

Community News

Kenneth D. Colen
Publisher

Annual Association Meetings

December begins a cycle of annual meetings for the various neighborhood owner associations. This is the schedule and location for the respective meetings:

- **MASTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET ADOPTION:** Tuesday, Dec. 8, in Live Oak Hall at 9 a.m.
- **INDIGO EAST ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET ADOPTION:** Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Circle Square Cultural Center at 9 a.m.
- **CANDLER HILLS ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET ADOPTION:** Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Circle Square Cultural Center at 2 p.m.
- **ON TOP OF THE WORLD (CENTRAL) OWNERS ANNUAL MEETING:** Wednesday, Dec. 16, in Circle Square Cultural Center at 9 a.m.

Please note, all meeting venues may change to Zoom meetings based on where we are with COVID-19.

Matters of general interest to your community, an update on recreation and meeting facilities, how the board of directors functions through the setting of policies and through the review of the projected budget for the coming year, and any legislative changes affecting your community will be among the topics discussed at each annual meeting. There will be a question-and-answer period following the main body of each meeting.

Out and About

The new multi-modal path from SW 80th Avenue at SW 80th Street, extending north approximately 1.5 miles and terminating at SW 63rd Street, is cleared for construction. There is a little more work remaining on the water main installation in that area before grading work can commence to complete the path extension. This path will enable golf cart access to Sholom Park. Please remember that golf carts may not be operated in the park.

Thinking About Home Safety

We recently had a structure fire in Indigo East. The origin was an unattended barbecue grill operated on the back porch, under the roof overhang. Exactly how the grill failed is under investigation; suffice to say there was damage to the entire porch area requiring extensive renovation. Fortunately, there were no injuries or loss of life!

Fall is a great time to grill and eat outside. However, never grill under any structural roof or porch area. Grills should be at least 10 feet away from any structure while being operated. This greatly improves the chances there will be no damage to the structure should something go wrong.

Continuing along this line of thought ... entertaining friends and family around the holidays may be one of the high points of the season. We at On Top of the World wish everyone a wonderful season and want you to enjoy a safe time, so we offer the following thoughts provided by Safety Director Daniel Childress:

It is worth remembering certain basic tips for both fire prevention and how to deal with a sudden fire:

- Never throw water on a grease fire. Smother it with baking soda, salt, or a tight-fitting lid. If you don't have a lid, you can quickly wet a hand towel, wring it out and carefully lay it over the grease fire.
- Stay in your kitchen while cooking, otherwise turn the stove off.
- Keep any material that can catch on fire away from your

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OTOWInfo.com Redesign

By Jordan Litherland

Residents are encouraged to preview the redesign of otowinfo.com. The On Top of the World marketing team collaborated with other employees to ensure the website continues to be an efficient one-stop-shop for residents on all things On Top of the World. Now more than ever, in these uncertain times, we at On Top of the World recognize that it is imperative to have an all-encompassing resource for our residents to find information about important news, community events, club meetings, and other resources they might need.

On Top of the World is the leader in both recreational activities and amenities in Florida. For many new and seasoned residents, figuring out where to get involved in our community can seem overwhelming. That's why we have included an alphabetized full club list, community restaurants, and fitness activities on the website. We have also included a list of safety tips for your house to weather out hurricane season.

An important resource added a few years ago, is the virtual bulletin board where residents can find digital posters of almost every event happening at On Top of the World. Even club events are posted on this page. So, if you're looking for something to do, the virtual bulletin board is the online place to find it!

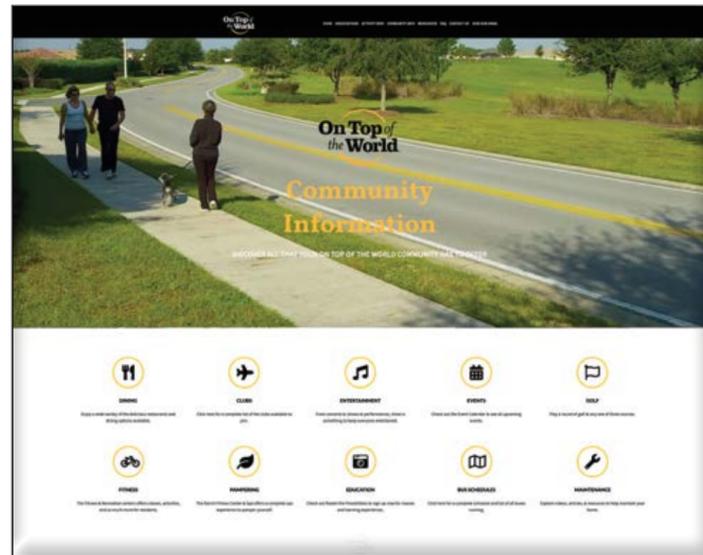
Another important feature on otowinfo.com is that all HOA documentation for the various neighborhoods in the community are

posted there for easy access. This tab contains community rules, insurance policies, lists for garbage and recycling locations, and home warranty info. There are also community specific house palettes, water restrictions, and warranty information you can get with a click of a button.

As the community navigates COVID-19 and the different phases of facilities opening back up, otowinfo.com has been, and continues to be a reliable source for community notices. "I steer everyone to otowinfo.com," says Theresa Fields, program manager here at On Top of the World. "It gives all the informa-

tion, the latest and the greatest. It also gives the time the notice came out and the date. It broadcasts throughout the community, and it lets people know what is going on throughout openings and closings."

The website was created to bring the community together and keep residents informed and safe. All of that adds extra value now as we explore these uncharted times. We hope our residents will take advantage of the resources we have made available to them. Please view the website for more information regarding the community's plan and what activities are open to residents currently. For more specific updates, please sign up for On Top of the World email updates by clicking the "join our email link" to subscribe to the particular entity you want to receive information from.



Annual Food & Toys for Tots Drive

By Vanessa Rodriguez

This holiday season, On Top of the World Communities is not only partnering with the local not-for-profit organization, Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) but also the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

On Top of the World is IES's designated "Bring the Harvest All Year Long" food drive champion for the month of December. Residents and employees have always been very generous in donating large amounts of non-perishable food items and various sundries during the annual food drive. A donation of 4,179 pounds of food was given in 2019. With this in mind, we are asking again this year for any help you can lend.

As you can see by the following message, the need has never been greater:

"Interfaith has been blessed abundantly by the residents of On Top of the World Communities for many years. With the challenges brought on this year by a pandemic, we need your help more than ever! We have already assisted over 38,000 individuals with grocery as-

sistance this year, but the need is still great. With the continued support of our local community, we will continue to serve without turning anyone away empty handed. Thank you for being a part of what we do and it is our prayer that you all have a happy and healthy holiday season. We appreciate your

support so very much."

Karla Grimsley
Executive Director
Interfaith Emergency Services

The following staple food and hygiene items are needed:

Food Items

- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Boxed dry pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni & cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)

Hygiene Items

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Feminine products

This year, we will begin with a one-day "Drive-By & Drop Off" Monday, Nov. 23, at the sales center located at 8447 SW 99th Street Road (see ad on page 42). This one-day event will allow you to drop off donated items without leaving your vehicle. However, collection boxes will still be available throughout the community and will allow you to drop off your donations at your convenience from Tuesday, Nov. 24 through Sunday, Dec. 13.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the local area. The Toys for Tots drive will run through Friday, Dec. 18 with collection boxes around the community.

Your donation of any of the above-listed items would be of great help. Please place your item(s) in one of the collection boxes listed below or drop them off at the sales center on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Let us all join together in making this effort a success and reflecting the caring community On Top of the World is especially for those in need!

Community Food/Toy Drop Off Locations

- Resident Services
- Sales Center
- Recreation Center (upstairs and downstairs)
- Arbor Fitness Center
- Candler Hills Community Center
- The Lodge at Candler Hills
- Indigo East Community Center
- Indigo East Fitness Center
- Candler Hills Golf Shop
- Master the Possibilities
- The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa
- On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion, LLC
- Accounting

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March	02/12/20	02/20/20	02/27/20
April	03/12/20	03/26/20	04/02/20
May	04/13/20	04/23/20	04/30/20
June	05/12/20	05/21/20	05/28/20
July	06/12/20	06/25/20	07/02/20
August	07/13/20	07/23/20	07/30/20
September	08/12/20	08/20/20	08/27/20
October	09/11/20	09/24/20	10/01/20
November	10/12/20	10/22/20	10/29/20
December	11/12/20	11/25/20	12/03/20
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* Deadline at noon

** Printed inserts deadline by 3:30 p.m. at Heart of Florida

GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



If you have nothing to lose you can try anything.

Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT #1: Recently, I received some emails and text messages from the two primary presidential candidates. They were requests for donations to their various campaigns. Of course, it is up to you if you want to donate to one or the other and it is also up to you as to the amount. However, how do you know that when you donate, it is not a scam? Good question is it not?

Here's my suggestion. Rather than ever donating from an ad, email or text, go directly to the candidate's website and donate from there. And yeah, I know what the candidate's campaign handlers will say: they'll say but if they send you a text or email, you might act right then; but if you have to go to the website, you might just not do that. So what? It's your money and you need to make sure that the donation you make actually gets to the candidate of your choice.

SCAM ALERT #2: Apparently, according to a client of ours, the

certified copy of deed scam is out and about. That's where you close on the purchase of real estate and shortly thereafter, you get a very official looking document from the county where the property is located. The document says you should have a certified copy of your deed to protect your ownership. Some of these documents (they're really just letters, of course) promise you a proprietary assessment once you pay to get the certified copy. Folks, no one ever needs a certified copy of their deed. And if you just felt that for some reason you just gotta have one, you can get one for about \$5 or \$10 from the county's clerk of courts. But don't even waste those bucks.

Q. I have a power of attorney for my aunt. I went to use it with the Social Security Administration (SSA) so I could be her agent, I was denied. Why?

A. The SSA does not recognize a power of attorney which is drafted to authorize the agent to receive or to manage social security or supplement security income benefits. It does not matter whether it is or is not a durable power.

Now, however, in an apparent change of procedure, the SSA will

allow someone to designate up to three people that the SSA or SSI client wants to be his or her payee representative, should a payee representative be needed in the future. I suggest that if this is a concern for anyone that you sit down with your attorney and discuss this. I can tell you that there isn't any special type of language that is needed so long as the names and phone numbers of the persons designated are listed. Note Social Security numbers are not required.

Q. My dad has (a debilitating condition). So, far, he is doing really well and does not need any help with managing his affairs including his finances and his activities of daily living. However, more and more he is worried that he will need Medicaid benefits. He wants to know if he should have a special needs trust drawn up and signed even though he might never need any welfare assistance. Right now, he has a will, durable power of attorney and advance directive and my sisters and I are all involved, and we will take turns taking care of him if he needs us to do that but right now, as I said, he seems okay. Dad sent me the World News and I saw your column and am asking

you about this.

A. Your question is significant, and it is very difficult to provide a full answer in a column like this. I can tell you, though, that a trust that has the name of "trigger trust" may offer a solution. This is a type of trust that when there is a specific "triggering" event, the method of how the trust is administered can change. Example: Suppose your father has a trust and he is the trustee but there's a provision in that document that can be used to automatically (or even manually) change the trust from a trust that supports your father to one where it becomes a special needs trust. Now, please understand something. This is not the type of trust to mess around with. Whoever drafts it needs to take considerable time with your father and in addition probably even discuss this with your father's physician. The key to a trigger trust with special needs provisions is to make sure it is activated after a disability that prevents him from managing his affairs but before welfare benefits are needed. So, this is just a thought, but your father must sit down with his attorney if he wants to explore this further.

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COLEN BUILT DEVELOPMENT

The Colen Family Legacy

By Jordan Litherland

Kenneth Colen and family are proud to announce the rebranding of their longtime established family-owned land development company to Colen Built Development. In response to rapid company growth and new developments, the rebranding was necessary to attach the "Colen Built" value and quality known and trusted in Florida to other projects.

The highly successful company started in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1947 by the late Sidney Colen, which was the start of the family dynasty. In 1975, Colen expanded his dreams to Ocala. To some, what was a 13,000-acre working cattle ranch, Colen saw something more significant. That today is the ever-growing On Top of the World Communities, the premier retirement community in Ocala. On Top of the World leads in the industry in both recreational activities and amenities, energy efficient construction, and environmental stewardship.

Today, son Kenneth Colen is carrying on the family legacy by providing customers with the same creativity and passion for the business just like his father started. With Colen's latest endeavor being Ocala's newest master-planned community for all ages - Calesa Township. Calesa Township's state-of-the-art community will house an aquatic center, public charter school, and an extensive trail and tunnel system that leads throughout the entire community. While this new development is inviting to all ages, it

is still built on the foundation of all Colen Built Development projects; quality, value, moral obligation, and sustainability.

The rebranding comes at a vital time for Colen Built Development, adding a new community to its legacy. "We are building something that Ocala has never seen" says Linda Massarella-Aiosa, vice president of marketing and communications, at Colen Built Development. "On Top of the World has added substantial economic growth to Marion County by bringing in new residents with increased housing demand from the active-adult market. We plan to do the same with Calesa Township by creating a destination community along SW 80th Avenue that will include a public charter school (kindergarten through eighth grade), an aquatic center, and future retail opportunities. Colen Built Development allows us to distinguish our already highly established and successful On Top of the World brand from our new all-ages master-planned community, Calesa Township."

It is an exciting time for Colen Built Development to continue to improve and add to its portfolio of award-winning communities. Current residents and future Colen Built Development residents should be eager for what is to come in the future! For more information regarding any of the Colen Built communities or properties, please visit www.ColenBuilt.com.

CURBSIDE LANDSCAPE DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULE

<p>Monday* Americana Village Friendship Park (SW 97th St to 94th St) Friendship Village</p>	<p>Wednesday (cont'd) Indigo East Larkhill Sanctuary Stonebridge</p>
<p>Tuesday* Friendship Colony (SW 93rd La to 90th Pl)</p>	<p>Thursday Avalon Providence Williamsburg</p>
<p>Wednesday Alendel Candler Hills Friendship Colony (SW 90th St, 82nd Terr, 83rd Ave, 83rd Ct, 83rd Terr, 90th Ct, 89th Terr, 89th Ct Rd)</p>	<p>Friday Crescent Ridge/Green Renaissance Park Windsor</p>

* Due to volumes, pick-up may extend into Tuesday or Wednesday

2ND ANNUAL
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY,
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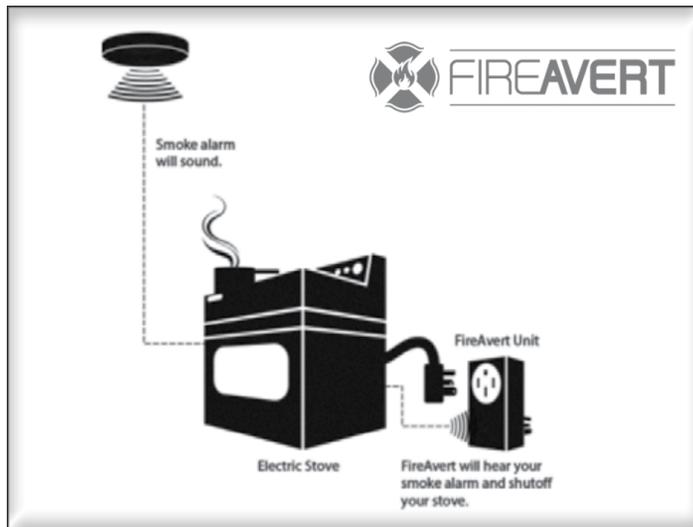
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- stovetop.
- Do have a residential fire extinguisher rated for grease/oil within reach in your kitchen. This is always the preferred method for fire control. Having more than one fire extinguisher is recommended. Have a backup in case the first fire extinguisher fails.
 - Do install a smoke detector in your kitchen if you do not already have one. Change the battery every six months.
 - Have an escape plan and never go back inside a burning home. Practice your home fire drill.
 - Do install a FireAvert device. This ingenious life saving device shuts off the power to your stove whenever the smoke detector alarms. When the threat is resolved, turning off the circuit breaker to the stove and then turning it back on again resets the device. The device is available for purchase online at www.fireavert.com.
- LED "candles" provide a great alternative, but if you do insist on the real deal, please "candle with care":
- Keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
 - Blow out candles when you go to bed or leave the room.
 - Avoid use of candles in bedrooms where you may fall asleep.
- Smoking safety:
- If you smoke, smoke out-



- doors only.
 - If you smoke indoors, stay alert, especially if drowsy or taking prescription medications.
 - Never smoke in bed.
- Home heating and electrical safety:
- Only plug one heat producing appliance (coffee maker, toaster, space heater) into a receptacle outlet at time. Never plug a space heater into a power strip! Never!
 - Remember to turn portable space heaters off before bedtime or leaving a room.
 - Keep anything flammable at least three feet away from heating equipment.
 - Never use an oven to heat your home.
 - Make sure that the electrical outlet that you are using is a "GFCI" (ground fault circuit interrupter) if you are using an electrical appliance near a sink or water (i.e. handheld

- hair dryer).
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are in good working condition, are not across doorways or under carpets.
- Check electrical cords to make sure that they have a ground.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on lamps and fixtures.

A Generous Community

Once again this year, the On Top of the World family of communities is ramping up their legendary generosity as the annual food drive to help stock Interfaith Emergency Services is kicking off Monday, Nov. 23, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 13 as well as the Toys for Tots drive running through Friday, Dec. 18. For many years, the communities have donated enough non-perishable food items to the pantry to fill a 34-foot box truck completely full, and then some! I'm hoping we can beat the giving of prior years.

Many projects that benefit the Marion County community have been initiated and supported by residents. There are also closer to home examples of kindness: residents who prepare meals for a sick neighbor, or help the recently widowed, are examples of the everyday caring mindset of so many residents. Your generosity doesn't stop there.

100 Grandparents, chaired by Evelyn Sarns-Holiday, will continue their monthly program of reading to students at Romeo Elementary School once it is safe to do so. This is a great program, run on a shoestring, which connects interested retirees with primary school children, many of whom are from economically disadvantaged families. It helps children improve their reading and attention skills. This program really benefits the school, children, and volunteers.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention some of the community resident organizations that so generously engage in making the Marion County community better:

- Hospice of Marion County Hoofin' for Hospice, Interfaith Emergency Services, Operation Shoebox & Ocala Domestic Violence Center, Marion Senior Services, SPCA of Marion County, Patriot Service Dogs, Brothers Keeper, Covenant Children's Home, Humane Society of Marion County & Arnette House (Women of the World)
- Marion County Public Schools Homeless & Needy Children Program, Marion County Children's Alliance, Head Start, Alpha House, Kimberly's Center for Child Protection & Kids Central (Sewing Bees)
- Stuff the Bus for Romeo Elementary School (100 Grandparents)
- Vets Helping Vets (Republican Club)
- Food Drive (Republican Club & Veterans Club)
- Meal on Wheels & Abused Women/Domestic Violence (Sunshine Quilters)
- Ocala Ritz Veterans Village (Democratic Club, Republican Club & Veterans Club)

Final Thoughts

Set aside for a minute that this has been a trying year on many of us. From dangerous weather events, pandemic, and a brutal political season, it has been a difficult year. Regardless, it is always worthwhile to pause for a moment, take a step back and consider all the positive events and blessings that have happened and continue to be happening in our lives. Taking stock and being grateful for all we do have, even in the worst of times, is a very positive thing to do. It can change your entire outlook. Breathe, smile! From myself and the entire management staff, we wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

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Get ready now for the risks associated with stormy weather so you are prepared to act when alerted by emergency officials.

On Top of the World

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON:

- Build a disaster supply kit (first aid kit, water, canned food supply, etc.)
- Compile a list of medications, including dosage and frequency. Have a 7-day supply on hand, particularly special needs items like oxygen tanks
- 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.

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January 27, 2021
1 - 3 PM

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Come and hear about Sara's emotional journey before, during, and after the Holocaust as Ericka Yeger presents her mother's story. The program will begin with a memorial ceremony that will honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

Members: \$5; Non-Members: \$10



Registration is required; spacing is limited. Attendees are required to social distance. Mask required.

Registration begins on November 18th. Register online 24/7 at www.MasterThePossibilities.org or call (352) 861-9751 for more information.

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All Around Our World

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It is the holiday season once again, and I am looking forward to this much-needed cooler weather. This is a time for celebration and enjoyment of the holiday season. I wish you a wonderful holiday season, and hope you are able to enjoy family and friends.

Phase 3 Openings

Florida governor issued Executive Order 20-244, Phase 3: Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines. The order is effective immediately and includes the following:

- Removes state-level restrictions on businesses, such as restaurants.
- Provides that no COVID-19 emergency ordinance may prevent an individual from working or operating a business.
- Provides that restaurants may not be limited by a COVID-19 emergency order by any local government to less than 50% of their indoor capacity.

Please see otowinfo.com for more detailed information.

As difficult a decision as it was to close facilities as a result of the COVID-19, it is once again a difficult decision of knowing the right formula to reopen On Top of the World. The governor's order allows businesses to operate, however, On Top of the World will do so with continued care and small steps to fulfill our first responsibility for the safety of residents and employees.

For our community, safety protocols remain in place to properly distance at six feet, wear face masks in all indoor facilities (recommended outdoors), minimize the number of persons gathering, and keep hands washed/sanitized. Protocols are posted at each facility location. Please take the time to review.

On Top of the World opened to full capacity Wednesday, Sept. 30, at all outdoor facilities and the pools. Restaurants have returned to full capacity as well. The game room (billiards) opened with distancing and face mask protocols in place.

We will continue to carefully monitor the key COVID-19 metrics for Marion County and specific zip codes for On Top of the World. Hopefully the trend in declining infection rates will continue with the help of each one of us to taking personal responsibility for our own safety and compliance with all safety protocols. Additional information regarding facility openings to full capacity, events starting back and guests in private venues will be considered in the near future if trends continue.

On Top of the World has been asked why our safety protocols were not enforced within the polling locations during the primary elections. The Marion County Election Center contracts for use of and sets all procedures and the proto-

cols for the precinct (facility and 150 feet around the facility) while they are in control of the precinct for that day. Supervisor of Elections personnel stated social distancing is in place due to the three-walled voting areas and that they do not enforce face masks being worn due to the fact it is not a state mandate.

As responsible citizens, we do have choices. We can choose to wear a face mask whether required or not and make sure we distance from others or choose another method of voting offered by the county such as vote by mail or take advantage of early voting. Please plan to vote Tuesday, Nov. 3 or earlier!

Resident Services

Please note the Resident Services office holiday schedule:

- Wednesday, Nov. 25: 8 a.m. to noon.
- Thursday, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving): closed.
- Friday, Nov. 27: 8 a.m. to noon.

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the following restrictions:

- Closed daily, from noon to 12:30 p.m., for sanitizing.
- Closed the third Wednesday of every month (Nov. 18), from noon to 1 p.m.
- Lobby is limited to six residents at a time.
- Social distancing of six feet and face masks are required.

Residents needing to utilize Resident Services at Friendship Commons may continue to contact the office by phone, (352) 236-OTOW (6869), or email us at otowservice@otowfl.com in lieu of visiting. We are experiencing higher than normal volumes and appreciate your patience. Be assured, your call or email will be returned as soon as possible. Resident Services is now located in Friendship Commons, Suite 500 and new resident orientations are by appointment only in Suite 200.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks back Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 a.m. as daylight savings time begins.

This is also a good time to check your smoke detectors for proper working order, and your irrigation timers as you may now water once a week. At this time of year, half-to three-quarters of an inch of water at each application is typically enough. We recommend you monitor your lawn and adjust accordingly. Villa and townhome owners, where watering is controlled by Parkway Maintenance & Management Marion, LLC, we ask that you

report any watering problems to Resident Services as soon as possible. The watering schedule can be found on otowinfo.com under FAQs.

Winterizing Your Lawn

Please refer to otowinfo.com by clicking on the Homeowner Maintenance tab on the left hand side to view the month-by-month maintenance calendar and tips for a healthy lawn and read Phillip Hisey's column. You will find information on winterizing your lawn and protecting your irrigation back flow in extreme cold temperatures for Florida.

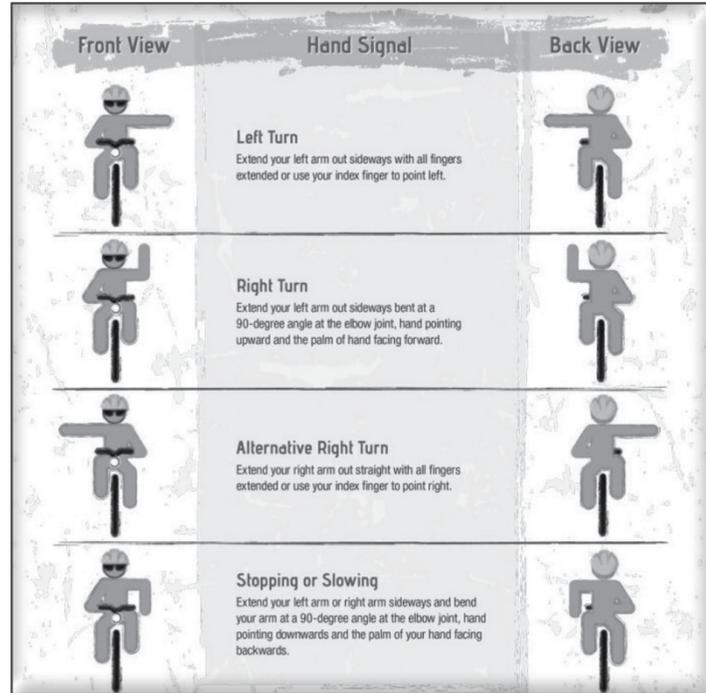
Bicycle Safety

Please review the proper hand signals and put them to use when you are out cycling the neighborhood. It's darker much earlier this time of year, so wear reflective clothing, and make sure you have a light and reflectors on your bicycle. Please remember to use the paths

intended. Stay safe everyone.

Rule of the Month

It is no surprise that this is an election year. However, On Top of the World has a policy in place that does not allow any signage to be placed on your property or home unless prior Association approval has been granted. This applies to all political signage as well. The Rules and Regulations of the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, Inc., states "15. Signs. No signs, advertising, or notices of any kind or type whatsoever, including but not limited to "Political," "Garage Sale," "Yard Sale," "For Rent," or "For Sale" signs as to any Residential Unit, vehicle or personal property, shall be permitted, posted or displayed in a manner so as to be visible from the exterior of any Dwelling or Home, on any Lot or parcel, or elsewhere in the Community without the prior written approval of the Association."



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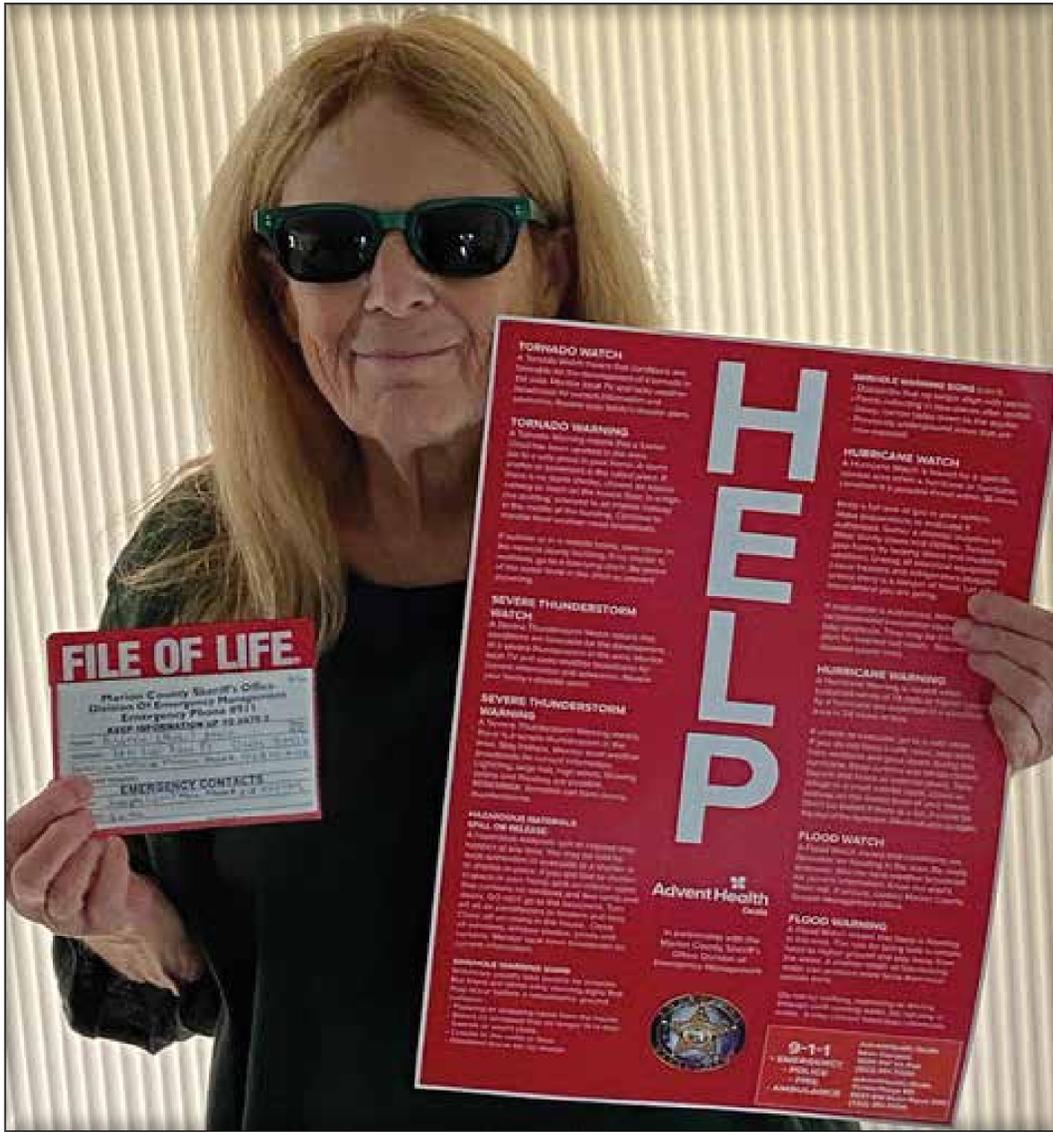
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Andi Moia holding File of Life magnets and paperwork.

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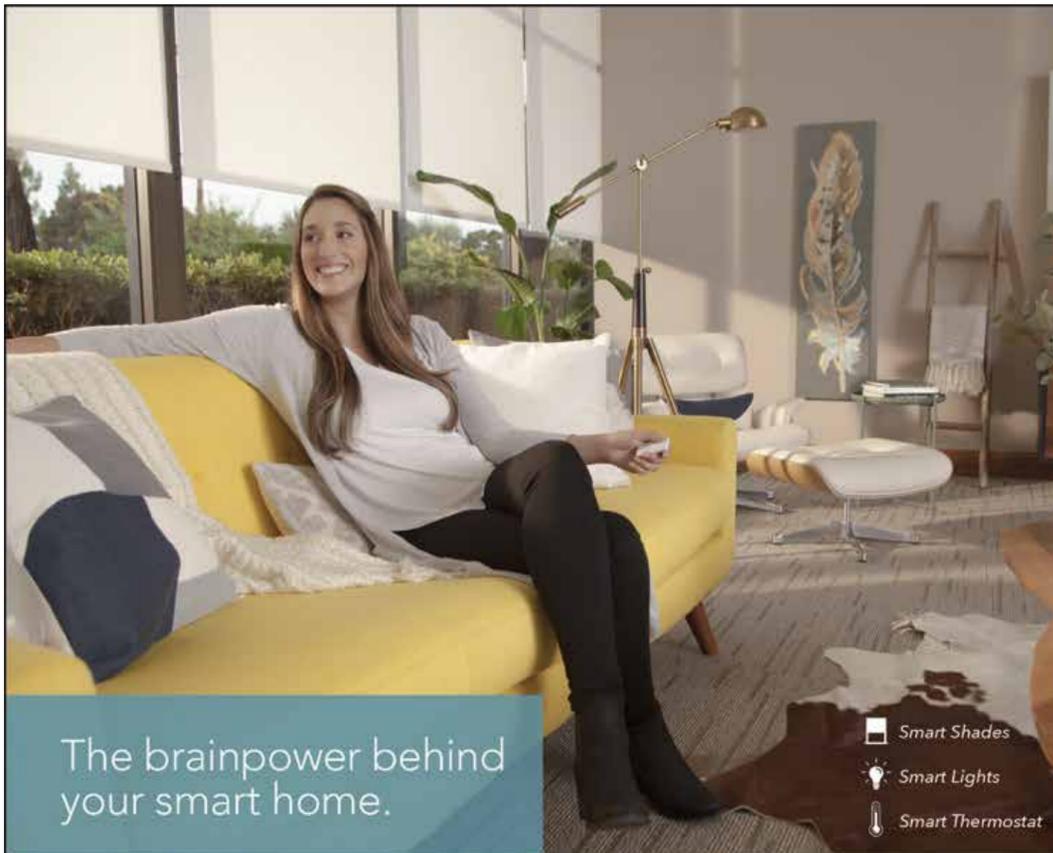
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is giving out free "File of Life" magnets. It is a red magnetic packet that should be placed on your refrigerator and allows you to fill in any medical conditions and/or medications you may be taking. In the event of an emergency, the packet can be accessed by a first responder. It gives them access to your medical history, so they are familiar with your circumstances and don't have to start on the ground floor, so to speak. We pass them out at newcomer orientations, health fairs and we generally have some available at our CERT meetings (the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building).

Another useful item, in a mass emergency situation, is the window placard that lets rescue personnel know if you need help or not. One side has a big red "Help!" and the other has a large green "Okay!" This sign should be placed in your front window after an emergency, when phone service goes out. They let us know if you need help or not. They are available to all residents and can be obtained in the Recreation Center office, during normal business hours.

We will also have some available at our next CERT meeting where we plan on going over emergency procedures and elect new officers. Don't forget to bring a mask, we'll have a few extra on hand for those who don't.

At our October meeting, we had a guest speaker on providing peer counseling for the mentally ill and those in recovery.

For membership information, contact Joe Moia at joemoia@att.net. For MERT (radio), contact Sue Gribbins at sue.grib@yahoo.com.



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In the early 1970s when PBS first introduced a new children's program called Zoom no one could have imagined that in 2020 the computer program Zoom would become such a large part of our everyday lives. Some of us use Zoom for business meetings, medical appointments and to connect socially with friends and family.

Since it is not possible to gather in person this holiday season, we are planning to use Zoom for a November pre-holiday get together. Be sure to reserve Thursday, Nov. 12, at 3 p.m. for the Williamsburg Zoom meeting; Jill Carel is our host. If you would like to participate in the Zoom session, please contact Ginny Nardone at vengfn2@gmail.com to register. You will then receive an email invitation from Jill with the meeting sign-in code. If you are a newcomer to Zoom, email Jill at jilleroni@gmail.com to help you get started. Whether you are a long-time resident or a new neighbor, we look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

If you have not had your information added to the email contact list, or if your previous entry needs to be updated, please call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Cathy Higginbotham at (352) 509-4266.

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Photographer, storyteller, and Native American flutist, Frank "Sunshadow" Curtis presents "A Native American Music and Photography Journey" at Master the Possibilities Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Lifelong Learning

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For those who have not ventured out to Master the Possibilities' Education Center in a while, a short visit may prove to be exciting. A new wing with beautiful classrooms has been added for continued learning opportunities. There are also a few alterations to the main office and our regular classrooms, for added convenience when visiting our building.

Although there have been changes made by the State of Florida that may relax previous capacity guidelines, Master the Possibilities will continue to follow the same guidelines that were put in place this past spring. What that means is the focus continues to be on safety first, without sacrificing our mission of education. The classrooms will remain at a reduced seating capacity (distancing), masks will still be required to be worn by all participants, and screening questions related to recent exposure risk must be answered each time a person visits our classrooms.

As we venture through these challenging times together, I did want to take a moment to thank all of our participants, instructors, and volunteers for their continued support and passion for knowledge at Master the Possibilities. We are all learning and growing together, all the while tackling new adventurous methods of gathering in a classroom. Some of us had to step out of our comfort zones, but we have persevered and become more confident with new technological advances that have somehow kept us together during these isolated times.

Keeping with our mission to provide education at our participants' fingertips, our curriculum for the month of November boasts more than 150 events. Our first speaking engagement this month is "East to the Dawn: The Life of Amelia Earhart." Presenter Susan Butler, who

authored the biography that the film Amelia Earhart's life, will talk about Amelia Earhart's life. She will also discuss the making of the movie and give insight into her opinion as to what happened to Amelia Earhart. Cost to attend is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Although this presentation will be held in Circle Square Cultural Center from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, seating is limited.

Margaret Spontak will be leading a panel discussion from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23 in Circle Square Cultural Center about "Lost Springs: Experience the Ocklawaha River through Film and Stories." Lost Springs is a documentary by Matt Keene that will include Margaret Ross Tolbert's experience of freshwater springs in Florida, including the Ocklawaha River. In this film, she joins a team of local and regional experts to discuss the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam and its impact on the landscape of these rivers. Lost Springs highlights the uniqueness of the historic and free-flowing Ocklawaha River. After the film, Margaret will lead a panel of storytellers. This event is free to the public. However, registration is required, and space is limited.

Our participants are also invited to join Frank "Sunshadow" Curtis for a "A Native American Music and Photography Journey." Come listen and experience the sounds of Native American music and incredible photography and stories that have helped Curtis connect with his Native American roots. This event is being held Tuesday, Nov. 24 in Live Oak Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Cost to attend is \$5 for members, and \$10 for non-members.

Looking to take an art class, or attend a history presentation? Visit masterthepossibilities.org for a complete list of art or history courses available in November. While there, check out the curriculum for the other eight categories, including Humanities and Lifestyle & Community. For help with registration or additional information about upcoming events, feel free to call our office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at (352) 861-9751.



Community Patrol

November is here again! We will be changing to standard time Sunday, Nov. 1, so it will get dark earlier; please be careful in shopping areas.

Be alert and cautious while in parking lots, try to stay in well-lit areas while you go to your car and have your keys in your hand, so you don't waste time fumbling

around for them. Always keep your car locked; this is always true even while in On Top of the World. Avoid texting or speaking on the phone as you walk and ladies, keep your purse close, no dangling.

The point is stay alert and focused. The Community Patrol's function is to aid to keep you safe. We work with the Marion County Sheriff's Office and On Top of the World by being the eyes to help watch out for you and invite you to join us. For information, contact Paul Altman at (860) 460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.

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Keeping It Green

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It's that time of year again to reset irrigation timers. Yes, that's right. Sunday, Nov. 1, marks the day clocks go back an hour and the irrigation timers need to be reset to one day per week watering. Homeowners may also reduce watering times incrementally during this time too but remember to resume your normal watering when spring hits. Homeowners using the Solar Sync with the Hunter Pro C irrigation timer, or the Hydrowise with Virtual Solar Sync enabled, will not need to adjust their irrigation times. The Solar Sync and Virtual Solar Sync perform this function automatically.

Also, with the cooler temperatures and shorter days the risk of fungus is eminent. Fungus is the

biggest pest to consider in the winter months. Cooler evening temperatures and mild daytime temperatures can create environments favorable for fungal pathogens. Ensure you or your pest control company are treating the fungus as soon as it is spotted.

The most prevalent fungal pathogen you will see this time of year is *Rhizoctonia solani*, more commonly known as Brown Patch.

Additionally, if you had a particular spot in your yard that was prone to fungal problems last year, chances are the fungal pathogen is still in the soil waiting for the right climatic conditions. Treat your lawns according to the labeled rate. Most fungicides will require two treatments; this is an important step that is often missed causing most of the problems.

If you have a pest control company, ensure they are treating at the labeled interval. Ask them questions like, "What product are you using? Is the fungicide a sys-

temic or contact? What is the active ingredient? What product did you use last year? Are you changing the mode of action?" Understanding the product they are using may ensure the product will work in controlling the fungus.

The use of high nitrogen fertilizers during the winter months is not recommended. If you desire a little more color in your lawn try applying products higher in iron such as Milorganite or Ironite. These products will provide you a nice green up and should push through to the first frost, at which time, the sod should go dormant depending on severity of the colder weather.

Some landscape plants will also begin to slowdown in growth during the months ahead. Plants such as lantana, daylilies, and crape myrtles will go dormant. Trimming these plants can be done in late January. Crape myrtles and laurel oak leaves can be used as mulch in the landscape beds. By reusing the leaves, you will incorporate organic

matter into the soil that in turn will break down and provide some nutrients to the plants. The leaf matter also provides some help with weed control in the bed, keeping the weeds seeds from germinating.

Crape myrtle trimming is also a topic of discussion around the winter months. Typically, I prefer pencil pruning. Pencil pruning is only removing the branches pencil size and smaller. Pencil pruning is more time consuming than the other methods but testing completed by the University of Florida has shown that pencil pruning produces blooms that seem to hang around a little longer as compared to topping or pollarding that produces lots of smaller blooms that do not hang around as long. This is probably attributed to the fact that crape myrtles only bloom on new growth. Again, you don't want to trim too early but rather try to hold off until the last week in January.

Enjoy the holidays.



Back at The Ranch

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Let's Get Personal!

Many of us are constantly chasing the notion of getting healthier, losing weight, feeling better and looking better. I bet that most people already know how to do this, so why is it so hard to accomplish?

Have you ever felt caught in a reoccurring pattern of starting an exercise program or making a commitment to a healthy diet only to find yourself right back at square one, giving up on your health and fitness goal? Most of us have.

It comes down to this; if you

want a different result, you have to do something different. Our trainers understand this, and they want to "get personal!" They are here to help you embark on a new path with a new mindset. Let's see what our experts had to offer regarding how and why their clients have gained success:

With your many years of experience, what do you see as the #1 thing a personal trainer does to help their clients move towards their fitness goals?

Doug: "Get them on a schedule, help them stick to it and keep them motivated. Many well-intended people get started but don't stick with their commitment long enough to get close to their goals. Life gets in the way; the trick is learning to train around those things."

Linda: "I create a customized program that provides consistent motivation and personal accountability to stay on track. Even with the best of intentions, many of us ultimately need that extra push to take us to the next level of fitness."

What advice do you have for active agers who want to stay strong and highly functional?

Doug: "I always tell my active aging clients that 'it's easier to keep it than get it!' I'm referring to strength and muscle. As we age, the process of burning calories and the recovery necessary after exercise slows down, however most often appetite does not. Delaying or putting off getting started with an exercise plan only creates more struggle later on."

Linda: "Get up and get mov-

ing! The more you sit the faster you lose muscle mass, flexibility, and age prematurely. If you want to be an active ager, then you must be active. Find activities that you love to do in order to help you stick to it! There's always some activity that matches your current fitness level."

We know that exercise helps people get stronger, lose weight and function better. What benefits have you seen your clients gain that they least expected as a result of training with you?

Doug: "Less pain! When your body is at a higher level of physical condition, it is much more capable of withstanding the wear and tear that life delivers."

Linda: "Those things that were once difficult are now a whole lot easier such as getting up from the floor, rising from a chair, putting on their pants without the need to hold on, and being able to travel again. Basically, as their fitness improves so does their quality of living!"

Our experienced trainers, Linda Denno and Doug Oxley, will work with closely with you to develop a program that is specific to your health and wellness goals. The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa has membership options and prepaid personal training packages to suit your needs and budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on our fitness team or me directly at (352) 861-8180 press 2 for reception or email us at info@TheRanchFitnessSpa.com.

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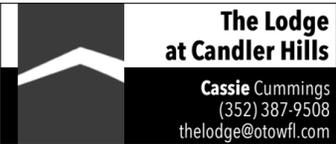
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With all the new homes being built we are seeing new faces, and I want to welcome our new Candler Hills residents! We are slowly approaching the end of 2020 and I look forward to getting back into the swing of things when the time comes. I also look forward to booking your events once we can have guests and entertainers again.

With cooler weather, our pools are equipped with heaters that are designed to turn on when the water temperature drops below 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

We continue to monitor our pools daily to ensure residents are keeping one another safe by being mindful of 6 feet social distancing. We ask that each individual resident bring their Candler Hills resident ID to utilize all the amenities. If you need to enter an indoor area, please remember to wear a face mask.

The hours at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center are Monday through

Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; pools have returned to standard facility hours. As a friendly reminder, Candler Hills facilities are for Candler Hills residents only; guests are now permitted at all outdoor venues including pools, pavilions and dog park.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, here are a few dates to keep in mind for The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center (pools will be open):

- Wednesday, Nov. 25: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day): Closed.

The annual New Year's event held at The Lodge at Candler Hills has been cancelled.

Please note our pool cleaning schedules are back to a regular routine. The Candler Hills Community Center pool is scheduled to be closed the second Wednesday of every month for cleaning, and The Lodge at Candler Hills pool is scheduled the last Wednesday of every month. Please plan accordingly.

I want to thank our Candler Hills residents for your understanding and cooperation during these times as the safety of our staff and employees has always been, and will remain, our main focus.



Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

As I write this column, I can hardly believe that November is here. The General Election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 3 (get out and vote if you haven't already done so); hurricane season is winding down; and it won't be long until we are all enjoying a Thanksgiving feast. Thanksgiving may be a little different for some of us this year. Fewer residents of On Top of the World will be celebrating with family, but for those of you who are fortunate enough to do so, enjoy every minute of the holiday.

All Candler Connection social events have been cancelled for 2020. We are looking forward to 2021 whenever we can get together for monthly potluck dinners, ice cream socials, spring dinner dance, golf cart scavenger hunt, annual fall picnic, and annual holiday party. We will know what activities can take place in 2021 as soon as The Lodge at Candler Hills is open for large gatherings.

All of the above activities are great ways to meet your neighbors. Unfortunately, we do not have this opportunity in 2020 but we are certainly looking forward to 2021 and will greatly appreciate any events that take place next year.

Many Candler Hills residents have asked me about the monthly potluck dinners and have expressed how much they miss them. Believe me, the Keirns miss them just as much as you do, and we are

looking forward to when we can resume them. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions as to what themes you are interested in seeing in 2021, please contact Deb Keirn at arthurkipdeb@verizon.net or (352) 414-5737.

Terms for several members of the Candler Connection board were expiring at the end of 2020. The board voted and changed the by-laws to extend the terms of the current officers until the end of 2021.

Please contact Amy Waller at abwarnp979@aol.com if you are interested in being part of the Candler Hills ambassador program to greet new neighbors in Candler Hills.

The 2020 speaker series has also been cancelled. The speaker series committee has some ideas for informative presentations in 2021. Watch for a listing in future "The Happenings" emails.

New residents of Candler Hills can log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email in order to learn about events and activities. Currently 1,253 residents receive "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 892 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler Hills residents.

Richard Steinfeldt has a "new resident" presentation on Facebook to welcome new residents of Candler Hills. You can access this presentation at steinfeldt.com/newresonline.pdf.

The Candler Connection board meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving. Stay healthy, and I hope to see you around the neighborhood!



Indigo East

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November, with typical daytime temperatures in the mid-70s, is a great month for outdoor activities.

Despite the cooler temperatures both of the Indigo East pools are heated and available for a swim or water walk throughout the winter months. Also available are the numerous walking trails, a pleasant activity for both mind, body, and spirit.

Thanksgiving celebration is an extremely popular holiday in November. This year please take health precautions as you celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. I strongly urge you not to let your guard down and continue to follow safety health guidelines.

On Top of the World events are still canceled or on hold until further notice. Face masks and six feet of distancing are still in effect. Guests will now be permitted at all outside venues only such as the pools and pavilions; inside fa-

cilities remain for residents only. Please note that these rules will be strictly enforced and any inconvenience this may cause is regrettable, but necessary for the safety of our residents and employees.

Indigo East Fitness Center and Indigo East Community Center are open Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Indigo East Community Center pool is open Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The day before Thanksgiving, Indigo East Fitness Center and Indigo East Community Center are open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Thanksgiving Day, both facilities are closed. Pools are open both days. The day after Thanksgiving all facilities are back to regular hours.

Once again, I would like to thank the Indigo East residents for your patience during these challenging times.

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Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton

The following Indigo East Social Committee events will take place:

- Saturday, Nov. 14: Fall Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8: Golf Cart Parade, hosted by Harold Brouillard and Bob Hutson, from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning at the Indigo East Community Center. There were so many creatively decorated golf carts in last year's parade; we look forward to seeing even more decorated golf carts this year.

So, we all moved to Ocala and call it home. Here are a few interesting facts about Ocala. Before the City of Ocala became what it is today, and as far back as 6,500 B.C. indigenous people, of various groups, populated the area. Ocala was previously known as Ocali, later Ocale and then eventually Ocala. Ocali was the primary village of the Timucua tribe and Ocali translated to "Big Hammock." Ocali became Ocale when Hernando deSoto recorded its existence in 1539. Later, Ocale was abandoned during the attack of deSoto and the name was stricken off Spanish accounts.

Ocala has had quite an interesting history. For a period of time, Florida was controlled by Spain, later Great Britain and then back to Spain. By the late 1820s, the United States gained control of Florida and they built Fort King, a fort that separated some of the occupants from the diverse group known as

the Seminole People who had inhabited the area. In 1846, Ocala was established and replaced Fort King as the seat of Marion County. The modern City of Ocala was established in 1849, became incorporated in 1868 and approved by the State in 1869.

On Thanksgiving Day in 1883 most of Ocala's downtown area, known as Fort King, was reduced to ashes following a massive fire. The city was rebuilt with brick, granite and steel instead of lumber, and was entitled Brick City. Agricultural development prevailed the entire region and Ocala became the primary center of citrus production and was then known as Kingdom of the Sun, until the Great Freeze of 1894 to 1895.

In 1943, the first horse farm in Florida was in Marion County. Not long after that, Ocala became the center of a horse breeding area. Ocala shares the distinction of being one of five cities in the entire world, permitted by the Chamber of Commerce under strict guidelines, to use the title "Horse Capital of the World."

On another note, and interestingly enough, zip code, 34476, covers more than just our area of Indigo East. It covers a total of 37.25 square miles of land, 10,430 housing units and a population of 20,863 or 560 people per square mile and is still growing.

Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, Nov. 26. Enjoy and give thanks for our great Indigo East neighborhood family. Diets are not allowed on Thanksgiving, it's okay to gobble up the turkey ... and sweet potatoes ... and pumpkin pie ... and, oh yum!

As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood. Tom and I wish each of you a happy Thanksgiving.



Crescent Ridge Happenings

Veronica Rivera

The Crescent Ridge neighborhood happenings over the last several months have been loads of fun for our neighbors.

In April, our neighborhood chat (normally held monthly at Veterans Park) was cancelled due to the stay at home order. It was substituted with a driveway chat. Neighbors set up in their driveways and other neighbors walked, biked or drove their golf carts by driveways to have a chat while practicing social distancing.

Our neighborhood also participated in the National Porch Portrait Project. This project documented this historic time with portraits done in a socially distant venue, in front of families' homes. Our resident photographer Kemp Howland was kind enough to volunteer his time and talent to this project. Several neighbors participated. The portraits turned out great.

May's neighborhood chat was also cancelled and substituted with a driveway chat. Golf carts, neighbors and pets abounded with patriotic decorations for Memorial Day. It was a perfect day for this fun event.

In June we were able to have our neighborhood chat at the Veterans Park. It was wonderful to see many neighbors and catch up. We also had our first birthday cheer squad at this event. This squad was organized to spread birthday cheer to our neighbors. The resident requests a cheer on their birthday. The decorated golf carts parade through the neighborhood until we reach the birthday participant. We present them with a funny party hat, beads, and a balloon while we sing happy birthday. We also snap a photo to help commemorate their special day. Our neighbors really have fun with the cheer. The pictures with the silly birthday hat and big smiles make it so fulfilling for the cheer squad. We have celebrated eleven Crescent Ridge neighbors' birthdays to date.

In July and August, it was more fun driveway chats. Always lots of visiting, catching up and of course many smiles and laughs.

The September neighborhood chat was held at Veterans Park. Several new neighbors attended. A very nice turn out.

We have the Crescent Ridge lights up On Top of the World project ready for December. Many neighbors are participating in the luminary display for the holidays. We are very excited to have our neighborhood add to the beauty of the holidays.



Photo by Kemp Howland

Gina Andrejak being a social distancing expert.



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The holiday season has arrived, and this means festive decorations, doorbuster sales, and the wonderful aroma of hearty food pouring from the ovens. If you are traveling during the holidays, please be safe.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget that Sunday, Nov. 1, is daylight saving time. You'll want to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

Community Safety Protocols

As we enter into Florida's Phase 3, our community safety protocols remain in place to properly distance at six feet, wear face masks in all indoor facilities (recommended outdoors), minimize the number of persons gathering, and keep hands washed/sanitized. Protocols are posted at each facility location. Please take the time to review.

Guests will now be permitted at all outdoor facilities including pools and whirlpools. Tag and estate sales may resume.

As of Wednesday, Oct. 21, On Top of the World opened to full capacity at all outdoor sports facilities, pavilions, pools and game room. Restaurants have returned to full capacity as well. We will continue to carefully monitor the key COVID-19 metrics for Marion County and specific zip codes for On Top of the World.

Hopefully, the trend in declining infection rates will continue with the help of each one of us to taking personal responsibility for our personal safety and compliance with all safety protocols. Additional information regarding facility openings to full capacity, events starting back and guests in private venues will be considered in the near future if trends continue.

Please note that this means all outdoor sports complexes are open to 100% capacity as long as your group can maintain the six feet of distancing. Face masks are recommended but not required outdoors.

All indoor venues are still limited, as no changes have been made at this time. If you are planning on using a facility, please remember

to book the facility through the Recreation Center office prior to use. Residents are responsible for their own personal safety and for compliance with the safety protocols for each location. Keeping our residents and employees safe will remain our focus.

Holiday Hours

- Wednesday, Nov. 25: Recreation Center Fitness Center, 6:30 a.m. to noon. Recreation Center office, 8 a.m. to noon. All classes canceled.
- Thursday, Nov. 26: All facilities closed.

The following pools will be open on Thanksgiving Day: Recreation Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills, Candler Hills Community Center, Indigo East Community Center and Indigo East Fitness Center. Any concerns with the pool(s) should call (352) 236-6869.

Line Dance Classes

Many considerations have been made for your comfort and safety as line dance classes resume. Due to mandatory class size restrictions, the largest classes have been split into two sessions. All Monday classes will be 50 minutes long to allow time for entry and exit. These changes will be adjusted as restrictions are lifted. Each class will start at a slow pace as we regain our physical and emotional energies and recover from nine months of "stay at home" time.

Classes are held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Face masks are required, and temperature checks will occur before each class. Please sign up well in advance of your dance class, as no passes will be issued on Mondays prior to class. Maggie will be handling all registrations and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. (Please remember gathering is not allowed in the Recreation Center lobby.) All classes are progressive September 2020 through June 2021.

Mondays

- Beginner Level 2 (2:10 to 3 p.m.): Prior dance experience needed. Higher level beginner plus dances taught. New patterns taught as needed.
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- Beginner Level 2 (2:15 p.m.): Prior dance experience needed. Higher level beginner plus dances taught. New patterns taught as needed.

Community Bus

The community bus is running by appointment only with limited seating. The bus runs Monday through Thursday with a morning and afternoon run. The times and destinations have temporarily changed to Aldi, Publix, Lowe's, Bealls, Big Lots, Sav-A-Lot and Super Walmart. You can make reservations by calling the Recreation

Center office at (352) 387-7533. Please note that the bus will not run Thursday, Nov. 26.

Community Pavilions

Please keep in mind that to guarantee your use, pavilions at the Veterans Park, Recreation Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills and Indigo East, require prior booking by calling the Recreation Center office at (352) 387-7533.

Craft Show

The weekly Tuesday craft show, hosted by Artistic Crafts & Gifts, is back. It will be held every Tuesday in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are looking for a special gift for someone this would be a great opportunity to check out what the crafters have made.

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Just a Rock

By Susan Yenne
World News Writer

Eight years ago, Jerry Gill was golfing with Mary Mueller when they noticed a tiny tree growing out of the limestone rock between holes seven and eight on The Links.

"I said, 'Look at that tiny bush on top of that rock. It looks like a Christmas tree,'" Gill said. "And now we decorate it the Friday after every Thanksgiving."

Thousands of limestone rocks, unearthed in the building of homes, are scattered throughout On Top of the World. Some serve as barriers, others line pathways. The holes going through them are natural.

Many people have decorated the ones left in their yards. One rock features a boy sitting with a fishing pole and his gear; blue stones in front serve as a pond. Several homeowners have planted flowers in their rocks. A lighthouse, lit by floodlights at night, sits atop an-

other rock. Colorful geckos, birds, butterflies and even a shimmering mermaid top other rocks around the community.

If you want to make sure your decorations are acceptable, you should go through Resident Services, said Phillip Hisey, director of landscape operations.

Most of the stones, weighing hundreds of pounds each, are in the earliest neighborhoods - Americana Village, Friendship Colony, Park and Village and Crescent Ridge. "We stopped many years ago. It became cumbersome and development didn't have additional stones at the time," Hisey said.

These days, if limestone is dug up during building projects, it is repurposed with a vendor from Crystal River for the construction of retaining walls, he said.

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Jerry Gill and Susan Rhodes in 2012 beside the Christmas tree rock on The Links.

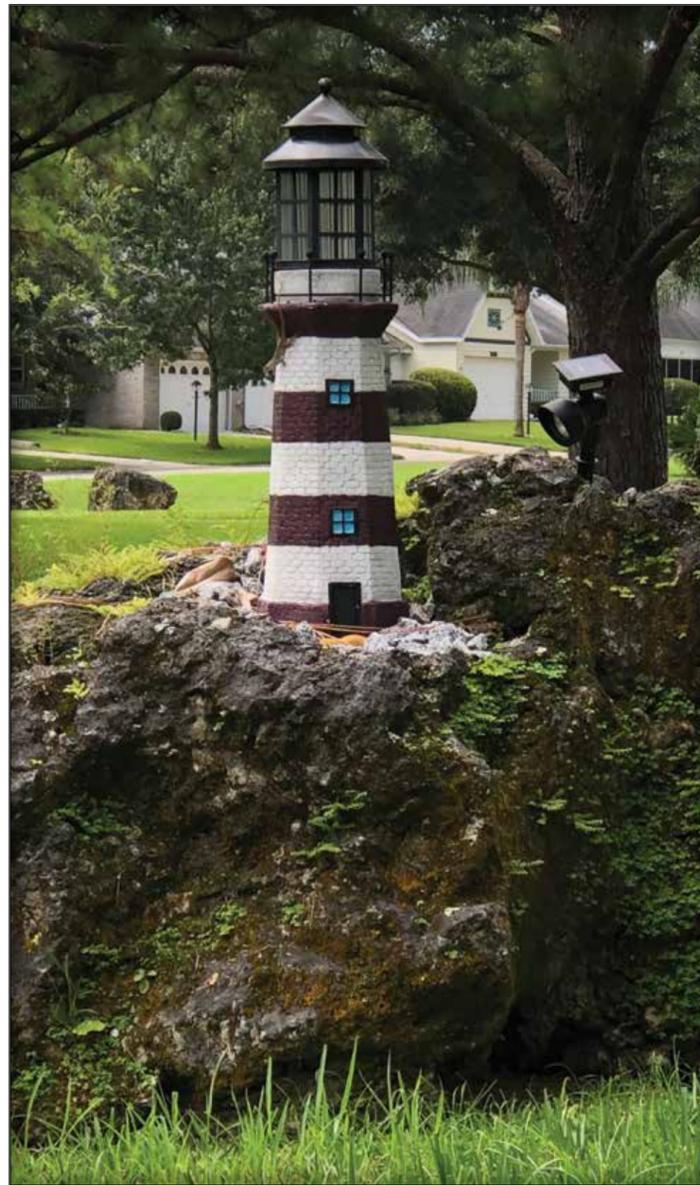


Photo by Susan Yenne

Residents have found many creative ways to decorate their limestone rocks.

Evening Observing Sessions

By Jim Shuman

In its monthly Zoom meeting Thursday, Oct. 8, Moonstruck Astronomy Club President Jim Di Paolo recounted the recent evening observing session held for club members at the flying field. Twenty club members attended the nighttime session and were treated to close-up views of Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and the full moon.

Three club members set up their own telescopes with electronic feeds to show digital pictures on computer monitors to assure that social distancing was maintained throughout the evening. Jim DiPaolo brought his 9.25-inch Edge HD telescope. He also brought a Nikon D850 camera with a Tamron long lens on an iOptron equatorial mount that could be displayed on a monitor. John Bridges brought his eight-inch Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain scope with a Nikon D7500 camera connected to a monitor, and Ed Hayes brought his eight-inch Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain scope with a ZWO ASI385MC camera connected to a monitor. While viewing conditions were less than ideal, the group had good looks at the planets and the moon and enjoyed the first evening observing session of the autumn.

The meeting also included presentations by other club members. Club Vice President Larry Isenberg discussed "A Beginner's Guide to Observing - 15 Tips for Using Your New Telescope." Ed Hayes discussed how to purchase a new telescope - types and sizes to buy and where to get them new or used. Jim Shuman introduced the first of four PowerPoint presentations on how astronomers have found the distances to celestial objects throughout history, focusing in October on how ancient Greeks and Europeans first determined distances to objects in the Solar Sys-

tem. And John Bridges presented his monthly tour of the night sky, pointing out interesting objects to observe throughout October.

Several new members have joined the Moonstruck Astronomy Club recently and excitement about astronomy continues to build. Regular club meetings are on the sec-

ond Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For now, they will remain online.

Evening observing sessions will be announced to members via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky and owners of telescopes are willing to set up for others to see interesting celestial objects. Sessions begin after dark and last into the evening, depending on the conditions and on the prospect of seeing specific targets as they cross the night sky. Until further notice, participants must

wear face masks and maintain social distancing throughout the time they are at the observing session. Other instructions and safety precautions will be provided in emails announcing each session.

Any resident can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15 per year, which includes a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. For information or club registration, please contact club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com.



Photo by Jim Di Paolo

John Bridges sets up his eight-inch Celestron telescope before the Moonstruck Astronomy Club's evening observing session at the R/C flying field on Sept. 30.

Just a Rock

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Residents have found many creative ways to decorate their limestone rocks.

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With all the new-fangled ways of communicating, some of us were reminiscing about the "good" old days of texting. You know - those days when texting required the aggravation of repeatedly pushing a button to get the desired letter needed to assemble each word. Out of desperation texting abbreviations became the norm.

Some in our family still use these shortcuts. It's kind of our family shorthand. My mother checks in twice daily with "FOF" for feet on floor or "BIB" for butt in bed. Some of her shortcuts can be puzzling. The text read, "Sorry to hear you've been sick. LOL, Mom." Turns out her "LOL" meant lots of love, which upon this discovery resulted in us "LOL" laughing out loud. We all chuckle whenever the story of her texting mishap gets repeated.

A friend in Texas sent me some country inspired texting abbreviations that she and her friends tried out just for chuckles. Maybe they will tickle your funny bone as well.

LOL - lay off the lard; BYOB - bring your own biscuits; OMG - order more grits; IFT - I'm fixin' to; DTBA - Don't that beat all; HYH - hold your horses; DGTF - dad gum that's funny; HAR - he ain't right!

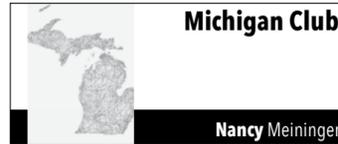
Texas Connection Social Club is still taking a break. So, for now it's "HTTYUWMA" - happy trails to you until we meet again.

If you have a connection to Texas and would like more information about our group and to get on the email list for club news and notifications, please contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, 352-562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

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Photo by Nancy Meininger
Mike Corey cooks hot dogs at the Michigan Club's Coney Island barbeque.



Michigan Club has opted to utilize the outdoor pavilion in December for our next meet and greet due to indoor restrictions. We are working to keep everyone safe. Our meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m. The Dulcimer Club will entertain us. Member Carolyn Abramovich arranged the event with a holiday sing along to get us all in the mood!

We will not have a potluck. You may bring a snack or boxed lunch for yourself. Alcoholic beverages are allowed. Please wear your face masks and bring lawn chairs so we can social distance on the lawn next to the pavilion.

This year, we are making a Christmas gift donation to Kimberly Center of Ocala home for abused and neglected children by asking each member to bring a small wrapped gift to this meeting, marked for boy or girl.

Our Coney Island barbeque was rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 31, due to rain. Thank you to all the servers and cooks. Resident Harry Bejoyian will add a musical touch to this popular event with a bit of monster mash, and an hour walk down memory lane from the 50s to the 90s.

If you have questions about the Michigan Club, please call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.

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Fun for Fall

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However, you can still experience the park like never before at our exclusive after-hour events. Park After Dark is a fun evening of musical entertainment with a little extra flair. November and December are already sold out. Registration is now open through Master the Possibilities for "S'mores and More" Jan. 21, 2021, and "Mi Amore" Feb. 18, 2021. Do not wait until it is too late. Call some friends and make plans for a fun-filled evening.



If you miss out on Park After Dark, then join us for a movie under the stars as we feature a family-friendly film each month at Sholom Park's Sunset Cinema. Pack up the chairs and blankets and make it a date night or a family night with the children or grandchildren. The movies are rated PG and entertaining for all. Make this fun outdoor movie experience a monthly Friday night tradition for you and your family.

To help regulate attendance and allow for proper social distancing, all fall events require advanced registration and/or ticket purchase. You can visit our website or social media outlets for more event details and information along with links for tickets and registration.

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Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

On Monday, Sept. 21, Melissa Barker, a professional genealogist, gave a very informative educational presentation on "It's Not All Online: Researching in Archives" via a Zoom.

Melissa stated that less than 10% of all the world's genealogi-



Computer Club

Chris Kilbride

Every Saturday at 9 a.m. the Computer Club meets for an hour through our online meetings to answer both PC and Apple related questions regarding software and hardware. Our otowpcclub.org website will give lots of great information about our group.

This month we feature David and Judy White, who were raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Perth Amboy, New Jersey respectively. Their worlds may have been different, but the technology was the same. In the '40s the latest communication device was the tube radio. and each evening found people sitting in front of it and using their imagination. Saturday entertainment was going with the gang to the matinee for 16 cents. Home shopping required the Sears catalog, the forerunner to Amazon.

Judy wrote letters in those days and the mailbox was just around the corner. David remembers that after the war his family had no need to walk three blocks to the drug store, as they were proud owners of a black rotary party line telephone, right in their home!

In the '50s, they both received a transistor radio. In fact, David still has his Zenith with its nylon housing. Records and TV were the way to spend your leisure time at nights.

Fast forward to the '90s to find IBM has provided everyone with home computers and Ma Bell allowed us to use their lines for the dial up systems. Judy and Dave

cal records are online. While large amounts of genealogical records are being put online on a daily basis, we have been lulled into thinking that everything is online. The majority of records are in repositories waiting to be discovered.

Where do you start? The first step in doing research is to find the repositories in the local area where your ancestors lived. The Family History Research Wiki is a great website to start with at <https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main-Page> or at <https://usgenweb.org/>.

met while working at Walt Disney World. There was no online dating for them, just old fashioned telephone calls and lots of notes. Pagers were coming into play and flip phones were the rage of the younger set. Slowly David was drawn into the technical advances and embraced it as keeping up with the rest of the world.

Now, Judy and Dave have revolved from tubes to solid state, finding today's advances in technology have been beneficial to their lives; and that is what brought them to the computer club. The latest technical advances sometimes are confusing; but being in a room of 30-plus multi-generational members allows them to keep current. They have also learned to adapt to in-person meetings and Zoom. Up until a year ago they never knew many of the technologies that exist today until they joined the Computer Club. It has helped them to evolve from the past to the present and into the future. They never stop learning!

All residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on otowpcclub.org or email otowpcclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us.

Each Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m., we offer free online help sessions. Members may discuss their PC or Apple computer, smartphone or device issues for one-on-one instruction.

Members may list on our website any computer related software or hardware for sale or to give away.

We keep the meeting fun and offer good advice and solutions to help to our members. Hope to see you on Saturday!

Records could be in city, county or state archives and local historical societies and genealogical societies. These records could include school board records, loose court records (working papers of a court case), collections of photographs of local individuals, families, churches, schools and local landmarks. They could also include vertical files in which a hodge-podge of individual documents, such as obituary clippings, family genealogies family group sheets, are stored in file folders in filing cabinets.

For baptismal, marriage and burial records, check the local parish church to which they belonged or church and local cemeteries.

If you are from out of town, first check the repositories website, if available, for their contact information so you can email or call them to find out their hours of operation. Look for list of records they have that you want to research when you visit. Make a to-do list of the records you want to locate for your research.

If you can't travel, determine if the repository will search for the records and send you copies by mail or email. If emailing them, be

specific as to your records request and be patient in receiving their reply.

The most underused and least accessed of all records collections are manuscript collections, normally held by libraries, museums and universities. This could be a collection of records donated by an individual, family or organization that are arranged in folders and stored in boxes. Ask the archivist if they are in the front rooms or in the back rooms.

We will continue to conduct our meetings using Zoom. Members will be notified by email from our club president, Paul Belter, on how to access the Zoom meeting.

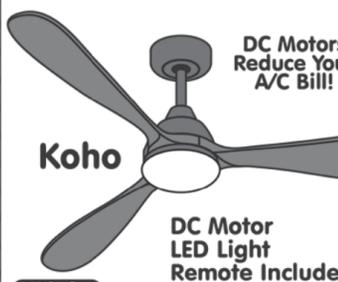
On Monday, Dec. 14, we will hold a board meeting of the new officers and appointed committee chairpersons. This will be followed by an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

Our annual holiday luncheon has been cancelled this year. We wish everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy 2021. Stay safe.

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Gary Uhley

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3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt

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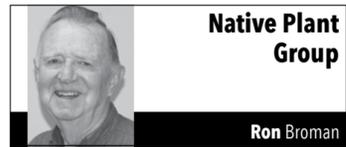
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Where in the world grows this tree?



Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

It's here. November. Already! Time flies!

Now for the where in the world grows this tree? This month we hone in on a very tall species with equally impressive leaves and bark. Let's first hear (about) her bark before she (her) leaves.

Gil Nelson's text from "The Trees of Florida" states, "This is a large deciduous tree to 35 meters in height or larger (100-plus feet) with mottled scaling outer bark that sloughs off to reveal varying tones of inner bark ranging from green, tan, or brown to creamy white." Impressive!

Now for her leaves. Gil continues, "They are alternate, simple, 10 to 20 cm long (about 10 inches), eight to 20 cm wide, conspicuously lobed and toothed along the margins." They're as big as your hand and when they drop in the fall, you'll know it!

In the wild she "prefers" floodplains and bottomlands of large rivers in the Florida Panhandle. For some reason she has appeared in the front lawns of some homes in On Top of the World.

So, now it's up to you. When you find her, call me at (352) 861-4560.

You may know or want to know her name. (I've found it enjoyable and fascinating to do the research.) We have a native plant or two for you if you've found her abode here in our community.

If you would like to join the Native Plant Group, call me at the number above. We volunteer our efforts by maintaining the SW 94th Street circle at SW 89th Court and the Longleaf Pine Trail next to the Arbor Conference Center.

Trees and other plants are creation's secrets in using up carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. It's miraculous to grow native!



Lions Club

Gail Morris

Welcome to fall! We would like to welcome back a former member, Dottie Cook. Dottie has retired as a nurse practitioner and we are looking forward to her input to our club. While she was here Dottie developed health forms that we distributed to residents so that first responders could access information quickly in an emergency.

Veterans - if you would like one of the small pillows that Dottie is counter cross stitching that say, "thank you for your service," please email her at peytonandindy@gmail.com.

We are going to have a busy fall. Our club will be creating Thanksgiving baskets for 15 families at Dunnellon Elementary.

Our annual Christmas tree will go up in the lobby of the Recreation Center in November. We will again partner with Toys for Tots.

Lion Moses and members will be placing flags at a local cemetery on Veterans Day.

We are continuing with donations to the AdventHealth Ocala for Children emergency unit - socks, stuffed animals (with eyes that don't come off) and children's books - all new. We are also collecting donations for Ocala Ritz Veterans Village - socks and toiletries for men and women. We also collect non-perishable food for Interfaith Emergency Services, eyeglasses, ink cartridges, and cell phones. Estelle Michelson is the contact for the drop location for these items at (352) 861-7358.

If you would like to join us in our efforts, please contact Estelle Michelson, membership chair, at (352) 861-7358. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5 p.m. via Zoom. We serve with kindness.

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Veterans Club visits Fire Station 21.



Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun

The Veterans Club has resumed meetings at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. If you would like to be informed of our meetings and events, please email me your email address at charlescalhoun.cc@gmail.com or text it to (352) 556-6004.

A lot has transpired since our last meeting. Members of our club have been very active in the community helping other veterans and the community in general. The Angela Santos VFW Post 4781 has reopened, and we will meet for breakfast on the first Saturday of the month from 8 to 10 a.m.

On 9/11, members of our club along with the Ocala Blue Star Mothers, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion delivered a first responder wreath and blue line flag to Sheriff Billy Woods and his command staff. We also visited Fire Station 21 and handed out homemade cakes and cookies donated by our generous community to these great firefighters. It was an honor to pay tribute to the men and women who protect and serve us.

Please join us for a flag raising ceremony at our Veterans Park Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

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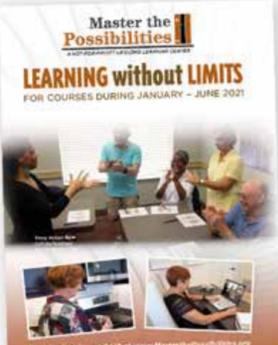
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Toastmasters - Talk of the World
David Wesenberg

During our first meeting of the month on Wednesday, Oct. 14, there were two speeches. Leona Vlacanich delivered her speech about communication planning entitled the "Song of Silence." Patricia Wagner inspired us with her speech "Heal the World, Become a Witness."

At the second meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28, our planned speakers were Rob Vlacanich whose speech, "Getting Ready for the Holidays" talked about leadership development and Rosemary Walter whose speech, "Drugs are Here to Stay" discussed a plan for communication.

This month, we will meet via Zoom at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 11 and 25. Contact David Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftware-inc.com or (217) 280-4454 for in-

structions to join the meeting. The speakers planned for our Nov. 11 meeting will be Nancy Wilkins who will persuade us with the speech "TBD" and Janet Voyles who will talk about the importance of mentoring. On Nov. 25, Pam Winter will talk about communication style in her speech "Grin and Bear it" and David Wesenberg will discuss communication planning in his speech "PDQ Speech Preparation."

As you can see, Toastmasters practice speaking at every meeting including opportunities to speak off the cuff during table topics. Each speech, and the meeting itself are evaluated to steadily improve our skills both individually and as a club.

We at Talk of the World Toastmasters welcome guests to hear the speeches and participate if a guest wishes to participate. Nothing is more fun than hearing a fresh perspective, exploring a new subject or hearing a slice of wisdom from a person's life. Join us and see for yourself!

Travel Toppers
Anne Parker

The Travel Toppers board has decided for the safety of our residents to cancel all remaining 2020 trips. Please visit traveltopperstours.com for updated information regarding 2021 trips.

We are excited to tell you about a great cruise Travel Toppers is planning Oct. 31 through No. 7, 2021, on the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas leaving from Port Canaveral, Florida. The ports of call will be St. Johns, Antigua; St. Thomas, USVI; and Royal Caribbean's private island, Coco-Cay. Interior cabins are from \$1,295 per person. Ocean view cabins are from \$1,425 per person; ocean view balcony cabins and boardwalk balcony cabins are from \$1,545 per person. Central park balcony cabins are from \$1,465 per person. All of these rates include the cruise, all

taxes, fees, shipboard gratuities, roundtrip motor coach transportation and travel protection insurance. Third and fourth passenger rates are available upon request. A \$500 per cabin deposit will be required to hold your cabin, and the final payment will be due on Aug. 2, 2021. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to reserve your space.

The trip to Mango's Tropical Café and Dinner Show in Orlando that had been set for Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, will be postponed to later in 2021 due to safety concerns. The price, contact information, and other pertinent details will be available on our website at a later date.

The rescheduled Father's Day 2020 trip to Sanford to enjoy a three-hour cruise down the St. Johns River on the Barbara Lee will occur on June 20, 2021. A delicious meal will be prepared fresh onboard and served at your table. Meal selections, price, contact information, and other pertinent data will be posted in a future column.

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The Jewish Club
Nancy Meininger

Due to current safety protocols, meetings have not yet resumed. However, members of the club have suggested some sort of social get together outdoors; perhaps a picnic.

If this type of event interests you, please let us know and arrangements can be made in accordance with On Top of the World's and CDC guidelines - face masks and social distancing.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 or Charlie Calhoun at (352) 277-2456.

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Tall Tale Travelers
Donna Seay

Happy fall to everyone! Dave and I just returned from four months in the Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina. I know many of our members also traveled during the summer months, and a good time was had by all.

We did not have our usual meeting in September due to safety guidelines. We are discussing different places to have our meetings over the next few months. Most of the rooms we could meet in are restricting the number of people, which limits us for now. We will keep you updated from month to month.

As you are reading this column, our club will be attending a rally in Fort Myers, Florida at the San Carlos RV Resort, located right on Hurricane Bay. Details will be in the next column.

If you own any type of camper and are interested in our club, you are cordially invited to our next meeting, which will be in November. I will let everyone know the date, time and place. If you would like further information, please contact Donna Seay at talltalet travelers@gmail.com or (516)-578-8655.

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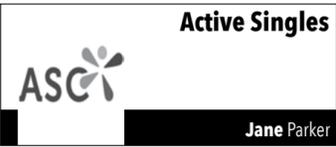
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The board plans to reopen activities as soon as we are able to do so. Members enjoy many activities including membership meetings, anniversary pool party, Interfaith Emergency Services breakfast, golf cart decorating/parade, and the New Year's Eve party.

For November, we are spotlighting Marti McLean who lives in Windsor. Marti is a native Floridian who grew up in Miami Beach. She moved here from Broward County in 2017. Marti loves living here and mentioned we get a great "bang for the

buck" residing here. She likes the many activities offered, low crime activity, and lack of traffic. People move here from all over the country. Many residents who move from rural areas think Ocala's traffic is horrendous, while several from major metropolitan areas enjoy Ocala's normal traffic volume.

Marti joined ASC the first year it was established. On Top of the World's population includes many married couples and attending events by yourself can be uncomfortable and intimidating. Many single residents stay home instead of facing this situation. Through ASC, friendships are made, and members usually find other members they know at events. Finding members with common interests can be beneficial.

Marti shared her love for travel and hopes to find a "travel buddy" for when it is no longer limited.

Marti has organized day and overnight trips to events for other organizations. Once travel is fully opened, Marti will begin working on trips for members to plays, concerts, and other events.

Growing up in Miami Beach, Marti was fortunate to be exposed to the many cultural events. These opportunities helped her develop her love for the arts. Another constant theme in her life is early childhood education and teaching. She spent 32 years working in education teaching children, teachers, and college students. Her childhood education expertise ranges from infancy to college. She taught in Miami Public Schools, at four South Florida colleges, and served as director of the childcare program at Miami Lakes Technical Education Center. Marti's passion for education was evident to her colleagues and administration and she was

honored as Florida's Teacher of the Year in 1998.

Since moving here, Marti volunteers with Ocala's Outreach autistic Services Network (OaSN). This non-profit organization provides no cost/low cost programs, services, and events to individuals on the autism spectrum. OaSN collaborates with professionals to provide valuable resources and support for the individuals and families served. OaSN relies on the generosity of the community and grants to help fund autism programs.

Marti is one of the interesting people you will meet at ASC. If you want to find out more information, please consider attending the first meeting held once restrictions are lifted. Information requests are also accepted at activesinglesotow@gmail.com.



September and October were the months that the SWANS got creative with their time together! Lois has adopted a meet, greet and run with it! She could not establish our usual appetizer or dinner-in groups so she asked the members if they wanted to join in a small group of six at the Veterans Park pavilion once a month. The response was overwhelming! As of now, we have eight groups of six who will be meeting once a month on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. These ladies will be bringing their own snacks while enjoying each other's company. We will be adhering to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines while

still getting out and catching up with old friends and meeting new ones!

Several of the ladies are playing shuffleboard with the Ladies Shuffleboard Club with Lois and Sally. Many of the women are still getting together to play samba, mah jongg, and various other card and/or board games. The book, "From Hell to Marion County," is still being passed around, as well as "Where the Crawdads Sing." Having read both books, I can tell you that both are really enjoyable! Let Lois know if you are interested in either one! She will put you on the list to receive them. Some of us are going out together to Turnpike Mike's for lunch in SummerGlen. We are keeping our groups to no more than 10 women. There is plenty of room at this restaurant since its renovation and expansion! Get in touch with Lois if you are interested!

At this time, Lois is also making reservations for our next trip to Daytona Beach from Sunday, Nov. 8 to Wednesday, Nov. 11. Give Lois a call if you are interested in joining us! The room prices for this trip can't be beaten! More restaurants will be open for us to enjoy this time also! The hotel should be less busy as we are checking in on a Sunday when everyone else is checking out!

We had a barbeque Saturday, Oct. 17. Again, Kathy Kloos and Sandy Welch were in charge. They cooked hamburgers and hot dogs and brought them to the Recreation Center Ballroom where we held this event. No one brought dishes to share, all items were pur-

chased from Earth Fare and then served because of safety concerns. Once again, Kathy and Sandy did a phenomenal job! Everyone had a wonderful time and we can't wait for the next one!

Please remember that you may join the SWANS at any time! We always welcome new members and new ideas! As a SWAN, you are never alone! There is always someone interested in the same things you are! Stay healthy! Be smart about your activities! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.

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A Tale of Two Homes

By Elaine Morrison
World News Writer

Yes, they have come from Alabama, but fortunately, did not go on to Louisiana, as the lyric in the popular folk song suggests. Instead, they headed to Florida, to Ocala and happily, to settle in On Top of the World.

Daughter and mother, the Baker girls, Michele and Barbara, settled down in their respective homes, one in Friendship Village, the other in Friendship Colony, simultaneously, the closings and move ins taking place on the same days, one day apart. "We were sort of homeless for only one night," Michele remembers. "Sleeping on floors is nothing you wish to do any longer than that."

Michele was pointed in the direction of Central Florida by her ex-husband, a native-born Floridian who knows a good thing. She and her mother are originally from

Michigan, and Michele was a supervisor for the water department in Detroit until she retired after 25 years. She then switched gears entirely and started a boarding stable for horse farms. The inspiration for this interest came from her father, who was involved with race-horses professionally. This love of horses was yet another important factor in making the move to Ocala, it being the horse capital of the world. Michele delights in driving around the area to see the beautiful horse farms still in operation.

From the Michigan farm, Michele moved to Alabama where she established a hobby farm, gardening and raising various livestock. Mother Barbara decided she would join her industrious daughter and moved from Michigan as well. The fact that the buyer of the Alabama home and property was a lottery

winner, provided an aura of good fortune to the move.

Taught to sew as a child, Michele now has the time to devote to the real love of her life, sewing. She particularly enjoys quilting and has become a member of the Sewing Bees, whose combined talents benefit many children's organizations by not only making quilts, but individual tote bags and stuffed animals as well, things that the youngsters can enjoy individually.

Outstanding examples of Michele's creativity are quilts she designs, in particular a personalized crazy quilt with a prairie paint border made entirely from men's ties that she made for her mother. Various embroidered inscriptions commemorating special dates in her mother's life dot the piece.

Another quilt features calendar kitchen towels, dating back to the 1960s. "Quilting takes up my idle time," Michele says. Her lucky friends are also happy recipients of her endeavors.



Barbara and Michele Baker.

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine

Let's go to southern France today, and visit the famous Château de Belcastel, located on the banks of the Aveyron River. The precursor to the Château (castle) began in the ninth century, when the villagers of Belcastel constructed a medieval chapel in which to conduct their worship. The chapel was expanded over the following two centuries, and, ultimately, grew into a Château.

In the 13th century, the Lords of the Château de Belcastel were ruined financially during the religious crusades occurring at that time. Eventually, the Château was confiscated by The Crown to be used as a military bastion. In 1390, it was given to a knight named Saunhac as a reward for his long and loyal service to The Crown. The Saunhac family restored it, built the beautiful bridge and church that still grace the village today, and lived in it for about 200 years. By the close of the 16th century, however, the Saunhac family, tired of the expense of maintaining the Château, simply abandoned it. The Château fell into disrepair until it gained a new lease on life in the 20th century.

The famous French architect Fernand Pouillon discovered the ruins of the castle in 1974. He became enchanted with it, purchased it, and was inspired to restore it, by hand, no less! He hired 12 Algerian stonemasons, and 10 stained-glass experts to assist him in the work. The stonemasons had to quarry stones from a nearby hill to replace those that had been lost over the centuries. Then, remarkably, they erected the towers and walls without the use of any cranes or modern machines. The glaziers created 85 windows with 16th century, hand-painted center panes.

It took Pouillon and his crew eight years to restore the Château. When it was completed, Pouillon lived in it as his residence while he then undertook another massive task. He had decided to restore the entire village of Belcastel, which he did! Pouillon happily lived in the Château until he died in 1986.

Almost 20 years after his death, the owners of the AFA art gallery in New York, purchased the Château and opened it as an art gallery and an historical monument. They embellished the interior with medieval artifacts and created art galleries within the Château. For the first time in its long history, the Château now is open to the public.

The village of Belcastel, along with its Château and the beautiful 15th century stone bridge, has been awarded the title of being one of the most beautiful villages in France.

There are a lot of castles in southern France, and the Château de Belcastel is just one of a group of 21 castles in the Aveyron region. These castles have joined together to provide a tourist itinerary known as the Route des Seigneurs (Route of the Lords) du Rouergue. This route is popular enough that it even has a website: www.seigneurs-du-rouergue.fr/en. I have been to that part of France and know it is a beautiful area. I think following the Route might make a fun vacation trip. It has beautiful scenery, great French food and wine, what's not to like?



The Château and ancient bridge of Belcastel.

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The King of Spades and the Queen of Clubs

By Elaine Morrison
World News Writer

Imagine cutting a deck of cards to expose two picture cards, the king of spades and the queen of clubs? Now let's put a name on these cards - David for the king and Gail for the queen. Then give them a surname; how about Schultz? Put the cards back together in the deck where they belong. Put our real royal couple in On Top of the World, and a story of togetherness that is interesting and inspirational will be dealt.

Married for 54 years, Gail and David met while both were college students in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. David was studying agriculture as he grew up on an angus farm, and farming had always been a way of life for him. He remembers gardening with his grandmother who told him that "weeds were the enemy" - a lesson he learned well and has applied to his gardening expertise with excellent results.

He did, however, ultimately make a huge academic switch, when he met Gail, to biology and chemistry, and taught it at the high school level for 30 years. "I loved working with the youngsters," David recalls. "It is so gratifying when you

see you are reaching a student and making a difference in their learning experience."

Gail on the other hand, a city girl, studied accounting and was happily employed doing what she so enjoyed. So, who could have been more surprised than Gail, when the decision to buy and work an 85-acre sheep farm was made? The years spent there, raising a family of two sons, shearing wool, selling lambs and breeding stock, enjoying and thriving in nature and the bounty of the earth, were the happiest of their lives. When the youngest son started school, Gail resumed her studies in accounting and graduated, with honors.

Both sets of parents had been living in Florida for some time, and Gail and David visited them with some frequency. When David stopped teaching, they too made the decision to relocate to Florida. They settled in Venice but would drive around the state and, on one trip, they met up with friends living in The Villages and, by accident, discovered the temporary sales office for On Top of the World, a trailer on SW 80th Street and decided



Photo by Dave Schultz

Gail Schultz at the archery range.

to see what that was all about. The year was 2005, a day in October which happened to be Gail's birthday. In 2006, on the exact date, they moved into their beautiful home in Candler Hills. "Living here is the second-best place I have lived in," says David, who ardently loves and lives the lifestyle the development offers.

The initial attraction of the golf course, both are golfers, and the open space were matched by the model home they selected, which gave each of them their separate rooms in which to pursue their individual hobbies and interests. Gail is a gifted needlewoman, and her sewing room is filled with examples of her excellent quilting. Ironically, her own mother was not a sewer, but a quilt made by David's great-grandmother, hangs as an inspiration on a wall in the room. She creates her own designs, tailoring them to the interests of the lucky recipients. Besides being a member of the golf league and the sewing club, Gail recently re-discovered archery, bought her own bow, and participates in the club's sessions weekly.

But it is the ShutterBugs Photography Club they both joined, which gives them the most satisfaction. They knew little about photography before joining the club. Today they have both achieved the highest levels possible, both have had displays of their work in the Master the Possibilities lobby and have

won numerous ribbons for their superb achievements. Many of their photographs decorate the walls of their home. David has learned the skill of Photoshopping which has resulted in producing some magical images.

In addition to this, David assists gardeners who are in need of advice. He conducts a clinic on Wednesday mornings at the Victory Garden at the Veterans Park. "Gardening in Florida is very different from gardening in the north." He teaches which plants will do well and how best to care for them.

His own large plot in the garden is the envy of the others, yielding a colorful array of cut flowers and a variety of vegetables which make their way daily to the Schultz dining table. Much credit for David's success in this area has to go to the long-ago lesson he learned from his grandmother regarding weeds. Any that dare to appear in David's garden are doomed to a short life span.

"We love living here," say Gail and David. "With so many wonderful opportunities to take advantage of and many interesting people to meet." And the fact that they can share and work and learn things together makes life especially wonderful.

Gail and David enjoy playing many card games. Hopefully some of their winning hands will include their very own cards, the king of spades and the queen of clubs.



Photo by Gail Schultz

Dave Schultz at Victory Garden.

Cornhole Battles On

By Jim Russell and Bill Ballweg

OPEN PLAY: November brings cooler temperatures, a welcome relief for all of our dedicated open play bag throwers. But an equally important event also happens at the beginning of the month, we switch our clocks back an hour as daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 1. As a result, the Cornhole Club switches to our winter schedule for open play. Starting Monday, Nov. 2, we will begin playing each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 p.m. This schedule will continue until daylight saving time returns Sunday, March 14, 2021.

Congratulations to Joe Lawson who joined our cornhole hall of fame by hitting six consecutive three pointers during a recent open play match. If you would like to be in the hall of fame, string together five or more three pointers during any open play or league play match, have at least one witness attest to your feat and report the amazing accomplishment to the facilitator for open play (Jim Russell) or league play (Sandy Martin). Good luck!

LEAGUE PLAY: The fall season is in process with two leagues - mixed and mixed up. Mixed league consists of one male and one female.

The mixed up league consists of a pairing of any gender including two females, two males and mixed partners. You may ask, do males have a competitive advantage over females in cornhole? Definitely not, many of the top players in our leagues are females.

MIXED LEAGUE: We have eight teams in the fall season and it appears it will be a tight race to the championship. Leading the way at the midway point is three teams all tied for first place - Tossers (Angela Ward and Bob Helf), the Cornhuskers (Robin and Bill Ballweg) and Teachers (Joe Lawson and Donna Hansen). It will be an exciting finish with these three titans fighting it out for the championship.

MIXED UP LEAGUE: The Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) continue their pursuit of a fifth straight championship as they continue to dominate with an undefeated record at the midway point of the season. It looks like the Undertakers could sail to another championship but there are a few matches remaining that could challenge the Undertakers. In second place are the Dirt Bags (Rick Dikeman and Dwight Weirich) but they need some help from the other

teams to capture first place.

As mentioned, cornhole is one a sport where women and men compete equally. At the midway point of the season two of the all women teams are among the top four teams. This says a great deal considering over half of the teams in the league includes two men.

Would you like to learn how to play cornhole? There will be a new

player training on how to play cornhole Thursday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. at the cornhole courts. Training includes all aspects of the game including scoring and how to play. We welcome anyone who would like to learn how to play this fun sport. If you are interested, contact Bill Ballweg at (404) 207-5268 or otowcornhole@yahoo.com.



Photo by Bill Ballweg

Mixed cornhole league players ready to battle.



R/C Flyers

John Workman

Who we are ...

The R/C Flyers started as a group of about a half dozen residents who participated in the hobby before moving into the community. They somehow ran into each other and were looking for a place where they could pursue their activity without disturbing their neighbors. At first, they would fly their models out of a rough field north of the The Tortoise & The Hare. They contacted Mr. Sidney Colen about permission to use a more suitable location.

Forming a club in 1990 provided an organization to represent themselves and provide insurance protection for the property owners through affiliation with the national organization, the Academy of Model Aeronautics. From that

simple beginning the club made several changes of location as the community and club grew, finally settling in a nice section taken out of one of the ranch's cattle fields, west of the current Avalon neighborhood. The club spent over 15 years in that location, gradually making improvements to the grass runway area and adding features such as a pole barn roof for shade, storage sheds for equipment, and chain-link fences for safety.

The club was in a constant expansion of its membership as it became known that On Top of the World had its own model aircraft flying site on the property, almost a unique situation among retirement communities. Currently the club numbers, over 165 members, and we have relocated in the past year to a new site on the crest of a hill and have been generously provided a magnificent 50 foot by 600-foot paved runway. Our safety fences have been duplicated and the field is surrounded by an attractive On

Top of the World standard white two rail fence.

We look forward to being able to resume our outreach activities such as the two open Fly-In Saturdays where we invite the residents to come out to enjoy watching a more structured day of flying than the daily flow of members showing up when the mood hits.

Even though we have been observing the social distancing guidelines, there has still been a lot of training activity. Current members in training include Doug Coleman, Steve Bilcich, Dan Hermsen, Bob Nastally and Ray Ihlenberg. Members who have soloed since June include Brad Youngberg, Ed Walsh and Dan Gaffin. Congratulations!

If you are interested in aviation and would like to see if this is the sort of activity that you could enjoy, the club offers an intro pilot program. We can enroll you as a temporary member (to get you under our insurance coverage) and offer you some simple instruction

and three or four flights with an instructor using the club's equipment. Then you can decide whether this is something that you want to do. Startup costs are moderate and ongoing costs depend on how good your piloting skills become. And, of course, what kind of aircraft most interest you. There doesn't seem to be any upper limit to what we can spend other than what you can afford. But the lower limit is indeed minimal. Contact a club officer if you are interested.

Finally, club apparel is still available to all members. Bob Wroblewski has put a printout of items available in stock on the club bulletin board at the flying field. Contact Bob for purchase or to order items that are not in stock.

Also, remember that November is nomination time for next year's officers and elections take place in December. Volunteer to contribute to the operation of the club. We need wise, thoughtful leaders who can guide us in the coming years.



Archery Club

Leslie McCormick

Did you understand the club event scores in last month's column? Here is some information about scoring in amateur events

like ours. We will be using different types of target faces and different sizes.

We are all familiar with traditional targets with five colors. Up close you will see there are rings within those colors so there are actually 10 areas to score in. The center is 10 points and then each circle is scored, nine, eight, seven, etc. down to one point for the far-

thest ring.

We used a black and white target for the September shoot with only three scoring areas. The center was five points and then four and three. If an archer shoots a true bullseye, there are no extra points, but the bullseye is also recorded as an "x" in addition to 10 points. The number of "x's" is used along with the total points if there is a tie. Events will also establish the yardage and how many arrows will be shot.

In the September shoot, most of our members shot in the half round which was five targets set at 10 to 30 yards with three arrows at each target and the half round group did the round twice. That was a total of 30 arrows and a maximum score of 150. In the half round, championship flight, Tom scored 130 points with seven "x's" so his score was shown in our last column as 130-Tom Caleindo 7X. Beverly was in the half round, second flight. Her score was shown as 66-Beverly Bergmann 2X.

Ladies are showing up strong! In the Martha Millican Ladies Spyder Challenge mid-September, all of the women were winners. Some hit the "x" more than others but the real reason for the challenge was to get more women to become archers

and it has worked better than Martha was hoping. Each day we have our share of women shooters on the line.

It is great to see daily activity and with the weather getting cooler we will certainly see more action. Our pro shop staff has estimated that there are about 7,500 shots at the targets each and every week and that has been with most members shooting only early in the day. As always, many thanks to our volunteers for their help.

Our first league started Tuesday, Oct. 20, and runs for 10 weeks. This is a handicapped league with teams of two archers. Archers shoot either a short round (10, 20 and 30 yards) or a long round (40, 50 and 60 yards). The weekly round consists of 54 shots, with three lines of six arrows at each target. NFAA targets are being used with scoring from 10 to one and a total maximum score of 540 with "x's" recorded.

October ends with a Halloween day shoot. The format is the same as September with full and half rounds and shooting 30 arrows. No tricks, but maybe some treats!

For membership information, contact Leslie at llmccorm74@aol.com. See you at the range!

'Bunco for Babies' Fundraiser

By Michelle Malsch

The fifth annual Bunco for Babies fundraiser has been postponed until Saturday, March 27, 2021. The location has been changed to the Arbor Conference Center. The time will remain the same as posted on your tickets. Please hold onto your tickets as they will be honored at that time.

Bunco is a fun game where no skill is required - if you can roll three dice you can play the game. There are four players per table. Four games of six sets will be played. Following the first two

games, a brief intermission will be held, and players will switch partners at their table at that time.

Tickets are \$25 and include lunch, cash prizes for the Bunco game categories, and numerous door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be held as well. Doors open at 10 a.m.

All tickets have been sold at this time; however, I have started a waiting list as tickets do sometimes become available at the last minute.

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera

The room is now back to full capacity, with all tables open for play. This does not mean all restrictions have been eliminated. The requirement to clean the tables, chairs and equipment remains in effect, and is still a vital safeguard. Keeping social distancing in mind while talking or waiting to shoot would also

be prudent.

As of this submission, the club plans to start a small in-house mixed league in October. It would last for eight weeks, with play on Tuesdays, from 1 to 3 p.m. Rich Deschenes described it as “a small step of optimism toward getting back to normal operations.”

I was playing with someone recently who has been here for many months but was not aware we had club dues. We do have a formal club, with by-laws, elected officers and regular quarterly meetings. The club also hosts a Christmas dinner and other special events during the

year.

The annual dues of only \$5 are voluntary, but membership is required for these events, and to vote on club matters. These dues are used to maintain and improve the room and its equipment. To join the club, provide your contact info on the slip by the counter, enclose a check, and drop it in the blue box.

My ill-fated attempt to refinish and improve our unduly worn wooden racks did not turn out well. I have therefore voluntarily decided to donate six new original Diamond racks to replace the six that I tried to restore. They are on backorder,

estimated to arrive sometime in November.

BILLIARDS HUMOR: Two guys were playing pool. One of them was about to shoot when he noticed a funeral procession going by outside. The man stopped his stroke, closed his eyes and said a short prayer. The other player was truly inspired, cleared his throat, and said, “Wow that was one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen.”

The other man shrugged, bent over to shoot, and said, “Well, I was married to her for 40 years.”



Pickleball

Tom West

By the time you read this we should be well into another 10-week session of tournaments. With the easing of some restrictions because of Florida entering into Phase 3, it was decided by the board to accede to the requests of members to restart our tournaments. A shoot-out style tournament began Tuesday, Oct. 13 and will continue every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. for 10 weeks. An email was sent to all members by President Cambier describing the new format. Good luck to all competitors.

Another excellent development for the club is our new software called Pickleball Plus. This very worthwhile addition will allow the club to be managed a lot easier and will make things easier for club members to know what is transpiring with their club. A big thank you to Vice President Andy Woods for putting in the work and time in finding the right software at the right price for club utilization. This web application went live Monday, Oct. 5. Once again, our president sent out an email with the details.

With the guidelines set forth in Phase 3 precautions, we are no longer limited to 25 players on each set of courts. It must be remembered that we must still follow social distancing of six feet. We are not out of the woods yet, so please follow the rules and do not jeopardize our court privileges or anyone’s personal safety.

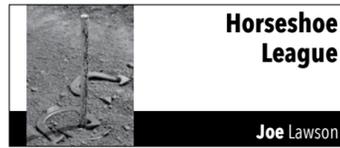
Our snowbirds are returning, and

the courts will be getting filled with more members. To keep the waiting for a game as low as possible the board is requesting that when there are six or more players waiting, game scoring should be limited to seven instead of the present 11 in the conventional scoring system. This does not pertain to players who use the rally scoring system. Presently rally scoring is only done on the upper courts on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The rule of eight will be in effect as well.

Sue Olson will be canvassing our volunteer membership to form a committee which will be responsible for creating our club’s new logo. An email from Sue will let members in on all the details and there will be a prize for the logo chosen. Let’s see everyone’s creativity shine.

In conclusion let us hope that with the easing of restrictions we are able to have our general meeting by the end of the year. This is mandated by our by-laws and we have some housekeeping changes that need to be taken care of. With the changing of the name of our club we need to revise our bylaws to reflect the club name; not to mention that elections will be upcoming. In that regard we are canvassing members to form a board nominating committee that will consist of at least one member from each level of player group. Please step up and let the board know you are interested in helping.

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Horseshoe League

Joe Lawson

Horseshoes in U.S. was probably brought over by the English settlers. But modern horseshoes might well be called «muleshoes» because it was spread by Union soldiers during the American Civil War using mule shoes.

The first world championship of horseshoes pitching took place in 1910 in Bronson, Kansas, ringers counted five points, leaners counted three points and close shoes one point. The first organization of horseshoe pitchers was also in Kansas in 1914. Standards were set regulating the size and weight of horseshoes. The stakes were ordered to stick eight inches out of the ground.

But it was not until 1920 that many of the more familiar rules were adopted such as cancellation scoring. The stakes were also raised to 10 inches,

In 1930 the stakes were raised again to 15 inches and the num-

bers of points for an official game went from 50 to 40 points. It is estimated that more than 10 million people play horseshoes every year.

We have new lighted horseshoes pits in Veterans Park with benches and ceiling fans in bench areas. The Horseshoe Club players pitch shoes every Tuesday, starting at 9 a.m. We also have a traveling team which plays in the tri-county league (includes teams from The Villages, Beverly Hills along with several other communities).

We pitch shoes from 40 feet for those youngsters under 70 years of age. 70-plus pitch from 30 feet, along with women and youth. Each pit has a red line at 40 feet and 30 feet.

Come join us at any time. We are looking for new players (men and women) and we are thinking about changing to play under the lights. Please email me with any questions at softballjoe46@gmail.com.

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Susan Yenne

League play resumed Tuesday, Oct. 20 with some new rules to keep everyone safe. Remember to:

- Sign up for play by 10 p.m. Sunday on Golf Genius for Tuesday play.
- Show up at 8:40 a.m. at your assigned hole. One golfer per cart unless you live in the same house.
- Give your team captain \$5 in exact cash; no change will be provided. No money for chip-ins.
- Start play at the sound of the airhorn.
- All balls must be putted out. If it lips or bounces out, it is not considered a made putt.
- If your ball lands in a divot or footprint in a sand trap, you may move your ball no closer to the hole.

If you are a team captain:

- Pick up an envelope and scorecard at the Golf Shop any time after noon on Monday and before play starts on Tuesday. Wear a mask whenever in the Golf Shop.
- Collect then place league money in envelope, noting starting hole and captain's name on front. Return to Golf Shop between hole #18 and #1.
- Designate team member to score electronically on Golf Genius and another to record on the backup scorecard. Return scorecard to Golf Shop at end of round.

While play has resumed, the Veterans Day lunch has been cancelled. The Christmas awards/lunch is on hold. Dues for members who paid in 2020 are considered paid through December 2021. Same for hole-in-one and ringers.

All games for the remainder of 2020 are individual, not team, games. The schedule is on our Shutterfly site.



Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Beth Wolinsky

With the institution of Phase 3 in Florida, the Candler Hills LGA has resumed play. The first round for league was Thursday, Oct. 22, and it felt great to get back to playing with the ladies.

There are some safety protocols in effect:

- Each player will ride in her own cart and all league play will be individual events.
- The gathering of the group that is usually held before the beginning of play will not occur as we are continuing to follow social distancing guidelines.
- You will receive notification on Wednesday, the day before league play, to indicate on which hole the player will be starting. All players should report to their tee boxes by 8:45 a.m.
- An air horn will signal the start of play. Please be on time as your game will not be counted if you miss a hole.
- Contactless scoring will be carried out. This can be

downloaded through Golf Genius. For more detailed instructions on how to do this, please refer to the email from Denise Mullen about resumption of league play.

- All balls must be holed out. The cups should be deep enough so if the ball dips in and out, for any reason, it must be putted again to ensure it stays in the hole.

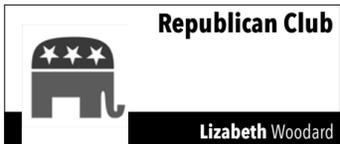
It is important to be prudent about accomplishing these safety protocols. Everyone should feel comfortable about resuming league play and together, we can make this work.

The board has been busy working on the 2021 calendar. At this time, with current guidelines in place, it was deemed advisable to cancel any events for the rest of the year. Therefore, the general meeting on Nov. 5 and the holiday party on Dec. 10 have been cancelled.

As always, please remember to hydrate. Even in the cooler weather, dehydration can happen quickly.

Any resident can become a member of the Candler Hills LGA. Please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz at karsnitz1@gmail.com if you wish to join.

Finally, stay safe, be careful and believe, achieve and enjoy golf.



Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard

The Republican Club sponsored a flag-waving event Saturday, Oct. 3. Approximately 175 people participated at the Friendship Shopping Center. At the end of another enthusiastic event, the crowd formed a prayer circle and Allison Campbell, a school board candidate, led everyone in a prayer for the health of our president and his family. She also led us in singing the National Anthem. Someone from the crowd began an impromptu recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, which ended in a raucous cheer from the participants.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, another event took place with more than 200 very exuberant participants. The camaraderie among these fel-

low Republicans is overwhelming.

During the month of October, along with Stone Creek and Oak Run Republican Clubs, additional flag-waving events were conducted at the Friendship Shopping Center. The Republican Club sponsored one again Saturday, Oct. 24.

On Friday, Oct. 9, the Republican Club had its first meeting since February. It was great seeing 30 of our members gathering together once again. Although we had to follow strict rules for meeting in the Recreation Center Ballroom, it did not diminish our enthusiasm. This was not a formal meeting per se, but more of an informal discussion about the Trump administration and current political events. We have some very knowledgeable members who gave some great insight.

A Republican election celebration is being planned for our next meeting in November. An announcement will be sent via email to our membership regarding the party. For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at (518) 534-0201. Your call will be answered as soon as possible.



Men's Golf Association

John Yenne

The re-start of the Men's Golf Association (MGA) was announced last month, ending the long suspension of league play. Different rules are in place for this reopening.

- We no longer rally for announcements at the flags.
- No more Chicken Day, until further notice.
- All players must use individual golf carts (no more pairings in one cart).
- The league will follow a "better lie rule" for sand traps, meaning if your ball comes to rest in a footprint or ball divot, you can move it no closer to the hole as long as it remains in the bunker.
- For the rest of the year, games

will be handicap-adjusted, individual stroke play.

- Players must sign up in the Golf Genius website (www.golfgenius.com) by 10 a.m. Tuesday to play in the weekly Wednesday game.
- The Golf Shop will set up teams and tee assignments, which can be viewed in Golf Genius by Tuesday afternoon.
- The designated team captain must pick up the scorecard and money envelope on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning at the Golf Shop.
- Masks are required to enter the Golf Shop.
- Instead of rallying at the flags, players will go directly to the tee they are assigned by 8:45 a.m. Wednesday.
- Players must provide \$7 in exact change to their team captain at the assigned tee.
- As the group approaches hole No. 1 or hole No. 18 on The Links or hole No. 1 on The Tortoise & The Hare, the captain should swing by the Golf Shop and place the team's payment envelope, with the captain's name and starting hole, in the MGA league box in the computer room.
- Contactless scoring will be observed by having the team captain enter scoring electronically through the Golf Genius mobile app. A backup paper scorecard should also be kept and can be turned in, if necessary.

Current 2020 paid MGA members will have their dues extended through December 2021.

The MGA is also now accepting new members. Visit the Golf Shop and request a "New Member" application form. Fill it out and put it in a red MGA dues envelope along with \$10. Place the red envelope in the MGA box in the membership room.

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Russ Smith

As we continue to move forward under challenging times, the LGA-9 is back up and running. We appreciate everyone's patience through this transition and are happy to welcome back our ladies, as well as welcome all of our new ladies to the group. We hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time.

We resumed league play Monday, Oct. 19, under specific safety guidelines. The major element is to ensure the safety of our golfers by following proper social distancing practices. Here are the safety protocols we will have in place:

- We will continue with one golfer per cart unless you reside together.
- You will receive notification from Golf Genius to sign up for Tuesday's play a week in advance.
- You will sign up through Golf Genius as before, cut off day and time is Sunday 10 p.m. for the Tuesday event.
- You will be notified on Monday as to the course and hole you will start play from.
- You must be at your starting hole by 8:45 a.m. to allow the captain to collect money for weekly game.
- An air horn will signal the start of play (do not tee off until you hear the air horn).



Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Denise Mullen

Fall and the cooler temperatures are certainly a welcome change from the summer heat and humidity we have been having. Even with summer behind us, we have restocked our Dorfman soaker hats. They are UPF 50 and once soaked in water will keep you cool for hours. They come in three colors - natural, tan and grey. We also have restocked our Ahead Player sun hat with UPF 50 in white with navy trim or white with black trim for those of you wanting added protection from too much sun exposure.

A new product is starting to trickle into our Golf Shops - Titleist has the Vokey designed SM8 wedges now and we have demos of them to try. These wedges are available in four different finishes, six different grinds as well as different bounces. F grind is for full wedge shots. M grind is multi-purpose for versatility. S grind is for narrow and versatility. D grind has high bounce. K grind is the ultimate bunker club and the L grind is for precision shot making.

Titleist has also launched a new golf ball, Tour Speed. The ball has a three-piece, thermoplastic urethane cover designed to deliver consistent performance. Extensive testing provided a combination of distance in the long game and precision in the short game to allow

- We will also be implementing contactless scoring.
- One player per group will be responsible to keep all player scores electronically through the Golf Genius app. We also ask that you keep a backup scorecard and turn it into Golf Shop, if necessary. This scorecard will be printed and available for the captain of each group to pick up at Golf Shop on Monday after noon.
- At your starting hole, your captain will collect \$5 cash (must be exactly \$5) from each player. As your group comes around to hole #1 or hole #18 on The Links or hole #1 on The Tortoise & The Hare, the captain (with face mask) should as quickly as possible come to Golf Shop and place their envelope, which should indicate starting hole and captain's name, and drop in the league box at Golf Shop in computer room.

We will temporarily follow a Better Lie Rule for sand traps. If your ball comes to rest in a footprint or ball divot within the bunker, you may move your ball no closer to the hole. Ball must remain in bunker. It is encouraged that if you have a rake on your cart, that you please rake the trap after leaving so that it is left in playing condition for the next golfer.

We understand that there will be a lot of questions as we move forward and if you have any issues using the new Ghin App or golf Genius App, please feel free to stop by the Golf Shop and we will be happy to help.

better scoring capabilities. We are now stocked in both Golf Shops with this new ball.

Callaway Big Bertha B21 family of clubs and demos have been arriving daily. The new formula for distance and forgiveness, this technology package will deliver more ball speed, higher launch and straighter golf shots. We will have demos in both right and left-handed for you to try.

Have you missed travelling and sightseeing this past summer? Did you know that you could Google virtual tours of many of our beautiful national parks and museums around the country and beyond? Recently, I did this and found some very informative and fascinating tours that I could watch in the comfort of my chair from home. The history and details that are shared are so informative and the photos are breathtaking. Alaska's Kenai Fjords National Park, Hawaiian Volcanoes, Dry Tortugas National Park, Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, Yellowstone, and Bryce Canyon in Utah are just a few that were featured. The next rainy day we have, sit back and enjoy a virtual tour.

If you are looking for information or updates that pertain to golf, subscribe to our On Top of the World Golf YouTube channel.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions at denise_mullen@otowfl.com and (352) 861-9712.

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Golf

Matt Hibbs
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The fall season is officially upon us and the holiday season is right around the corner. This time of year is meant to be spent with family and friends. Thanksgiving is just weeks away so remember to be thankful for what this wonderful world has given you. I am thankful for my family and friends. I feel truly blessed and have learned that anything can happen so don't take life for granted.

I am excited to announce that league play has begun at both Candler Hills and On Top of the World Golf Clubs. We sent an email to all league members with the guidelines and safety procedures we must follow to resume play. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Golf Shop.

Golf course etiquette is an important element in the game of golf. Many books have been written regarding golf course etiquette. These are the unspoken rules that show respect to your fellow golfers. Here is a short list of the most common broken rules

- Avoid Slow Play: Be ready to hit when it is your turn.
- Golf Course Maintenance: Be sure to fill all divots with sand and repair all ball marks.
- Walking in Golfers Line: Never walk in a golfer's line before they putt.
- Lost Ball: If you suspect your ball is lost hit a provisional or second ball.
- Talking on Your Cell Phone: Be courteous to other players and keep cell use to a minimum.
- Playing Music too Loud: Please be aware of your surroundings and turn down the music.

Any range baskets, balls and rakes need to be returned to their respective Golf Shops. These are property of On Top of the World and a vital part to our operation. Please look through your carts and garage and return any range supplies.

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channel and "like" us on Facebook. You will get the latest updates on events, course maintenance, golf tips, special merchandise and much more.

World Accolades

THE LINKS: Bob Mondore, shot 69, seven strokes below his age. Joe Parra, hole-in-one #14.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Tony Morris, eagle on #4, #5 & #9.

CANDLER HILLS: Chris Jett, shot 71. Jim Hart, eagle #7. Congratulations!

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you swing out of your shoes, fall backwards and watch the ball sail to the right and out of bounds? If this sounds like your golf swing, then balance is the key to improvement.

Here are a few tips to maintain proper balance throughout your swing.

1. Widen your stance. By widening your stance, you are giving yourself a bigger base which helps you return the clubface to a square position at impact.
2. Do not over swing. If your tendency is to try to swing as hard as you can each time, then more than likely you will lose your balance. A good balanced swing looks graceful and effortless.
3. Maintain a good finish. Try to hold your finish after every swing. I like to teach my students to hold the finish long enough for someone to snap a picture. Ensuring you hold your finish longer will improve your balance and ball striking.



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R/C Car Club

Gene Mangold

My name is Sammie and I'm a beautiful eight-pound American Kennel Club (AKC) female beagle puppy. I am only four months old and I've been cooped up in my mom's house because of a silly human virus.

She's been teaching me to potty outside but today I got to go to the R/C car track. It is out in the country, so I got to smell nearby cows, grass, weeds, and an occasional scent of a passing coyote. There was even the smell of a new asphalt track and green wood for a new larger elevated driver's stand. Boy, would I like to sharpen my little teeth on that 200-foot orange plastic snake toy lying around the track. The drivers were big, chubby and thin, hairy and not so hairy, and they all had these funny orange hats and shirts to look like a common human pack. My little nose has been around only a few months, but I can tell you, even though they are trying to look alike they do not smell alike. Many of them came over to pull my ears, ruffle my beautiful white and brown coat but best of all they rubbed my belly. I

am really frisky, but I allowed them to catch me a few times. These guys are really friendly, and they all were getting along really well, so I guess they really are from the same pack called R/C Car Club.

A couple of drivers said we need a frisky mascot dog. I tried to bark at them and say they had all these little frisky cars running around the track twice a week and didn't need me. Maybe I should have nipped a finger or two, but darn, they made me their mascot, anyway. So even though I am a little puppy, I am also "the big dog" representing the most fun, well organized and challenging sport within the gates of On Top of the World.

Come out to car track and flying field at the end of SW 94th street on Tuesdays or Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and see our wonderful facilities and meet these friendly guys. I may even let you pet me as you watch these exciting races. For more information, contact the president, Fred Penichet, at (914) 588-7293 or fredpenichet@msn.com.

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Stock Ford GT: 21.939-Paul Burrey.
Touring Car: 17.676-Paul Burrey.



Sammie and Theresa.

Photo by Gene Mangold



Bunco Babes Social Group

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group activities are postponed until further notice. Please refer to the World News for updated information.

The group normally plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio IV, which is the last room facing the building on the right, on the fourth Tuesday of the

month. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Check the World News for the next scheduled game.

The Bunco for Babies fundraiser luncheon for the March of Dimes has been postponed until Saturday, March 27, 2021. Please hold onto your tickets. The location has been changed to the Arbor Conference Center. The time remains the same as printed on your tickets.

For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. Stay safe and be healthy until we meet again!



Bocce

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! League play began Tuesday, Oct. 13. The league is down to five teams, only playing on Tuesdays, at 11 a.m. We have three courts available for additional league players. If anyone is interested in playing on Tuesdays, at 11 a.m., please contact Lois Osis at (352) 854-1681.

Dues are \$5 per player and cover the cost of liability insurance. This entitles you to play as many times as you want when league or open are played. Any league representative can give you the form to fill out and collect your dues. Open players are required to pay dues. Face masks or coverings are mandatory for league players.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and the numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Restrictions have been lifted and all six courts are being utilized.

Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play, however as a new player, once you have played with the league on three occasions you will be expected to join the league and sign a Release and Hold Harmless consent form.

A directory is in the storage unit, which contains an alphabetical list of all members. Please make sure you have entered your name and contact information.

All are welcome to watch and learn or play. Until we roll again ...

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Tennis

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Although restrictions are being lifted, please remain vigilant and follow the safety guidelines outlined by On Top of the World, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Florida Department of Health. At least we can play tennis and pickleball again!

As a tennis tip of the month, I will pass on to you a set of tennis principles that I read as they relate to dancing.

Tennis Tip of the Month

1. Redefine what winning means to you. Any competitive game involves winning and losing but losing doesn't mean personal defeat. It means your opponent played better. Refusing to accept the result is immature and self-defeating. However, there are many ways of winning besides scoring the most points. If you played your best, you too are a winner, if you played poorly, you have a golden opportunity to see what you need to do to improve. Or winning may mean to you that you are getting a good workout, enjoying a game outdoors, or learning to manage the stress of competition. When I apply these suggestions to my own game, I realize that I am not just playing to beat someone, but to give myself up to a joyous

activity, of feeling connected to myself, my opponent and nature.

2. See your opponent as a dancing partner, not an enemy. When you redefine your opponent as someone with whom you have a relationship of reciprocity, you realize the fight or flight mentality can cause you to rush or overhit the ball, hesitate or lose your cool. Seeing the opponent as a fellow dancer heightens your anticipation and enables you to respond more quickly, moving together, reacting to each other's cues. Visualizing your tennis opponent as a dancer encourages a better synchronization of movements across the net. It also makes the game more fun.

3. Each shot is an experiment. As a young player, flubbing one shot could throw off my whole game, any type of shot, an overhead, a volley or a ground stroke. If I missed, I berated myself. I wasn't perfect. When I gained more perspective, I saw that my ideal of perfection was just that, an ideal, while my performance and abilities were a reality. I could curse that reality, or I could accept it and thus gain the possibility of learning from it. Every shot will not be perfect, but every shot can give you valuable feedback about your timing, position, movement, etc. just as a failed scientific experiment can point the way to the truth.

4. Trust your body and your mind will follow. If you can trust your body, it will play tennis much better than you can imagine. By trusting your body, I mean feel the movement, the weight shifts, and the sensations of tension and release, then go with what feels right rather than thinking about what should be right. We all know people who are klutzes on the dance floor, because they keep thinking about their feet instead of listening to the music and feeling the beat. The same thing happens to us on the tennis court. We shift the focus of our attention away from our bodies, and into our heads, inhibiting the natural rhythms of our movement.

5. Free your breathing. Under stress we tend to either hold our breath or breathe in shallow gasps. This can create dizziness, weakness, blurred vision and mental confusion. But deep, calm, abdominal breathing promotes mental clarity, relaxation, and increases energy. Deep breathing is crucial to success in long tennis matches.

6. Use your peripheral vision. We are taught to watch the ball, to the detriment of

the rhythmical dance of the body. When we glue our eyes on the ball, our feet get stuck to the ground. By watching the movement of our opponent as well as the ball, we will move quickly and spontaneously to the ball.

The dance of tennis also provides a way to use the game of tennis to grow as a person. Every time you play tennis you have an opportunity to transcend your doubts and fears, and challenge your conditioned behavior, human frailty and ignorance. If you can let go of the need to win on the court, you can play with a joyful abandon that brings you closer to your true self and what real winning is.

See you on the courts!

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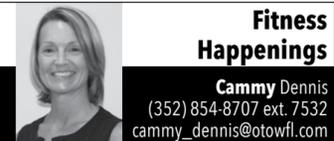
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Holiday Wellness

Happy holidays! This exciting time of year is often met with a complex set of emotions. In addition to all of the holiday happiness and good cheer, we sometimes find ourselves faced with long "to-do" lists, busy schedules, and fighting off the temptation of holiday

treats. How do we balance everything to make the most of the good stuff and avoid the bad? Being mindful of wellness practices can help. Wellness is defined as a state of being healthy in both the body and mind, especially as the result of deliberate effort. Therefore, to foster wellness during the holiday season, we need to make mindful decisions. Here are some seasonal triggers that can sometimes undermine health, along with ideas to help foster wellness during the holidays. Wishing you holidays both

happy and healthy!

OVERINDULGING: The opportunities for rich foods, sweet treats and alcohol are in abundance. According to research from Cornell University, holiday weight gain is real. For many Americans, weight begins to rise in October and peaks about 10 days after Christmas. It might surprise you to know that the average, holiday weight gain for Americans is 1.3 pounds. Although this might not seem like much, this increase is significant and becomes more problematic when the cycle is repeated every year, without taking off those extra pounds. Typically, there are feelings of guilt or shame associated with overindulging. Do not be too hard on yourself, bear in mind that the idea is to control intake during this time of year, not eliminate it.

Harry and Donna Scott offered this insight, "During the holiday season we lighten up our family recipes by using less fats and refined sugar. The modifications used do not lessen flavor since we found creative ways to keep taste, for example low-fat chicken broth in mashed potatoes instead of milk and using less butter. This way we enjoy all our family traditions and still maintain our lifestyle. Working out at the gym every day helps with mobility, strength and releases stress. When our gym was closed, we bought bicycles and weights and worked out in the garage!"

NEGLECTING REGULAR, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY: We sometimes convince ourselves that it is okay for exercise to slip down the priority list during this time of the year. I say it is even more important now. The stretch from Halloween to Christmas is a critical time to remain active. Physical activity provides important wellness benefits such as reducing and managing stress, supporting higher quality

sleep and giving us some wiggle room for indulging in favorite holiday foods.

Nancy Grabowski, a champion of aqua aerobics here notes, "I believe any form of exercise tones up both the body and the brain. Once I've awakened those brain cells, I can set the tone for the rest of my day. Regular, physical activity keeps me motivated and focused, gets me out to enjoy the company of my peers with plenty of laughter to keep those levels up"

TAKING ON TOO MUCH: It is easy to over-commit during this time of year. Avoid feeling overwhelmed by making a list and prioritize it. Let go of what is not important and share tasks and responsibilities with family and friends. Holidays are a time to deepen and nurture relationships. Bring honesty into family discussions and communicate clearly to avoid any conflict or unrealistic expectations.

This can extend to budgetary issues as well. The thrill of the holiday quickly dissipates when bills add up. If finances are a source of concern, be honest with loved ones. Recommend creative options such as buying gifts for the children only or play a game of gift swapping (everyone buys one gift with limit on spending) and don't forget that the best gifts of all are homemade.

Peter Grabowski had this sage advice, "Take a walk in the sunshine. This gives you a time to plan what is possible while taking in an extra dose of Vitamin D. Be good to yourself during this time of potential seasonal stress!"

LONELINESS AND ISOLATION: Being far from family or having to face the loss of loved ones during the holidays is a serious concern for many. While it is uncomfortable to feel lonely, remember that it is also okay to experience these emotions. Talk to others who share your feelings, this can help you to feel less alone under these circumstances.

Part of the reason that holiday time can feel lonely is that our society tends to put high expectations on this time of year. Try to shift your mindset away from the perfect holiday images we see on television and in the media. Focus all of the wonderful things that bring you happiness and joy in your life. Seek out help if needed. Unresolved hurt from painful emotions can have lasting mental health implications. A counselor, mentor or pastor can be of tremendous help here.

This is a wonderful time to cultivate gratitude. Spend a few moments reflecting on what you are grateful for, instead of worrying about what you do not have. It is hard to focus on both at once. A powerful way to add meaning and purpose to life is to help those who are in need. Boost feelings of love, purpose and pride by giving to others who are less fortunate. The gift of love, laughter, health and happiness is far greater than anything that can be put in a box and wrapped up.

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Accounting	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED
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10:00 AM	Balanced Body* Dennis		Move To Improve* Larry		Balanced Body* Dennis
11:00 AM	Strength & Stretch* Tucker		Zumba® Gold* Kiti		Strength & Stretch* Tucker
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Arbor Conference Center (Dance Studios I-III)					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM		Yoga* Rhada		Yoga* Kathy	
*Face masks are mandatory					
Arbor Fitness Center 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 PM - 1:30 PM	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class	Aqua Aerobics Club
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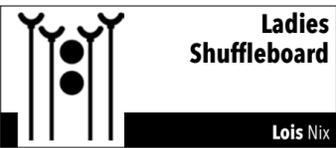
Shuffleboard

Walter Lamp

Well, we completed our first month of the new season. The turnout was good, with a few members still out of town. After playing

most of the summer and the month of September at the new courts at the Veterans Park, we feel at home with the new courts, the set-up, the facilities that were put in and our new surroundings of the park itself.

As you will see at the end of this column, we have the first scores of the new season listed and the newest members of the "30 Club."



Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix

September was a good month for shuffling; the weather was in our favor. We shuffled following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and On Top of the World guidelines. Masks were optional, but many of the ladies did wear masks. Our 9 and 11 a.m. shuffle times have had 20 women come to play. Giving the tickets to the first 20 ladies has worked very well.

Monday evening shuffle has been a little light. We changed the Monday play time from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. So, ladies if you want to shuffle on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. come on down to the shuffleboard courts at the Veterans Park. All resident ladies are welcome.

Our sponsor has asked if we could wait on ordering our new shirts and we will do so. Our board of directors talked about the new On Top of the World guidelines that outside sports can increase the amount of players; we decided to remain with only 20 players, using only five courts.

Each month we will list the ladies who won the most games (first through third place only). If we have a tie or 30-plus, we will list all

the ladies. Happy shuffling. 11-Dee Cagle; 10-Kathy Kloos; Tie at 9-Helen Anderson, Betty Delong, Lois Nix and Cindy Sipe. 30-plus: 34-Lois Nix; Tie at 33-Linda Myers, Rosemarie Lentine; Tie at 32-Sally Herrick, Lois Nix, Ann Lion.

What is the 30 club and who is eligible to join? You become a member of that club if you shoot all four discs in one frame in the scoring boxes. That is, either the seven, eight, or 10 box and the total adds up to 30 or more. This first month, we had a couple of new members, more than usual for a month. It is rather difficult to achieve, considering the fact that your opponent usually tries knock out one or two of your discs in the same frame.

Why do we make special mention of the players who do it? Because I've seen some players in my years, hit all four scoring boxes, yet fail to reach 30. They cannot join the club.

Introduction to shuffleboard will be offered on the second Saturday

of the month at the new courts at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we invite you to come down to these courts. We will go over the rules, scoring, safety and the basics of shooting the discs. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.

September Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Bob Durst/Linda McIntyre.
30 Club: 34-Max Myers, 30-Linda Myers & 30/32-Vicki Lenz.
Tuesday p.m.: Henry Erikson/Nancy & Jane Boyer.
30 Club: 30-Wayne Scales & 30-Joe Bartosh
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Softball

Tom Sheridan

Rick Munsell moved north to play softball at On Top of the World. Rick Doyle moved south. Direction notwithstanding, both guys love playing the sport as part of their retirement here.

Each autumn as On Top of the World's senior softball league opens its fall season, it's an opportunity to contrast a player who's graced our field for several years with a newbie just getting his base-running legs back. And in a curious aside, this year both are named Rick.

The intramural softball league currently fields five teams which compete Monday and Wednesday mornings at the diamond near the pavilion. Often, those who join the league for the first time after moving in haven't played since their much-younger days. Others have played much of their lives. Jeff Thomas, chair of the club's board of directors, said they work to balance the skills of teams to provide great competition.

Doyle, who joined the league in 2016, had never played softball though he competed on his high school baseball team. He and wife Kathy moved into their home in Stonebridge, coming here from New York State.

Why On Top of the World? "We knew the area since my mother lived across SR 200 in Marion Land-



Photo by Tom Sheridan

Rick Doyle, right, scoops up a ground ball as teammate Rick Munsell dashes to cover third base on the play.

ing," Doyle said. After retiring as a detective captain with the Yonkers, New York police, Doyle came south. "I knew (the community) had a softball league and was looking forward to playing. I like the competition and there are great guys in the league," he said.

Munsell is the newbie, playing his first fall season at On Top of the World. He grew up in Palm Beach County and moved to Indigo East just this summer with wife Glenda after 16 years in The Villages. Munsell is a retired U.S. Navy captain who served as a flight officer aboard aircraft carriers. After retiring, he became a veterinarian and

worked in several clinics in Florida. The Villages has a huge softball program though Munsell, who was still working a vet, wasn't able to take part. "But I knew there was softball (in On Top of the World)," he said, "and I was definitely looking forward to it." The camaraderie is great, he said.

The league, now nearly two months into the fall play, hosts three seasons a year. The fall season runs through the holiday break. Winter season continues into May and the summer season then runs until about September.

New team members can join anytime. A general practice and

new-player assessments are held each Thursday morning. A couple of practices may be required before new members are assigned to a team. For information, contact tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com.

Some Softball Club members also participate in co-ed recreational play Saturday mornings organized by another group. That's also a great place for those not be sure they remember how to play.

The league's teams are sponsored by local businesses including Ford Lincoln of Ocala, Dentistry at Bridlewood, Ocala Golf Carts, Hilton Automotive, STM Golf Carts, Fletcher Plumbing and Downtown Chiropractic.



Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sherry Winn

My heart was singing Saturday, Oct. 3, at 9 a.m. when so many people joined us for Co-Ed Community Recreational Softball! Having more than enough people for two full teams made for a lively, fun-filled

morning for all.

Pete Feliciano and the grounds team had the field greet us all by looking professionally prepared. After a warmup and stretching, coaches Joe Latham and Joe Buchner worked their magic in reintroducing participants to their dormant skills and muscles. Larry Burke graciously coached pitchers. Then it was on to actual play where Sam Mester masterfully managed one of the team's play and I the other.

In two full innings, all players took to the batter's box until they hit and both teams completed their lineups each time. Joe L. gave individual batting hints where neces-

sary and special concessions were made for more batting strength and slower legs.

Our infielders were so superbly coached they often blocked runners from having to find the stamina to run all the bases. Our fans were impressed with how masterfully everyone played. What a joy it was to see experienced players support the newbies, exercise their skills and develop team rapport and friendly competition.

It seems we now have filled a niche for working and younger residents to participate in a sport activity with or without their spouses. One gal has been so enthusiastic that she has even lured

some frequent golfers to a new way to spend their Saturday mornings!

Recreation equals fun! We will be adjusting our approach as is preferred by the participants, so please come join us on Saturdays, at 9 a.m. at the softball field. Don't worry about your lack of skill or equipment as we have both those areas covered, thanks to support from Jeff Thomas and generous members of the Softball Club. Socially distanced mingling after the game contributes to new friendships and unwinding before any weekend "chores."

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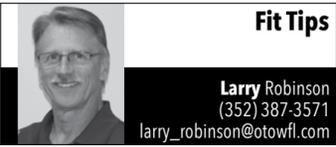
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Fit Tips

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'Merry FitMas' Exercises

Your fit tips for this month are three simple exercises you can do at home to help maintain strength and flexibility:

FIT TIP #1: "Push away from the table" for upper body strength

FIT TIP #2: "Slide down the chimney" for lower body strength and

FIT TIP #3: "Snow angels" to help with shoulder mobility.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday!



#1 Push away from the table.



#2 Slide down the chimney.



#3 Snow angels.



Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

Unfortunately, we are not yet playing mah jongg. I had hoped that by now we would be playing but I guess we are meant to rest and stay safe for our own good health. Thankfully, we can play online. I hope you are playing. I have made all the quint hands now, but I certainly don't know this 2020 card like I should by now. The bottom quint hand is an excellent one and somehow seems like an easy one for me. You have so many choices. Any consec numbers is where I seem to end up especially if I get some jokers early on in the game.

Until next month, I will say keep playing and praying that we will be able to play together before 2021. Until then ... jokers to you.

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Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

As the days grow shorter and cooler, we know that autumn is here, and with it, autumn holidays. First comes Halloween, and then, Thanksgiving. I grew up in Massachusetts, where the first Thanksgiving was celebrated approximately 400 years ago. It is still a wonderful time of family gatherings, even as our ballet classes are wonderful times of dance gathering. And, our classes follow classical ballet instruction almost as old

as Thanksgiving.

Although ballet as an art form started in Renaissance Italy, it was developed into the form that exists today later in France. That is why ballet terms, except for a few, like "ballerina" are all French. Originally, all dancers were men, but women were included in ballet performances during the French Revolution in the late 1700s. Today, ballet companies have more women than men. That is also true of our classes right now, although we have had male dancers with us from time to time, and men are welcome to share our classes as well as women.

Our classes are held four times each week in the Arbor Conference

Center Ballet Room. Our schedule is as follows:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Fridays: noon to 1:15 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 am. to 12:15 p.m.

For newcomers, ballet shoes or clothes are not necessary. All that is needed are exercise clothes, socks and a bottle of water. Remember your mask, also, since we all wear masks during class. If you want to join us, it is best to give me a call first. That way, I can learn about any past dance experience you may have and be able to welcome you when you arrive. My telephone number is (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



New Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

The New Dancin' On the Top officers wish you the best for the colorful fall season around On Top of the World. Please stay safe and well for the months of November and December. We want you to enjoy dancing when it returns in full force to our great community. Please watch for any changes to our New Dancin' On the Top calendar. Currently, we have no dance plans for the fall months. Our annual

New Year's Eve dance scheduled for the Recreation Center Ballroom Thursday, Dec. 31, has been cancelled. We hope you will stay safe and sound to welcome 2021.

A great big "thank you" to all those club members who have volunteered to help with our dances in past and future dances. Our club provides dancing for everyone - ballroom, waltz, meringue, line, free style, slow, pattern dancing, etc.

Keep checking for published dance flyers that you will see on the bulletin board later this fall and winter with these exciting themes along with ticket sale dates for each of our dances. Resident

IDs will be required at the time of ticket purchase and for entry into the Recreation Center Ballroom on our dance nights.

The New Dancin' On the Top officers are working on future dates for 2021. For club membership, ticket information, what the club is about; or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Jack or Jean Hester (919) 291-8542, (919) 669-6919 or hestermulch@aol.com; or Donna Cottrell at (410) 591-7899. The New Dancin' On the Top Club is open to all residents. So, keep on dancing for the rest of 2020 and on into the new year 2021.



Country Line Dancing

David Seay

Hey y'all! We're starting a new line dance group that will be focused on country line dancing. We'll be stompin' and boot scootin' until the cows come home! It will take place starting Sunday, Nov. 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. On Top of the World has confirmed that we can have up to 50 people in the ballroom at a time. Face masks and

social distancing will be required anytime you are in the ballroom. We may divide into two one-hour sessions to handle the crowd.

Our dancing will not be divided into levels like the other groups. We get a kick out of dancing from the most basic to the most complex dances, and with groups we have had in the past, we've found most people were happy with that too! There will not be any fees associated with this.

We had a group at Williston Crossings RV Resort that started with five people and eventually reached a total of 45 people! We even had custom t-shirts printed.

With rare exceptions, we will only dance to country music that has a beat that will make you want to get up and dance. If you want to get a feel for what we will dance, take a look at mustangone.com/linedance.html. There you will find a list of the dances we teach along with a link to a related video for each dance. We will add to the list as time goes on.

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Sidekicks Western Dance

Paula Shira

Welcome to November! We are not sure about you but for Sidekicks this year has passed in a bit of a blur. We hope everyone is safe and well and continuing to dance to the beat of their own drummer. As of when this was submitted, recorded music was once again being played at The Town Square on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Thank you to line dancer Kathy Cornell for keeping the Sidekicks up to date on the latest information on timing and protocols for dancing at The Town Square. We hope any

Sidekicks and others who are taking advantage of dancing outside are following all the rules for their own and everyone else's safety.

Sidekicks dancing is partner or pattern dancing. We dance a fixed pattern on the outside edge of the dance floor. Each partner learns their part of the pattern so in theory there is less arguing about who is leading and who is following. Note I say in theory because in our house we live by the motto that David can lead the dance as long as he's leading the way that I want him to!

Most of us had very little if any dance experience when we thought we would give this a try. Newer dancers are encouraged to position themselves in the circle with more experienced dancers in front and behind them so if they are not sure of the pattern they can watch and

pick it up from the dancers around them. Early on we learned there are no mistakes in pattern dancing, there are only variations. In fact, sometimes we will modify a dance as it was originally choreographed because someone in our club had an "oops" moment ... I mean they added a variation to the pattern and everyone else loved it!

Traditionally we dance to country western music but as most people know sometimes those lines get blurry and a country song breaks out and makes it to the hit charts. Today we dance to all types of music (admittedly mostly modern country). We encourage our club members to listen to music wherever they are and think about a dance that can be done to the song. We get some of our best recommendations on music from our

members who just happened to hear a song.

We encourage everyone who is even thinking about joining us to make use of the practice videos on the Sidekicks website: patterndancers.wixsite.com/sidekicks. You can also email us at otowidekicks@gmail.com for more information.

The priority of this club is to have fun and we sure do have a lot of fun dancing together. If we learn some dances along the way, even better. The Sidekicks circle is never complete without each and every one of you and there is always room for more.

Remember ... dancing is not only fun ... it is good for you. Dance every chance you get and dance as if no one is watching.



Line Dancing

Nancy Carmack

Fall is here, and we are happy that our line dance classes were able to start up again in September. Although our schedules are temporarily different than usual, Marilyn's classes have been very successful, and following is a personal note from her:

"I sincerely want to thank you for a great start to this line dance season!"

All of you have been diligently following safety protocols so that we are able to have stress-free classes.

As we continue into the holiday season, I have fun dances lined up, as well as lots of reviews from 2019 through 2020.

My goal is to give you a fun dance experience on Mondays and Tuesdays and leave the ballroom happy!

Thanks for making these classes so much fun and for doing your part to keep your fellow dancers safe!"

Marilyn also emphasizes that you can always move to a different class if you're not comfortable with the one that you originally signed

up for. As you advance in your dancing skills, you may move up to the next level class whenever you feel ready. Just sign up when you purchase your dance pass for the next month.

Freddie's Intermediate class is growing in size and we continually learn new dances, as well as review favorites from the past. It feels good to be getting exercise, both physically and mentally, and seeing our friends, even though we still practice social distancing.

For those of you who attend practice sessions on Wednesdays, there will be no practices Wednesday, Nov. 4, due to the voting ma-

chines being in the room.

As of Thursday, Oct. 8, The Town Square opened back up and is playing OTOW Favorites, and many of our dancers are enjoying dancing outdoors once again. Because of all the restrictions, our monthly dances are being postponed until after the new year. We will keep everyone informed of exactly when we can schedule these dances again.

For detailed information, please contact Marilyn McNeal at (352) 804-1546 for the Beginner or Improver classes, or Freddie Sharp at (352) 387-7775 for the Intermediate class.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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Democratic Club

Dan Lack

We are seeking nominations for the 2021 board of directors. You may run for any position, but we are in particular need of two new directors due to the retirement of Betty Broman and Bob Troy on Dec. 31. They contributed greatly to the success of our club and we thank them for their service. You may let us know that you are interested in

helping out via the contact information at the end of this column.

The slate of candidates for the 2021 board of directors will be presented at an online meeting of the club Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. This will be an open meeting where we will attempt to have everyone speak about issues that are important to them. We also hope to celebrate the results of the election.

The members of our club will receive an email Thursday, Nov. 19, with a link to our video message on our YouTube.com channel.

If you would like to join the Democratic Club, please use the contact information at the end of this column and provide your name, address, phone number and email address. If you are an Indigo East resident, please email a copy

of your current Gateway of Services pass. There are no dues and you will receive useful information.

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us. The Ritz is in need of disinfectant and wipes, masks, anti-bacterial soap, hand sanitizer, shoes, paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toiletries, canned food and dry food. Club members will receive "where and when" information via email.

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660 Happy Students ... and Counting

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

There are many ways to help those who could use it and those who most surely need it. One resident has come up with a very special way to put a smile on a child's face at Romeo Elementary in Dun-

nellon, Florida.

Mary Melzer loves to crochet. She started when she was just six years old and has never stopped. She and her husband Bob lived in Somerdale, New Jersey for more than 40 years, and moved to On Top of the World back in 2013. Since then she has crocheted more than 3,000 Christmas stockings. Mary said, "When I met some of those young

children at Romeo Elementary, I knew I had to unpack my crochet needles."

This year, there are 660 students, ages five to nine who will be smiling this Christmas, thanks to Mary Melzer's nimble fingers and kind heart.

Mary was first introduced to Romeo Elementary through 100 Grandparents. She is also a member of The Happy Hookers who are very generous with their donations of yarn for Mary's annual stocking project. The stockings are about eight inches in length but have a lot of stretch. They are also pretty colorful - red, blue green and white, and even some pink ones.

The stockings are filled with packaged food and toys. When Mary's car leaves her garage, she doesn't have to steer - it goes into auto-drive, directly to Sam's Club. She says that she will often get quizzical looks as she's checking out with 20 or so cases of Pringles or Rice Krispy Treats. The day before Christmas break at Romeo Elementary, Mary Melzer gathers her friends and they head over to the school with their cars filled with joy. Mary's many hours of crocheting are rewarded when she sees so many happy faces as the children reach for their stocking and smile a "thank you."

Mary Melzer said, "Of course, I can't save the world, but what I can do is put a smile on one child's face."



Photo by Ray Cech

Mary Melzer, with some of her wrapped Christmas stockings, toys and snacks for the students at Romeo Elementary.

Card Swap

By Linda Lohr

Happy fall, my fellow stampers! Unfortunately, the downside of our club having so many members is that we are not allowed as yet to meet. Until then, we are all working on cards at home for our own use. Some of us participated in a card swap which was a lot of fun. So much talent in our group! Let's hope we can soon meet in person! Until then ...

Anyone can be a presenter - and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship, socializing, and helping each other.

Our group is open to all crafters - beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group meets the first and third Thursdays

of the month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For information on any class or for general information, contact Kathy at the number/email below. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards might be a club you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hoefler at (352) 237-6439 or kathyh508@yahoo.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin', stay safe and well!



Photo by Linda Lohr

Detail of Edie Howard's swap card.

Painting the Countryside

By Gerald Mucci

After World War II and into the 50s the decline of American passenger railroads was well underway. But the gorgeous Pennsylvania countryside viewed from the rails remained worthy of tourist trains to

this day. In fact, there are a number of tourist-oriented passenger lines operating in Pennsylvania. Among them are Colebrookdale Railroad Company, Everett Railroad Company, Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway,

and Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad.

The Model Railroaders' HO gauge train layout features the beautiful countryside, small towns, and industry of western Pennsylvania. Highlighting that scenery along the four walls of the train layout is the backdrop painting being created by resident Bill Eleazer.

Bill brings a lifetime of experience and memories of striking scenes to his art expertise.

He taught art at Waynesville High School in the picturesque mountain region of Waynesville, North Carolina. During that period Bill enjoyed waterfall hiking in an area rich in mountain streams.

As a Special Forces team medic for 10 years, even then he shared his artistic talent by designing their team cup. Prior to his retirement as a sergeant major in 1984, Bill added a specialty in Army intelligence. During this period his wife, Susan, served in the Women's Army Corp.

Asked how his art skill came about, Bill explained, "I was always good with art and sculpture." After he retired from the military, he took a course in western art where he created horse sculpture. He later studied sculpture at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina.

Shortly after moving to On Top of the World five years ago when the club layout was still in the club's small room, Bill reached out to offer his artistic services. He was told his talent would be needed as soon as the club moved into its larger location. Several months ago, Bill saw a column in the World News seeking a backdrop artist. And now we see the Pennsylvania countryside coming to life in the new, greatly expanded, train room.

Residents can view this fantastic work in progress in the Hobby Building. They will be impressed.

The next club meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. The Model Railroaders Club is always welcoming new members. Email the president, Jim Lynam at lynamj1946@gmail.com with any questions.



Photo by Gerald Mucci

Bill Eleazer painting HO scene.



Art Group

Elizabeth Wales

Everyone likes lighthouses! Their history is long and fabled. The earliest ones, in the fifth century B.C. were merely stone columns with a fire on top. When transatlantic trade was in full swing, at the beginning of the 1700s, the need for more ship protection caused the necessity of erecting more, and better, lighthouses. Many ships were lost trying to find land, and they were finding it all too quickly with dire consequences. Civil engineers began to find ways to build them higher and stronger, since wind could easily damage a tower that was not solidly constructed.

Today there is great effort to preserve many of the beautiful lighthouses that are on our shores, as well as those of Europe and the rest of the world. From Maine's 65 lighthouses placed on the majestic rocky shores to the six in Florida, these images are often subjects of paintings as well as visitors.

Art Group member Freda Klump has painted many of them in various sizes. Hers is also a beacon of hope that we all soon may resume our many forms of creativity together once again. We certainly welcome newcomers to our group, and lately some of us are enjoying some painting time in the Hobby Building Art Room on Thursday mornings. Bring your mask and join us!



Freda Klump's lighthouse.

Photo by Elizabeth Wales

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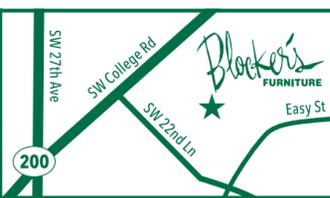
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ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip

Stay inside to vote ... in our photo contest!

ShutterBugs have entered their best photographs in our annual contest, "A Few of My Favorite Things." Three independent judges have reviewed our submissions and made their choices.

You can now see all our photos, with the judges' decisions, on our website's front page at otowspc.com.

Even better, you can email your vote for your personal favorite to win the people's choice award! (Please submit only one vote, just

like the real world.)

To vote now through Thursday, Nov. 12, place your favorite photo title in the subject line and send your email to webguy@otowspc.com.

Here are three easy tips to help you prevent blurry photographs:

STEADY AS SHE GOES: Not all of us carry a tripod around, so the next best thing is to brace your camera on a firm surface or become the tripod!

To become a stable base, hold the camera with two hands and place your legs in a wide stance. Place your left palm up, curling your fingers around the lens barrel. Hold the side with your right so that your index finger can gently press the shutter.

Smartphone users should hold it with both hands. If you press the

phone's volume control to snap your photo, you'll keep it even steadier.

FILM SPEED: You can end up with a grainy or blurry photo when you take a photo in dim light or zoom out. Try to use a film speed setting of at least 1/60 to 1/120 a second without a tripod. You can also set the self-timer on either a camera or smartphone to prevent any shake from pressing on the shutter.

FOCUS: Your camera's autofocus will perform better if you press the shutter halfway down before you snap it. That pause will allow your lens to focus on your subject.

Smartphone users often have the option of tapping the screen to "tell" the lens what's most important to focus on. A neat trick!

ShutterBug's month-long No-

vember exhibit at Master the Possibilities will give us another opportunity to "travel" again, this time to our western national parks! Carla Traut is not only exhibiting her favorite photos and canvas prints in November, but also sharing her western national park experiences in classes this winter at Master the Possibilities.

Keep in mind that there's lots to see on our recently updated club website at otowspc.com. You can view our members' galleries, along with our past years photography contest winners; or find updated schedule information.

For more information contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or guhley@cfl.rr.com.



Crater Lake in Oregon.

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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

Happy Hookers continues to meet separately, and our group continues to work privately on their projects. Many of our members learned their craft at a very young age and often from a female relative (mother, grandmother, aunt, etc.).

Research shows that there is no specific age at which a child can learn to crochet because, of course, all children learn at different paces. That said, most children can learn the basics of crochet around the age of five, and they can advance to really working on crochet patterns around the age of nine.

Knitting is very similar. Some children learn to knit around age five or six, but many don't have the necessary hand-eye coordination

(or attention span) until they're a few years older.

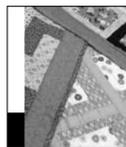
Embroidery follows suit. Children of any age can start learning to stitch, although it's normally at around six or seven that they start to show an interest in the hobby.

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues or agenda and no 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, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

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

If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, croch hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ellyn Weir at (352) 509-4355 to arrange for pickup.



Sunshine Quilters

Lyn Timm

I hope everyone has been enjoying our break from the extreme heat. All is great in the quilting world; we have been doing a combination of Zoom and meeting in the Art Room to ensure everyone has the opportunity to learn new techniques. Zoom has also been a great way to keep in touch with our members who aren't ready to join us in person.

One of our lessons was how to make microwave bowls. They turned out bright and colorful and easy to make due to our great instructor, Ruth. Her patience and guidance were appreciated by the members.

Our next lesson was how to make

holiday pillowcases, taught by Kati, who made sure everyone left with a completed one. Many of the members donated their pillowcases to the club and we'll ensure they go to one of the charities we support.

We also appreciate our members who share their knowledge and talents with us. We have some fun projects scheduled through the rest of the year - they include quilt as you go, holiday table runners, and a hanging Christmas tree. We should all have completed some fabulous Christmas gifts this year.

We meet every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. We love to have people of all levels of sewing experience join us. If you are new to quilting or have never done it before, we have a mentoring program to help you feel more comfortable. For more information either stop by on a Tuesday or call Lisa Augustine at (610) 304-1273.

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Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg

Dear members and audience: Concert Chorus activities are still suspended. However, this is a great

time to think about singing with the chorus when we can meet and begin preparing a concert. We are all hopeful that will be very soon.

Singing is a lot of fun! Especially with others. As soon as the suspension is over, join us and find out for yourself. Contact May Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or flmam68@aol.com for more information.

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Poetry

John Kinser Hall

A Gaggle

Early in the northern sky, before the morning light.
A scary noise from above, unknowing caused our fright.
Our faithful hound stood by us, the hair up on her back.
We could see she sensed our fear, no courage did she lack.
As the fog was swept aside, again the sound was heard.
An object came into our view, we saw it was a bird.
The geese were headed southward, and winter soon to be.
Our hearts were warm, all fears were gone, just so suddenly.



Poetry

Linda Toner

Halloween Ball

In late October
We take great care
For happy hour
Our costume to wear.

We'll arrive 'tween five or six
With witches and vampires in the mix
Round and round and round we go
To see whose costume is best in show.

Pick me! Pick me! Oh, I wasn't picked
But still a cupcake I can lick
What fun we had, one and all
At the Halloween costume ball.

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View from the Library

Linda Barilli

"Order to Kill" is a Vince Flynn novel featuring Mitch Rapp. It was a #1 New York Times Bestseller, written by Kyle Mills.

Kyle Mills was a bureau kid, his father was an FBI agent. Growing up Mills absorbed a lot of information about the FBI, CIA and Special Forces. He was very fascinated with chasing criminals. All of his knowledge contributed to this well written, engaging and intriguing story which revolves around Russia's attempt to control the production of oil and its price in order

to boost Russia's failing economy. This and other Vince Flynn books can be found in soft and hardcover fiction. Many thanks to the dedicated men and women who protect our country.

"The Shipping News" is a novel by Annie Proulx. It was a national bestseller and winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

If you're missing home, this story will make you realize just how lucky you are to be living in sunny Florida.

Quoyle is the main character. He is awkward and shy. Life has dealt him some hard blows and stolen his confidence. Eventually this kind and thoughtful widower with two young daughters starts out on a new journey, not knowing what the outcome will be.

The major part of this story takes place in Newfoundland, in a small fishing town. Proulx sheds light on what it is like living in this unpredictable environment and the grueling occupations of the local people. The characters begin to feel like your neighbors and friends, and you will miss them dearly when they are gone. This book really needs a sequel. It can be found in hardcover fiction.

"Sisters by Choice" is a Susan Mallory novel. Written in 2020, it explores the tremendous advances women have made since the beginning of the 20th century.

Sophie started her own business while still in college. She's so personally connected to it that she fails to accept constructive criticism. She also has problems with

relationships, both business and personal.

Kristen finds herself defined as a wife and mother. She is having a hard time trying to go forward with her heart's desire to open her own bakery. Would she be neglecting her husband and school age children? Is she being selfish?

Amber is one of those mothers who thinks her daughter was born to serve her every whimsical need. Heather feels bound to give in to her mother, to the point of neglecting her own ambitions.

It is interesting to see how Susan Mallory works around these seemingly impossible hurdles. And yes, there are happy endings for all. This book can be found in hardcover fiction.

Happy Thanksgiving to all ...



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride

The Artistic Crafts & Gifts group's Tuesday crafts show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon each week. Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of what you'll find each Tuesday. Resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website.

This month we feature the background of Julie Manna, who as a child learned to knit, crochet, needlepoint and sew. Her mother was a seamstress and always knitting and crocheting. Julie says she is her mother's daughter, making hand-crafted items as gifts for family and friends. Even now she will ask family members what she can paint for them.

Julie's love for art began during her high school years in an extensive art program, and she took every class that was available to her. This enabled her to work with many different mediums and techniques. After high school she attended a fine arts school where these skills were developed. After working for a photography studio, she decided to enroll in college and obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in education with a minor in advertising. Then she obtained a

Master of Science in education and began a teaching career in special education in New York. During her teaching career she was able to engage her students in art activities in order to enhance their learning.

In 2006 she retired from teaching and moved to Venice, Florida. On one of her trips to Venice Island she found the Venice Art Center, and later took many classes on techniques of watercolor, pastel drawings, including the use of colored pencils. She was able to paint with many prominent watercolorists during the five years she lived there. As a member of the Venice Art Center she participated in their art shows and sold her work.

Because her family lived in the Orlando area, she moved to Kissimmee in 2011 and joined the Artesian Guild Club. She continued to display and sell her work and was able to perfect her pastel pet portrait skills. She had many clients that commissioned her to do their

pet's portrait. When asked what she loves the most about the pet portraits, the answer always is the expression on the pet owner's face when they see the finished piece of art.

In 2016 she moved here and hung all of her own artwork, including those collected on her many travels; and realized there was no more wall space. Because she finds watercolor painting very relaxing and loves to paint on full sheets of watercolor paper, she began to paint five-by-seven cards and discovered that people were purchasing them

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Love During a Pandemic

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

Her mask was slightly askew. His glasses were beginning to fog. They approached each other from six feet apart. Still unsure of themselves after having met only a week ago on Zoom, they put one foot in front of the other — the space narrowed. Three feet remained.

She took the next step and he followed. Then, without further hesitation, step followed step. Only a foot now separated them. He swept off his fog dappled glasses and stared into her blue-green eyes shining brightly in the mid-day sun. As if on signal, their arms slowly stretched out and touched each other's shoulders — a slight squeeze acknowledged their feel-

ings. Courageously, yet cautiously, he allowed his blue mask to touch her flowered covering. They lingered; eyes locked. Hidden smiles beneath crushing masks bespoke of their blossoming love during a pandemic.

In the heat of the moment he reached up and gently pulled down her mask. He stepped back, his eyes squinted, and forehead wrinkled. "You're not Alice," he blurted. "No," she answered, "My sister had to study for her math exam tomorrow. She asked me to take her place - didn't think we'd take our masks off. Sorry."



Well, the hive is still buzzin'! We are so happy to be meeting in person and seeing our friends again! Everyone has a mask, one person to a table, but it is working well. Several people are still working at home to add to our inventory. Slowly, our agencies are opening up and we are able to make the donations.

Kimberly's Center for Child Protection and Kids Central are not yet open. But the following agencies are open: Marion County Public Schools Homeless & Needy Children Program, Marion County Children's Alliance, Head Start, and a new-to-us agency called Alpha House. This last agency is dedicated to young mothers and children in need.

Alpha House has requested items for infants and very young children. We do have fabric for those types of quilts, as well as material to make "dolly" blankets.

These blankets are used by children to put their dolls or action figures down for a nap while the children also nap.

While much of our fabric is donated, our major cost is for the batting. Like many clubs here, we depended on the proceeds of Rags to Riches to supplement our treasury. With the loss of those proceeds, we are currently requesting donations to be monetary so we may continue to purchase the batting needed for the quilts.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Hobby Building Art Room from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

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Some of our Karaoke Friends.



Karaoke Friends

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Do you remember the television program "Sing Along with Mitch?" That program was a beginning step for karaoke. They took the backing tracks of songs and superimposed the lyrics on the screen. Do you remember following the bouncing ball? Karaoke does not have a bouncing ball. Instead the coloring of the words changes as you should be singing them.

Since we are not able to meet, many singers have taken to YouTube.com to find karaoke versions of songs. You can still sing but without an audience. Some have gone a step further and joined a karaoke Facebook page where singers post videos of themselves singing. Now they have an audience to enjoy their singing and give them comments.

Since you are at home, why not try some fitting Thanksgiving songs? We do have thankful spirits. These can be found on YouTube.com: "Thanksgiving Day" by Ray Davies; "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" by George Winston; "I've

Got Plenty to be Thankful For" by Bing Crosby; "Thanksgiving Song" by Mary Chapin Carpenter.

Some songs talk about foods for the day: "Wild Honey Pie" by the Beatles; "Sweet Potato Pie" by Ray Charles.

Many songs sing about gratitude: "Be Thankful" by Natalie King; "Thanksgiving Prayer" by Johnny Cash; "Be Thankful for What You Got" by William DeVaughn; "Thankful" by Kelly Clarkson and one by Celine Dion; "Thanking the Good Lord" by Merle Haggard; "Blessed" by Martina McBride; "Thank You" by Keith Urban;

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Appalachian History

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Deep in the hills of Tennessee is a museum created to honor settlers in the Appalachian Mountains years ago. The Museum of Appalachia is a living history interpreting the pioneers in the early 20th century who made their homes in the Southern Appalachian region of our country. The museum will leave you with a sense of pride as you take a break from touring over 30 historic buildings that have been saved from neglect and decay.

While sitting on a bench one can clearly envision children playing from that time period - boys in bibbed coveralls and girls in soiled long dresses. Mother, dressed in a long dress with a white apron, is sweaty from washing clothes and hanging them on a clothesline. The man of the house is adorned in worn work boots along with a plaid shirt and again like the boys, sporting bibbed coveralls and wearing a straw hat over his bearded face.

The Museum of Appalachia is located some 20 or so miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee and comprises of historic buildings displayed on 63 acres. Some of those buildings displayed were the homes and businesses of some famous people while others were the property of mountain people. The museum also displays thousands of authentic relics and maintains one the country's largest folk art collections. The museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate museum.

In the museum there are three large buildings. The display barn houses one of our nation's largest collections of frontier and pioneer memorabilia while enriching the viewer with the history and background of many of the displayed

items. Another building that could take the tourist touring the museum many hours is the Hall of Fame which is home to numerous displays devoted to notable people and unusual folk items from around the surrounding area. This building also contains a Native American artifact collection along with hundreds of early American handmade and unusual musical instruments plus dozens of other exhibit items. One could spend hours in this building alone.

One of the most photographed buildings at the museum is the Hacker Martin Gristmill, which is a water-powered corn and wheat mill that was originally located in the community of Boone's Creek near Johnson City in Northern Tennessee. This building is not open to the public.

The Mark Twain family cabin is a popular destination on the museum grounds. The cabin was moved to the museum from Possum Trot, Tennessee and once served as the home of Mark Twain's parents along with some of their children. The famous writer was born some five months after the family left Tennessee in 1835 but is believed to

have been conceived in this cabin.

The next cabin is the Dan'l Boone cabin, which is a one room, dirt floor cabin that was used by 20th Century Fox as the frontier home of Daniel Boone in the CBS TV series called "Young Dan'l Boone." The cabin was constructed in the early 1800s and is furnished with early frontier/pioneer artifacts. It was moved to its present location from New River, Tennessee.

The museum has a church that was built around 1840 near Hamburg, North Carolina. The church was no longer in use and was acquired by a local farmer and then another fellow for \$35 and a cowboy hat. The pulpit and bench are reportedly from the original church. The rocking chair belonged to a Baptist preacher who rode around North Carolina "spreading the word." The museum was unable to determine the church's original name. It was modestly named Irwin's Chapel, the museum's founder.

The museum was established back in the 1960s by John Rice Irwin who followed the basic philosophy of preserving not only structures and artifacts that are relevant to the Appalachian region, but also preserving each item and artifact's individual history such as who owned it, how it was created and obtained and how it was used.

Irwin traveled all over the Appala-

chian Mountains and surrounding areas looking for buildings and other items that would add to his museum. He started his museum with the procurement of a single log structure and his perseverance has grown over four decades to include buildings such as the National Register of Historic Places which list the Arnwine cabin, a rare cantilever barn and a cabin once inhabited by the parents of author Mark Twain. The museum grounds mimic a working pioneer Appalachian farm including gardens and animals.

No early community in Appalachia would be complete without a schoolhouse. The museum's collection includes the Big Tater Valley Schoolhouse, which is a one-room schoolhouse moved from nearby Big Tater Valley located on Bull Run Creek near Union, Tennessee.

The schoolhouse was constructed in the early 1800s serving its neighborhood for nearly 100 years. It was relocated to the museum property in 1970 along with two outhouses located on both sides of the schoolhouse marked girls and the other marked boys. Teachers still conduct classes in the school today, some 200 years after being built.

There are many more notable buildings, cabins, and shops within the museum. One such place stands out by itself and that being an authentic whiskey still that was typical throughout Appalachia. The still display was built by the notorious "Popcorn" Sutton who was a free-spirited lifelong moonshiner and bootlegger and one of the most colorful characters in the region. Sutton was born in Maggie Valley, North Carolina.

Everyone who lived in an around Maggie Valley and Cocke County, Tennessee knew Sutton. Everyone within the area wanted to meet up with Sutton, either as moonshine customers or the law wanting to catch and arrest him. Sutton even produced an autobiographical guide to moonshining production called "Me and My Likker."

Sutton was given the nickname of "Popcorn" after he became frustrated and attacked a faulty popcorn vending machine with a pool cue.

The story and stories on "Popcorn" Sutton could go on forever as this character was so well known and had a very elusive past. At the end, Sutton was convicted of offenses related to moonshining and illegal firearm possession. At age 62 in March 2009, while waiting to report to federal prison, Sutton poisoned himself by carbon monoxide in his Ford Fairmont that he called, "his three-jug car," because he gave three jugs of liquor for it.

The Museum of Appalachia contains not only many buildings, most of them being constructed out of logs, but history in general about the people of Appalachia. There is a well-stocked gift shop that often has local musicians playing tunes as well as a well visited eatery.



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Hacker Martin Gristmill.

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The band – Terri Molnar, Joel Kurtz, Janet Juhlin; Singers: Bruce Herget, Jennie Stauffer, Mary Ann Berardi, Dave Guildford.



The New Pretenders calendar is as unsettled as any of them out there. We have no news on any updates. Like most people, the uncertainties keep us guessing. So, while you are guessing at things, we thought you could guess some of our hometowns.

The New Pretenders represent quite a few of our great United States. These are descriptions in the words of each pretender. Note some clues represent two of our peeps.

1. I was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island and lived in Torrington from a young age.
2. I call the small town of Elkhart, Indiana home; it is just south of the Michigan border, 100 miles east of Chicago.
3. These are the towns where we grew up: Osage, Iowa and Hamtramck, Michigan.
4. I was raised in Roseland, Illinois which is in Chicago.
5. I'm from New Bern, North Carolina, north east of Raleigh about three hours.
6. I call Monroe, New York, west of West Point Military Academy, my hometown.
7. We were both born in small towns in northwestern Pennsylvania: Brandy Camp (a coal mining town) and Clarion.
8. I was born in "hot Lanta" but raised in Macon, Georgia (middle Georgia).
9. The farthest distance award goes to Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England.
10. San Antonio, Texas is the

- entry from the biggest state represented (in size).
11. I was born in Hoboken, New Jersey (just like Frank Sinatra) and raised in Secaucus, New Jersey (six miles from Times Square).
 12. I was raised in Long Island City, New York which is in Queens and one train stop outside of Manhattan.
 13. We are both from Queens, New York.
 14. This military veteran has a short and sweet answer: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 15. I was born in Detroit and raised in the suburb of Berkeley, Michigan.

16. I was raised in a small town: Leonardo, New Jersey, along the Jersey Shore. I am an original "Jersey girl!"
17. A Southern belle writes: Charleston, South Carolina - aka, The Holy City.
18. Sweet! York, Pennsylvania, original home of York Peppermint Patties. It is located between Gettysburg, Hershey Chocolate, and Lancaster Amish!
19. I was born and raised in Apollo, Pennsylvania which is a small town about 35 miles east/northeast of Pittsburgh.
20. I was born in Minerva, Ohio;

- it's close to Canton, Akron, and Cleveland.
21. I was raised in Cheektowaga, New York but more people would recognize the larger city of Buffalo!
- ANSWERS:** 1. Dave Guildford; 2. Jeanne Wise; 3. Joel and Joie Kurtz; 4. Darlene Clark; 5. Joe Wood; 6. George Brush; 7. Rita and Tom Miller; 8. Gail Epstein; 9. Jennie Stauffer; 10. Philene Frazar; 11. George Bausewein; 12. Phyllis Pastore; 13. Mary Ann Berardi and Bob Schmitt; 14. Bill Tupper; 15. Janet Becker; 16. Linda Meyer; 17. Fran Allen; 18. Nancy Jennings-Fair; 19. Ron Fulton; 20. Nancy Kibler; 21. Nancy Grabowski.

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Author Receives Accolades

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

Not every writer can hold the reader's attention with a memoir. There's no spy involved, no superhero saving the planet, nor a super sleuth solving the crime of the century. And there are no torrid sex scenes. But On Top of the World author, Iris Diaz's memoir, "Cuba, Another Side of the Story," will keep you turning pages well into the night. And when you've reached the "after word," you will wish for volume two.

Iris Diaz's life has many chapters. They are filled with adventure, excitement, sorrow and happiness. Growing up under Batista and then Castro was a challenging time for all Cubans during those early years. As a young child and then a blossoming teenager, Iris had to find her way in the world.

Mature beyond her years, she sought stability in the arts; first, studying the piano, then voice and then acting in school plays, and later, in off-Broadway productions. Like any teenager growing up in the 50s, Iris was in love with Elvis, movies and skating as well as just plain being rebellious.

She also witnessed both poverty and wealth. Whenever she saw Cubans poorer than she, Iris would ask God why he wasn't taking care of them, as well as those who luxuriated in the Havana good life. Iris paid little attention to politics that was roiling Cuba in the 50s, but yet,

couldn't avoid hearing the bombs, gun fire, and about neighbors simply disappearing. When her grandmother woke her up on New Year's Day 1959 and told Iris that Batista had fled the country and Castro had "won," Iris rolled over and went back to sleep.

In 1961, at the young age of 16, Iris Diaz managed to leave Cuba for Miami. She attended Barry University studying education, speech and drama. Following graduation, she taught school for a year, and then Iris joined a nunnery. After two years of doing good deeds, she headed for The Big Apple. In New York City, her talents burst forward. She took acting lessons and was in several off-Broadway plays, and in summer theater. While honing her skills as an actress with the Spanish Theatre Repertory, Iris also taught at Hunter College Elementary and St. Paul's in Manhattan.

Eventually, Iris established a TV career at NBC. She spent 13 years at the studio in several positions (e.g., news researcher, associate producer, and videotape engineer).

Iris Diaz moved to Marion County in August 1989 and bought her first horse, a Paso Fino named Don Dinero - Mr. Money. Four years later she bought a small horse farm and named it Manhattan Acres. For the next 26 years, she rescued, trained and rode Paso Finos along Florida Greenways. In January 2019, she

became a resident of On Top of the World.

Her book, that articulates her life under Batista and Castro, is a memoir masterpiece. It is dedicated to Encarnacion L. Herrera, her

nana. "You shaped my soul and inspired me to write this book. You will forever live in my memories." Ms. Diaz's follow-up book "My Many Lives," is in-the-computer and is scheduled for release in 2021.



Resident author, Iris Diaz.

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FOR SALE, WANTED AND LOST/

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For Sale

Appliance: Walgreens humidifier with manual. Best offer. (352) 355-3569.

Clothing: Land's End men's down jacket, XL, beige, \$35. (352) 237-7366.

Clothing: Large variety of ladies clothing (small, medium & large) & shoes (6 & 6-1/2). (352) 843-6519.

Collectibles: Lladro - girl in green dress, \$75; running duck, \$25; girl with milk pail & duck (retired), \$75. (352) 873-2966.

Furniture: Brown oval wicker table with glass top, 60" x 42" x 30" h, \$60. White wicker settee with two custom made interchangeable cushions, 52" x 28", \$85. (352) 414-5737.

Golf Cart: 2000 Club Car, blue and white, four seats, rain panels, 48-volt with charger. (352) 229-1074.

Holiday Décor: Dicken's Christmas house and Hess truck collections. (352) 414-0225.

Misc. Item: Large freestanding garage fan. (352) 414-0225.

Misc. Items: Celestron Vistapix binocular & digital camera (#72203), \$15. Sony Cyber Shot digital camera (#DSC-S730), \$30. Kodak Value charger (#K620), \$15. (352) 237-7366.

Misc. Items: Early American Fostoria glass, 44 assorted pieces, \$100. Singer sewing machine, \$25. Tap dance shoes, ladies size 10, \$15. (352) 304-9159.

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Transportation: Cabin fever? Myrtle Beach, Cherokee, Knoxville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Biloxi, Naples, Miami or wherever your favorite place is located. Fully insured, safe, secure and sanitized private transportation. Terry (615) 513-8240 (resident).

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Wanted

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HAM Radio Operators: Support the Community Emergency Response Team in the event of a disaster. Please email sue.grib@yahoo.com.

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