and enjoy hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last) along with a cash bar. This is a free event!

Singing River Cruise*

Join us for an educational tour on the Rainbow River in Dunnellon, Fla. on Friday, July 27. The captain will share his knowledge of Florida's ecology and history through story and song as we traverse the crystal clear spring-fed Rainbow River and the dark, swamp-fed Withlacoochee River. You will see amazing wildlife and gain knowl-

edge of Florida's ecology and history. The tour is about an hour and forty minutes on the water. Once the tour is completed, we will dock back at the boat ramp where you will board the bus and take a short ride over Swampy's for lunch. The cost of the trip is \$26 per person and includes transportation and river cruise. Lunch will be on your own.

Opera*

Join us at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa, Fla. for "Trial by Jury" opera on Sunday, July 29. Beloved as a kind of Marx Brothers for operettas, Gilbert & Sullivan churned out such greats as The Mikado, Pirates of Penzance and HMS Pinafore. These British, Victorian-era comics created the ludicrous, topsy-turvy world of "Trial by Jury" - a spoof on legal parlance - which was the success that launched their careers. The cost of the trip is \$54 per person and show time is 3 p.m.

Ballroom Dance Lessons*

Butch Phillips, a fully tested and certified dance instructor, will provide social ballroom dance lessons beginning Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 1 to 2 p.m. Mr. Phillips has teaching certificates in American Style Bronze, Silver and Gold as well as Bronze in International Ballroom and International Latin and is a nationally certified country and western judge.

The first month of lessons will be a "Dual Evaluation" series combining a smooth dance, Foxtrot, and a rhythm dance, Rumba. After the first month, Mr. Phillips will work on one dance a month alternating between smooth and rhythm dances.

We encourage anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Singles are also welcome as we will rotate partners among all willing students.

Mr. Phillips welcomes suggestions from residents in regard to what dances should be taught. The four-week class will include step description for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance with an emphasis on lead and follow skills and lots of practice to music.

On the last day of class each month, we encourage you to bring video recording equipment to record what was taught that month.

The classes will take place every Thursday in November with the exception of Thanksgiving Day and will cost \$30 per resident per four-week class.

Pool Monitoring

Summer is in full force and what better way to cool off than by dipping in one of our beautiful pools? This is a busy time of year for families to visit, and monitors will be on duty at the Recreation Center checking resident I.D.s and ensuring all guests are accompanied by a resident. An adult must accompany children, and the swim time for children under 15 is from noon to

dusk during the week with no time restrictions on the weekends at the Recreation Center, Indigo East and Candler Hills pools.

Please note that coolers are not permitted at any pool area within On Top of the World Communities. Please also note that the pool rules are posted at all pool and spa areas.

Community Information

Smoking is not permitted on the veranda at the Recreation Center. We have added a smoking area in front of the Golf Shop with signs posted. Please refrain from smoking around the pools, The Pub and veranda areas.

Indigo East

Indigo East residents come join us on Friday, July 6, for the grand opening of the Indigo East Fitness Center! The facility will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with tours and demonstrations from 9 a.m. to noon. The tours will include Star-trac cardio equipment, functional trainer, free weights, group fitness room, Fitness On Demand, pool, and Power Park. Take this opportunity to welcome and meet the new Indigo East coordinator, Quin Nat-teal!

Please note that the Indigo East monthly events calendar will no longer be included in home delivered issues of the World News. Please pick up the latest calendar near the World News newspaper rack at the Indigo East Community Center or Indigo East Fitness Center. It is also available at otowfl.com.

Community Updates

Please note that the 2019 bookings are being processed. Effective January 2019, you must have 50 or more in attendance to book the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will be scheduling a mandatory meeting for all club presidents in early fall. Your 2019 booking requests will be approved and distributed at that time.

Upcoming Events for August

- Friday, Aug. 3: Horse Farm Tour*
- Monday, Aug. 6: September line dance tickets for sale
- Friday, Aug. 10: Singing River Cruise*
- Monday, Aug. 13: Webster Flea Market*
- Friday, Aug. 17: "Fairy Tale Night" Happy Hour
- Friday, Aug. 24: Gypsy Gold Farm Tour*
- Sunday, Aug. 26: Tampa Bay Rays vs. Boston Red Sox baseball game*
- Thursday, Aug. 30: St. Johns River luncheon cruise*

Stay safe and always be aware of your surroundings!

*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or less prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only and Gateway of Services passholders.

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Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
Exit Community		9:36 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart/Stein Mart	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Target	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
The Lodge	1:15 p.m.	Candler Hills Community Center
Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m.	Friendship Colony Post Office
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m.	Williamsburg Post Office
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m.	Avalon Post Office
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.	
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Winn Dixie	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
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One of the rugged, crowded beaches at Blue Lagoon on Malta.



World Traveler

Bill Shampine

The Republic of Malta is a small archipelago of 21 islands located in the central part of the Mediterranean Sea, about 50 miles south of Sicily. Only three of the islands, Malta, Gozo, and Comino, are inhabited. With a total area of only 122 square miles and a population of about 450,000, the Republic of Malta is one of the smallest and most densely populated countries in the world.

Malta's location in the middle of the Mediterranean historically has given it great strategic importance as a naval base, and, for thousands of years, a succession of powers have ruled these islands. Ruling powers include the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Sicilians, Swabians, Aragonese, Knights of St. John (also known as the Knights Hospitallers), French, and, lastly, the British. Malta became a crown colony of the British Empire in 1814, and received independence in 1964. Malta became a republic in 1974, and joined the European Union in 2004.

The islands of Malta primarily are composed of limestone, and have rugged, picturesque coastlines. The coast typically has steep, or vertical, limestone cliffs, some as much as 800 feet high that are indented by bays, inlets, and coves. Beaches for swimming tend to be relatively small, although the scenery is fantastic, and the water an amazing shade of blue. Over a period of many centuries, the wave action against the coastal cliffs has carved out many caves that now are popular tourist venues.

The Republic of Malta increasingly is becoming a "go-to" tourist spot, as it has many things to offer the traveler. There are breathtaking vistas, beautiful clear, blue water for swimmers and snorkelers, a bountiful supply of ancient sites, great weather, and friendly people. What is not to like?

One example of a historic location is Valletta, the capital of Malta. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site because of the massive number of historical buildings found in a tiny space. In addition to Valletta, there are many other locations for viewing ancient ruins, some of which date as far back as 3600 B.C. More recently constructed, however, is Popeye Village, located near Meliha. It is a weird looking little village that was left standing after being built for the 1980 movie "Popeye."

The Maltese people have many traditions in their daily lives. I think one of the more interesting of these occurs on a child's first birthday. It is a game designed to indicate the child's path and fortunes in adulthood. A variety of objects are placed around a seated child, such as a hard-boiled egg, crucifix, book, pencil, wooden spoon, calculator, and spool of thread. Whichever object the child shows most interest in is said to reveal the direction of the child's future life. As examples, starting with the egg, the items mentioned above reveal - a long life and many children, the clergy, a teacher, a writer, cooking and a great appetite, accounting, and fashion.

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Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

The Scandinavian American Club takes a break during the summer months allowing our members time for travel, relaxation and fun. The regular meeting schedule will resume in September. If you are of Scandinavian decent we invite you to join us in the fall. Please contact Jennie Halvorsen at (352) 873-7478 or Grace Hansen at (352) 237-7780 for more information. Have a safe and fun summer!

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Picture Perfect Posture

By Cammy Dennis

Posture assessments help to identify changes in the body's alignment that may be causing pain, restricting movement and inevitably undermining the ability to live a long, vibrant life. The assessment helps to identify deviations in posture. Once identified, corrective exercises can be done to improve stability and mobility. Posture assessments look for posture "errors" and the resulting deficit this may be causing the body. For example, an older adult who is presenting with a forward head and rounded shoulders (Kyphosis) may be experiencing pain in the low back and/or balance problems.

The low back pain stems from compensating behaviors, the muscles in your low back have to work harder to help hold the frame of the skeleton up, over time, this will cause tension and pain in the muscles. Kyphotic posture creates imbalance because the forward head position offsets the center of gravity. Lifestyle has a huge influence on how posture is managed over time. If you sit a lot, you are likely to

have poor posture. As Americans, we are not doing very well in managing good posture. Here is how Americans score in five categories:

- Excellent (10 percent) - Perfect alignment and movement is balanced and fluid.
- Good (20 percent) - Aligned; movement balanced but not as fluid.
- Average (30 percent) - Head is forward, misaligned pelvis, rounded upper back, movement is strong but with reduced hip motion.
- Poor (30 percent) - Misaligned and imbalanced throughout the spine; weak lower back, buttocks, movement is stilted and more one-sided.
- Very Poor (10 percent) - Very unbalanced frame, pain is evident, movement is cautioned.

The Arbor Fitness Center is now providing free posture assessments every week on Tuesdays at 1 p.m.! Sign up for your free assessment by calling (352) 854-8707 ext. 7638.

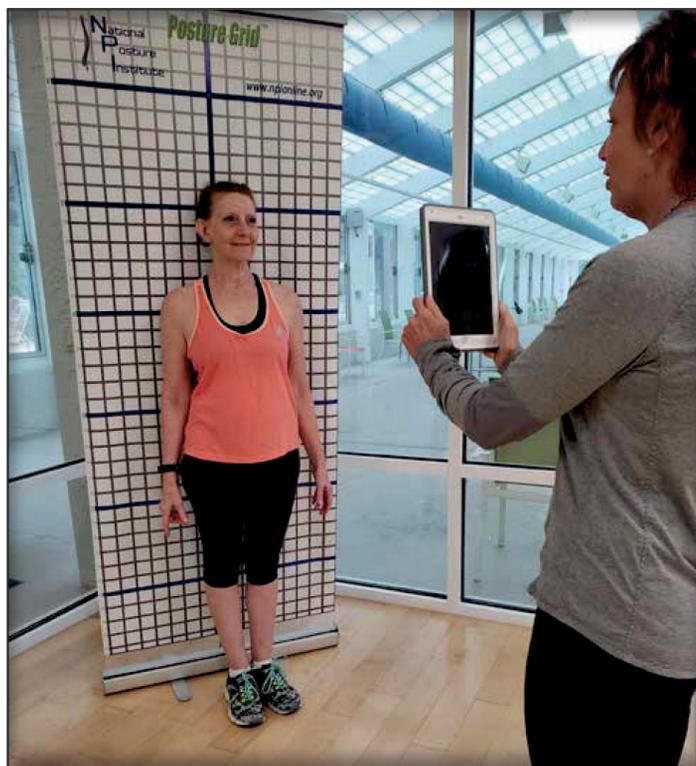


Photo by Cammy Dennis

Robin Onufrock gets a posture assessment from Personal Trainer Kelly Braley.



Photo by Nancy Carmack

Line dance ice cream social.

Line Dance Season Ends on a Sweet Note

By Nancy Carmack

Line dance classes continued through the month of June and then ended for this season. They start again the Monday after Labor Day. Nancy's Intermediate class will have reviews during the

month of July and then will also take a break during August. All Wednesday practice classes continue through July and then take the month of August off also.

Marilyn hosted her annual ice

cream social at the end of May. There was a great turnout with all classes attending for this special event. She gave special recognition to all the practice leaders and also had drawings for prizes. It was a fun afternoon for all.

We continue to have our monthly dance the second Thursday of the month. Even though the weather gets a little hot and sticky, we still dance at The Town Square on Friday and Saturday evenings. We are

seeing growing numbers of newer dancers come out, and it is a joy to see so many having such a great time! We also dance on Friday evenings at Happy Hour.

Come and join us, and just remember to step when the drum goes thump. For detailed information, contact Marilyn McNeal at (352) 804-1546 for Beginner and Improver level classes and Nancy Carmack at (352) 533-8870 for the Intermediate class.

Men's Golf Raises Money for Charity

By Dave Miller

Candler Hills Men's Golf Association's big fundraising event for the year was held May 8 and 9. It consisted of a friendly team golf challenge between the Candler Hills Men's Golf Association and the golfers at the Stone Creek golf course. The two teams vied for possession of the Veterans Cup, but the real winners were the veterans who are helped by the Marion County Veterans Helping Veterans organization.

This year, the charity match raised more than \$5,000 for the cause - the most ever raised by this event. The golf was very exciting with Stone Creek taking the trophy home (after several years in the possession of Candler Hills) by a 28 to 24 winning margin. After day one at the Stone Creek course, Candler Hills trailed 19 to 7 but staged a great comeback the second day on our home course. Best of all, it was a successful event and everybody had a lot of fun too.

During regular league events, individuals scoring in the 70s included: Everett Kimball (73), Walt Pacuk

(74), Charlie Dove (75), Dave Miller (76), Gil Brooks, Joseph Schubert, Bruce Venslavsky & Mike Boedy (77), Bill Anger (78) and Paul Rubly & John Langville (79).

4-Man - 2 Best Ball Stableford May 15

101-Bill Anger, Richard Ross, Hal Levine & Loren Magsam. 100-Terry Hoppes, Virgel Jajalla, Charles Miele & blind draw. Tie at 99-Joe Wilks, Joe Jingco, Jerry Nagel & Vince Dellapenta and John Langville, Gil Brooks, Mike Driver & Lance Davsko. 98-Paul Rubly, Charlie Taylor, Kevin Hammonds & John Moses. Tie at 97-David Martin, Steven Sarkozy, Sam Fox & David Stafford and Rudy Normandin, Ken Zweiback, James Wall & blind draw and Bob Mondone, Charlie Dove, Frank Esposito & blind draw.

Two-Man Modified Scramble May 22

Tie at 145-Paul Rubly & James Wall and Everett Kimball & Ed Pozsony. 147-Bruce Venslavsky & Sam Fox. 148-Charlie Taylor & Paul Silliman. 149-Dave Miller & John Podkomorski. 151-Bill Anger & Richard Freeman. Tie at 152-Bill White & Frank

Esposito and Dennis McCourt & Hal Levine.

Four-Man Stableford May 22

158-Walt Pacuk, Bruce Venslavsky, Paul Silliman & Bill Horton. 157-Mike Boedy, Charlie Taylor, Joe Jingco & Richard Freeman. 155-Dave Miller, Dennis McCourt, Joe Buba & Sam Fox. Tie at 154-Everett Kimball,

Mike Madura, Chris Lyndrup & Edwin Vilorio and Paul Rubly, Richard Ross, Ken Zweiback & blind draw.

If you are interested in having fun by playing in our group, check out our website (chmga.com), send me an email (millrace1@aol.com), or talk to one of the golf professionals in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.

Randy Ford (president of Candler Hills MGA), Jinky Diaz (board of directors for the Marion County Veterans Helping Veterans), Julian Wachs (Candler Hills MGA board of directors) and Hank Whittier (executive director of the Marion County Veterans Helping Veterans).



Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Judith Parisi

The On Top of the World LGA-9 has enjoyed summer golf games during the past month! The summer rains have helped the courses stay lush and green!

Red, White and Blue May 22 / Links

Flight 1: 37-Linda Dumeer; 41-Carla Kimball; 41-Barbara Enos; 42-Sandra McCarthy.

Flight 2: 42-Marcie Hock; 46-Judy Parisi; 46-Marlene Floeckher; 46-Angela Ward.

Flight 3: 44-Kathleen Hall; 46-Donna McCombs; 49-Sheila Ashe; 51-Lora Rossi; 51-Louise Lineman.

Flight 4: 50-Sue Wilkes; 52-Susan Miele; 52-Linda Heenan.

Odds and Evens

May 29 / Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 11-Susane Trembulak; 12-Linda Dumeer; 13-Kay Budd; 14-Virginia Bayless.

Flight 2: 10-Carla Kimball; 12-Marilyn Davsko; 12-Linda Mandala; 13-Barbara Enos; 13-Angela Ward.

Flight 3: 9-Jane Wilson; 11-Marcie Hock; 11-Marlene Floeckher; 11-Suzanne Weirick.

Flight 4: 8-Sue Wilkes; 9-Donna McCombs.

Tee It Up Scramble June 5 / Links

40-Linda Dumeer, Suzanne Weirick, Donna McCombs; 41-Hilda Budd, Marianne Ford, Linda Heenan; 41-Carla Kimball; Marlene Floeckner, Ann Flynn; 41-Barbara Enos, Linda Mandala; 42-Kathleen Hall, Ethel Miller; 42-Eileen Gustavus, Carol Johnson; Sue Wilkes; 43-M. Kay Budd; Joan Rappa, Carol Bell; 43-Joyce Smith; Sherry Whitmer-Hall; Frances McLaughlin; 45-Virginia Bayless, Louise Lineman, Marcie Hock; 45-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Jane Wilson, Dodie Phillips; 46-Susanne Trembulak; Pauline Beloin; Sheila Ashe; 47-Dawn Hagberg; Cathleen Hathaway; Mary Hart.

Submitted by Mary Vliek

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CARDS & GAMES

Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

May 7

1: Marge Benton & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 3: Rad D. & Bernie Kelly; 4: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson.

May 14

1: Bernie Kelly & Rad D.; 2: Don & Linda Sprague; 3: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 4: Mary Klinzing & Marjorie Benton.

May 21

1: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Marjorie Benton; 3: Rad D & Bernie Kelly; 4: Don & Linda Sprague.

May 28

1: Carmen Arroya & Bernie Kelly; 2: Marjorie Benton & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Elsa Groe & Cindy Brown.

Monday Night Bridge

Kathie Dushary

May 7

1: Fran Griswold (3270); 2: Peggy Borro; 3: Pat Poloncy.

May 14

1: Paul Reidinger (5240); 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Erwin.

May 21

1: Judy Wagnitz (5260); 2: Sara Anderson; 3: Peggy Borro.

May 28

1: Fran Griswold (3760); 2: Peggy Borro; 3: Kathie Dushary.

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Joanne Jones

May 1

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Mary Walker & Rad; 3: Joanne Jones & Joyce Walchak.

May 8

1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Joanne Jones & Joyce Walchak; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

May 15

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Mary Walker & Rad.

May 22

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Mary Walker & Rad.

May 29

1: Mary Walker & Rad; 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 3: Joanne Jones & Bernie Kelly.

Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge

Marie Fiorillo

May 1

North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Betty Devoy; 2: Bettirae Woodruff & Vincent Duca; 3: Jim & Ruth Jackson.

East/West 1: Sharon Davis & Carmen Arroyo; 2: Paul Reidinger & Paul Pinter; Tie at 3/4: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton & Barbie Trebilcock & Barbara Heller.

May 8

North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Ed Bodnar & Dave Cunningham; 3: Jim & Ruth Jackson.

East/West 1: Paul Reidinger & Paul Pinter; 2: Betty Devoy & Vernon Siber; 3: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton.

May 15

North/South 1: Dan Hall & Vernon Siber; 2: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

East/West 1: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 2: Sharon Davis & Carmen Arroyo; 3: John & Marie Fiorillo.

May 22

North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Ruth & Jim Jackson.

East/West 1: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; Tie at 2/3: Rita Smyth & Betty Devoy & Lucy Molloy & Joe McKeown.

May 29

North/South 1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham.

East/West 1: Barbara & Jack Heller; 2: Betty Devoy & Rita Smyth; 3: Bob Durst & Carmen Arroyo.

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Pat Goltgart

May 2

1: Carmen Arroyo; 2: Bernie Kelly; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Lucy Molloy.

May 9

1: Carmen Arroyo; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Fran Griswold; 4: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Don Sprague.

May 16

1: Helen O'Brien; 2: Marian Hotz; 3: Don Sprague; 4: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Lucy Molloy.

May 23

1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Pat Goltgart; 3: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Mary Klinzing.

May 30

1: Marian Hotz; 2: Fran Griswold; Cons: Mary Klinzing.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Marge Starrett

May 24

1: Carmen Arroyo; 2: Betty Morris.

May 31

1: Don Sprague; 2: Fran Griswold.

Thursday Night Bridge

Keith Briggs

May 17

1: Marion Hotz; 2: Sara Anderson; 3: Laura Schnur.

May 24

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Marion Hotz; 3:Donnella Briggs.

May 31

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Marion Hotz; 3: Sara Anderson.

June 7

1: Keith Briggs; 2: Paul Reidinger; 3: Lucy Molloy; 4: Bob Durst.

Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge

Jean Krueger-Travis

We will meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F on Fridays, July 6, Aug. 3, and Sept. 7, at 9 a.m. Please contact Jean at (352) 414-5907 or jakt@excite.com or Sophie at (352) 237-5083 or tina-kredman@gmail.com to indicate you will attend, or if you have any questions.

June 1

1: Barbara Heller and Betty DeVoy; 2: Sophie Redman and The Mystery Partner; 3: Caryl Rosenberger and Marjorie Benton; "2" Prize: Sally Stark.

Tuesday Night Pinochle

Whitney Frye

Come and join us on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building.

May 1

1: Marion Hotz; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Jim Recor.

May 8

1: Jim Recor; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Andy Mark.

May 15

1: Joe Eisgruber; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Barbara Benyaker.

May 22

1: Rick Carroll; 2: Ben Travis; 3: Gayle Argano.

May 29

1: Rick Carroll; 2: Ilene Carpet; 3: Andy Mark.

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Golf

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Well we are officially half way through 2018 and just a few days away from Independence Day. Fourth of July always reminds me of fireworks, parades, barbecues, picnics, fairs, golf, baseball and fun. What memories come to mind when you think of this special holiday?

July also brings the third major of the year, The Open Championship. This year's event returns to Carnoustie where Padraig Harrington won in 2007. Here are the professional picks for this year: Matt - Tiger Woods; Denise - Brooks Koepka; Daniel - Tiger Woods; and Russ - Dustin Johnson.

Candler Hills will also host a major event this month, the annual Fourth of July golf tournament. This year's event will be held Wednesday, July 4 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be one best ball of the foursome and you can create your own foursome. There

will be an added twist to this year's event so please stop by either Golf Shop for more details. The cost is \$15 per player for awards and prizes. The Club at Candler Hills will have food and beverage specials concluding play. Please register in your respective Golf Shop.

Are you or anyone you know looking to get started playing the wonderful game of golf? If so, the professional golf staff would like to introduce you to "Get Golf Ready." This program is designed to teach you everything you need to begin playing golf. Our staff will show you how to play golf while combining fun, friends and fitness. The program is \$99 for a series of five lessons that will introduce you to all aspects of golf, even taking you onto the course in the final session. The program runs every Monday for five consecutive weeks beginning July 16, at 9 a.m. Please contact either Golf Shop for more information.

With aerification in full swing and course closure rotations underway, this is a great time to discuss aerification. Although you may only see the effects on the surface, the impact of aerification goes

down deep into the soil profile and provides several benefits for years to come. By mechanically removing organic matter, we can provide additional pore space for oxygen, nutrients, water and provide area for new roots to grow. Aerification can significantly improve drainage, which is especially important during the summer rainy season. In Florida, the slower golfing season coincides with the warmer growing season that allows the turf to recover quickly reducing the impact on golfers the remainder of the year.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, July 4: Fourth of July World Event at Candler Hills.
- Wednesday, July 11 and Thursday, July 12: Links closed for aerification.
- Monday, July 16 and Tuesday, July 17: Candler Hills closed for aerification.
- Saturday, July 21: Monthly Event at Tortoise & The Hare.
- Wednesday, July 25 and Thursday, July 26: Tortoise & The Hare closed for aerification.

World Accolades

Tortoise & The Hare: Andy Bull-och, eagle #2. Ruth Clemens, hole-in-one #15. Rudy Normandin, eagle #5. Rich Freeman, eagle #5. Bob Janssen, shot under his age by 2 strokes. Ron Clevering, eagle #5.

Congratulations to all of you for these fine accomplishments!

Golf Tip of the Month

You've hit a wayward tee shot and your ball ends up in a lie you have never faced. Pros make these escapes look easy while you compound them into double or triple bogeys. If this sounds familiar then I want you to try this routine ...

Any time you find yourself in an unusual lie like pine straw, heavy rough, concrete or leaves you must test the conditions first. Take several practice swings to feel how your club reacts to the surface. If you're hitting off a cart path the club may bounce, if you're in the thick rough your club will slow down and twist. Now step up to the shot and swing away and be confident in your approach. After you have hit the ball make a mental note of how the ball reacted for future similar situations.



Men's Golf Association

John Yenne

Unwitting summertime visitors have been known to drop a fishing line in that river-like pond on the 18th fairway at Tortoise & The Hare. But members know that the only successful fishing there is for golf balls and free drops.

That pond and most others at On Top of the World are officially "casual water" under the Rules of Golf.

It's a temporary abnormal ground condition caused by heavy seasonal rain, which just happened to cancel league play multiple times in June.

Rule 25-1 specifies that golfers get relief from abnormal ground conditions when it interferes with their ball or stance.

To get complete relief from casual water - a free drop without penalty - you locate the nearest point of relief not closer to the hole where you could take a swing without interference from the water.

You can go left, right or behind the ball to locate the nearest point of relief. But it can be no closer to the hole.

And in some cases, your nearest point of relief may be behind some other type of obstruction.

That is to say: You can't choose the most favorable point of relief for your next shot - only the nearest point of relief.

Then, take one more club-length from that spot:

- not back in the casual water
- not in a hazard
- not on a putting green
- not nearer the hole.

As long as you satisfy all the above conditions, you get a free drop from casual water whether you are in the rough or on the fairway.

In very wet conditions, that drop area could be 50 yards or more away.

It's worth noting that the only official water hazard is the area along the ninth fairway on Tortoise & The Hare that is marked by red stakes. You must add a penalty stroke to your score when you take a drop from that hazard.

Welcome to our newest members: Douglas Kelchner, Paul Vacula and Bradley Weirick.

Congratulations to John Judaic for a hole-in-one in recent play on the eighth hole of Tortoise & The Hare!

Drink plenty of water before and while playing this summer. Dehy-

dration has serious health risks, and medical studies have shown that it hurts athletic performance.

The new nine-hole golf league continues to grow. It plays each Wednesday. To join or get additional information, contact Jerry Englar at (352) 877-3364 or jarrettenglar@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar for upcoming play dates (weather permitting, of course):

- July 4: Team Straight Scramble (Links-2 second shots)

- July 11: Individual quota points (T&H)
- July 18: Team White, Yellow, Gold (Links)
- July 25: Individual net (Tortoise & The Hare)

Team Stableford
May 23 / Tortoise & The Hare
181-Jarrett Englar, Ken Zweiback, Paul Silliman and Tom Cummings. 171-Charlie Taylor, Rusty Rhodes, Richard Freeman and Ralph Solvold. 170-John Hudacik, Steve Adams, Bill Dobbins and Jerry Nagel.



Bingo

Denise Johnson

Bingo will be closed Wednesday, July 4. We will see everyone at the Patriotic Celebration at The Town Square for the fireworks.

May was a great bingo month. Our attendance is down a bit but not our winners. That great group from Providence continues their

winning streak. The gentlemen never fail to yell bingo at least once. J.J. won the super jackpot the same week his wife won a game as well. Many of our new players are winning too. Then H.C. won the first jackpot, which he tells me he has never won.

Remember, you have to play to win. Cards are on sale from 5 to 5:45 p.m. We have our raffle then start bingo no later than 6 p.m. Be sure to arrive in time to get your cards by 5:45 p.m. Come out and bring your friends and neighbors.

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Susan Yenne

League members were asked: Have you ever played with or against someone famous? The answers were few and mostly funny! Deborah Martin and Iro Lisinski were most often named as the "famous" player. Geri Treppa had a fantasy round as Tiger Woods' caddy - with a photo of her with a cardboard cutout of Tiger to prove it.

Linda Taylor had a real round in which she and her partner beat Christie Kerr and her partner to become state champions in a 1993 Florida match play sponsored by the USGA. Christie Kerr went on to become an LPGA pro - and the winner of many tournaments. Susan Yenne ended up in a Senior Pro-Am event when a registered contestant didn't show. She didn't add much, but her team with Bobby Nichols and Homero Blancas placed second, above the teams with Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino. In other news, the league presented golf pro Denise Mullen with a check for \$307 to help with her

USGA LPGA girls golf clinics for the next year. Thank you for your 50/50 raffle donations. Please welcome three new members: Sharon Johnson, 27.9 handicap; Peggy Ellenberger, 24.1 handicap; and Elen Brin, 25.7 handicap. Save the date of Tuesday, Aug. 21 for golf and lunch with the Candler Hills LGA-18. Lunch will be catered by Sweet Potatoes. Look for sign-up sheets later this month. The game that day will be Red, White and Blue.

Flight 1: 63-Linda Taylor. Tie at 64-Deborah Martin, Gretchen Normandin. 66-Linda Blewitt. Flight 2: Tie at 67-Peggy Borro, Nancy Zielinski. 70-MJ Strelec. Tie at 71-Rosemarie O'Neil, Joan D'Addio. Flight 3: 62-Christine McIntire. 66-Margaret Hudacik. 68-Linda Bervinkle. 69-Lynn Barber. Flight 4: Tie at 65-Donna Brunell, Sandy Chase. Tie at 67-Geri Treppa, Antonia Varney.

Individual June 12/Links Low Gross

Flight 1: 82-Deborah Martin. Tie at 87-Beverly Ovrebo, Gretchen Normandin. Flight 2: 86-Susan Rhodes. 88-Joan D'Addio. 89-Peggy Wiechmann. Flight 3: 92-Margaret Hudacik. 100-Sandy Chase. 103-Virginia Madura. Flight 4: 89-Sharon Johnson. Tie at 103-Mary Lyon, Susan Yenne.

Low Net

Flight 1: 73-Gretchen Normandin. 74-Beverly Ovrebo. Tie at 75-Gail Lagrange, Linda Blewitt, Deborah Martin, MJ Strelec. Flight 2: 66-Susan Rhodes. 69-Joan D'Addio. 71-Peggy Wiechmann. 73-Christine McIntire. Flight 3: 69-Margaret Hudacik. 75-Sandy Chase. 81-Virginia Madura. Tie at 83-Milly Lucieer, Dee Howie, Linda Bervinkle. Flight 4: 61-Sharon Johnson. Tie at 72-Mary Lyon, Kathy Zunica.

Ts & Fs

May 22/Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 22-Linda Blewitt. Tie at 34-Gail Lagrange, Deborah Martin. Tie at 35-Yuhlan Cho, Linda Taylor. Flight 2: Tie at 32-Susan Rhodes, Debby Wilson. 33-Peggy Borro. 34-Rosemarie O'Neil. Flight 3: Tie at 34-Margaret Hudacik, Christine McIntire. Tie at 36-Dee Howie, Lynn Barber. Flight 4: 35-Donna Brunell. 36-Molly Lucieer. Tie at 39-Linda Bervinkle, Sandy Chase.

2 Best Ball Net, Red, White and Blue

May 29/Links

94-Peggy Borro, Lynn Dehart, Blind Draw. 95-Gail Lagrange, Linda Bervinkle, Sandy Chase. 96-Yuhlan Cho, Rosemarie O'Neil, Mary Driver. 99-Iro Lisinski, Debby Wilson, Sandra Dechambeau. Tie at 101-Beverly Ovrebo, Susan Rhodes, Geri Treppa; Deborah Martin, Claire Gabert, Antonia Varney.

Criers Flighted

June 5/Tortoise & The Hare



Photo courtesy of Buick Photo Booth (Las Vegas Convention Center) **About a decade ago, Geri Treppa posed with a cardboard cutout of Tiger Woods - then dreamed she had caddied for him.**

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Call of the Wild

Roger Bonifield

We had our first major social event, a fish fry at the pavilion on Thursday, June 14. With nearly 80 tickets sold, it was a great event with plenty of delicious food and fun for all.

Well, things are heating up and it's not just the weather. It looks like it is going to be a fun summer with a number of activities planned in the future.

In combination with the Recreation Center, we are looking forward to trips to The Florida Deer & Turkey Expo in July, the 2018 Florida Sportsman Expo in October, and another deep sea fishing trip with the Queen Fleet in early November. Other activities in the

planning stages are pontoon rental fishing trips at multiple locations, including possible scalloping trips on the Gulf, and a deep-sea fishing trip on The Thunder later this fall. We also hope to have other club social events like picnics, southern boils, or potluck dinners.

We are also working on bringing in more guest speakers to keep us informed on various topics, including Florida's great outdoor opportunities and more.

So, come join us and meet your next fishing or hunting buddy. Dues are only \$10 per year and we typically meet year round on the first Wednesday of every month from noon to 2 p.m. in Suites B and C at the Arbor Conference Center. I say "typically" as our July meeting is cancelled due to the holiday. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Aug. 1. If you would like further information, you may contact me, Roger Bonifield, at (352) 300-3601.



Photo by Roger Bonifield

Members and guests enjoying a fish fry.



Photo by Paul Pardee

Spring season champ, Larry Stickles.



Horseshoe League

Paul Pardee

When I wrote the column last month, the spring season had not yet ended so we could only speculate who would be the 2018 winner. Now we can officially congratulate Larry Stickles as the undisputed spring season champion horseshoe thrower! Larry took command early and never looked back.

The fall season starts on Tuesday, Sept. 4 and we'll be looking forward to Larry's attempt to repeat. Dan Moore, Joe Lawson and Joe Kakolowski are among the players sure to pose a challenge for him

in that endeavor.

For the next two months the pits are available for anyone who wants to try horseshoes or turn up for the competition in the fall. There is a large plastic box next to the pavilion that contains horseshoes for practice. On any given Tuesday morning you will probably find a few players looking to conjure up some competition. It's challenging and fun and throwing a couple of ringers is always a thrill.

So, come on down and give it a try. If you enjoy it, then join us in September for some friendly competition. Remember, horseshoe league is a unisex sport so, everyone is welcome and the best part is no dues or commitment, just come for the fun!



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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Linda Buschur

We are definitely into the summer months. With that comes the humidity and lots of afternoon showers, sometimes making it a challenge to complete 18 holes.

Candler Hills LGA-18 hosted the Women's Golf Invitational on Thursday, May 17. A very good turnout of 65 ladies participated. Unfortunately, the event was called due to rain and lightning. On a bright note, everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Thank you to everyone who played and especially to the ladies who planned this event to make it a success.

The new board for 2018-2019 are as follows: Betty Dong, president; Deanne Green, vice president; Pam Carpenter, secretary; Sara Nunn, treasurer; Pam Monk, tournament chair; Iro Lisinski, invitational chair; and Heddy Racinowski, social and sunshine chair. Congratulations ladies!

We welcome six new ladies who have joined the Candler Hills LGA-18. They are Maria Fournier, Cheryl Nesbit, Eileen Gustavus, Lydia Flinchbauch, Carla Kimball and Susanne Sigler. Please extend them a warm greeting when you see them.

Candler Hills LGA-18 is invited to play at On Top of the World

LGA-18 on Tuesday, Aug. 21 and On Top of the World LGA-18 is invited to Candler Hills LGA-18 on Thursday, Sept. 13.

Please visit our website at chlga.shutterfly.com to stay informed on upcoming events, view pictures, read minutes and other valuable information.

Anyone interested in joining our league should contact President Betty Dong at bddong@gmail.com or stop at the Candler Hills Golf Club to pick up an application in our league book.

Looking forward to a great season and always remember, have fun!

Mutt and Jeff Individual May 24

Flight 1: 28-Bev Ovrebo, Tie at 30 - Connie Norris, Donna Smith and MJ Strelec.

Flight 2: 23-Maria Fournier, 24-Lynn Barber, Tie at 25-Kate Beaty and Betty Dong.

Flight 3: 23-Bertha Myers, 25-Joan Gustafson and 29-Carol Clark.

Odd Holes Individual May 31

Flight 1: 30-Pam Carpenter, 31-Sara Nunn.

Flight 2: Tie at -29-Angelita Jingco and Jonell Washburn. Tie at 32-Diane O'Brien, Betty Dong, Maria Fournier.

Flight 3: 30-Paula Lily, Tie at 33 Pam Monk, Vicky Salyers, Gail Banavige and Irmgard Anger.

Flight 4: 31-Ilyong Dicus, Tie at 32-Kathy Zunica, Toni Stevenson and Carla Kimball.



Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Daniel Janiak

Thank you to everyone who participated in our play days. The weather for the month of June was a little wet, to say the least, and I am sure all of your inside chores have been completed. Hopefully, the month of July will allow you to get outside and play some golf!

There are many new houses being built at On Top of the World. New residents are moving in daily. If you are new to the community and would like to get out and socialize with a great group of ladies, please come to Candler Hills Golf Club and see what we have to offer. We have some exciting formats scheduled for the nine hole play

days during the month of July on Thursdays.

- July 5: Alternate Drive
- July 12: Individual Stableford
- July 19: Modified Scramble
- July 26: Three Blind Mice.

I am sure most of you have Fourth of July holiday plans but if you can squeeze in a quick nine holes on any of these dates, Candler Hills would be happy to have you. Please contact the Candler Hills Golf Shop, if you intend to play. If you have not yet registered to play, please contact Daniel Janiak at daniel_janiak@otowfl.com. I can answer any questions you may have from format questions, rates, entry fees, registration process, to the rules of golf. I will be your point of contact.

I hope to see all of you this month and if you are traveling, please travel safely and have a great Fourth of July!

Group Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

The independence train will take off on Monday, July 2 traveling throughout the whole month. Come hop on the train! Those of you who have come but haven't returned, we hope you will join us again for another game in the near future.

We play every Monday in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building from 7 to 9:30 p.m. We have six to a table and play with both dots or number, your preference. If you're new - no worries - we have a fun training table and will help you as much as you may need. Fun and laughter are essential!

We pick chips to help you meet

and play with new people. Bring your friendship to a new game.

If you have played with us and have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to email them to leegiraffe@bellsouth.net or write them down and hand them to us.

Come out and have a good time for one quarter, conduct your own train and meet new friends and family. Remember we have a learning table and all are welcome.

A bit of trivia about the game ... the average high score is 453 with the highest to date of 841 with dots and 717 with number dominos. The average low score is 232 with the lowest being 62 with dots and the second lowest being 72 with numbers. Come join us and see if you can do better or worse.



R/C Car Club

Tom Seitz

The last several weeks have not been good for racing, as we have often been rained out. However, we did race often enough to complete our competition.

- The latest winners are:
 Rage: Tom Seitz
 Novice: Jerry Maguire
 2 Wheel Buggy: Ken Berry
 4 Wheel Buggy: Jim Ellis
 2 Wheel Truck: Tom Seitz
 4 Wheel Truck: Bob Melzer

With summer upon us, one of our concerns is not only for personal temperature, but also that of our cars. If one is not careful, it is possible to overheat a car and do costly damage.

The motor is the most likely item to overheat. Most vendors indicate that if internal temperatures exceed 2000 degrees Fahrenheit damage begins to occur. The ESC (Electronic Speed Control) and battery are also susceptible to damage from overheating.

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Hot Weather Hydrating Tips

Florida summers are hot and humid! It is important that older adults stay hydrated. As we age, our thermoregulatory system can start to decline. Here are some tips to keep you healthy and happy throughout the hot summer months.

FIT TIP #1: Remember, water is not the only option. Most fluids count towards the 64 ounces (except for alcohol).

FIT TIP #2: Fruits and vegetables are a great way to boost water intake: a cucumber is 96 percent water, a tomato is 94 percent water and a watermelon is 92 percent water.

FIT TIP #3: To boost your daily H2O intake try using water enhancers, opting for pre-flavored waters, or fruit-infused water.



Softball

Bill Leon

It was an incredible season with all teams on the hunt for the top spot. The Pavarotti's team, which led the league throughout the season, suddenly faltered in the last two weeks and ended up dropping to a tie for third place. Surprisingly, it was the Hilton Auto team that battled its way into first place and ended up as champions; even with two forfeits during the stretch. The Hilton Auto team won it by the skin of their teeth as Ceibert Wealth played hard during the stretch but couldn't come up with that final game and ended up one game behind Hilton Auto.

In third place, we had a tie between Dr. Dunn and Pavarotti's but just two games out of first place. The Pearson Nissan team made a strong finish but were sadly too far behind dragging themselves out of last place to end up just three games out. It was a good run for them, but unfortunately it was just a little too late.

In last place, we had the Swinson Chiropractic team who, although they had a good hitting team, always managed to find a way to lose. It was just one of those things, but they too finished only four games out of first place. It was a season where anyone could have taken the championship and the Hilton Auto team got the chance and took it.

Now it's time to kick off the summer league, which begins in June, and a rebuilding of teams.

FITNESS SCHEDULE

July 2018

Recreation Center Classes					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00 AM	Cardio Mix Darla	S.O.S. Jonathan	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	S.O.S. Jonathan	Dance Party Denise
9:00 AM	Restore & Renew Pam	KBKB Han	Intro to Yoga Julie	KBKB Han	Strength & Stretch Kelly
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Darla	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne
11:00 AM	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Kelly/Jessica	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Larry	S.O.S. Larry
11:00 AM Ballroom Location	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Madelyne
12:00 PM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Darla
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
5:00 PM		Intro to Yoga Kathy			

Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 8 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM
* Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534 to reserve your spot.

Arbor Fitness Center Classes					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand
8:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Yoga Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Yoga Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand
9:00 AM	Yoga Julie	Boomer Beat Jessica	Yoga Linda	Boomer Beat Cammy	Yoga Renu
10:00 AM	STRONG Kelly	Step Interval Jessica	STRONG Linda	Step Interval Kelly	STRONG Roger
11:00 AM	Yoga Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	Yoga Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	Tai Chi Fitness On Demand
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand
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Arbor Fitness Center Indoor Pool					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Open
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Closed for Cleaning	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Open	Open	Open	Water Volleyball 1:30-3:30 PM	Open

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Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam

Would you be interested in helping to design a new model railroad layout? The club is considering the feasibility of developing a new layout design and would like to have input from the many model railroaders here in the community. If you have any interest, please contact Jim Lynam at (352) 861-2822.

The Model Railroaders would like to acknowledge Frank Graziano for donating his Lionel train collection to our club. The motive power included a Pennsy GG1 motor, a set of New York Central F7 A units, a Seaboard diesel, two yard switchers, and a beautiful New York Central 2-6-4 steam engine with tender.

The rolling stock included over 40 cars from various railways, which included passenger cars, freight cars, action cars and several cabooses.

The club members wish to sincerely thank Frank Graziano and to assure him that his fantastic collection will fit in extremely well on our modular layout, and will receive the same tender care that he provided.

The Model Railroaders are always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. The layout is located in a room with entry from the Recreation Center Fitness Center. Club members work and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Due to the holiday, our next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11 in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center.

Wishing everyone a safe-n-sane Fourth of July!

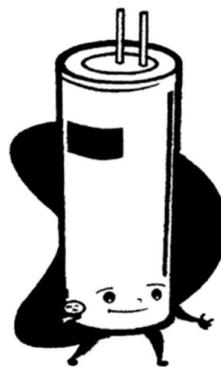
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Cornhole Club mixed doubles spring league champions Claude and Dee Howie (center) with their fellow competitors following their second straight victory.

Photo by Jim Russell



Cornhole Club

Jim Russell

Our spring mixed doubles competition came to a close on Thursday, May 24 after a spirited 10 weeks of play. As was the case with the winter league play, team Howie, Claude and Dee Howie that is, once again emerged victorious. Their title was indeed a team effort, with both contributing at key moments of play to pull out win after win. Congratulations for your outstanding achievement.

We hope that Claude and Dee will return to defend their title when mixed doubles play resumes on Thursday, Sept. 6 when the 10-week fall league schedule kicks off. The Rick Dikeman/Becky Anderson team who finished a close second is looking forward to another chance to take the top spot. Team Hammond (Kevin and Paula) tied for third spot with the Bill Ballweg/Robin Martin team and will also be looking for an opportunity to move further up in the standings.

Our thanks to the Mike Wathen/Jill Fitzsimmons team, the Gary Cornell/Vickie Cornell team, Team McDonald (Steve and Bree) and Team Huffman (Jeff and Judy) for making our spring league exciting and fun. We hope you all return for another round in September.

We also invite new teams to sign up and play. We have space for a total of 12 teams, so we have room for additional players. Call Jim Russell at (352) 861-6355 if you would like to give team Howie a run for the championship!

We are currently third of the way through our summer open play schedule and we have had good turnout so far each Monday and Thursday at 6 p.m. Come down to the horseshoe/cornhole complex and join in the fun. All the equipment is provided and all are welcome. Arrive about 15 minutes prior to the start time, sign in and help set up the equipment. We play three games that usually take about an hour or less. Hope to see you there!

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera

The men's league finished last month, with our Team 6 taking top honors. For the second time in league history, Team 6 finished the season with an undefeated record of 24 wins. Rich Impresa's dynasty and legend-making Team 1 was the only other team to ever accomplish this unlikely feat. Team 6 players included Captain Ronnie Cruce, Co Captain Dan Newby, Rich Aber, Fausto Coste, Steve King, Tom Liberton, Lonnie McNew and Phil Panzera. Our ladies team also took first place in their league, but we'll write about that next month.

In our regular monthly tournament series we had a special event this month, our first mixed doubles tournament. Congratulations to winners Penny Wilson and Dan Newby, and runners-up Lynne Dickson and Joe Wilks. These monthly tournaments are held on the first Thursday of each month, but in July we'll hold it on the second Thursday so as not to conflict with the Fourth of July weekend.

This month it was necessary to hold interim officer elections, after Dan Newby resigned as vice president, and then Joe Amigliore resigned as president. Dan Newby was subsequently elected as our new president, and Jerry Snyder was elected as vice president. Our regular annual elections will be held as usual in October.

Tip of the Month: The summer months are upon us, which brings up an annual concern for anyone with their own personal cue. It's perfectly fine to leave your cue case in the car for most of the year, but not during the summer in this veritable sauna we live in. Most American cues are made from Canadian maple, and even though your cue is a long way from being a tree, it still has moisture in it. The inside of your car or trunk can reach 130°, which can dry out this moisture and easily warp your shaft over time.

It's really best to bring your cue inside during the summer months, and don't even leave it in your car in the garage, which can reach similar temperatures. If you want to see if your shaft is still straight, just roll it on a pool table, without the butt.



Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

Our country will be 242 years old. Happy birthday to the USA! I wish everyone a great celebration.

However, if you are like me and many of us, you may have to deal with overindulgence at barbecues, picnics, and other parties. So, it is now also time to find ways to get rid of those extra calories. What would be a better way than exercising? And, for some of us, what would be better than dancing to beautiful music?

Our ballet classes are held all throughout the summer, and newcomers are always welcome to watch a class or to take one. All you need to start class are some exercise clothes, socks and a bottle of water. Our regular classes are one

hour and 15 minutes long, with most of that (45 minutes) spent doing warm-up exercises at the barre.

Our Saturday class is conducted on floor mats, and contains a combination of ballet, Pilates and yoga, all done to ballet music. The class is one hour long, and we suggest that you bring a neck roll to class in addition to water.

All of our classes are held in the group exercise room downstairs in the Recreation Center, and here is our schedule:

- Tuesdays and Fridays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays: 2 to 3:15 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 a.m. to noon (Fusion Floor Barre)

All of our classes improve your fitness, balance, strength and grace. Plus, we have lots of fun. For information about our classes, please feel free to call Eugenie (Genie) Martin at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



Pickleball

Paul Brunner

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country, and the Pickleball Club is growing just as fast. Our membership now exceeds 165 fun-loving people who play the game on our 12 courts - six days a week.

The courts are reserved for club play Monday through Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Our more advanced players are there Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our beginner/intermediate members play on Tuesday, Thurs-

day, and Saturday. Feel free to stop by to learn about the game and perhaps give it a try. Hope to see you there soon.

A special "thank you" goes out to Bill Daugherty for his tremendous contribution to our club. Bill has written the newspaper column for years, and has hosted monthly "Introduction to Pickleball" classes for interested newcomers to the game. We will miss him in these roles but understand that a much-deserved break is necessary.

We will continue the monthly class for new players, and hopefully provide the same excellent instruction as Bill has done for many years. July's class will be held on Monday, July 23, at 8:30 a.m. Athletic shoes are required.



Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

The month of June has come and gone. Our next dance is set for Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Recreation Center Ballroom with Automatic. Expect to see very bright fall colors and maybe some golden falling leaves around the dance floor.

The dance dates for the remainder of the year are Saturday, Nov. 10 with Starburst and Monday, Dec. 31 with Retro Express. The Dancin' On the Top committee is working on selling all three fall dances as a package this summer. Please mark your calendar for great dancing in what remains of 2018.

Dancin' On the Top is working on future dates for 2019. For club membership, ticket information, or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293 or Peggy Sayat at (352) 509-7400.

There are many opportunities to dance here at On Top of the World: weekly Friday night Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom (guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident I.D.) and The Town Square every Friday and Saturday night. See the events calendar insert in the World News for more details. So, keep on dancing.



Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

Remember, if you are planning to play in the tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 26 that the cut off date to sign up is Sunday, July 15. If you would like more information, please call me and I will be glad to assist you.

I hope you are all enjoying the new card. I am now making it a trial to play the hands on the new card-the 2018 hands. Last year, I never got the 2017 so that I could play it often. This time it will be different. How are you doing with this card?

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Photographers, Authors, Artists

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

Residents Cindy and John Klopfer met on Match.com. It was a successful meeting - they got married. But when they looked at their professionally-taken wedding pictures they said, "We can do better." It was the beginning of their professional photography business here in Ocala.

But their proclivity for kick starting a new business didn't stop there. Being a success story for Match.com, Cindy and John segued into photographing men and women who want to post "honest" photos of themselves on the site. They also now work with people by helping them write their bio for the Match.com site.

Their interest/hobby has always been photography and you can see a few of their photos on the State of Florida website. There you will see their photo of the very rare South American, Window Pane Butterfly - "A once in a lifetime shot," say Cindy and John.

But photography doesn't seem to be enough to keep the multi-talented Klopfers busy. They are now writing their third book. John's first book "Quest for Immortality" was a story about change, forgiveness, love, and family healing.

Cindy was the motivator for their next novel. It was actually a short story John had written until Cindy read it and convinced him that it had all the makings of a full novel. So, together they turned that short story into "Flight of the Soul," published in March of this year.

Their current writing effort deals with the evolution of a family that starts all the way back to 120 A.D. John and Cindy are looking forward to a publication date of January 2019.

Cindy has been teaching English for 34 years. In college she was an All-American runner, and in high school she earned her letters running cross country and swimming on the boy's teams. She has also taught swimming here in Florida. When visiting their home, you might get the impression that you are in an art gallery; as Cindy is also a very accomplished artist.

John Klopfer's career evolved and revolves around his career in nursing, his charity work, and, of course, writing. He broke the record for donations raised as head of West Marion's Relay for Life. He has headed up the Gainesville Alzheimer Association, was president of the Rotary Club and is a

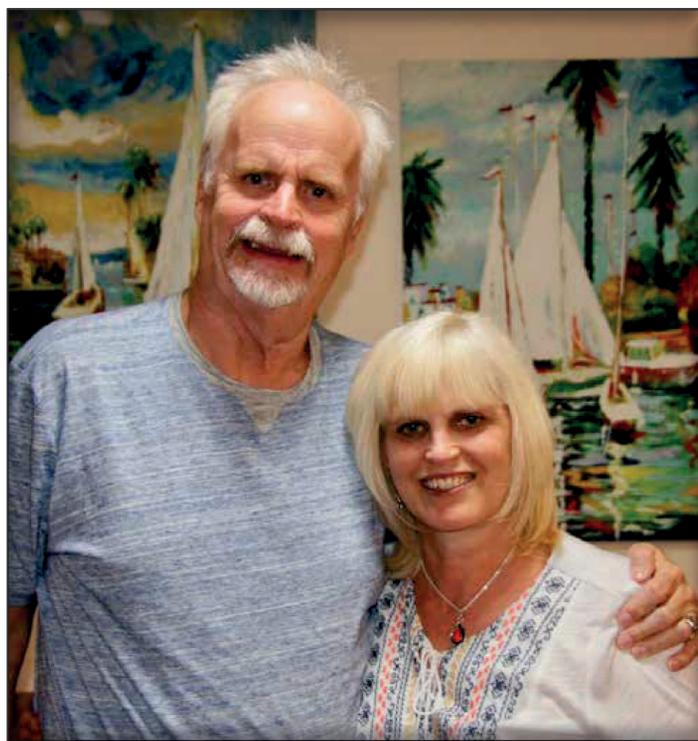


Photo by Ray Cech

Cindy and John Klopfer.

former lay-minister in the Methodist church. John's current efforts are focused on researching and the writing of their in-progress, yet to be titled, novel.

On Top of the World is a hidden

gem of talent. Cindy and John Klopfer are just two of the very talented people in our community who are proving that retirement living can be the most creative, productive, and rewarding years of our lives.



Antiques and Collectibles Club forming now.

Antiques and Collectibles Club

By Susan Johannes

After 11 years of trying, our Pennsylvania home sold and we moved to On Top of the World this past October. After setting up house, I signed up for some courses at Master the Possibilities, amongst which were "Antiques and Antique Jewelry." I realized there were many people living here with similar interests, and thought why not start a club? I contacted Theresa at the Recreation Center and she advised that if I could get 10 or more people to join a meeting room would be provided.

As of the beginning of June, I have a list of 17-plus individuals expressing interest in the club and I have been given a time and

meeting room. I am pleased to announce our initial meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 10 a.m., in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. We are scheduled to meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at that time and location.

You need not be a collector to join, just share an interest in fine and decorative arts and/or history. I am sure our members will bring years of fascinating knowledge and experiences to our group.

Please contact me at (570) 862-8785 or victoran@brighthouse.com with any suggestions you may have for meeting topics, day trips, etc. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Bokeh – Say What?

By Connie Filip

A fancy word, pronounced "BOH-kay," is used by photographers to create the out of focus highlights you see behind our proud eagle. Sometimes it's described as balls of light.

In order to intentionally blur the background, John would have started by setting his camera on "aperture" priority or "manual" and then chosen a low aperture. For those with a point-and-shoot camera, switch your camera dial to "portrait" and see if you can make it happen!

Using a low aperture, like f3.5, opens the lens and creates a very shallow depth of field.

By creating a shallow depth of field, it means that only the object you focus on appears sharp. The background will always be fuzzy.

Most important, to create the bokeh effect, you need to be sure the sun is shining down in the background. Here, you can see it's shining on the foliage. This is what creates those points of lights that you see behind the eagle.

Our proud eagle reminds us of all the freedoms that we celebrate in our country. Enjoy the July 4th holiday!

Don't get left out of next fall's ShutterBugs photo contest! It's for all levels of experience. Start taking your camera along when you go out and you'll capture lots of special moments. Maybe even a contest winner!

ShutterBugs field trip - you're on our own - July brings us the opportunity for fireworks shots! For up-to-date schedule information, visit our club website at otowspc.com.

Our July Master the Possibilities display is Dennis Phillips, who has an interesting collection of photographs of regalia, uniforms and costumes. His shots were taken both locally and nationally. Stop by and see his display.

Consider "stopping by" on Facebook! Our members post their favorite shots on Shutterbugs PSH (Photo Scavenger Hunt). Anyone can log on and see them. And if you're a ShutterBugs member, just go to the site and get permission to play.

We're showing a new National Geographic travel instructional video series - "The Art of Travel Photography." Stop in and learn along with us!

Our monthly club schedule:

- First Tuesday: Morning field trip
- Second Tuesday: Instructional DVD
- Third Tuesday: Photo sharing activities. Fourth Tuesday: Guest speaker or DVD.

Want to learn more about digital? Stop in at the ShutterBugs' Tuesday meeting. We start at 3 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. Or contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or guhley@cfl.rr.com.



Photo by ShutterBug John Ware

Our proud national bird.



Stamp Club

Joe Rosinski

This is the time of the year when our minds turn back the clock to the days when patriotism was a very integral part of our lives. Starting with Armed Forces Day in May, followed by Memorial Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July, as well as various carnivals, parades and other celebrations where Old Glory takes center stage throughout the summer months.

Club activities go rather dormant during this timeframe as many members travel around the country/world for their break from the Florida heat. Our meeting schedule is shortened by the elimination of the second Tuesday meeting at the Freedom Library during the summer due to other commitments at the library.

As for our regular meetings at the Bank of the Ozarks, they will continue to be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m.; one exception is the first

Wednesday of July, which happens to fall on July 4. There will be no meeting on that date.

Visitors are welcome at all meetings if you care to stop by. If you're on the lookout for some cheap postage, there is generally some on the auction block at our third Wednesday meetings. Everyone is welcome to bid on any items. The mint postage bids start at 50 percent of face value and generally amount to quite a saving if you're lucky enough to be the highest bidder.

We had a very interesting presentation at our first Wednesday meeting in May. The presentation focused on food, and was conducted by an Ocala resident who is in the process of organizing what is called a topical category on the subject of gastronomy on stamps. This is quite an undertaking and involves everything from growing, preparation, and recipes, as well as anything involved in bringing food to the table. It's amazing the number of stamps from around the world that involve what ends up as food. As many of you know, if you make it, they will eat it!

If anyone has any questions, comments concerning our hobby, please email me at rosinskijoe@gmail.com. If I don't have an answer, I'll certainly try to find one. Thanks for reading and I will be back next month. Enjoy the summer.



Theatre Group

Leslie Miller

Hmmm ... how to introduce myself? Theatre usually lends itself to a visual opportunity, but this column thing is a whole other realm. Picture this, Sicily, 1939 - wait, that's "The Golden Girls!" Wow. How about if you just imagine that Steve McDonald is in nylon shorts and a tank top running on a lined track and passing a baton back to a sweaty old woman in a khaki-colored jogging suit? Quite an image, right?

After many years of faithful service to the Theatre Group, Steve figuratively is indeed passing the baton, and will be taking a break from not only writing these columns, but from so many other duties that it will take three of us to cover them all! We applaud him for all he has done for us in the past, and look forward to when he is back with us with his myriad of on-stage and off-stage talents.

Just a few months ago, I had the privilege of being assistant director for our 2018 production, "Remembering Through the Decades," and was very impressed by the amount of talent and camaraderie that exists in this group. After having worked in other community theatre and senior class play experiences, theatre here was a wonderful en-

deavor in that the cast truly went out of its way to help each other give the best performance possible. If you saw the show, you would most likely agree with this observation.

That being said, there is so much that goes into a production such as this that is not visible to the audience: there are backstage jobs like moving props on and off the stage, hooking up microphones, helping actors with costumes, selling tickets, finding just the right hat to go with a certain jacket, and on and on. So whether you are an actor/actress or not, if you would like to be involved with our Theatre Group in any capacity, mark your calendar now for our first meeting of the new season: Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will find the right task to suit your particular skills, and you will meet lots of fun people in the process! Contact our president, Harry Boyajian, at (239) 336-4804, if you have any questions or are interested in joining our group.

The storyboard committee, the sub-group that does the decision-making when it comes to selecting a show, has been hard at work behind the scenes, and although we don't want to give anything away about our spring 2019 production, we will give you a little hint: soon we will start spreading the news!

Steve will be back with you next month while I am in England, but then I will return for the fall update. Stay tuned, theatre friends!

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We usually meet on the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center, but there will be no karaoke until Monday, July 23, so practice some new songs and come join the fun. Hope to see you there. For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.



Photo by Sindy O'Brien
New karaoke singer Randee Gore.

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The New Pretenders
Nancy Grabowski

It's July! Happy birthday USA and Canada! The New Pretenders and all of our friends will be celebrating our patriotism in style. What could be better? Food, fireworks, and friends!

While the holidays and summer, in general, give us a chance to re-charge our batteries, the work doesn't stop! Costume fittings are a regular part of our activities, which keeps that committee really busy. The entire troupe spends some time rehearsing; sometimes, solo and sometimes in groups.

George Brush is our fun-loving prankster, ready to participate in the most outrageous scenes we can imagine! Like the other New Pretenders, George is multi-talented and geared with his ever-present smile.

George Bausewein, "Big George," as he is affectionately known within the troupe, is a multi-talented performer. He perfected his craft singing his way through college ... and he hasn't stopped! He has the polish of the old-time crooners and the moves of the newest boy groups!

Carol Shisler is one of the Pre-



Photo by Gary Rodoff

"Up, Up, and Away" featuring Joe Wood, George Brush, George Bausewein, Carol Shisler, and Janet Juhlin.

tenders' veterans. Over the years she has performed in roles that varied from female truck driver to Lady Gaga! Carol has many interests but her favorite role is that of "grandma" ... just don't let her puppy know she shares all that love!

Janet Juhlin, not surprisingly, is multi-talented, too! She loves golf and traveling but really shines as an accomplished ballroom dancer.

Look for her on the dance floor most Friday nights at happy hour.

Joe Wood is comfortable in any role. Within the troupe, he wears many hats; one of the most important is as our treasurer. He keeps the budget in check and really loves to write the checks to those charities we support. (Any money we realize from our shows goes to local charities.)

You can help us continue our efforts to help those charities. Come up to the Recreation Center Ballroom any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, beginning Jan. 2, 2019 and purchase your ticket! We will continue to sell until our show dates: Feb. 1, 2, and 3; Friday and Saturday show times are 7 p.m. and Sunday is 2 p.m.



Photo by Kathy Petrosky
Lucy Molloy.

Karaoke Friends
Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

This month we would like to highlight Lucy Molloy. Lucy is a great addition to our group. Here is Lucy's musical story in her own words:

"I was always very introverted and shy. I would never sing so someone could hear me. After graduating from high school, I met a choir director/organist who was willing to teach me the organ. I had studied piano in high school.

I worked as a secretary in Chicago and after work I went to Lyon and Healy to practice playing the organ. When I seemed capable enough, I started playing the Hammond organ in cocktail lounges

and restaurants.

When I married and had children that part of my life ended. After some time, I started singing. Trying to improve kept my mind occupied. I began to enjoy singing. I really appreciated the opportunity to be with the clappers. Now I love being a singer who claps too!"

Each time we meet I am so happy to see how many people come just to listen and clap. We have almost as many or more clappers than singers at times. It makes the singers grateful to know their singing is appreciated.

We will not meet in July. We will resume again Monday, Aug. 6. I will remind you in the August column. Mark your calendar.

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Down Under: Geraldton

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

According to the Geraldton Guardian newspaper, the Radiance of the Seas is the largest ship to enter the city's port. Dated Friday, Feb. 24, 2017 the day a group of residents was on board. "Another cruise ship is set to pull into Geraldton port today, and it will be the largest ship to berth at the port ... dwarfing the largest carriers that frequent the docks ... the Radiance has visited Geraldton 10 times since 2011 usually it anchors while passengers are taken by tenders to shore."

The cruise ship offered six excursions in Geraldton, two of which were wildlife trips, an outback barbecue with a tour of the city and a visit to the Western Australian Museum. This small city with a population of approximately 40,000 has been the home for Australia's indigenous people for over 40,000 years, according to discovered evidence.

The port of Geraldton is a major west coast Australian seaport. It is an important service and logistics center for regional mining and fishing industries along with exporting iron ore, wheat, and sheep and the ever-growing tourism.

Tourist destinations are numerous in Geraldton compared to the size of the city. The city has the oldest surviving lighthouse in western Australia and the first steel tower lighthouse constructed on main-

land Australia.

The Point Moore Lighthouse has a tungsten halogen lamp that can be seen for 23-nautical miles. It began operation in 1878. The lighthouse is located on Point Moore Beach, which is renowned for its windy conditions for the windsurfers and kiteboarders.

The Ocala group on tour was given the opportunity to stop and take pictures in and outside of the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral that was designed by a monsignor along with an architect and a priest. It took 22 years to build and was completed in 1938.

The tour then headed to the Western Australian Museum, which contains the history of Geraldton along with the area's indigenous people.

The biggest tourist attraction in Geraldton is the HMAS Sydney memorial. The memorial recognizes the loss of the light cruiser during a destructive battle with a German auxiliary cruise Kormoran off the west coast of Australia in November 1941.

The memorial is made up of four elements:

1. The stele, based on the ship's prow;
2. A granite wall with a listing of the crew;
3. A bronze statue of a woman looking out and waiting for the Sydney's return;
4. A dome constructed with 645 stainless seagulls representing the missing sailors.

The battle between the two ships remains a mystery even today.

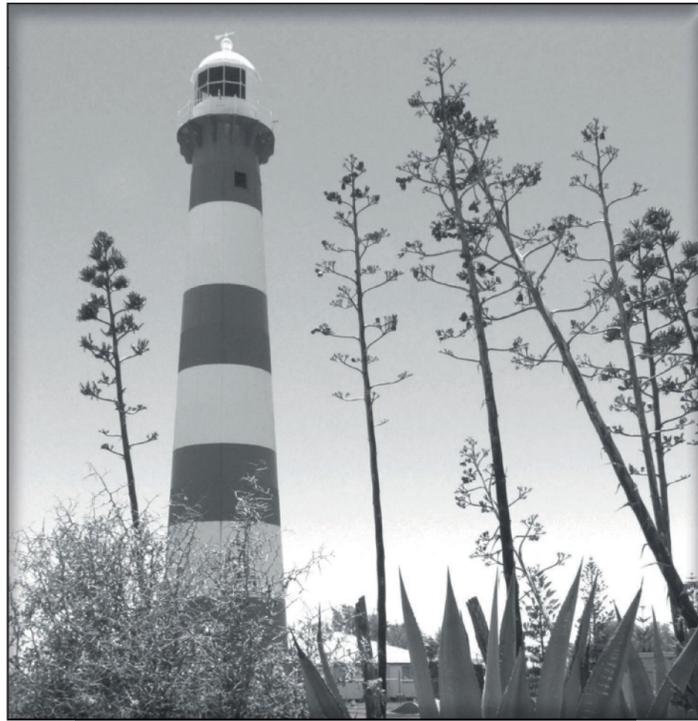


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Point Moore Lighthouse.



Happy Fourth of July to all! We are blessed to live in this country.

Speaking of blessings, the Happy Hookers is forever grateful to all of the individuals who have donated to us. Not only is the individual who brings the donation benefitting by finding a home for the items they no longer use, those of us in our group also benefit. It is wonderful to receive donations of yarn. We become inspired with the colors of yarn to create an item or are excited to receive a color that we currently need for a project. The pattern books provide inspiration for creativity or encourage us to try a new stitch or skill. We can always find a place for the hooks, knitting needle, and any other tools.

We meet every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the

Art Studio in the Hobby Building. Our group is open to all residents. There are no dues, agenda or penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back.

What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, card crafting, embroidery and handcrafts of all kinds. This is a very talented group who is never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our group, you may call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328.

As stated above, if you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please call Marge Curran at (630) 336-7105 for pick-up of these items.

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Welland Canal.

Welland Canal

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Welland Canal is the biggest civil engineering works of the Great Lakes Waterway connecting the Atlantic Ocean with all the ports in the Great Lakes. Ships can travel from the Atlantic, a distance of 2,340 miles, to Duluth, Minn. on Lake Superior and to Chicago on Lake Michigan, a distance of 2,250 miles.

The Welland Canal was originally constructed in 1824 out of wood but over the years the fourth canal was constructed in 1932 with a total of eight locks. The canal is 26.8 miles in length taking ships transiting this portion of the waterway eight to 12 hours, depending on traffic and weather conditions. The water in the locks is gravity fed, no pumps, with the source of water coming from Lake Erie.

The Welland Canal connects Lake Erie with Lake Ontario rising and lowering ships over 326 feet in eight locks. In comparison, the Panama Canal is an artificial 48-

mile waterway connecting the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean. Its water supply comes from the artificial Gatun Lake, which is 85 feet above sea level. The canal has three sets of locks taking six to eight hours for a ship to transit the Panama Canal.

Lock eight in the Welland Canal is the longest lock (1,380 feet long) in the world raising ships only one to four feet because of fluctuating levels of Lake Erie. It is situated at Port Colborne. Other locks are 859 feet in length.

The Welland Canal is located on the Canadian side of the Niagara River, which is home to the famous Niagara Falls. The river is the international boundary between the U.S. and Canada.

The Welland Canal locks are not the only locks that comprise the St Lawrence Seaway. The Soo Locks connect Lake Superior with Lake Huron rising ships a total of 21 feet. The Montreal/Lake Ontario

section consists of seven locks raising and lowering ships 243 feet.

Lake Superior is the highest lake above sea level (600 feet), both Lake Michigan and Huron are 577 feet above sea level, Lake Erie is 571 feet and Lake Ontario is 243 feet above sea level. It takes approximately 8.6 days to sail a ship from Duluth to Montreal at an average speed of 12 knots. The maximum length of any vessel cannot exceed 740 feet and 78 feet (beam) wide to transit the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The biggest tourist area for the Welland Canal is at Lock 3 Viewing

Complex and Museum. Outside the complex alongside the canal is an elevated viewing platform enabling tourists and visitors a grandstand or birds-eye view of the canal's operations while ships transit the lock.

Inside the museum, the complete story of the canal from its inception in 1824 until the present is told and illustrated with countless exhibits along with traveling exhibits such as the area's history of the famous Underground Railroad in the integrated award winning "Follow the North Star" exhibit.

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Stovall Mill Covered Bridge in Georgia.

Stovall Mill Covered Bridge

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The smallest covered bridge is located in the State of Georgia and was built in 1895. The Stovall Mill Covered Bridge is one-lane wide, 33 feet long, and constructed out of wood spanning Chickamauga Creek. This wooden bridge is one of 16 covered bridges in Georgia in which 13 are drive through. The Stovall Mill Covered Bridge is the furthest north of all the remaining covered bridges in Georgia.

Covered bridges were constructed between 1800 to 1900 predominantly out of timber with a roof and siding. The roof and sidings were to protect the wood structure from the elements of weather that could destroy or damage the bridge. The covered bridges were constructed before metal or steel were utilized. The roof and sidings added stability to the structure. Reportedly the first covered bridge in America was built in 1804 spanning the Hudson River at Waterford Connecticut. It burned in 1909 after lasting over one century. The Stovall Bridge is located near the popular tourist town of Helen

The Stovall Covered Bridge was featured in a 1951 Hollywood production titled "I'd Climb The Highest Mountain" starring Rory Calhoun, William Lundigan and Susan Haywood amongst others actors.

The movie was filmed in the Appalachian Mountains of Georgia and at the time was considered to be "out in the boon docks." The film tells the story of a minister from the Deep South who recently had married a woman from the city. The minister was assigned to a new parish located in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Complications took place with crises after crises along with the isolation and poverty of the region put a strain on the couple's faith and marriage.

The historic covered bridge is reportedly to be haunted. It is said that if you stand in the bridge alone at night supposedly you would hear the cries of unseen babies along with the sounds of horse-drawn carriages. Although darkness had not set in during the visit to the bridge, I decided to enter the bridge finding the darkest interior area and leaning against the bridge's side for stability. I closed my eyes trying to put myself into a deep trance hoping I would hear the haunting sounds of babies crying or the hooves of horses pulling carriages.

To my dismay after listening intently, all I heard was the slight trickling sounds of the stream's water as it passes under the bridge and rain drops splashing on the bridge roof falling from the leaves of the trees above and the chirping sounds of song birds.

Over the years the Stovall Covered Bridge has fallen to graffiti individual's practically destroying the bridge's historic interior. There is not one spot that can be reached from the bridge's floor that is not covered with destroying artwork. The bridge has a variety of names including the Helen Bridge, Chickamauga Bridge, Nacoochee Bridge, and Sautee Bridge.

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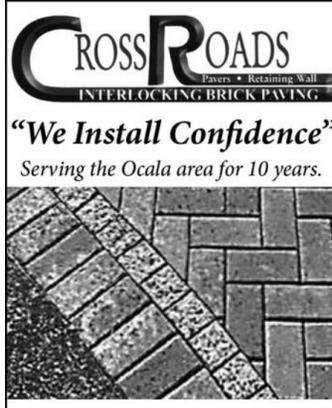
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- Donations:** Bicycles and helmets for children - Tom at (352) 861-1575 • Bicycles for male veterans - Ronnie at (352) 438-3354 • Dog or cat food - SPCA of Marion County (352) 362-0985 • Musical instruments for local students; Ed at (352) 304-8206 • Personal hygiene, school/craft supplies for homeless, pet food/supplies for animal shelters, used cell phones, computers & musical instruments for troops/veterans - Donna at (352) 237-3062 • Shoes and sneakers for the needy - drop off at Recreation Center • Small household items, linens, dishes, cookware, etc. for women's shelter - Sharon at (352) 509-4273 • Toiletries for troops overseas - Bob at (352) 854-0702 • Yarn for lap robes for VA hospitals and newborns - (352) 843-6519.
- Golfers:** Mondays & Fridays, at 7 a.m., with the Dawn Patrol Men's Golf Group. Sign up at On Top of the World Golf Shop.
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