

Community News

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Safety Check-up

March is a great time for a safety check-up. The holidays are over, the family and guests are back wherever they came from and it is just you and your home (finally!). So, ask yourself a simple question: What do I do if ... ?

Ask yourself, do I enjoy walking or biking in the community in the evening or early morning hours? If the answer is yes, do you wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight for signaling oncoming traffic, or have proper red/white lights on your bicycle? I enjoy walking in the community in the cooler weather, and I am the first to admit that sometimes I forget to take precautions. Note to self: practice what I preach!

Another lifesaving question to ask, if I were to have a kitchen fire, do I have a fire extinguisher handy and could I use it? If I had a water leak into my unit, would I know what to do or who to call?

If I am getting out of the tub or shower, is my bathmat absorbent and non-skid? Do I have a properly installed grab rail in my tub or shower?

Have I overloaded any extension cords with too many plug-in items? This is much more common than you think!

Do you have a first aid kit in the home? How old is it? Do you maintain an up-to-date emergency contact list? Do you remember where it is? When was the last time you checked it? Do you keep a clearly legible list of current emergency contacts, your primary physician, and any medications you are taking in a clearly identified vial in the refrigerator? You will also want to post a reminder on the refrigerator door that vital information is stored there. This can be a life-or-death difference to you should emergency responders be needed.

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Board Meeting

The On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association board meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb. 17, with approximately 100 residents in attendance and another 150 attending online. The purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2021-2022 operating budget and other items. The board addressed numerous questions, some of which pertained to the postponement of roof replacements until later in the year due to market volatility, supply shortages and rising labor and material costs.

The difficulties of 2020 are continuing into 2021 when it comes to construction materials and labor availability. Despite requesting nine qualified roofing contractors to submit, exactly zero submitted a bid for this year's work. That leaves your board in a lurch. The prudent course is to wait 90 days or longer before we go back to market to again seek proposals from qualified contractors.

The board is facing another problem and that is honoring and completing approximately 300 roofs still outstanding on last year's resolution. This is an evolving situation largely controlled by limited shingle supply across all manufacturers. Partly due to raw material shortage, manufacturing plant closures and rolling labor shortage. At this writing, the only thing for sure is that there will be delays. As if this weren't bad enough, a new building code has taken effect requiring additional wind mitigation measures be taken on all re-roofing work. Ultimately this is a good thing, but it does introduce additional labor and materials into the equation. The board had anticipat-



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2020 Ocala Open winner – Michael Visacki.

Ocala Open

By Matt Hibbs

How would you like to be standing over a 10-foot putt with a chance to win \$15,000? Year after year, that's what the Ocala Open presents to up-and-coming professional golfers.

Wednesday, March 24 through Friday, March 26, Candler Hills Golf Club will host its 15th annual Ocala Open. The Ocala Open is a professional golf tournament run by Rick Hendershot, director of the Florida Professional Golf Tour. Each year, a field of 144 professional golfers competes for a chance to win the first place prize of \$15,000.

We have had many great players come to Candler Hills to compete in this prestigious event. Current PGA Tour player, Ted Potter Jr. won back-to-back championships in 2010 and 2011, Dan McCarthy, currently playing on the Korn Ferry Tour, won back-to-back Opens in 2015 and 2016. Most recently, Michael Visacki, won with a score of 197 (16 under par).

For a true first class experience visit the VIP tent adjacent to the 18th green. This beautiful viewing

area is set up for spectators who wish to relax under a tent while watching these spectacular golfers compete for the Ocala Open championship. Tickets for this luxurious seating area can be purchased in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. A portion of the ticket proceeds goes to the charities.

The most important part of the Ocala Open is the charity Pro-Am. Annually, the Pro-Am is the biggest fundraiser in Ocala. With the support of local vendors and residents, we were able to raise \$70,000 for charity last year and presented both Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County a check for \$35,000 each. To date, the Ocala Open has donated over \$733,000 to local charities. This event has not only become a tradition at On Top of the World, but a staple to our community.

Interested in participating in the Pro-Am to help support these great organizations? This year's Pro-Am will be played on Tuesday, March 23. The entry deadline is Friday, March 5 and is limited to 30 teams.

If you would like more information, please visit ocalaopen.com or contact Director of Golf Matt Hibbs at (352) 854-2765.

To orchestrate an event of this stature, you must have exceptional employees and that's something we certainly have at On Top of the World. Every year, our employees put in countless hours to ensure the event's success. Andy Jorgensen and his maintenance staff do a wonderful job preparing the course. The players rave about how well maintained Candler Hills Golf Course is and in particular the greens. We can't forget about the 30 volunteers who so graciously donate their time to make sure the players have an enjoyable experience. Thank you to all for your continued support of this charitable event.

Candler Hills Golf Club is proud to annually present the Ocala Open. We have fine-tuned the event over the years and it has become not only one of the best professional golf events in Ocala, but all of Florida. Please take time out of your busy schedule to come watch these players compete for this year's Ocala Open title.



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Aerial view of On Top of the World's new storage and RV parking facilities.

New Storage and RV Parking Facilities

By Phil Panzera
World News Writer

On Top of the World is pleased to announce the opening of two new facilities to upgrade recreational vehicle parking and storage for its residents. These facilities are located in the newly built area beyond The Arbors, just past and on the right side of the roundabout.

The Longleaf RV Parking Facility is a new, first-rate, paved parking lot for RVs, motor homes, cars, trailers and campers. It has 45 covered spaces and over 200 uncovered spaces, all varying in lengths from 25 to 60 feet. The facility also includes two air fill stations, and

four fill and washout stations.

Monthly rates for uncovered spaces range from \$70 to \$172, and for covered spaces the rates vary from \$150 to \$360, tax included.

Adjacent to the parking facility is the new Longleaf Ridge Storage Facility. Like many storage facilities, it has a mix of interior air-conditioned units and exterior storage units without air-conditioning.

The facility's seven buildings include 58 exterior units, ranging in size from nine by 13-feet to nine by 28-feet, with monthly rental prices from \$80 to \$170, tax not included.

The facility also provides 218 interior air-conditioned units, ranging in size from four by four-feet to 10 by 17-feet, with monthly rental prices from \$40 to \$200, tax not included.

Aside from the unbeatable convenience of having storage and parking facilities within the community, the prices above are competitive with other public facilities. On Top of the World has continually provided highly favorable rates and has held prices for its current facilities stable for the last several years.

There are a limited number of the very small and very large storage units, so if you're interested in one of those you should add your name to the waiting list. For additional information, contact Resident Services at (352) 236-6869.

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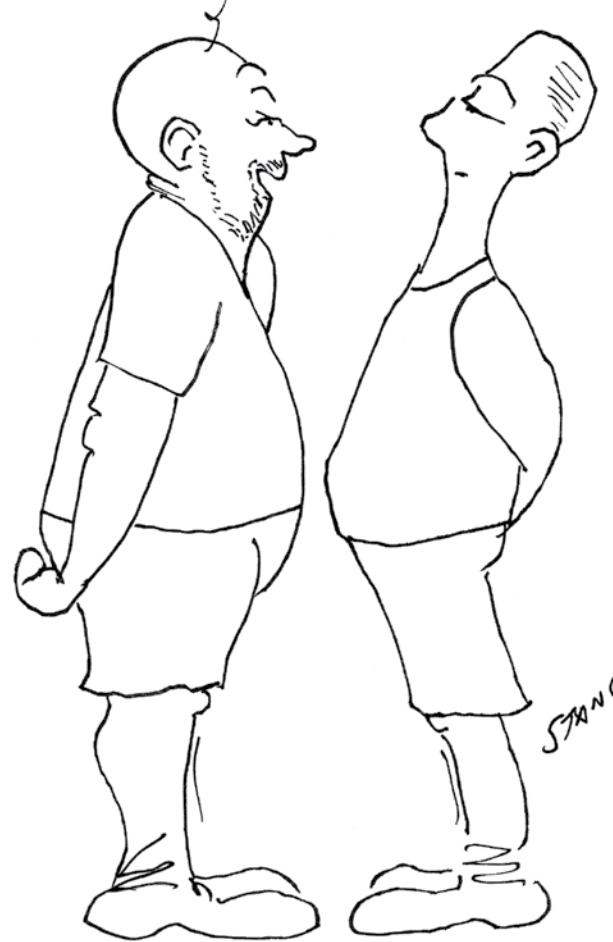
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By Stan Goldstein



Failure is an opportunity to begin again.

Is It Legal?

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Scammers are using emails, text messages and even telephone calls to tell you that for a fee, they can get you on the COVID-19 vaccination list. Or maybe they say the U.S. government intends to send you funds to pay for your vaccine, but you have to sign up for a vaccine supplemental payment that will go straight to your bank account. Of course, they will need your bank account numbers.

Need I say more? If someone wants bank account information, it's a scam. And while I am on the subject, if someone wants you to go to Target and buy some kind of gift card, that too is a scam. Please be cautious.

A while ago, I met with an 88-year-old client to discuss a mat-

ter where my client's daughter from a first marriage was threatening to sue to find out what the client's will provided. I believe the daughter's husband prompted the daughter's action.

Apparently, the son-in-law or the daughter, had concluded that the mother had changed her will and had "cut out" the daughter from her "inheritance." Therefore, the daughter threatened to sue to find out what was in the will and to prevent my client from changing anything that removed the daughter from receiving a "full share."

However, my client brought her son with her to our meeting. He was from a different relationship or marriage than the daughter. However, since the mother had brought her son into our meeting, I considered that I had an ethical problem to confront. The reason was that I did not know if the mother had been influenced by her son to do whatever she did with regard to her will. I mentioned this and the son

told me that he, himself, did not know what the mother's will said and the reason he came with her was that she no longer drives.

His answer did not solve my ethical problem. The client and I agreed that she would reschedule her appointment and she would have a neighbor bring her, next time. The point I want to make is that care should be taken in bringing a child to a meeting on estate planning, especially when it may be that not all children are included in the will (or trust), equally. This causes a question of undue influence and whether one child is influencing the parent in ways that are detrimental to other children of the family.

We are always concerned when someone other than the client comes into an appointment. Some lawyers might refuse to let a child or advisor into an estate planning meeting. We are not comfortable with that, but we are willing to obtain more facts before deciding whether the child can remain in the meeting.

By the way, just because someone thinks they are or might be added to or removed from a will, does not give that person any right to see what is in the will. Nor can a person be prevented from changing his or her will whenever he or she wants to do it. So, in the case I just explained, when I met again with my client, I put her mind at ease, and nothing further happened.

Have you ever wondered who can be the personal representative of an estate? If so, you are not alone. Many folks feel that they have no one for that role. In Florida, the following persons can qualify to be the personal representative of someone's estate:

1. Any Florida resident over the age of 18 who is not a convicted felon and who has not been determined incapacitated and thus unable to handle the work of being a personal representative.
2. If the person is not a Florida resident then they must be a blood relative or the spouse of a blood relative, including adopted, over the age of 18,

not a convicted felon. Thus, a child or a niece or nephew neither of whom are Florida residents can certainly qualify.

What about that bank or trust company? Yes, if they have trust powers in Florida. No, if they don't. What about your lifelong friend who is not a blood relative or adopted and not a Florida resident? No. What about your spouse's favorite niece who is not a Florida resident, but you love and trust her? Well, although your spouse's niece could qualify to be your spouse's personal representative, unless she's a Florida resident she cannot qualify for you.

However, here's something that is interesting. This only applies to being the personal representative of a will. Thus, that special niece but who is of your spouse's blood but not yours and who is not a Florida resident, can indeed be the agent under your durable power of attorney and can be your health care surrogate under your advance directive and can even be the trustee or successor trustee under a living trust.

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West Port High School JROTC color guard ceremony at Operations Helping Heroes Saturday, Feb. 20.



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Dr. Damon Friedman of SOF Missions.

Operation Helping Heroes

By Kinley Rogers

The second annual Operation Helping Heroes Charity Golf Tournament took place Saturday, Feb. 20, at Candler Hills Golf Club. Thank you to all of our sponsors and players who showed their support and helped raise over \$67,000 to support military veterans going through the Shield of Faith (SOF) Missions Resiliency Project. The tournament winners were gifted with small trophies to commemorate the event.

SOF Missions is a non-profit organization out of Tampa, Florida, that empowers warriors to find their purpose, be resilient and live well. The organization develops personalized care plans for veterans and walks with them through 365 days' worth of care that encompasses psychological, social, spiritual, and

physical care. SOF Missions was founded by Dr. Damon Friedman, a retired Lt. Colonel in the Special Forces community and a decorated combat veteran. Alongside his wife, Dayna Friedman, and the SOF Missions team, this organization has saved countless veterans' lives.

A special thanks to our 2021 sponsors, First Federal Bank (platinum), Raeven Health (gold), Earthscapes (bronze), and Polyverse (bronze). We also thank Mike Scott Plumbing, The Floor Shoppe, Sun Kool Air AC, Ocala Gazette, Romulo Camogliano, MD, Morrison Insurance Agency, Jaguar Land Rover Ocala, Athenian Private Client Group, Friedman Force, EZ Golf Cart, and Mile2 for their support towards Operation Helping Heroes.



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ed that the scheduled work would be completed before the new building code took effect. Your board is working with contractors in an effort to honor their bids and minimize any impacts on residents.

The Association does not carry reserves for roof replacement because replacement is an obligation of the individual owner and not the Association at large. A good rule of thumb is to set aside 1/15th of the estimated cost of replacement, using the last cost information you have on the roof replacement. Inflate that number by 2% each year.

The fiscal year 2020-2021 community-wide improvement work was reviewed, and the program was explained in detail. Other programmed work will include the addition of new pickleball courts, softball field improvements, a substantial amount of roadway resurfacing, and community growth and development update. Permitting

has progressed on a new pavilion for the Recreation Center pool area.

As discussed in the December annual meeting, your board will again reestablish dialog with Spectrum for those who reside in neighborhoods where there is a Spectrum bulk cable service agreement in place. More on these discussions will be published later in the year.

Your board is committed to providing an expansive bundle of services available for residents. We strive to provide access to numerous fitness, recreation, entertainment, and educational programs good for both the body and soul. Your board strives to build and reinforce the sense of community, enhance the opportunity to make friends, and enjoy the peace of mind of living in a safe and clean community.

Winter Weather and Shrubbery

March can be a tricky month when it comes to the weather. We may have wonderfully warm days and cold nights. Do not remove seemingly damaged plants prematurely. Plants affected by the cold may surprise you with their recovery. Withhold pruning back until

mid-April. There may be several more periods of cold and possible frost.

Pruning at this point will spur plant growth that is vulnerable to the cold. Rather, wait until mid-April to consider any pruning of owner added plantings. Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter, so be forewarned.

Lawns and shrubbery will continue to grow, albeit very slowly, when the ground temperature warms above 65 degrees. That said, watering requirements are significantly less during the cooler months.

Predatory Real Estate Practices - Avoid Being Scammed

It seems like a day doesn't go by that I don't get a card or letter in my mailbox to the effect of "Urgent that you contact me! I'll buy your home." My first thought isn't printable. I'd like to believe this sort of scam violates Florida law. The jury is out on that, I suppose.

There's another part of this scam. Perhaps, many of you have seen it. In this one, there's a message on your phone that so and so is in the neighborhood and is looking to buy your home and the condition of it doesn't matter.

If you answer the card, or if you return the phone call, the scammer knows you are interested. You become the "mark" and then they will prey.

So, what is going on? If you received either of these scams, and that's what they are, you have possibly been contacted by someone who either wants personal information and who wants to buy your home cheaply and flip it for a large profit. They make it sound like it's quick and easy money by offering cash for a quick sale of your home or condo.

"Cool" you may think but hold on a minute. A sales price isn't mentioned. How do you know what your home is really worth? The prospect of easy money fast and probably without a commission may be enticing, but how do you know if this is a real deal or just another scam to obtain private and personal information from you - which, by the way, is what it is. For that matter, how do you know what your home is really worth on a true real estate

market? How would you feel if you left \$20,000 to \$40,000 in real value on the table?

This unfortunately happens often. It is common that homeowners, often seniors, find themselves enticed into selling their homes for below a fair market value. Scammers are not stupid. They know that our seniors have the money.

According to the Florida Attorney General's office, retirement communities are target for these predatory home-buying practices for many reasons. We may become frail from illness and need to move to a care facility. Maybe you've lost a spouse and can't bear to be in the home you shared together. Maybe medical debt is a burden, and you see no other way than get living expenses before going on to Lord knows what.

Often times, these "fast money buyers" employ deceptive or high-pressure tactics to cheat an owner out of their home or to obtain personal and private information. I recently read a story of a woman in a downtown Atlanta neighborhood who refused to sell, despite repeated offers. The aggregator reported her to the city for code violations. Finally, after being dunmed by multiple warnings from city code enforcement, and lacking the funding to make the necessary repairs, the woman relented and sold for a below-market price. The home shortly thereafter was sold for multiples of what he was paid. Flipping is the term for this practice and this is the goal to begin with: fast money.

It takes some patience and restraint, but your real estate may be your most valuable asset. Know its value.

Of course, the most reliable way to value your home and also to sell it is to work with a reputable real estate brokerage firm and establish an estimate of market value based on recent sales of comparable properties. This is fast and most brokers will do it as a courtesy. Of course, you may be asked to sign a listing contract for the sale of your property. But that's fair if you are serious about wanting to sell. And if you are not serious, why would you ever have been talking to these scammers?

Finally, a broker moderated sale may take a little longer (not by much in this market), but you can be comfortable that you are not leaving value on the table.

If you get a mailer, ignore it. If someone leaves a phone message to the effect that he or she is in the neighborhood and wants to buy your home, do not respond. Scammers are all over us these days. Sure, we want to trust other folks even when they call or send us a card. We want to do that; but we can't.

Safety Tip

For those of you who use dryer sheets, now is a good time to scrub your lint vent with a brush and hot soapy water. Some dryer sheets emit a waxy substance that adheres to the mesh lining of the lint trap screen. If you run hot water over your lint vent and the water does not pass through the mesh, then it is a good idea to clean your lint vent. Consider using wool or plastic dryer balls instead of the dryer sheets.

Conservation Tip

Depending on the type of irrigation system, shaving two minutes off each irrigation run time yields 18 to 26 gallons per zone per run cycle which can save 77 to 112 gallons per month per zone for once-per-week watering and 155 to 224 gallons per month per zone for twice-per-week watering. Overall, on a monthly basis you have the potential to reduce your water consumption from 542 gallons to 1,565 gallons depending on the time of year and specific run times on each zone, assuming seven zones. Monthly water savings for seven zones may cost in a range of \$1.41 to \$7.67 for once-per-week watering and \$2.82 to \$15.34 for twice-per-week watering depending on the rate tier.

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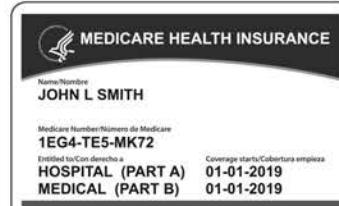
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March is designated as National Women's History Month, recognizing and celebrating women in schools, workplaces and communities throughout the country. Wednesday, March 17, has us celebrating St. Patrick's Day and most of us enjoy corned beef and cabbage. The first day of spring falls on Saturday, March 20, which will be much appreciated coming out of winter.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight saving time is Sunday, March 14, so we are setting our clocks one hour later. Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks as daylight saving time provides a convenient reminder. You may also want to clear out expired medications at this time.

Budget Meeting

The board of directors meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association was held Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Circle Square Cultural Center and was well attended. The board took action to approve the 2020-2021 budget, and board reports included discussing budget drivers, on-going challenges and projects for this budget year.

Ocala Open

As a reminder, the 14th annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Course is just days away! We have been hosting this wonderful event for many years and have raised over \$663,000 for our charities.

The Ocala Open is sure to be the largest charity golf event in Marion County in 2021 and will be held on March 24, 25 and 26 with a Pro-Am Tuesday, March 23. You still have time to sign up to participate in the Pro-Am, which will help benefit our two local charities - Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. The professional tournament will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight professional golfers from around the world. You will not want to miss this - come



out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf.

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Resident Services

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- Closed daily, from noon to approximately 12:30 p.m. as lobby must be clear for sanitizing.
- Closed the third Wednesday of every month (March 17), 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. As a reminder, Resident Services is now located in Friendship Commons, Suite 500, and new resident orientations are by appointment only in Suite 200.

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Rule of the Month

We have been receiving a large number of complaints regarding behavior at the dog parks - yes, both human and pet behavior complaints. Residents utilizing the parks must be able to control their dog at all times and follow the dog park rules. The code of conduct for all facilities is listed at <https://ontopoftheworldinfo.com/amenity-information/amenities-general-rules/#gencond>. Appropriate social behavior and respectful treatment of others is expected.

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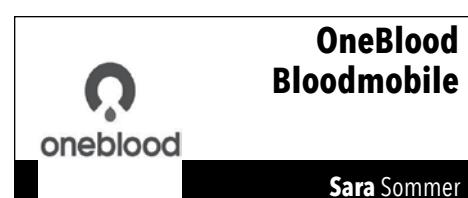
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Republican Club

Elizabeth Woodard

On Friday, Feb. 12, the Republican Club's meeting theme was "Lincoln Day." President Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The opening prayer was given by Brenda White and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Elizabeth gave new members and guests the opportunity to introduce themselves and she recognized everyone who celebrated a birthday in January and February.

Tom Hauck accepted the duty of acting as the nomination chair for the 2021 election of club officers. He explained the process and the duties of each officer. He gave the current officers the opportunity to express their desire to stay in office since few meetings were conducted in 2020. Voting for new officers will be conducted at the March meeting.

In the spirit of the meeting theme, President Elizabeth explained the importance of the Lincoln legacy to the Republican Party. Everyone knows, of course, that he was famous for the Gettysburg Address, abolishing slavery and his untimely assassination. He also, by executive order in 1863, wrote the Emancipation Proclamation, which gave freedom to the slaves. In addition, President Elizabeth shared a few

relatively unknown Lincoln trivia: he was a wrestler and was defeated only once in about 300 matches, which resulted to his induction to the Wrestling Hall of Fame; and he created the Secret Service. Lincoln also obtained a patent for inventing equipment allowing ships to travel in low waters without sinking. He also test-fired rifles on the White House property.

After sharing this information with the membership, President Elizabeth presented Brenda and Gary White with a certificate of appreciation for their exemplary service and dedication to the Republican Club. One of the services they provide is the sale of political items at club events. They generously donate part of their profits to the club treasury. Gary also provides the sound system for all club activities and Brenda assists with all opening prayers at club events. They are both invaluable to the success of our club and exemplify all that Lincoln provided to our county in the same quiet, unassuming manner.

After the meeting, everyone was invited to enjoy cookies, coffee and conversation.

Fellow Republican residents are invited to join our friendly, welcoming group to discuss political issues, candidates, and current events — both locally and nationally. For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at (518) 534-0201. Your call will be answered as soon as possible.



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Brenda and Gary White accepting the "Lincoln Day" award from President Elizabeth Woodard.

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One of the most exciting elements in March for me is the official start of spring. I am not one who appreciates the briskness of winter, but rather the warm spring sun with flowers growing and birds chirping, and longer days of sunshine.

Not just about the great weather, the month of March, named after the Roman god of war, is also known for a few historical anniversaries. One said anniversary is the assassination of Julius Caesar March 15. Professor Jason Lundock will be facilitating a course to highlight the life and legacy of Julius Caesar on that anniversary.

According to Lundock, Julius Caesar has left an indelible mark on western civilization and still has an influence across the world today. Participants are invited to join Lundock Monday, March 15, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Live Oak Hall to look at the man and legend, and hear highlights of the personality, political actor and military genius of said Julius Caesar. Cost to attend is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Taking full advantage of the spring weather, our curriculum hosts outdoor events this month as well. For those who love to paint outdoors, the "Plein Air Painting Workshop" at Sholom Park Tuesday, March 23 through Thursday, March 25, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. with Vanessa Fuller-Brown is one not to miss. The idea is for participants to be inspired by the gorgeous scenery of Sholom Park, while learning to develop an independent image

using water soluble oil paints. Cost to attend this three-day workshop is \$105 for members and \$110 for non-members.

Not too artistic? Join instructor Christine Weiss at Chasin' A Dream Farm for a hands-on experience with new foals. While at the farm, participants will learn what it takes to breed and raise a racehorse. Cost to attend this field trip is \$47 for members and \$52 for non-members. Keeping attendance socially distanced, Master the Possibilities has four different dates and times in March for this event. Feel free to visit masterthepossibilities.org or call our main office at (352) 861-9751 for information on available dates and times this month.

Learn about emerging trends in the art scene in Marion County from various organization leaders Wednesday, March 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to hear what these lead-

ers have in store for the future to keep the arts alive in the community. This informative panel discussion will be moderated by Jaye Baillie, executive director of Marion Cultural Alliance, in Live Oak Hall. Cost is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members.

There are more than 200 class opportunities this month at Master the Possibilities. Topics include historical classes like "From Truman to Hiroshima - The Story of the Building and Deployment of the Atomic Bomb" and skillset events like "Beginner Tap" to "Herbs in Your Garden" and "Beginner Sign Language." Visit our website 24/7 for a complete list of upcoming and new courses and events. For help with registration, or course specific questions, call our main office at (352) 861-9751 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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We are a friendly group and ready to answer questions by giving drivers directions should they become lost (we have maps).

Road safety is our primary goal, reminding car and golf cart drivers the rules within the community. The Community Patrol has no citation giving authority, that's MCSO's job, but their officers are on site from time to time, so be careful.

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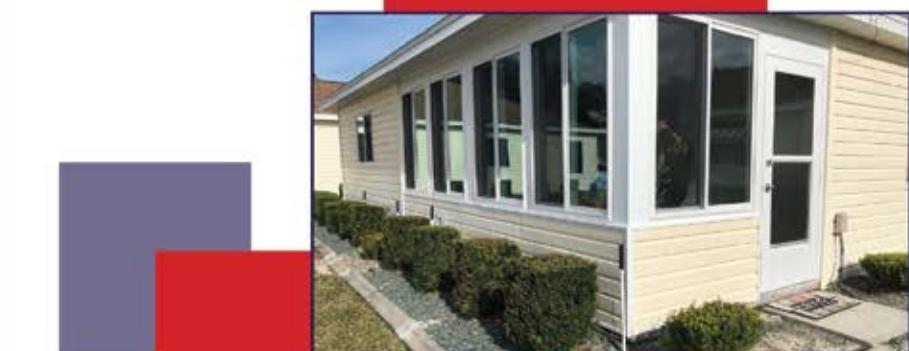
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We hope everyone had a happy Valentine's Day. March is here and we have a date for our first potluck dinner - Monday, March 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. The potluck is limited to 50 people, so we are asking everyone interested to email or contact me to reserve your spot. All dishes need to be in throw away containers with tops or your own container only if it has a top. I need some volunteers to help with this event, please send an email. There will be a raffle also this evening.

I look forward to meeting all of you at our first outing of 2021. We will have a short meeting at the beginning of our get together. If you are new to any of the Avalon neighborhoods and have not had your information added to the email contact list, or if your previous information needs to be updated send contact me at avalonsocialclub@gmail.com or (352) 951-9711.

GOT TRASH?
Please put all trash in compactor.

Our neighborhood is busy preparing for the Williamsburg tag sale which will take place Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All residents are invited to visit one or all of our participating households. With such a large variety of items to choose from, you are sure to find something special you just cannot live without! See you Saturday!

Planning is underway for our neighborhood spring picnic, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, from noon to 2 p.m. This year's gathering will be a bit different from previous years. Bring your own brown bagged lunch and a chair. We will be following the current health and safety guidelines including face coverings, social distancing, and limited attendance. Soon a flyer announcing the picnic and the sign-up process will be emailed to Williamsburg residents. Save the date and watch for further details.

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

Our first event of 2021 will take place Sunday, March 14. Those residents with tickets will meet at the Veterans Park pavilion at 4 p.m. for our barbecue. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost of each ticket is \$5, which will include the entree you requested at ticket purchase, sides, cookies and choice of water, iced tea, or lemonade. Your resident ID must be shown both when purchasing tickets and at the event.

We are following On Top of the World safety protocols, which is why there are only 50 people allowed at this event, including the workers. Please remember this event is for residents only, no guests will be permitted.

In accordance with the safety protocols, face masks must be worn, and six feet of social distancing will be necessary. We will be using the tables inside the pavilion for food, so it will be necessary for attendees to bring their own chairs and small folding tables, if you wish. Please remember, only two people are allowed at a table.

Of course, you may also sit in your golf cart.

Our theme for this fun event will be St. Patrick's Day, so feel free to wear green, if you choose. We will also be playing a game called On Top of the World trivia, with prizes for winning as well as door prizes!

The planning committee realizes only 50 people, including workers, attending our event will not be fair to the majority of Friendship residents. Therefore, we are planning a second barbecue Wednesday, April 11, also at the Veterans Park pavilion. Tickets will again be sold in advance for \$5, and again only 50 will be sold.

Please, if you attend the March event do not purchase a ticket for the April event. We are trying make it fair to as many residents as possible. Tickets will be sold Monday, March 22 through Wednesday, March 24, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Recreation Center veranda.

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship Village only.

More information will be available in the next edition of the World News. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, setup, cleanup, cook, or serve, please contact Carron Janssen at (847) 529-6183 or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

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Many of you have already or will be getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Please remember that vaccinated or not, you are still required to observe the safety protocols established for all residents in our community. Six-foot social distancing and wearing a face mask inside facilities, at all times, is mandatory. Outside wearing a mask is recommended but required within six feet.

Thank you to all Indigo East residents for your cooperation and patience in these challenging times.

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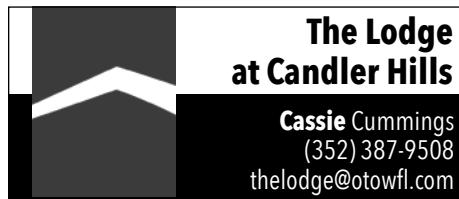
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Welcome spring! As I am sure we are all looking forward to fresh and new beginnings, it's nice to feel that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Many residents have already received or will be receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. Safety protocols have not changed and are still in place at all amenities, at this time.

- Indoors - six feet of social distancing, wearing face masks, and using hand sanitizer.



Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton

The Indigo East Spring Craft Show will take place Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Only Indigo East crafters may be able to display their crafts. Participants and patrons are required to wear a face mask, social distance and abide by the On Top of the World safety guidelines and rules. The Indigo East Social Committee is looking forward to seeing you at this event.

It is my hope that by the time you read this column, our Florida spring season has begun, and pretty flowers are growing all over Indigo East. In New Jersey, the hearty crocus flower was the first to bloom after a long arduous winter. However, I just read that in Florida, yellow daffodils are the first to bloom in spring and can begin to bloom as early as the month of February, depending on the planting zone and temperature. From the end of March to early June, wildflowers grow on roadsides and open fields. Nothing welcomes spring in Florida like the beauty of the wildflowers.

Here are some fun facts regarding March.

I'm sure you have heard the old expression, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb." In New Jersey, that expression meant that March began with very cold, snowy and windy weather of winter and warmer days of early spring completed the end of the month. That expression isn't so prevalent in Florida as our weather varies greatly from the weather of the north.

Another expression in March is "Beware of the ides of March." The

Outdoors - six feet of social distancing and wearing face masks, if social distancing is not possible.

We continue to monitor daily cases and any changes to these safety protocols will be posted on otowinfo.com. We look forward to when we can safely begin planning some much-needed fun activities.

Here at The Lodge at Candler Hills, we are looking forward to planning a weekly happy hour every Friday, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Candler Hills residents. More details to come.

2022 bookings are now being accepted for rooms at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. Please remember room requests are done on a

year-to-year basis and a Candler Hills resident ID will be required for booking. These bookings will not be approved until late summer of this year.

Standard operating hours for The Lodge at Candler Hills are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Although indoor events are still cancelled until further notice, outdoor activities are available. The pools at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center are open and close at dusk.

Please remember to bring your Candler Hills resident ID to use the amenities, and two guests are welcome with a Candler Hills resident.

Please take note of our monthly pool cleaning schedule closures:

The Lodge at Candler Hills pool is closed on the last Wednesday of the month.

The Candler Hills Community Center pool is closed on the second Wednesday of the month.

Residents, please note only two residents are to utilize the hot tub area at a time, in order to keep each other safe; maintaining social distancing is very important.

I would like to welcome new residents to the community, whether you are still building your home or just moved in, we look forward to meeting you here at The Lodge at Candler Hills and helping you enjoy the amenities. I hope you have a great month and enjoy each day!

the Candler Hills ambassador program, contact Amy Waller at abwarnp97@aol.com.

The speaker series committee headed by Doug Dahlen cannot carry out their plans until the green light is given by The Lodge at Candler Hills for large gatherings.

New residents of Candler Hills can log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email to learn about events and activities. Currently 1,312 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 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.

A Candler Connection board meeting will take place virtually in March.

I want to thank each and every Candler Hills resident for your patience during these challenging times. Face masks and six feet of distancing are still a very important protocol.

I hope to see you all around the neighborhood. Please stay healthy and safe, and we look forward to seeing you at some of the approved activities this year.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

We have already missed some of our usual activities in 2021 such as our monthly potluck dinners, but are hopeful that our events will continue sometime this year. Restrictions are still in place, but we continue to hope that some of the following events will take place.

The spring dinner dance scheduled for March 19, has been canceled.

The list below outlines what is on our calendar for the rest of the year:

- Saturday, April 24: Golf cart scavenger hunt and outdoor barbecue dinner. Watch for more information in The Happenings.
- Sunday, June 13 & Sunday, Aug. 15: Ice cream socials.
- Sunday, Oct. 24: Fall picnic.
- Saturday, Dec. 11: Holiday party.

The monthly potluck dinners have been cancelled until further notice. We are estimating that these dinners will resume in August. They are the last Tuesday of the month and start at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping with these dinners, please contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net.

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Spring is here and Sholom Park is getting ready to bud, bloom and blossom with beauty. The spring season is a favorite time of year for many park visitors. There is color around every corner. A walk in the formal garden is always pleasing to the eye. Azaleas, roses, and bottle brush plants are blooming with vibrant color. They even attract friendly pollinators like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. We have all heard the saying "stop and smell the roses" but have you ever stopped to smell the intoxicating fragrance of jasmine, tea olive and gardenias? Some of the most aromatic plants at the park start releasing their sweet scents late March into April.

The park is not only blooming with beauty, but also booming with activity. Our daily park visitor count has increased by nearly double since last summer. The weekends are always booming with life. We see more families enjoying walks and picnics in the park every weekend. The park also hosted several events in February attracting over 2,000 attendees in one weekend, but the season isn't over yet. Our spring L.E.A.F. Series is underway with a variety of topics and speakers. "Cattle Ranching with Circle Square Ranch," "Poetry in the Park," and "Mind Full to Mindful" will wrap up the season to Learn, Explore, Appreciate & Focus (L.E.A.F.) at the park.

On Sunday, May 2, you can experience an afternoon of live music and a display of local art and craftsmanship at the fourth annual Fun at the Park - Music & Art event.

Spring is the season to bloom and boom at Sholom Park. For more information about the upcoming events happening at the park, visit our website at sholompark.org.

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We are planning a Memorial Day observance to include a flag raising ceremony performed by the Angela Santos VFW post 4781 honor guard. The ceremony will be at 9 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Veterans Park. We will pay tribute to our fallen heroes and remember our fellow community members.

Club members have been asked to share some of their stories during their service to our country. Sometimes this can be joyful and fun to remember some of the experiences we had in common and sometimes it can be less than pleasant. But I feel it is necessary to share these stories with each other and memorialize these experiences so others can appreciate what the joys and sacrifices our veterans endured for the freedoms we have.

I will be highlighting these over the next several months and will also have them available at our monthly meetings.

Some stories include a U.S. Marine who joined as an enlisted soldier and then promoted to an officer and gentlemen through battlefield promotions.

Another gentleman who served in the U.S. Army and saw his three brothers join the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Air Force because their mother didn't want them all serving in the same branch of service during war time. This same gentleman served in three wars and was shot down and, thankfully, survived.

One young man joined the U.S. Navy during Vietnam, never served in Asia but as a corpsman saved many lives and had to attend to some less fortunate and handle them with respect and honor.

All gave some, some gave all.

Please attend one of our meetings to hear these stories and meet these fine men and women who served our country on your behalf. Their stories will be on display and you can thank them in person for their service.

Meetings are the third Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV at 3 p.m.

Where has our winter season gone? For many of you, I see a smug smile come across your face as I say, "our winter season." Some of our residents truly know the harsh winters from their northern homes and smile when we Floridians say the word winter. Nonetheless, this has been a good winter for us with several days with freezing temperatures and even frost. This helps with insect control and plant dormancy. The only downside is that many plants may see some winter kill and will not survive the cold blasts we experienced. March may prove to have one more cold snap in store for us, so stay warm if it does.

March is a great month to begin winter pruning if you haven't done so already. Plants such as plumbago, aztec grass, dianella and others that may have been stunted by colder temps will be emerging from their winter dormancy. As they do,

you can begin trimming the dead out. If you were brave enough to install material such as crotons or Hawaiian ti plants, you may not be so lucky; as these are south Florida plants and won't do well in our Climatic Zone 8B.

Crape myrtles are also ready for trimming. If you haven't done so already, cut them back. I prefer pruning nothing larger than the diameter of a pencil. If your crape myrtle has started flushing out new growth you are not too late but don't wait too long.

Irrigation timetables go back to twice per week watering Sunday, March 14. This is a great time of year to get the irrigation system back in order. Check the irrigation times and adjust the heads to ensure the areas are being watered properly and free of leaks.

This is also a great time of year to replenish mulch in the landscape beds. Mulch helps retain moisture and reduce weed populations as the summer rains approach. If you are using an inorganic mulch such as rock, be careful with insect such as scale come summer. Rock mulch tends to drive out beneficial insects and harbors the scale insects. Look

under your plant material at the rock and see if it is black or moldy looking. This is a tell-tale sign of scale on the plant material.

Lastly, March or early April is a good time of year to begin your fertilizer regimen and hopefully you have already made your preventative treatments for fungus in February. March is also a good month for grub control.

When making fertilizer application, remember, only three pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet can be applied to your lawn per year in Marion County per County Ordinance 08-35. You can apply one pound of water insoluble or "slow release" nitrogen per 1,000 square feet or 0.7 pounds of water soluble or "quick release" nitrogen per 1000 square feet. Contractor representatives should be certified by the Green Industries Best Management Practices if they are applying fertilizer to your lawn. Upon request a contractor representative should be able to produce their GI-BMP card. This is also a requirement of Marion County per County Ordinance 08-35.

Fungal problems will surface as the weather starts to warm up. As air temperatures begin to rise, soil temperatures will too. When soil temperatures are between 65 to 75 degrees, fungal pathogens will begin to pop up in portions of your lawn. Those of you who had problem areas last year can probably bet to have issues in the same areas this year. Make sure you are or your contractor is taking the proper steps to prevent fungus from becoming an issue in the future.

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) has a rapid turf diagnosis department. If there are suspect issues in your lawn you can send a sample and \$75. You can get an answer in as little as three days, stating what the problem is and what curative action should be taken. Go to <http://turf.ufl.edu/rapid-diag.shtml> for more information. There is some useful information there as well.

Grubs can be easily treated with products purchased at Lowe's and Home Depot. Lowe's carries a Bayer Season Long Grub Control product; Home Depot carries a Scott's product. Either one should provide control for your problem.

Best of luck this spring.

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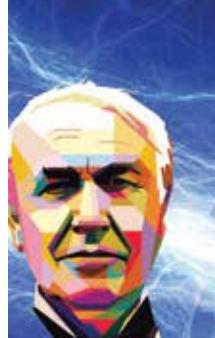
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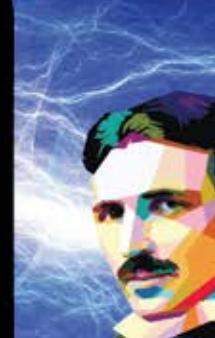


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Well it is hard to believe March is already here. This year is already flying by with many of us anxious to get things back to some type of normalcy. Many of us are hoping there will be light at the end of the tunnel soon!

Don't forget Sunday, March 14, is daylight saving time, so you will

be moving those clocks ahead one hour. We also have St. Patrick's Day right around the corner Wednesday, March 17. Stop by the Recreation Center downstairs lobby as we have our St. Patrick's Day tree decorated for a bit of good luck fortune to come your way!

Many residents have already received or will be receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. Safety protocols have not changed and are still in place at all amenities. Indoors - six feet of social distancing, wearing face masks, and using hand sanitizer. Outdoors - six feet of social

distancing and wearing face masks, if social distancing is not possible. We continue to monitor daily cases and any changes to these safety protocols will be posted on otowinfo.com.

Guests are permitted at all outdoor facilities including pools and whirlpools. Tag and estate sales have resumed (must be registered with Resident Services). Indoor facilities are still closed to guests, and this includes the billiards and game room.

On Top of the World has opened to 100% capacity at all outdoor sports facilities, pavilions, pools and game room. Restaurants have returned to full capacity.

Each one of us needs to continue taking personal responsibility for our own safety and compliance with all safety protocols. Remember to monitor otowinfo.com for additional information regarding facility openings to full capacity, events starting back, and guests in private venues. Hopefully, we will start to see the number of cases decline in the upcoming weeks and months.

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.

We are now accepting 2022 room request bookings. These bookings will not be approved until late summer.

Community Updates

We are working on activities for the upcoming year and we will start announcing them once we have been cleared. When we are able to reopen, we will be adding happy hour to The Lodge at Candler Hills and Indigo East Community Center every Friday night along with the happy hour that is held at the Recreation Center.

Line Dance Classes

Marilyn McNeal has retired from teaching line dance classes to spend more time with family. A monthly pass will not be required for the remainder of the season but each dancer must show a pass

from a previous month to finish this season. New dancers are not eligible for these classes that started in September 2020. Registration will be opened again for the new season that will start in September with our new professional line dance instructor Darlene Miller.

The following changes will continue through Monday, May 24. The rest of this season is without charge. Patty Hainzl will take over the Absolute Beginner class. Kathy Petrosky and Rose O'Rourke will teach Beginner Level II and the Improver classes. Kathy Cornell will take over the Beginner Level I class. All Monday line dance class times remain the same as presently scheduled. These competent instructors have graciously committed to finishing out the season for Marilyn.

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.

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 contacting the facility offices.

Events

We will be holding our quarterly Enviro Shred event Friday, April 23, for those who may need to shred important documents. This event will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center parking lot. The fee is \$5 per small box of documents.

Tuesday Crafters

The weekly Tuesday craft show, hosted by Artistic Crafts & Gifts, is back. It is 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.

Stay safe and continue to monitor otowinfo.com for the latest updates.



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Manicures and pedicures range from indulgence to routine maintenance. Regardless of your preference, there are simple things you can do to keep your nails in top shape. Healthy nails require an investment of both time and professional care. The best course of action to longer, stronger nails is primarily through your lifestyle. This might mean introducing some new self-care techniques in addition to kicking some bad habits. Here are some helpful nail tips from The Ranch's salon expert, CaSandra Stade.

- Cut and files your nails, no biting. If you should discover a hangnail or piece of skin lifting from the cuticle,



Photo by Rus Adams
Expert nail technician
CaSandra Stade at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa.

try not to pull it or remove it without the proper cleanliness or assistance of a professional technician. If you pull the hangnail, you may create an opportunity for outside pathogens to cause an infection.

- Keep your nails dry. It is important to make sure you keep your nail beds dry and clean. This will ensure preventing any fungus growth. Fungus is highly contagious and can only be treated by a medical professional.
- Shave 48 hours prior to a pedicure. This will allow your pores to close before your service. Shaving creates tiny abrasions on your skin, this in addition to open pores may allow outside bacteria to get in.
- Go gel for glamorous nails. It is a myth that gel is harmful to your nails. The key is proper application and removal by a professional. Gel will promote the growth and overall look of your manicure.
- Wash hands in between hand sanitizer use. If you have gel nails and use a hand sanitizer and/or alcohol wipes, be sure to wash hands after use. This will remove excess alcohol, so it does not eat away at the gel. The gel manicures I do typically last three to four weeks when proper care is taken.

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Go Fly a Kite

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

This is the time of year when breezes blow stronger and the sun grows warmer. A perfect time to go fly a kite.

On Monday, Feb. 8, in keeping with National Kite Flying Day, Sholom Park hosted, "Go Fly a Kite." The breeze was perfect for lift-off. Colorful kites fluttered along the ground, and then, at the urging of their pilots, decided that it would be a good idea to leave the ground and take to the air. Long tails flowed behind, giving them stability and adding to their aerodynamics. It was fun to watch and reminded this writer of his younger days flying a homemade kite on the great lawn in New York's Central Park.

Avalon resident Janet Voyle was there with her colorful kite which she often flies in a field behind her house. She bought it online a few months ago and told us, "It's been a perfect diversion, and great fun," she said, "particularly during these stay-at-home times."

The exact date of the origins of kite flying is not known. However, legend has it that more than 2,000 years ago, when a Chinese farmer tied his hat to a string to keep it from blowing away, kite flying was born. Sounds reasonable!

"Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back; a new life, a new friend, maybe a new love ..." - Anais Nin.



Photo by Ray Cech

Janet Voyle flying her kite at Sholom Park.

There's Something for Everyone

By Chris Kilbride

Every Saturday, at 9 a.m. the Computer Club meets for an hour via Zoom 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 Connie Filip who joined our club last year. She enjoys our meetings while noshing on breakfast and coffee while she learns something new.

A friend told her once that if you learn one new thing in a class, then it's worth attending. How true!

She says she learns many new tips related to computers or phones each Saturday. Recently, there have been informative sessions on converting old photos for digital storage. There's something here for everyone, including the best websites to use if you want to turn that task over to the pros!

She and her husband Tom came here 11 years ago from Pasadena,

Maryland. They were thinking they'd be snowbirds but fell in love with our community and only went back to put their home on the market.

Some of their favorite activities in past years have been socializing and dancing at Happy Hour as well as line dancing. You may also remember seeing her in The New Pretenders. She picked up the guitar, wore her shades and had fun every moment on stage!

These days, photography is one of the passions Connie shares here in a ShutterBugs column each month. She especially loves to take a photo that makes you smile or evokes an emotion. Our community voted twice to give her the ShutterBugs' annual People's Choice award. Her current project has been using Photoshop to repair and colorize old family photos.

In another life, computers played a key role in her career as a Social Security Administration employee. She taught herself how to use WordPerfect to create her resume on her supervisor's desktop during lunch hours. It assisted her promotion to a system analyst information technology position in headquarters. This job involved liaison work between the programmers and the users of their program.

With an early retirement from computers, she followed her dream, obtaining a master's degree in acupuncture. Talk about a career move in the opposite direction!

Twenty years before, Connie discovered acupuncture after an accident, and now she wanted to pass that healing opportunity on to others, as she continues to enjoy the benefits of self-healing through meditation, Reiki and Qi Gong.

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 one-on-one instruction or in-person help sessions in the Hobby Building. Members may discuss their PC or Apple computer, smartphone or device issues.

On Saturdays, March 6 and 13, Connie will be presenting photography hints and tips for our smartphone!

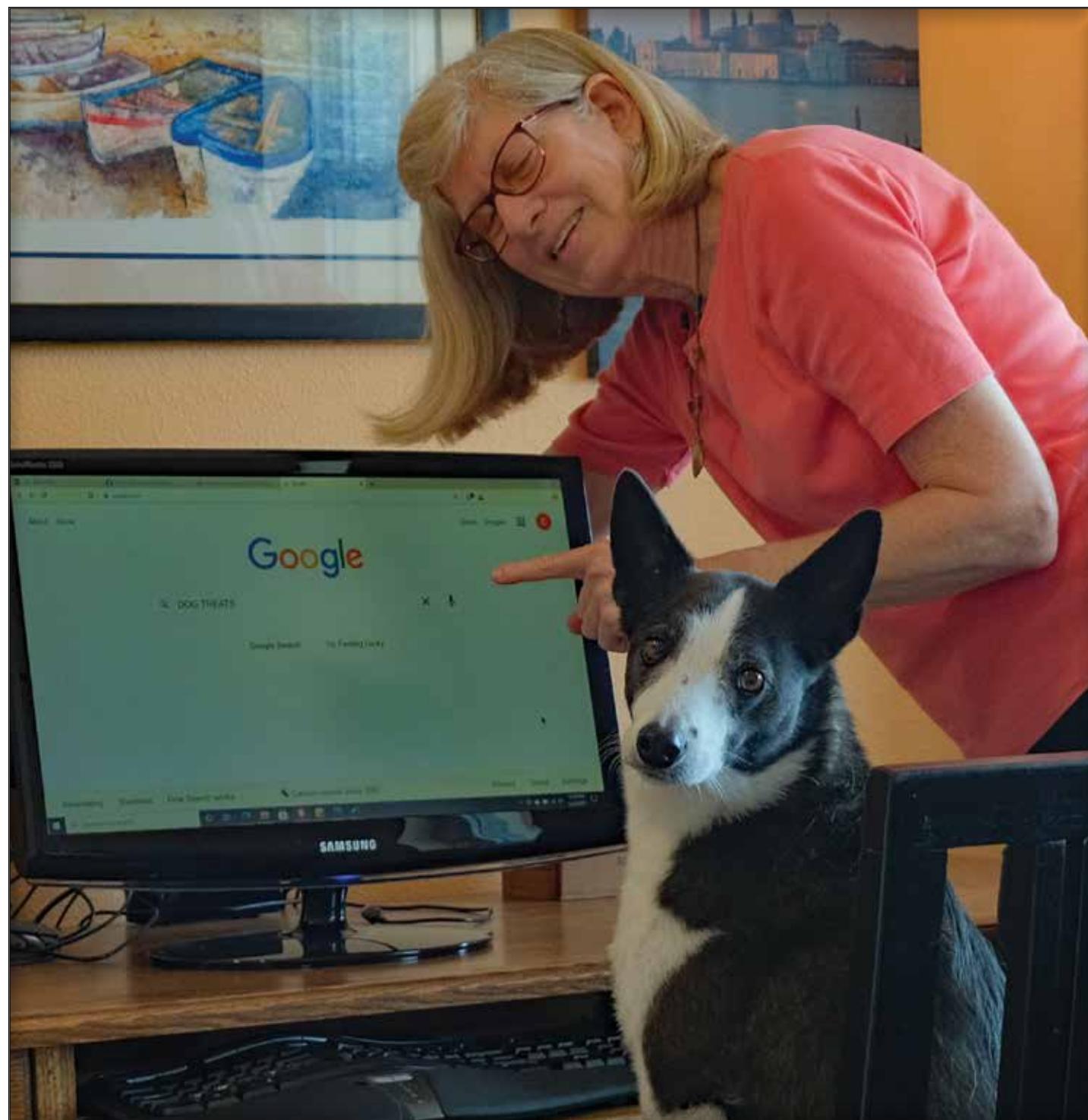


Photo by Tom Filip

Connie Filip exclaims, "Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?"

**World Traveler**

Bill Shampine

Last month, I wrote about the Lascaux Caves in France. While surfing the internet last week, I accidentally learned about another set of caves that I think are equally fascinating. Today, I am going to write about the Mogao Caves of Dunhuang, China.

Dunhuang, was a bustling cultural and religious center for centuries because of its location on the famous Silk Road, the trade route that linked China, Central Asia, and Europe. According to legend, in 386, a monk named Yuezun had a vision of a thousand radiant Buddhas appearing on a cliff face located about 16 miles southwest of the village.

The vision inspired him to begin carving and decorating caves into the face of this cliff in order for them to serve as places of Buddhist meditation and worship. Other Buddhist monks and many wealthy families joined in his obsession and, over the centuries, carved out 500 more caves until the Silk Road finally fell into disuse in the 1400s. With few people in the area, the site effectively disappeared as the cave entrances were slowly covered by windblown sand from the Gobi Desert.

In 1890, a Daoist monk named Wang Yuanly appointed himself guardian of the caves. In 1900, he discovered a huge cache of manuscripts and other items that were walled up inside one of the caves. This cave within a cave contained more than 50,000 ancient manuscripts, silk banners and paintings, fine silk embroideries, and other rare textiles; all dating from before 1002, when this sub-cave and its contents apparently were concealed. The documents, written in multiple languages, including Chinese, Sanskrit, Tibetan, Old Turkish, and Hebrew, offer a vivid picture of life in medieval China. The documents included accounting ledgers, contracts, medical texts, dictionaries, discussions of religion and philosophy, and even descriptions of music, dance, and games. Many scholars believe this incred-

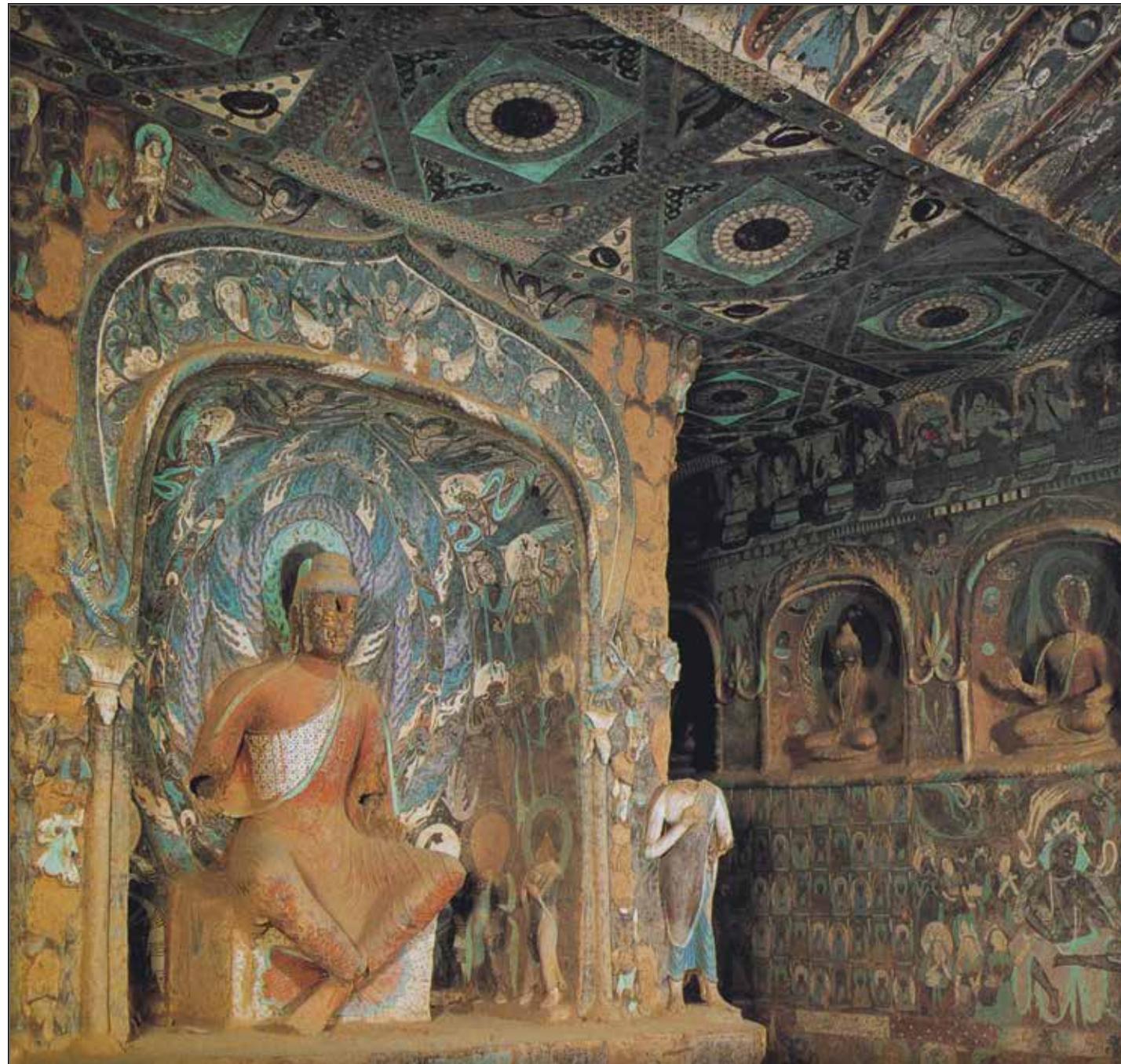


Photo by Zhang Weihen

A painted sculpture of a Tathagata Buddha and wall murals in Mogao Cave number 254, created near the village of Dunhuang, China, sometime between 386 and 534.

ible library cave is a discovery as important as those of the tomb of Tutankhamen and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

After the discovery of the Library Cave in 1900, Wang took a few manuscripts to show various local officials, but none of them showed much interest. In 1904, the regional governor ordered him to reseal the cave because he was concerned about the potential cost of transporting the contents of the cave.

In 1907, Wang, a Daoist monk, decided to profit a bit from his discovery, and began to sell off thou-

sands of the manuscripts, primarily to two British and French archeologists. Auriel Stein, from England, bought about 7,000 complete manuscripts and 6,000 fragments for what would be about \$4,900 today. Paul Pelliot, from France, bought almost 10,000 documents for what would be about \$3,400 today. Chinese scholars in Beijing learned about the sales and, after seeing samples of the documents, finally recognized the value of these treasures. The government immediately stopped the sales and most of the remaining Chinese manuscripts were taken to Beijing in 1910.

One of the most serious dangers for survival of the caves came with the Cultural Revolution in 1966, when Chairman Mao's regime laid waste to Buddhist temples, cultural artifacts, and foreign emblems throughout China. At that time, a group of 48 scholars were studying the site and doing their best to preserve it. The staff had its internal conflicts, but they all agreed that the caves must be saved, so they nailed shut all of the gates to the caves. Somehow, it worked, and the caves were saved.

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We will have a joke-a-thon (bring a corny joke on an index card) for a round of laughs and a treat plus a 50/50, so bring your purse to win the pot of gold ...

"May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!" – old Irish proverb.

Publix is making and wrapping some corned beef sliders which we will be serving along with a bag of potato chips and cookies for \$5. Bring your own beverage of choice (green beer is okay). Must have a count for this today – March 4. Call Nancy Meininger and reserve your spot at (352) 342-9757.

Please bring your face masks, comfortable lawn chairs and plan to sit socially distanced at this event.



The Lions Club celebrated February, the month of hearts and displays of affection, by showing some love to our first responders. We provided all three shifts of Friendship Station 21 and the Marion County Sheriff's Office substation with baskets of goodies; specifically the grab and go type of snacks and beverages for those dedicated personnel helping our community 24/7. Charmaine "Charlie" Hassett is an artful basket maker, and she went all out for our first responders.

The Lions Club offers a great big thank you to Dot Porter of Indigo East. She selected the Lions Club for a donation of a pair of OneSight glasses which help adults with macular degeneration gain some vision. Thank you, Dot, for helping us serve the community and being aware of the Lions' commitment to improving vision across the globe.

Our club has a quarterly donation allocation to the following: Florida Lions Foundation, North Florida Hearing Aid Bank, Florida Center for the Blind, North Florida

Eye Bank, Southern Eastern Guide Dogs, Interfaith Ministries, and the Lions Club International; and we were able to meet that commitment this quarter.

We are hopeful we will be able to continue these donations as so many organizations are struggling during this time. In an effort to do that members are planning a raffle, which will include 18 holes of golf for four players and dinner at a local restaurant. The date of ticket sales will be announced shortly.

In our local community, if you know of someone who is struggling financially and is in need of an eye exam or glasses, please contact our Lions Club. We have an application process to provide for such services.

The Lions Club is growing, slowly, one member at a time. We are here to serve and are welcoming anyone in our community who wants to participate. Our meetings are a combination of Zoom and in person at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room with face masks and social distancing, the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Anyone interested, come check out our club. Further information can be obtained by contacting Estelle Michelson, our membership chair, at (352) 861-7358.



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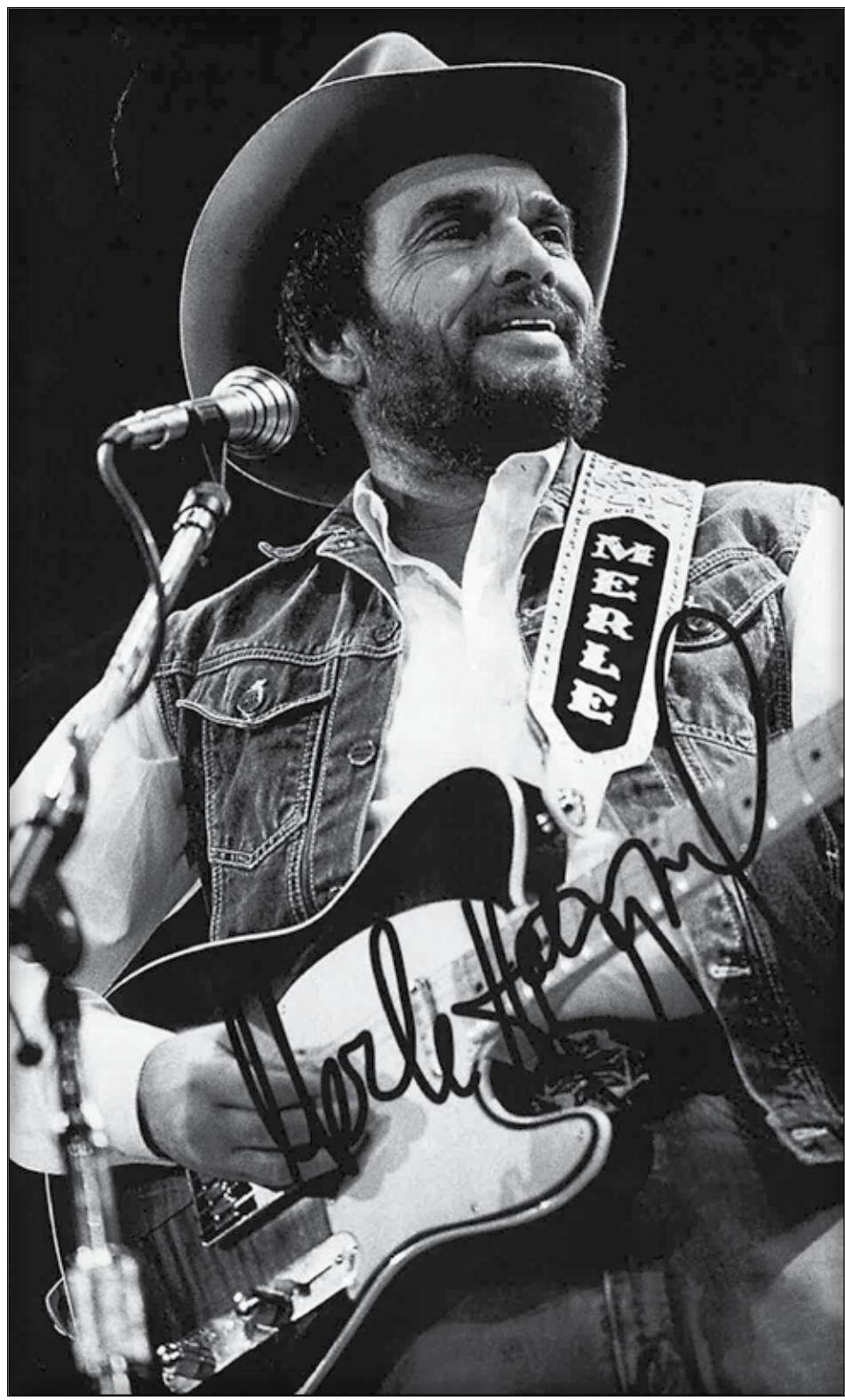
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On the Road with a Country Superstar

By Alvin S. Ross

The year was 1969 and the public relations firm of Levinson & Ross was slowly growing in prominence in the music world. However, that was about to change as a result of a song called, "Okie From Muskogee." The artist was a relatively popular country singer/songwriter named Merle Haggard, and the song, a pro Vietnam War anthem, ricocheted around the country like a bullet in a rubber room. Every radio station, playing every genre of popular music, jumped on the proverbial bandwagon, and within weeks the song became a giant #1 hit.

The name Merle Haggard was now on the lips of every music fan in America.

So, what does that have to do with Levinson & Ross? Well. We had a contract with Capitol Records to publicize six music artists a month and that month Merle Haggard was one of the six. After meeting with Capitol, I immediately jumped in my car and headed for Bakersfield, California, Merle's home.

In the '60s, Bakersfield was not an extremely popular stopover unless you were into farming or ranching and even then, you never stayed very long. Merle had a small office with three employees, including his manager, a man named Talley.

The first thing you noticed were five guitars lined up (Merle favored a Fender Telecaster), and when we shook hands, I seemed to tower over his five-foot, nine-inch frame. He was a shy man, soft spoken and for the life of him could not understand all the fuss over a simple song.

He had a couple of #1 coun-

try hits but nothing with the energy, controversy and popularity of "Okie." The song literally pitted the pro- and anti-Vietnam War antagonists against one another and, in some cases, riots broke out in stores selling the record. Meanwhile, all the newspapers, magazines (both foreign and domestic), radio and TV stations were clamoring to interview Merle. And I, with the biggest grin you ever saw, was happy to oblige them.

Merle continued touring and I spent many a night on his bus sipping beer with his band, "The Strangers."

He was open about his time in prison and how a Johnny Cash concert at San Quentin changed his life and started him on the road to his own music career.

A few years later Merle appeared on a Cash TV show and told him how much he enjoyed that prison show. Johnny said, "I don't remember you being on that show." Merle responded, "I wasn't on the show, I was in the audience." For six straight months we did interviews, TV and radio guest appearances and any other outlet that would play or write about Merle and his music.

I was able to book Merle on The Ed Sullivan Show, the most popular TV show on the air at that time and off we went to New York. In the theater he was treated like royalty and as we waited for his time to perform, I noticed how nervous he was. The talent coordinator, Vince Calandra, came into the room and asked Merle, "Are you ready for the 20 million people watching?" Big mistake! He panicked, left the theater and his performance was cancelled. About two years later he did appear on the show and eventually apologized to me.

During an interview, a journalist asked me how I would characterize Merle. I said, "He was the poet of the working man." This description of Merle stayed with him throughout his entire career. His songs were simple, sincere and thoughtful, with lyrics that went straight to your heart and soul.

During his career, Merle achieved a Time Magazine cover; over 40 #1 hits; over 20 million albums sold; Grammy awards as well as CMA and ACM; election to the Country Music and Songwriters Halls of Fame, and in 2010 he received the Kennedy Center Award for musical achievement.

I spent over five years with Merle both as a client but more important as a friend. I think he was fascinated by the fact that a street kid from Brooklyn, New York, was a die-hard country music fan.

Please do yourself a favor and pick up his greatest hits album. I promise you will not regret it.

In honor of my friend, Merle.

A black and white promotional poster for the Ocala Open 2021 Pro Tournament. The poster features large, bold text at the top reading "PRO TOURNAMENT" and "MARCH 24 - 26, 2021". Below this is the slogan "BE A VIP!". To the right, the year "2021" is displayed vertically. In the center, the word "Ocala" is written in a script font next to a stylized palm tree graphic, with "Open" in a larger, bold font to its right. Below this, it says "AT CANDLER HILLS GOLF CLUB". The background shows a golf course landscape with trees and a cloudy sky. At the bottom, there are three vertical columns of text: "An appetizer, lunch and two beverages at The Club at Candler Hills", "Member pricing on merchandise at Candler Hills Golf Shop", and "Premium reserved tournament seating overlooking the 18th green". The logo for "INTERFAITH EMERGENCY SERVICES" is in the bottom left corner, and the "Candler Hills Golf Club" logo is in the bottom right corner. A small "HOSPICE OF MARION COUNTY" logo with a butterfly is also present.

Tech Tips



Shane Bobson
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Getting the Most from Your Internet

What does this mean? We've grown a lot from our days of dial-up internet and an America Online disk with limited hours of usage time.

Today we have speeds (bandwidth) that allow us to engage in many forms of entertainment and social media. We tend to take the internet for granted like water and electricity; it's just always there wherever we go. But unlike those other utilities there can be many factors that may impact your experience with your service.

Wi-Fi and you! A big misconception is that your Wi-Fi and internet are the same. They are not. Wi-Fi is just a technology that bridges the communication between your devices like your computer to your printer; or smartphone to your television, if you're screen-sharing. This is usually handled by a wireless Wi-Fi router.

Your internet service provider will supply you with the equipment necessary to access the internet itself. This is usually a modem which tends to have a single ethernet port for your computer or wireless router to connect to. A lot of internet service providers will supply an all-in-one unit that may handle both tasks. Connecting to your internet is preferably done via an ethernet cable because the signal is one-to-one, and it's shielded from interfer-

ence.

With a Wi-Fi connection there are a lot of environmental and equipment factors involved. Interference is a big factor for quality of service, things like walls, and what's in them affects the quality of the device's internal Wi-Fi antenna. Also, electromagnetic fields like refrigerator compressors or running microwaves.

A lot of people are still using older or outdated router standards as well. 2020 saw the Wi-Fi naming standards renamed to an easier number system such as the current standard "Wi-Fi 6". But a lot of people are still using the Wi-Fi 4 standard from four to six years ago or computers that were built around the same time are not allowing them to take advantage of the new technology. Limiting the maximum amount of Mbps the device can utilize. Devices like extenders, Wi-Fi repeaters, and Wi-Fi boosters can help supplement signals to reach more parts of the home or carry more data to/from those parts of the home.

It can't be me! Au contraire! The data coming to your home (bandwidth) is shared across all devices in your home. So, if a device is being greedy, you'll see it affect your whole home network. Examples of what may make a device use a lot of bandwidth can be a lot of tabs open in the background in a browser on your computer or mobile device, a device pulling a big update, a faulty program/app, or a virus/malware. Be sure to run routine maintenance on your devices and close any apps you're not using or shut down a device while not in use.

with confidence at his garden club. Some may just want to know more about how to successfully run a club or group where they have become officers.

Many of our members have already had successful careers and accomplishments and love the fellowship and chance to talk about their lives and what they have learned in life.

Do you want to share your experiences and learning with others? Do you want to learn from the experiences of others? Join us on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m. and share.

Toastmasters - Talk of the World

David Wesenberg

This month, we will meet via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, March 10 and 24. Our theme is "Let's Dance." We have some pretty exciting and interesting speeches that are worth seeing and listening to.

The club is sending yours truly to the Area Speech and Evaluation Contest. For the International Speech Contest, I will be speaking on "The Common Man." For the Humorous Speech Contest, the subject will be "I Love Science." The Evaluation Contest will have three competitors evaluating a speech specifically delivered to be evaluated during the contest. We wish the competitors in all three contests the best of luck.

This last month our newest member delivered his ice breaker speech. The ice breaker is basically a personal self-introduction of a member to the club. It is one of the most enjoyable aspects of membership to hear new people and learn from their experience.

If you would like to join us via Zoom to see and hear some wonderful speeches, contact David Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com or (217) 280-4454 for instructions to join the meeting.

Men and women join Toastmasters for a variety of reasons. Yours truly joined to improve the quality of technical leadership and communication as physicist, software engineer and consultant. Another member joined so he could speak

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Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

On Monday, Jan. 18, Donna Cunningham, our education coordinator, gave a presentation on "Church Records and How to Find Them in Your Genealogical Research" via Zoom.

According to Donna, church records predate most civil records, with the exception of land ownership records. Church records can indicate family units and may also list your female ancestor's maiden name. In Europe and during Colonial times in the United States, residents were required to attend government supported churches. Which church did your ancestor belong to where they lived? In rural areas and on the frontier, there may have been only one church in the area. All vital records may have been kept at one church in the area regardless of faith.

What type of records might you find? Birth, baptism, confirmation, banns of marriage, marriage records and death records. From the records of these churches, you may find your ancestors, their friends, associates, neighbors and sponsors of religious ceremonies. You may also find Sunday school attendance records and membership in church auxiliaries, church and town associations, pew rentals/assignments and church tithes. You could be dismissed from the church if you did not live up to the rules of that church, so the records might also include that a person was dismissed for infidelity in the marriage.

To find the church of your ancestors, look at historical maps, city directories from the late 1800s to the 1900s, and military records which could list their preferred religion. In newspapers, look at marriage

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Depending on the religious denomination to which your ancestor belonged, church records could be held by the local parish church or could be kept at a nearby college/university library, state historical or genealogical societies, local/state government archives, or at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. If not, visit worldcat.org.

Records kept by synagogues varied from place to place. If available, they could include birth, circumcision, bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah, marriage and death records. Check with local and state synagogues. Also visit familysearch.org/wiki/en/Jewish_synagogue_Records and familytreemagazine.com/heritage/jewish/tracing-jewish-ancestors-guide/.

To see more in-depth information on our speaker presentations, contact Wilma Kelly at otowgens@gmail.com to join our club. Dues are \$20 per year for an individual and \$35 for a couple.

All of the following meetings take place at 10 a.m. Members will be notified by email from our club president, Paul Belter, on how to access the Zoom meetings.

On Monday, March 8, we will hold a board meeting of the officers and appointed committee chairpersons, followed by an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, March 15, Genia Philibert-Ortega will give an educational presentation on "10 Reasons Why You Can't Find Your Ancestor." We face brick walls in our research for a variety of reasons. She will explore 10 of those reasons and how you can overcome them.

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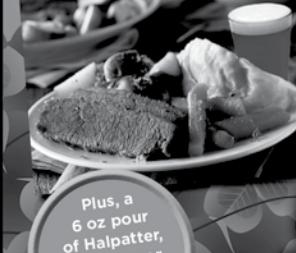
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Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

Most certainly you do recall this photo! No? Awww, come on. Sure, you do. She/he appeared in this column in April 2018; one of Florida's most lovely trees. Living on the edge of different habitats actually gives her/his name away. (We say his or her because flowers all function as either male or female.)

Those large and showy blooms appear in the early spring just as the leaves begin to develop.

This tree is known by several rather "colorful" names in addition

to her/his botanical one. She/he was often used by our early settlers as an ornamental; and the practice has continued in many rural settings to this day.

She/he is considered a shrub or small tree, perfect for the right spot in a yard. There are at least two specimens in our community. In my opinion we could use many more of these petite trees. They do well in our sandhill soil conditions; as they also thrive in areas of more moisture, such as edges of retention ponds.

Spring is almost upon us. Again, in my "biased" opinion, it would be wonderful to view her/his spectacular clusters of white blossoms among the pines and oaks of On Top of the World.

So, it's again time to have a look around this "world" for at least one of these beauties. When you feel you have him/her located, let us know by calling (352) 861-4560. You might enjoy researching her/his name(s), as well. A Florida native is yours if you are "spot on."

By the way, Florida's tree was a red maple, Acer rubrum, native

from Maine all the way down to the Tamiami Trail.

Come join with the members of our Native Plant Group, masked and distanced, as we continue to maintain our projects. Call the above number for particulars.

It truly is a hoot to grow native! And great for our world!



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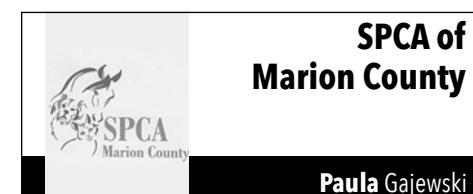
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Paula Gajewski

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We advertise available pets for adoption and accept donations at the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market on Thursdays and the craft show on Tuesday mornings in the Recreation Center. When the weather is warmer, pets will join us at the Farmers Market table. Stop by and say hi! All your donations are very appreciated!

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Daisy (top) and Duke.

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Jewish Club members gather at the January planning meeting to meet new officers and offer program ideas.



Nancy Meiningen

"Remembering Passovers Past" is the theme for the Sunday, March 21, meeting of the Jewish Club. The event will be held, weather permitting, at the pavilion (near the softball field) at 1 p.m.

Please bring your comfortable lawn chairs, snacks and a beverage of your choice. Wear your face masks and sit comfortably socially distanced from your friends and neighbors. It is a time to enjoy, relax, listen and learn.

Our speaker is Herb Katz, a neighbor and member of Temple Beth Shalom, the temple which will soon be relocating to the Tree of Life Sanctuary on SW 80th Avenue across from Stone Creek.

Herb will be speaking about Passover traditions around the world. A teacher and Hebrew coach, Herb is an interesting speaker who will provide a colorful presentation. He promises to include his best recollection of his own early seders as well as the experiences of others.

Please join us for this unique Jewish holiday event.

On Sunday, April 18, the club welcomes Pat Gabriel, SR 200 Coalition president, as guest speaker to address development across Ocala and in particular in areas surrounding On Top of the World. We look forward to Pat's insights on the impact to our daily lives.

For information on the club or to share ideas, see our new Facebook page (New Jewish Club of OTOW) or call Nancy Meiningen at (352) 342-9757.

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Active Singles

Pat Jocelyn

Oh, how we love March in Central Florida. The average daytime temperature is 78 degrees with the sun warm on our backs and the breeze light and aromatic. We open our windows and doors and let Mother Nature freshen our homes with the sweet smell of newly laid mulch, recently mowed lawns and freshly budded trees and flowers.

This time of year, we enjoy spending as many hours outside as possible. We often meet others by attending Active Singles Club activities including cornhole, hiking at a state park or playing golf.

Although we may be temporarily limited in our activity choices and the ability to meet new friends, let's get to know several of our club members a little better!

Meet Linda McGowen. The Crescent Ridge resident moved here in July 2020 to enjoy what Central Florida has to offer. Originally, the retired medical para-legal consid-

ered other locations but decided On Top of the World was the best fit for her.

Linda enjoys attending festivals, fairs, musical performances and other outside venues. The mother of five also looks forward to participating in longer travel adventures. Yoga, golf, gardening and line dancing (a new activity) round out Linda's list of enjoyable undertakings.

Hailing from Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri and the Chicago area, Linda is anticipating meeting other singles to share in the many pursuits that are in store for her here in bountiful Central Florida.

Some of you may know this second Active Singles member. Meet Barry McCarthy. The Friendship Village resident first discovered On Top of the World when he was visiting his daughter near Destin, Florida. He never looked back. Looking for a way to meet new friends, the New Jersey native was one of the first to sign up when the Active Singles Club started a few years ago.

Those who have met Barry know his contagious dry sense of humor and friendly manner guarantee a good time when he shows up at

a gathering or dance. Barry looks forward to the return of one of his favorite activities - Friday Happy Hour. Barry has been playing golf since the 70's and recently started participating in archery.

What you may not know about Barry is he joined the U.S. Navy in 1956 working as an aviation electrician. His unique skills provided him the opportunity to travel to many exotic locations including Bangkok, Japan, Quam, and Singapore.

Like Linda and Barry, we all look forward to resuming the many ac-

tivities we've enjoyed in the past; but until then, remember, "we may be single, but we are not alone."

The Active Singles Club board of directors would like to remind the membership that our Meet-up account will expire Tuesday, March 30. Please join us on Facebook by searching - OTOW Active Singles Club. For more information about our club, including joining the club, contact us at activesinglesotow@outlook.com or visit us at otowactivesinglesclub.com.

SWANS

Sandi Dickerson

everyone who has read it! These are best read in order so contact Lois if you are interested.

Carol Trexler also has two sets of Harlequin books that she is willing to share. These were written by our very own Cynthia Thomason. Contact Carol if you would like to borrow these.

We are excited about having our March meeting when we will set up new appetizer- and dinner-in groups. We will also begin our breakfast, lunch, and dinner-out groups for each month.

Our annual trips to Daytona Beach Shores in May and November have been set up.

Our members continue to network and support each other while being careful to wear our masks and sanitize our hands! Keep it up! Safety precautions, masks, and sanitizing hands will be with us for a while longer, but SWANS continue to keep busy and safe.

You may join the SWANS at any time. We always welcome new ideas. Our motto is "SWANS are never alone!" Stay healthy and be smart about your activities! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.

What's Cookin'

Elaine Morrison

We are a family of epicurean warriors, always willing and happy to plunge into a culinary adventure in hope of reaping some great reward. We also enjoy sharing our newfound booty and I am sharing with you a recently received treasure, which I am certain you too will prize.

Artichoke Pie

- 1 9" unbaked pie crust
- 2 cans artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 8-ounce package shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Drain the artichokes and cut in half. Sauté the garlic in the olive oil, until almost brown, then add in the artichokes and cook for 10 minutes. Add the breadcrumbs and half of the parmesan cheese until combined, then pour into the pie crust.

Beat the eggs, add the remaining parmesan cheese and pour into the pie crust mixture. Top with the mozzarella cheese.

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Anne Parker

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We are excited to tell you about a great cruise Travel Toppers is planning Oct. 31 through Nov. 7, on the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas leaving from Port Canaveral, Florida. The ports of call will be Philipsburg, St. Maarten 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 cab-

ins 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 Monday, Aug. 2. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to reserve your space.

The trip to the Mango Dinner Theater will be rescheduled to later this year.

The Father's Day trip to Sanford, Florida to enjoy a three-hour cruise down the St. Johns River on the Barbara Lee will occur Sunday, June 20. A delicious meal will be pre-

pared fresh onboard and served at your table. Meal selections, price, contact information, and other pertinent data will be posted in a future column.

We are working on a 13-day Denali Explorer cruise and tour. The six-day land tour includes Fairbanks, Denali Lodge, and McKinley Lodge. The seven-day cruise begins in Whittier with visits to Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and ending with a two-day tour of Vancouver. The departure date will be May 22, 2022. Stay tuned for future information as we finalize the details.

Remember these trips are open only to residents and their guests.

**Texas Connection Social Club**

Kathy Cornell

Dish up some country from Miranda Lambert, Maren Morris, and The Highwomen, and mix in R&B from Beyoncé with a dash of rockers ZZ Top, jazz singer Norah Jones, psychedelic soul band Black Pumas, rappers Megan Thee Stallion and Post Malone. What's cookin'? It's a list of 2021 Grammy nominees who have a Texas connection and might join previous Texan winners; some who might have been from your preferred genre.

Past favorites could be folk singer Woody Guthrie for "This Land is Your Land" or instrumentalist Mason Williams for "Classical Gas."

How about bluegrass winners Steve Martin (yes, the comedian) and his partner Edie Brickell? Maybe it's pianist Van Cliburn, blues singers Stevie Ray Vaughan or Johnny Winter, a Capella group Pentatonix or polka group Brave Combo. Gary Morris' musical cast album for "Les Misérables" might be your thing. Latin music lovers can listen to Vicki Carr, Freddy Fender and Selena. Michael Nesmith (yes, former Monkee) has a win for music video.

We slow danced as pop artist Johnny Mathis crooned "Chances Are" and celebrated Kelly Clarkson's success as first American Idol and later as Grammy winner. "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" made B.J. Thomas famous for the movie "Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid." For R&B, Beyoncé is joined by Destiny's Child, Lizzo, Boz Scaggs, Usher and Jamie Foxx

(yes, the Oscar winner.)

"That'll Be the Day" we forgot rocker Buddy Holly or that Meat Loaf would do anything for love. The Eagle's Don Henley is a favorite. And getting jiggy to "Wooly Bully" by Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs is always a blast.

Barbara Mandrell was "Country When Country Wasn't Cool" and helped make that genre more acceptable. LeAnn Rimes might be "Blue," but sassy describes Tanya Tucker. She might have learned it from Jennie C. Riley taking on the "Harper Valley PTA."

A country breakfast might now include his sausage, but long ago we sang with Jimmy Dean on "Big Bad John." Remember Roy Orbison when watching the movie "Pretty Woman?" Buck Owens had a "Tiger by the Tail" and Kenny Rogers was "The Gambler." Kris Kristofferson wants to "Help Me Make It Through the Night" but his buddies Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson don't want mamas to let their babies grow up to be cowboys. "King" George Strait is huge in Texas and "Dang Me" if we overlook Roger Miller. Considered the best country song of all time, "He Stopped Loving Her Today" is a George Jones classic.

And last but not least, whether Texan or not, we all know and love

"The Singing Cowboy" Gene Autry who brought us the beloved "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer."

These folks all had a recipe for success. Our Texas Connection Social Club is known for serving up big portions of fun and fellowship. Interested? Contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com for more information.

Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

Although we have not been able to meet for many months, time does move on. March is here and before this month ends spring will arrive. Our goal these last few months has been to find ways to keep the club connected while we await in-person meetings to resume. Handmade holiday cards for members and individuals sending personalized messages when a club member celebrates a milestone event, are examples of how the group tries to stay in touch.

Recently vice chair, Linda Piney began to investigate ways our group could gather in a safe, outdoor setting now that the weather will be warmer. Linda has found a great place in Sholom Park close to the parking lot. Save Thursday, April 8, to come to the park for a brown bagged lunch. This is not a regularly scheduled club meeting, just a time for our group to con-

nect informally to socialize. Soon an email with all the details for the gathering will be sent to the club membership. Please keep in mind we will have helpers on hand to assist those who may need help.

For more information about the Scandinavian Club or if your contact information needs to be updated, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

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The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 11, via Zoom. Club president Jim Di Paolo welcomed James Albury, coordinator of the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium at Santa Fe College in Gainesville as the featured speaker for the meeting.

Di Paolo told members that Albury got his start by volunteering at the Miami Museum of Science as a teenager and then completed his bachelors and graduate work in astronomy at the University of Florida before taking a position in University's Office of Academic Technology.

In 2011 he began co-hosting "Star Gazers" on PBS, and in 2013 he was appointed coordinator of the planetarium at Santa Fe College. In 2020, Albury launched and co-hosted "The Sky Above Us," a bi-weekly series of short broadcasts about astronomy from the college. In his presentation, James Albury showed how the view of the night sky changes in different latitudes in the northern and southern hemispheres. He also explained some of the stories depicted in the constellations as seen by cultures in different locations on Earth.

Following his presentation, club members had the opportunity to ask questions of Albury and his work at the planetarium. He concluded his presentation by inviting the Moonstruck Astronomy Club to attend a special showing at the planetarium. Club president Di Paolo thanked James Albury for his visit and assured members that the club officers will soon plan another trip to Gainesville to accept his invitation.

In addition to James Albury's presentation at the meeting, Di Paolo announced that club members Kathie McDonald and Cathy Clinton will begin serving as club event coordinators. Club vice president Larry Isenberg explained recent use of dues to refurbish a telescope mount in the club's "telescope lending library," from which club members may borrow a telescope to use in their own backyard. Club secretary John Bridges provided

ed his customary monthly update on the night sky, including the positions of planets, the international space station, and bright stars in the heavens.

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club continues to register new members in 2021. Regular club meetings are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For now, they will remain online. Evening observing sessions are announced to

members via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky. Sessions begin after dark near the flying field and last into the evening.

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Until further notice, participants must wear face masks and maintain social distancing throughout the time they are in attendance. Other instructions and safety precautions will be provided in emails announcing each session.



Kika Silva Pla Planetarium Coordinator James Albury discussed northern and southern constellations and stars with the Moonstruck Astronomy Club Thursday, Feb. 11.



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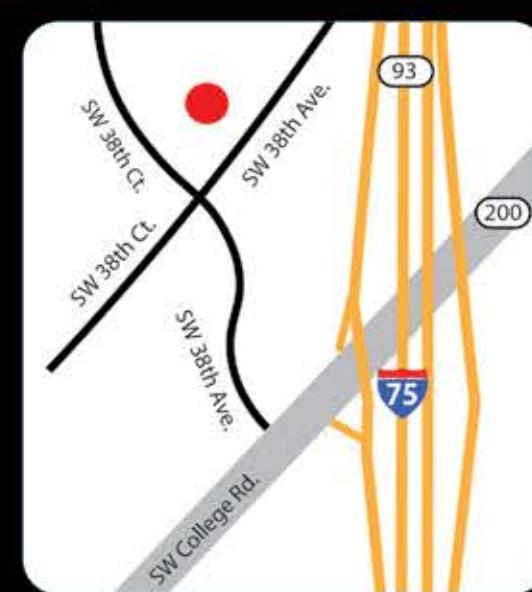




Photo by Cammy Dennis

Residents de-stressing in the Zumba Jam Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Stress Busting Elixir ... Exercise

By Cammy Dennis

The physical benefits of exercise are well established. We know that routine physical activity does your body good! However, did you ever consider what it does for your emotional state?

Experts agree that just about any form of exercise can relieve stress, tension and anxiety. Many of us were happy to bid farewell to 2020 and are optimistic for a reinvigorated 2021. As we roll along into this new year, some of us remain burdened by changes that have reduced the opportunity to be active and engage with friends and family. Exercise might just be the perfect elixir to remedy stress stemming from a year of challenges.

Here is how exercise packs a punch against stress and anxiety:

1. It pumps up endorphin

production. Endorphins are "mood boosting" brain chemicals that contribute to feelings of wellbeing. In addition, exercise uses up the chemicals released by stress such as cortisol and adrenaline. Left unchecked, low levels of chronic stress can undermine our health because these "stress chemicals" are continually present. Exercising will reduce the level of stress hormones and reduce the health risk associated with them.

2. It simulates the same benefits as meditation. A long walk or laps in the pool will have you refocused on your surroundings and body's actions. Therefore, your mind

is diverted away from any negative chatter in your brain. The result is often an increase in energy and optimism.

3. It supports healthy sleep patterns. Exercise supports both the quality and duration of sleep. It also reduces "sleep onset" (the amount of time it takes to fall asleep). The key here is moderate to vigorous levels of physical activity. Studies show that moderate to vigorous intensity for a minimum of 20 to 30 minutes reap the biggest benefits.
4. In many cases, it involves socializing. Going for a walk with a friend, making a gym date with a buddy, or taking a line dancing class are all great examples of combining the benefits of physical, social and emotional wellness. Socialization increases a hormone that reduces anxiety levels and make us feel

more confident to cope with stressors. Social time also creates an informal support structure for peers to help each other cope with life's challenges.

The wellness team at On Top of the World is working hard to provide creative programming that will enable residents to stay safe while moving and socializing. One of our recent events was the outdoor Zumba Jam. We had 30 residents come out to move, groove and have fun.

Don't miss the next outdoor exercise program coming this month. Join the fitness team Wednesday, March 17, for Power Play in the Power Parks. Indigo East residents are invited to join the fitness team at the Indigo Power Park at 10 a.m. Then we will be at the On Top of the World Power Park at 1 p.m. Discover this fabulous outdoor equipment and alternative options for your workouts.



Photo by Tom West

Men's Round Robin event.

Check Out Pickleball

By Bill Bender

If you have been within earshot of the pickleball courts recently, you have likely heard some whooping and hollering. The club has had a full plate of fun activities to which members have shown a strong response. Our thanks go out to Tom West, Eduardo Huertas, and Cheri Zangmeister for organizing and directing these events. They have certainly added to the fun and frolic for our pickleball participants.

If you have any interest whatsoever in this game (with such a strange name), we make it easy for

you to check it out. Just come out to our "Pickleball 101" orientation class Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Herb Katz and Tom Roach will be there to greet you and introduce you to the game. The only equipment you need are court or training shoes (what we used to call sneakers) and we recommend eye protection, and of course, a face mask is recommended, but optional as the class will be held entirely outside. We have paddles and balls available for your use.

If you find it attractive, an addi-

tional class, "Pickleball 102" available Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

I must warn you that this game is addictive. Just ask any of our regular players and you will find that they are "hooked." There is no charge for the classes, we just want to share the fun with you.

If you have heard about this game and are just curious, come over to the courts any Monday thru Saturday, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. to check it out. During these hours you are likely to see all 12 courts in use and upwards of 20 people queued up awaiting their turn to play. You are welcome to watch as long as you wish and ask any questions you might have.

For over 300 residents, this ranks

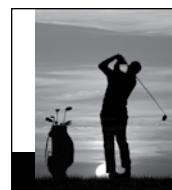
as one of their favorite activities. Be prepared to hear laughter, kidding, cheering and hollering. It's been described as sounding like "seniors out on spring break."

For those already participating in the sport, if you haven't already done so, take advantage of our website at tpc.pickleball.plus. This site was designed for clubs such as ours, is most useful, and easy to navigate. Our club will be using it more and more as it has many practical features for us. If you have any difficulties whatsoever, don't struggle with it, just ask someone around the courts, as most of us are using it regularly.

We look forward to seeing you out on the courts!



Photo by Charles Crenshaw
On behalf of the Men's Golf Association, treasurer Rusty Rhodes presented a \$2,000 donation to Cindy Moody at Hospice of Marion County Tuesday, Feb. 9.



Men's Golf Association
John Yenne

The Golf Shop has moved up the online registration deadline for league play. To be guaranteed a spot, you must register online by 10 p.m. Monday. You can still call the Golf Shop on Tuesday to register for Wednesday play, but whether or not you get in will depend on available space.

The MGA has 299 total members. Please welcome our newest members: Jim Tolson, Mike Kelly, David Butler, Don Edmond, Mike Lane, Dwight Weirich, Gerry Camp, Rino D'Amico, David Cuvellier, Bill Cline, Sam Feola, Mike Mackowiak, and Tom Norris. Mark these upcoming Wednesdays on your calendar:

- March 3: Scramble (The Links)
- March 10: Team Blind Holes (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- March 17: Beat the Pro (The Links)
- March 24: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- March 31: Any 4 Clubs (The Links)

Team Quota

Jan. 27 / The Tortoise & The Hare
+1-Brian Wilder, Jim Lefaver, David Wohlleber and Nick James. -1-Neil Seaman, Ruben Alvarez, Larry Cor-dill and Tom Neville. -3-Russell Zile, Dennis Barber, Paul Snyder and Tary Bole. -4-Gary Hassett, Dale Budd, Norm Hayworth and Mike Driver. -7-Joe Wong, Roy Coombes, Ricki Plesea and Alan Theusch. Tie at -9-John Parnau, Marty Brown, Ronald Grob and Bob Gee; Anthony Morris, Bob Barbee, Brian Smith and Bill Searight; Larry Gibson, Jean Proulx, James McCormack and Dennis Pope. Tie at -11-Jerry Englar, Ken Zweiback, David Hannasch and Tim Williams. -16-Jim Weaver, Lyle Gave, Mike Lane and Thomas Kujawa.

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Feb. 10 / The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: Tie at 65-Mike Ball and Steven Sarkozy; Marty Brown and Robert Dellapenna. 66-David Butler and Norm Hayworth. 67-Dale Clarke and Lyle Gave. 68-Joe Wilks and Thomas Kujawa. 69-Larry Gibson and Carl Zeiler. 72-Greg McDowell and Bob Barbee.

Flight 2: Tie at 63-Rusty Zarrell and David Wohlleber; Roy Coombes and Larry Cordill. Tie at 64-Dennis McCourt and Brian Smith; Larry Manion and David Woitek. 65-Henry Sohl and Joseph Mandala. 67-John Parnau and James Thompson. Tie at 70-Brad Weirick and Mike Madura; Robert Anderson and Richard Deschenes.

Flight 3: Tie at 65-David Hannasch and Thomas Martinetto; Thomas Lasclair and Dennis Pope. Tie at 67-Dale Budd and Clay Norgan; John English and Charles Miele; Ken Zweiback and Mike Lane. Tie at 68-Charles Crenshaw and Dan Goggin; Rino D'Amico and David Garland.

Flight 4: Tie at 63-Rick Schriewer and John Hartney; Roger Sparks and Bob Gorman; Joe Polizzotti and Ruben Alvarez. Tie at 67-Jim Weaver and Loren Magsam; Gerry Camp and Barry Barringer. 69-Gary Hassett and Tom Neville. Tie at 70-Joe Wong and Bob Marks; Don Edmond and David Johnson.



Bunco Babes Social Group

Micki Malsch

As of today, the Bunco Babes Social Group is postponed until Monday, Sept. 27. Please refer to the World News for updates.

The group will play 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.

The Bunco for Babies fundraiser luncheon for the March of Dimes was cancelled due to safety guidelines in place limiting the number of people for events held indoors and social distancing. Hopefully, this event can be held next year. As tickets are non-refundable, and all proceeds from ticket sales were turned in to the March of Dimes last year prior to the lockdown, anyone who purchased a ticket and would like a letter denoting your charitable tax deduction of \$25, please contact me.

A random drawing was held of all the tickets sold and the following ticket numbers have won prizes: #078, #019, #125, #081, #067, #037, #079, #024, #027, and #108.

If you are the holder of one of the above numbered tickets, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790 to claim your prize. Any unclaimed prizes will be held over for next year's event.

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**Softball**

Tom Sheridan

Some guys have all the luck.

For most of us, baseball is a youthful phase. We get to play sandlot or little league, maybe - if we're halfway good - make our high school team. Then it's over, replaced by studies, girls, a career and maybe a dream of playing again.

Baseball fades into the background, just images on a TV or game stats in the papers. Until, in retirement, the dream comes roaring back and senior softball lets us be 11 years old again.

But some guys get to play softball most of their lives. Then they retire and play some more.

That's a guy like Steve McDonald, resident since 2013. And it's a story McDonald loves to share in his iconic Alabama accent.

McDonald played ball as a child in Russellville, Alabama, and in Noblesville, Indiana, after his family moved north. As an adult, he played ball in company and neighborhood leagues there and later back in Alabama and Arkansas. And he played in age 50-plus leagues before retiring. About the only time he wasn't playing, he said, was during his four-year stint in the U.S. Navy as a radar operator based out of Norfolk, Virginia. "No ball games aboard ship," he said.

But here on the On Top of the

World softball field, he's playing again. And the veteran pitcher loves to tell you all about it.

"It's the competitiveness," he said. "Even though we're old, I just love it." The competition is part of the goal of On Top of the World softball, along with friendship and exercise. "I do have a habit of getting excited," he conceded. But, he said, "it's special, a better place for us old guys."

Coming soon - field improvements. Jeff Thomas, the club's board chair, and board member Pete Feliciano met in February with Theresa Fields, program supervisor, and other community officials to review plans for new dugouts and related work.

Construction to completely remove and replace the existing dugouts with state-of-the-art structures could begin this month. The work will be timed to interfere with the game schedules as little as possible. Additional gate openings in the current fencing will also be opened to ease access to the field.

Club membership continues to increase, said Feliciano, as new residents as well as current ones rediscover the sport of their younger days. The league currently fields eight teams playing four games a day each Monday and Wednesday during the winter season. The league is considering expanding games to other days for the spring/summer season.

For more about softball at On Top of the World, contact Tom Sheridan at tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com.



Photo by Tom Sheridan

Steve McDonald lets loose with pitch in a February game.

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**Candler Hills
Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

Denise Mullen

March is upon us, which means I am reaching out to anyone who would like to volunteer for various positions for the upcoming Ocala Open. In case you are not familiar with this event, Candler Hills hosts a professional event for three days of competition Wednesday, March 24, through Friday, March 26. Some of the positions I utilize volunteers for are scoring tent, player shuttles, beverage stations at the bathrooms on #5 and #13, and spotters on holes #6 and #9. If you would like to volunteer your time for either a morning or afternoon shift, please email me at denise_mullen@otowfl.com as soon as possible. In your email include your phone number, which day you are available and your availability for the morning or afternoon shift. I will be completing my assignments for this event by Tuesday, March 16.

As the weather improves, we hope to see more of you signing up to play on Thursdays. We are excited to have several new ladies join our LGA-9 play group. Nick and I are working on some new ideas for your golfing enjoyment.

The previous few columns have discussed the importance of being positive and thinking differently with your approach to your golf game. Hopefully, you are more aware when you become anxious when you are paired with new players or feel you are a terrible golfer

because you can't hit it as far as the ladies you are paired with. A few years ago, I came across the following and I thought it would be appropriate for you to reflect on so that you can change your thoughts to overcome obstacles.

If you fail, never give up because F.A.I.L. means "First Attempt in Learning." End is not the end. In fact, E.N.D. means "Effort Never Dies."

If you get no as an answer, remember N.O. means "Next Opportunity."

These changes in how you think about your game can promote positive thinking. With positive thinking, you are more likely to achieve far better results. In a way you become your own cheerleader to enable you not to turn back down the rabbit hole of negative self-talk. Managing your mindset by changing the words you think will go a long way in improvement. Golf is a sport that you can continue to enjoy at any age and with physical limitations.

We invite any new ladies who prefer to only play nine holes to participate in our 9 Hole Play Day on Thursdays at Candler Hills Golf Club. Tee times start at 9 a.m. You will need an established handicap to participate. We play many different formats; some are individual events in flights and others will be team events.

Please feel free to email or call Nick (nick_schwander@otowfl.com) or myself (denise_mullen@otowfl.com) with any and all concerns or questions you may have. Candler Hills Golf Shop phone number is (352) 861-9712.

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**Ladies
9-Hole Golf**

Russ Smith

As we move into the month of March, the LGA-9 schedule will be on the following Tuesdays:

- March 2: Lucky 4s is an individual game where only the par 4s count.
- March 9: 3 Blind Mice is a fun game where the Golf Shop will pick three holes to not count towards the team score. The twist is you won't know the three holes until you get back in.
- March 16: Team Scramble is where everyone tees off, you pick the best drive, and everyone plays from there. You repeat this process until the ball is holed.
- March 23: Low Net is where everyone plays their own ball, and your handicap will be deducted from your total score.
- March 30: Team 1, 2, 3 is a team game where you only count the one best score of the group on the par 5s and the two best scores on the par 4s and the three best

scores on the par 3s.

As we look into the month of March, we are happy to announce that clinics are back up and running. Spaces are limited but we are now doing two clinics, one at 9 a.m. and one at 10 a.m. To register, please stop by the Candler Hill Golf Shop.

We also have the Club Championship starting Friday, March 5, with round two on the following Saturday, March 6. This event is only open to members of On Top of the World Golf Club and will be played on both The Links and The Tortoise & The Hare courses, with tee times starting at 8 a.m. We added a nine-hole ladies division a few years ago and we want to keep it going so please make sure to sign up.

We have had some questions about local rules for the LGA-9. We currently have no local rules in place and follow all USGA rules governing play. For example, the "Root Rule" is not a local rule that the On Top of the World Golf Club follows in any of their golf events. Please familiarize yourselves with the USGA rules of golf, visit www.usga.org for more info.

If you are unsure about a ruling, ask your fellow players or call the Golf Shop for help.

Flight 3: 74-Peggy Wiechmann.
78-Christine McIntire. 80-Katie Schriewer.

Flight 4: 70-Jean Hsu. 73-Virginia Madura. 75-Lilly Gee.

Flight 5: 69-Debbie Zile. 73-Antonia Varney. 74-Geri Treppa.

Individual Stableford

Jan. 19 / The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 40-Mary Ann Livingston.
38-Shelly Karsnitz. 33-Lynne Dickson. 30-Maria Fournier. Tie at 29-Lynn Colomb, Gail LaGrange, Diane Boston.

Flight 2: Tie at 37-Linda Blewitt, Iro Lisinski. Tie at 35-Pamela Jones, Nancy Zielinski. 34-MJ Strelec.

Flight 3: 39-Virginia Combs. Tie at 35-Ellen Brin, Debby Wilson, Christine McIntire. 33-Joyce Jones.

Flight 4: Tie at 33-Linda Bervinkle, Geri Treppa. Tie at 32-Molly Lucieer, Sandy Chase. Tie at 31-May Chin, Mary Ruffner, Linda Ryan.

No More Crying Individual

Jan. 26 / The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 4-Diane Boston. Tie at 4-Lynne Dickson, Yuhlan Cho. 3-Gail LaGrange. Tie at 2-Lynn Colomb, Christine Giza, Beverly Ovrebo.

Flight 2: 6-Bobbie Wiener. Tie at 4-Judy Graham, Joann Dellapenna. 3-Peggy Borro. Tie at 2-MJ Strelec, Peggy Ellengerger.

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Flight 4: 9-Molly Lucieer. 7-Lilly Gee. 6-Pat Lindstrom. 5-Kathleen Goodwin. Tie at 3-Sharon Johnson, Mary Ruffner.

Flight 5: 6-Antonia Varney. Tie at 4-Carla Kimball, Debbie Zile. 3-Dee Howie. Tie at 2-Linda Bervinkle, Rosann Ross.

One, Two, Three Team Net

Feb. 9 / The Tortoise & The Hare

129-Christine Giza, Katie Schriewer, Mary Ruffner, Vickie Foster. Tie at 133-Mary Jeannette, MJ Strelec, Liz Pruss, Carla Kimball; Diane Boston, Nancy Zielinski, Geri Treppa, Carolyn Cummings; Peggy Borrow, Eileen Gustavus, Debby Wilson, May Chin. Tie at 134-Bobbie Wiener, Joyce Jones, Pamela Jones, Sandra Dechambeau; VaDonna Hall, Iro Lisinski, Kathleen Goodwin, Susan Yenne. 135-Lynn Colomb, Judy Graham, Marlena Laclair, Antonia Varney.

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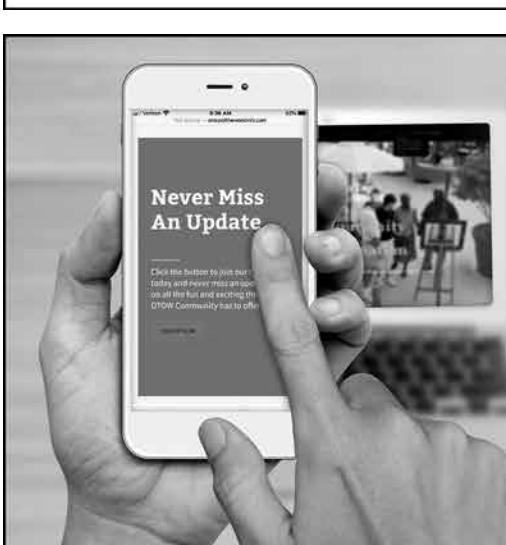
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Golf

Matt Hibbs
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Wow! Time flies; spring is almost here. Take advantage of the weather and play some golf before the Florida summer arrives. We all know the high temperatures and extreme humidity will make us dream of this time of year again.

The 2021 Ocala Open will be held at Candler Hills Golf Club Wednesday, March 24 through Friday, March 26, with the Pro-Am Tuesday, March 23. We are offering all of our golf members a discount to participate in the Pro-Am, \$800 for a three-person team while being paired with one of the pros. Included in the entry fee is a gift package from Callaway Golf worth \$200 and a barbecue after the event.

Candler Hills
Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Renee Aden

Waking up in the morning with frost on the ground is not what you would expect in Florida. However, our golfers had to deal with some cooler temperatures during January out on the golf course. Love of the game and being with friends must keep us warm enough to play. Sometimes it is difficult to recognize each other with all the extra clothing and head coverings.

In the last seven months, our membership has increased by 15 players. The league planned a "meet and greet" on the patio after golf Thursday, Feb. 18. It was nice to meet new members and renew acquaintances with other members.

The Candler Hills LGA members have been invited to play in a reciprocal event with the On Top of the World LGA-18 Tuesday, March 23, when the Candler Hills Golf Club will be closed to members for the Ocala Open.

Over the last 18 months the Candler Hills LGA has collected donations for Marion County Junior Golf Association (formerly The First Tee of Greater Ocala). Candler Hills LGA will present a check in the amount of \$518 to this organization.

A membership meeting will be scheduled as soon as it is safe to hold lunch meetings in the Candler Hills Community Center.

The League Championship is coming up Thursdays, April 15 and 22. Lunch will be held after play April 22. Please look for the sign up for this event.

Lucky Fours
Jan. 7

Flight 1: -40-Shelly Karsnitz, -41-Deborah Martin, -42-Sandy Snyder, -43-Beverly Ovrebo.
Flight 2: -39-Angelita Jingco, -41-Sara Nunn, Tie at -42-Lisa Free, Mary Jo Lock, Eileen Gustavus.

The benefiting charities for this year's event are Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Last year we were able to raise \$70,000 to be split between the two charities. We are hoping to make this year's event even bigger and better. Admission is free Wednesday through Friday with VIP tickets available for \$25 or three for \$65 in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. For more information regarding VIP tickets and the Ocala Open, visit www.ocalaopen.com.

Also being held in March is the annual On Top of the World Club Championship. This championship is for On Top of the World golf members only. This is a two-day event with round one being played Friday, March 5 followed by round two Saturday, March 6. Both days will be 8 a.m. tee times. Good luck to our defending champions Joe Wilks, Deborah Martin and Kay Budd. Please see the On Top of the

World Golf Shop for more details.
Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 5 & Saturday, March 6: On Top of the World Club Championship.
- Saturday, March 20: On Top of the World monthly event - Cross Country at The Links.
- Tuesday, March 23: Ocala Open Pro-Am at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 24 through Friday, March 26: Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Club.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Randy Nelson, eagle #12. Debbie Simpson, hole-in-one #17. Chris Mark, eagle #10. Angie Jingco, eagle #7. Rosalie Gromacki, hole-in-one #13. David Fosdick, eagle #16. Rick Kramer, eagle #15. Kate Beatty, hole-in-one #8.

THE LINKS: Bill Young, eagle #2. Richard Doyle, eagle #17. Bob Monodore, eagle #3. Gretchen Norman-

din, shot 79 one stroke under her age.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Pam Trondson, hole-in-one #8. James Merrick shot 84 one stroke under his age.

Congratulations to all!

Golf Tip of the Month

You have a five-foot putt to make birdie and win the match. Your palms are sweating, hands shaking, and mind is wandering.

If you can relate to this scenario then here are a few tips to help ease your nerves. First create a pre putt routine. This routine should be kept simple and quick, 30 seconds or less. Make sure to follow this routine for each putt during your round. During your stroke be sure to have nice rhythm. Nerves tend to get the best of players and create a quick stroke. This often causes the putt to fall offline. Stand over the putt with confidence, keep a good frame of mind and sink that putt.

Flight 3: -40-Beth Wolinsky, -44-Iro Lisinski. Tie at -45-Jonell Washburn, Kate Beatty.

Flight 4: -40-Gail Banavige. Tie at -43-Carol Clark, DeAnne Green. Tie at -45-Renee Aden, Sue Fierce.

Odds (F9)/Evens (B9)

Jan. 14

Flight 1: -40-Lynn Colomb, -41-Deborah Martin, -42-Shelly Karsnitz.
Flight 2: -38-Maria Fournier, -39-Pamela Jones. Tie at -43-Angelita Jingco, Judie Anderson.

Flight 3: -39-Anne Dahlen, -43-Virginia Madura, -44-Gloria Cullins, -45-Laurel Rohrer.

Flight 4: -39-MaryAnn McCourt, -40-DeAnne Green. Tie at -41-Sue Fierce, Cynthia Gersten.

1 Best Ball Gross/1 Best Ball Net (Team)

Jan. 21

-135-Sandy Snyder, Virginia Combs, Jonell Washburn, Renee Aden.

-147-Shelly Karsnitz, Pamela Jones, Sandra Dechambeau, Joann Delmar. -147-Christine Giza, Lisa Free, Toni Stevenson, Mary Ann McCourt. -151-Kate Beatty, Teri Stecker, Anita Nutt, Maxine Allen.

Low Gross/Low Net

January 28

Low Gross

Flight 1: -81-Shelly Karsnitz.
Flight 2: -89-Donna Smith. Tie at -93-Pamela Jones, Roe Gromacki.

Flight 3: -95-Ann Dahlen, -98-Virginia Madura.

Flight 4: -100-Carla Kimball, -103-Lylyong Dicus.

Low Net

Flight 1: -77-Lynn Colomb.

Flight 2: -73-Mary Jo Lock, -77-Virginia Combs.

Flight 3: -78-Beth Wolinsky. Tie at -79-Toni Stevenson, Teri Stecker.

Flight 4: -71-Mary Ann McCourt, -73-Joann Delmar.

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**Bocce**

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! League play is Tuesdays, at 11 a.m. Masks or face coverings are mandatory for league players. Please make sure if you are getting substitutes for your team, they must have a mask or face covering.

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

Open bocce is played 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.

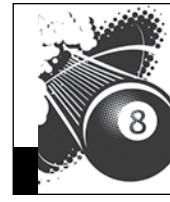
Mandatory social distancing is in effect for open bocce, masks or face coverings are recommended. Social distancing guidelines will affect the number of players per court.

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, pay dues, and sign a Release and

Hold Harmless consent form. The banquet has been booked for Saturday, May 8, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Updated information to follow.

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 ...

**Billiards Club**

Phil Panzera

We wish to thank Fritz Langville and Tom West for using their initiative to clean the tables and equipment before a regular schedule was implemented. Unfortunately, we don't have maid service, and cleaning and maintaining our equipment is something for which we should all be mindful, and lend some elbow grease on occasion.

We ask that players absolutely do not tap any balls into the table while racking. This may help with that single rack, but the indentation created makes it harder for every rack after that. This is often why the head ball moves off with a mind of its own sometimes. Just simply move the rack slightly and try again. If the head ball is not perfectly on the foot spot, so be it; the billiard Gods really won't mind ... we're all just room players.

Also, if you're having trouble with gaps between balls in the eight-ball rack, always start with the white diamond on the rack pointing up-table. You may nevertheless see a gap in the second row of balls, as the wooden racks are not perfectly triangular. If that happens, just rotate the rack one turn and try again.

BILLIARDS IN ANTIQUITY: The church has long been a part of billiard history. From its earliest days, the game was often denounced as a sinful, dangerous and morally corrupt activity. France was one of the first countries where billiards evolved, yet in these earliest days of billiards in the 1400s, the game was forbidden by the church as well as the king. Eventually the game was seen in a better light, and Kings Louis XIV and Louis XVI became avid players.

In America, billiards has also suffered from cycling periods of social acceptance. In early American history laws were passed, influenced by religious concerns, which made the game illegal in many parts of the land. By the 1800s the game, like in Europe, transitioned to become culturally acceptable.

Billiards in America (principally the carom forms of the game: three-cushion and balkline) became a cultured activity, with players dressed in tuxedos or suits for competition. Many upper-class homes sported elaborate and richly decorated billiard rooms, usually with carom tables (without pockets) rather than pool tables.

In the early 1900s, like a tide receding, the elegance and gentility of the game slowly faded as the playing public switched from carom billiards to the much easier games of pool. The rapid growth of pool rooms, with drinking, gambling, hustling and the occasional fisticuffs, soon gained billiards the seedy reputation that it started with in the 1400s.

Yet in the last many decades pool has rebounded into a very socially acceptable game, suitable for kids, families, dates and casual nights out with friends. Pool is in fact the number one participant game in America.

Interestingly, this resurgence mirrors the revival of the game in medieval Europe five centuries ago. Wash, rinse, repeat; such is the history of life, and billiards is no exception.

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**R/C Flyers**

Dan Gaffin

A typical day at the flying field stays very busy. Pilots are coming and going throughout the day and flying a variety of models. A spectator would most likely notice a range of sizes and types immediately and this available variety keeps this hobby continuously fun and challenging.

There is a nice sense of camaraderie among all the pilots. The more experienced pilots are always willing to lend their knowledge and understanding to a trainee or

newer pilot. It is notable that this camaraderie has resulted in good friendships on and off the field. I, myself, am a new pilot and have felt very welcomed. As an extreme novice I needed much assistance when learning to fly. Finding assistance and help was easy. Honestly, throughout this great group of pilots, I have met some wonderful people who I can now call friends.

On several occasions, it has been expressed that the reason that a pilot chose to move to On Top of the World was access to the flying field, the layout of the field and seeing the support that the R/C Flyers receive from management.

R/C Flyers' most recent club meeting was held Monday, Feb. 1, and we finalized the details of

a new addition to our facility. We are excited about a new Tempest weather station that will be installed and should be operational within the month. Great appreciation is extended to our current president, Carl Schneider, and our resident experts, Steven Schlesselman and Doug Nastally, for all their time and effort to make this happen. The weather station will provide real time data, such as wind speed and direction, temperature, humidity and barometric pressure. All members will be able to access this data from an app using their smartphone or computer. The weather station will be solar powered with a 1000-watt inverter and has no moving parts to break down. There will be three cameras

included that will give live views of the runway, windsock and sky conditions at the field. I can attest to the many times that the conditions at my house look pretty good for flying to only arrive at the field and discover fog or increased winds. The new equipment will be a great addition for all the members.

The R/C Flyers' membership count is currently 165 strong. At this writing, we have six new members in flight training with approved instructors. All members would like to welcome and congratulate two of our newest pilots who have completed their flight training and solo flights and received their flight approval - Bruce Linasky and Steven Bilchich.

**Archery Club**

Leslie McCormick

We are all familiar with the saying, "Out with the old, in with the new." Well, a new Bulldog K9 Plus target has arrived from Canada and is being evaluated by our members. Even though the archery range has been open less than a year, the daily activity and number of shots that the current targets have taken has caused our board members to evaluate the best solution for replacement targets. In addition to this new target being more durable, it is square and is designed to accommodate multiple target faces which

will also help in extending the life of the target.

Our range operations volunteer members have been facing quite a challenge and are doing a remarkable job keeping all of our targets in the best shape possible for our members. Can you tell that excitement is in the air?

February continued to be a busy month with leagues. The Vegas target league is just wrapping up and the new recurve league finished Saturday, Feb. 13. The club shoot Saturday, Feb. 27 was a new format. Participants shot an NFAA 300 round on blue target faces with a white bullseye. It consisted of five arrows per end with 12 ends for 60 arrows. The scoring was X-5-4-3-2-1 with a maximum score of 300 and 60 Xs. The results of the leagues and tournament were highlighted

in the March club newsletter and posted at the range as well as details for the March leagues and Saturday, March 27 club shoot.

Our list of members with "robin hoods" now includes two ladies. Barbara Scales and Phyllis Shaw shot them in January, both in the same week. Tom Caliendo's name was added to the list in February and he had a very impressive grouping. If you missed the explanation of "robin hoods" in our column last year, we said that according to Google the chances are one in 3,000 to shoot one. Congratulations Barbara, Phyllis and Tom!

The range is open dawn to dusk so it is nice to see the daylight hours gradually extending and the colder mornings we experienced for many weeks disappearing. Our pro shop hours have been extended too. Ex-

perienced members are available Tuesday through Sunday, from 9 to 11 a.m. to help members with their personal equipment.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our club, come out and see what we are all about. The archery range is located at the Veterans Park. Take a golf cart or stroll down the path by the Victory Garden. The membership process starts with a required safety orientation session. For members who do not have their own equipment we have club equipment to use, and one of our USA Archery Level 2 instructors will provide archery basics along with the safety session. Membership applications are available at the range or by sending an email to Leslie at llmccorm74@aol.com.

**Call of the Wild**

Roger Bonifield

Yes, we are still here. Although we haven't had a regular meeting for over a year, that is about to change. Many members have been getting together via our club website and other means to schedule fishing trips and even a couple hunting trips over the last 12 months. Hopefully this will increase even more as we get back together with regular meetings.

Our first meeting of 2021 is

scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Because this room still has limited capacity, it will be open to members only, and masks will be required. It will be first come, first serve and limited to the occupancy rules for that room at that time. We will continue to meet at that same time and location for the foreseeable future. As we move past the restrictions, and we will, we will be able to open our meetings to members and non-members; so stay tuned for further details.

For new residents, Call of the Wild Sports Club is a great group of men and women who enjoy fishing and hunting and sharing their ex-

periences with others. We normally have many activities throughout the year from fishing trips to picnics and other outdoor events. Our planned meeting time going forward is the first Wednesday of every month (starting in April), from 1 to 3 p.m. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me directly at (352) 300-3601.

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**Tennis**Jorge Privat
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Spring is around the corner! We wish to welcome all the new tennis players frequenting the courts. It makes me feel good seeing games played by players of all levels, on a regular basis.

Don't forget that here, we play tennis "for the health of it." Tennis offers so many benefits - mentally it keeps you alert, thinking quickly; physically it increases your stamina and helps you maintain good balance and your reflexes in top condition; emotionally it helps you discard negative thoughts and promotes positive thinking; and so much more.

If there is anything, I can do to help improve your game, I am very happy to do it.

We now have a committee comprised of five players: Brenda Miller, Bridget Trenkle, Nicole Eddy, Tammy Seutter and Walter Galas. One agenda item is to send an email of activities on a regular basis as well as special activities that will take place on a given month. The second agenda item is to setup a court reservation system and list of activities on the computer so you can check the status of the courts and activities when you need it.

Anticipation

One of the most important athletic skills that every player needs is anticipation! What is the great characteristic found in the best athletes, you ask? Anticipation!

Have you ever watched a player who doesn't visually appear to have the physique to be athletically quick, but somehow seems to get to every ball or be in the right place at the right time? Or have you ever wondered why tennis pro Roger Federer, soccer Leo Messi and other big names are at the top of their sport?

Here's why. The best movers on the court, not only have great footwork and movement skills, but also have the ability to read the game and anticipate. They see the play before it happens. It is the athlete's ability to react and their reflexes that determine just how well they will move in their chosen sport.

Simply put, all movement starts with the brain telling the body that it needs to move. The neuromuscular system or "brain to body" wiring needs to be continually trained. Good anticipation and response

skills are essential qualities to being a good mover on a tennis court. Knowing the opponent's next shot, the one that is coming back, allows players to move early and into the correct position to be ready.

These skills can be learned with the help of a trainer or a coach and practiced during play on a regular basis keeping "anticipation" in mind. You can definitely learn to anticipate a lob, a drop shot, where the ball is going to land, the bounce of the ball, spin, etc.

Weekly Tennis Schedule
Monday

7:30 to 10 a.m.: Super senior men (courts 5, 6)

8:30 to 11 a.m.: Open Round Robin mixed (courts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8)

Tuesday

7:30 to 10 a.m.: Super senior men (courts 5, 6)

8:30 to 11 a.m.: Ladies play (courts 1, 3, 4, 7, 8)

Wednesday

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Super senior ladies (courts 5, 6)

10 to 11 a.m.: Beginner's clinic (court 2)

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Wednesday

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Super senior ladies (courts 5, 6)

8:30 to 11 a.m.: Open Round Robin mixed (Courts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8)

Thursday

8:30 to 11 a.m.: Open Round Robin mixed (courts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8)

Friday

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Super Senior Ladies (courts 5, 6)

10 to 11 a.m.: Intermediate/advanced clinic (court 2)

Saturday

11 a.m.: USTA matches

Open tennis (first come, first served)

Sunday

Open tennis (first come, first served)

Interclub matches occur the first Tuesday of the month (after scheduled tennis). A free tennis clinic is offered the first Thursday of every month; all residents are welcome.

See you on the courts!

**Co-Ed Recreational Softball**

Sherry Winn

Well, folks, January's weather certainly put a damper on our Community Co-Ed Recreational Softball! When the temperature is less than 50 degrees at 9 a.m. start time, previous night's rain damages the field or it is raining at play times, we all stay home, roll over and hunker down (at least I do). It has been proposed that if the weather is on a warming trend, that we postpone our start times to 10 a.m., which

should not be as much a problem as March progresses. This will apply to our Saturday game days as well as Tuesday's batting practice. With this clarified, as well as new group emails based upon questionable guidelines, all uncertainties should be alleviated.

Now let's get back to our regular schedules, if we can pull our players back from a day on the golf course or pickleball courts. We've had a fabulous group participating prior to the weather challenges and are even welcoming new players now that we're meeting at the softball field again. I look forward to reviving the regularity of our gatherings both on the field and afterwards.

For all current and potential players, remember to spread the news that our activity is free to all! We have equipment available to borrow or use as well as a generous source in Jeff Thomas for used equipment at his cost. Contact me at (315) 528-8499 for further information.

Our featured player of the last gathering is Arlene Carleton, who finally found her sweet spot on the bat and faced her fear of catching a pop fly!

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Shuffleboard

Walter Lamp

Our 34th season has not turned out to be all we expected. But, due to circumstances beyond our control, there wasn't much we could do about it. First, due to restrictions to keep us safe, our activities were cancelled. Our get-togethers such as the ice cream social in the fall and our annual luncheon at the end of the season, among others, were not to be. Then, the new court had maintenance problems, which halted play for a while. And our tournaments, such as the Black/Yellow match and the Jack Huard (our founder) final match were cancelled, as well as two others. And finally, the weather, from a rather cool winter to rainy one and windy at times, caused some difficult playing at times.

But Paul Hodges kept the instructional class going. Introduction to shuffleboard is offered on the second Saturday of the month at the courts at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we invite you to come down to the courts at Veterans Park. We will go over the rules, scoring, safety and the basics of shooting the disc. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.

January**Men/Women**

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz/Mary Lamp & Vicki Lentz. 33–Charlie Lentz.

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher/Jane Boyer & Dottie Migliaccio.

Thursday a.m.: Annette Hodges & Jessica Taylor.

On Top of the World NEWS**UPCOMING PUBLICATION**

April Issue

Thursday, April 1, 2021

See page 2 for publication schedule.

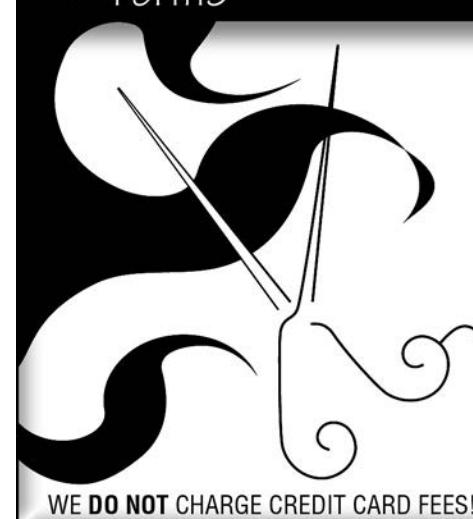
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Horse Fever Rides Again

The Horse Fever public art project was created in 2001 by Marion Cultural Alliance (MCA) in partnership with Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association. The Horse Fever herd has stood as a testament to the unification of culture and community. In 2005, MCA created a traveling herd of horses, dubbed Horse Fever in Motion. Then in 2011, to commemorate the Horse Fever 10th year anniversary, MCA created a new herd featuring 31 new artists' designs. These horses have traveled to events all over Ocala and are deeply cherished by our community. Now, the fourth herd has arrived and will be on display at Circle Square Cultural Center for all to see. Included in the display is On Top of the World's very own Celestial Magic by artist, Michell K. Farrar.

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FITNESS SCHEDULE

March 2021

Recreation Center Ballroom

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Chair Yoga* Maureen		Chair Yoga* Haley		Chair Yoga* Sandra
10:00 AM	Balanced Body* Dennis		Move To Improve* Larry		Balanced Body* Dennis
11:00 AM	Strength & Stretch* Tucker		Zumba® Gold* Kitti		Strength & Stretch* Tucker

*Face masks are mandatory
 Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM
 Recreation Fitness Center orientations and balance assessments are free by appointment only. Please call 854-8707 Ext. 7531 to schedule.

Arbor Conference Center (Dance Studios I, II, III)

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Yoga* Radha			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
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Deep Water Fitness 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Open	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Deep Water Fitness 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Open Swim: Saturdays 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sundays 9 AM - 7 PM
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**Candler Hills
Men's Golf**

Terry Hoppes

We welcomed new members Tom Joy, Mike Kelly, Brian Gauthier and Rick Schriewer.

The league play for Tuesday, Feb. 2 was cancelled due to inclement weather. I thought about calling my buddies in Pennsylvania who had 24 inches of snow to see if they cancelled but I thought it wise not to.

Congratulations to Tom Joy and Robert Dellapenna for their great rounds relative to quota Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Team Best Balls
Jan. 19

A/B Flight: -9-Bill Lock and Lyle Gave. Tie at -5-David Fosdick and Rick Strynar, David Butler and Mike Cunningham. Tie at -3-Tommy Lowe and Don Edmond, Lonnie Page and Joe Jingco.

C/D Flight: -8-Gilbert Green and George Brombacher. Tie at -6-Robert Springmann and Tim Williams, Joe Pruss and Frank Esposito. -5-James Dewey and Tom Joy.

Quota in Flights
Jan. 26

Flight 1: +4-Lonnie Page. +2-Marty Brown. 0-Mike Deahl. Tie at -2-Paul Sepulveda and David Fritz and Bill Lock

Flight 2: +1-Larry Smallwood. 0-Dick Gromacki. Tie at -1-Mike Altomare and David Fosdick. Tie at -2-Virgil Jajalla and Bill Cline

Flight 3: Tie at +2-Joe Pruss and Rusty Zarrell. +1-Lyle Gave. 0 David Miller. -1-Mori Fierce

Flight 4: Tie at +5-Tom Joy and Robert Dellapenna. +3-Bill Searight. +2-Tim Beaty. +1-Edwin Viloria. Tie

at 0-George Brombacher and James Dewey.

Quota in Flights
Feb. 9

Flight 1: +1-William Cline. -1-David Fritz. -3-Robert Jahnke. Tie at -4-Bill Lock and Joe Schubert and Bill Wallenstein.

Flight 2: Tie at +3-David Fosdick and David Vermilya. -1-Dick Gromacki. -2-Mike Altomare. Tie at -3-Lyle Gave and Ric Strynar.

Flight 3: +1-Michael Brajer. Tie at -1-Dennis McCourt and Rusty Zarrell. Tie at -2-Joe Wong and Robert Springmann. Tie at -3-Don Edmond and Joe Pruss.

Flight 4: +6-Brad Best. +5-Bill Searight. +3-Ron Klouse. +1-Tim Williams. Tie at -2-Dutch Schulze and James Dewey.

For those of you who are looking for more information regarding our league, please visit CHMGA.org.

Fit Tips



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may need more than five to 15 minutes.

FIT TIP #2: Take a stroll on the Longleaf Pine Trail. The trailhead is adjacent to the Arbor Conference Center. In addition to getting physical exercise, studies show that being in "green spaces" is also good for improving temperament, concentration and focus. Natural light and outdoor experiences are great for releasing mood-boosting chemicals in your brain!

FIT TIP #3: Go green with a friend. Time outside keeps you off the couch, and away from the TV and computer. Doing it with a companion also brings in social wellness.

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**Ballet Club**

Eugenie Martin

**New Dancin' On the Top**

Arlo Janssen

**Sidekicks Western Dance**

Paula Shira

**Line Dancing**

Nancy Carmack

I believe that exercise is really good for the body. I know it makes me feel better whenever I do it, and other dancers agree with me. In addition, several dancers have told me that when they go to a doctor or other medical practitioner, they are complimented on their flexibility and/or good physical condition. I am so happy to hear those comments! In ballet classes, we stay as well as we can and feel as good as we can. Plus, we have fun doing this together while dancing to beautiful music.

Our Friday class is now a beginner class, which is great for newcomers, and also a good technique class for more experienced dancers. In it, we do dance combinations, as we do in all our classes, but also add practice of individual steps to the shorter warm-up barre which we do to start the class.

All of our classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. To get there, you drive around the Arbor Fitness Center to the building located at the back. The Ballet Room is just to the left of the restrooms.

Our schedule is shown below:

- Tuesday and Thursday: Advanced Beginner from 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Friday: Beginner/technique from noon to 1:15 p.m.
- Saturday: Advanced Beginner from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

As usual, beginners are welcome, and no ballet clothes are necessary to start. All that is needed are exercise clothes, socks, a bottle of water, and a mask, of course. We all wear masks and practice social distancing in the class. For any information about our classes, please call (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!

HANDICAP EQUIPMENT

Handicap equipment is loaned free to residents during their convalescent term - walkers, crutches, canes or wheelchairs. For more information, call the Recreation Center at (352) 854-8707.

The winter season is fading here in Florida and spring officially begins Saturday, March 20. The New Dancin' On the Top officers wish you and your family a happy St. Patrick's Day to say goodbye to winter and start the spring season. We want you and our family of dancers to be safe and healthy. We want you to enjoy dancing when it returns fulltime to our great community.

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

The New Dancin' On the Top club membership cards are here and are available for our club members and will be available at our first dance. Preparations are going on for our 2021 dances to be held later this year. Please watch for any future changes to our New Dancin' On the Top calendar. Our club members are anxious to do more dancing this year!

Keep checking for published dance flyers that you will see on the bulletin board later this spring and early this summer 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.

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.

We are looking for volunteers to back up Jack and Jean as president and Donna as secretary/communication. Please call Jean or Donna if interested. The New Dancin' On the Top club is open to all residents. Keep on dancing into the great year 2021.

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The Ides of March and the spring equinox are both upon us and either way, March is shaping up to be a packed Sidekicks month.

Our beginners are just moving along with their dances and if the main group doesn't watch out, they are going to be out-dancing us soon. The agenda is very ambitious. As of the writing of this column, they learned Rimrock Dreams, 16 Steps, Texas Waltz and Barn Dance. Next up will be El Paso Cha Cha, Purple Daze, Sweet Delights, Drinkin' Partners, El Paso Stroll and Blue Rose.

In February, the Sidekicks coordinators demonstrated several dances to the club over a period of several weeks. The club then voted on which dance or dances they wanted to learn. Of course, shortly after that was done and the votes were tabulated, we all know what happened, so everything was put on hold. On Tuesday, March 2 we learned Traveling Swing (the #1 vote getter) and then either Moonlight Rumba or Fairytale. Both of those dances ranked as a close second to Traveling Swing and hopefully we will get both of them on the floor before we close out this dance season.

The weather is still very pleasant, and the new music is now in full swing at The Town Square on Thursdays so look for Sidekicks on the outside edge of the dance floor. We are grateful to the line dancers who have tweaked the music to include a couple of our favorites and always let us know what song will start the dancing on Thursday. You might see a large circle with all of us doing the same dance or you could see us break up and do different dances to a single song. We encourage our dancers to listen to the music and get up and give a dance a try.

The Sidekicks circle is never complete without each and every one of you and there is always room for more. Please stay safe, follow all the protocols in place, and dance every day.

Dancing is not only fun ... it is good for you. Dance every chance you get.

Since our last column, most of you know that we have had major changes in the line dance world. Our professional line dance instructor, Marilyn McNeal, has retired. We are sorry that it was necessary for her to leave, but we were blessed to have her with us for over eight years and we will miss her teaching and smiling personality. She brought us many great dances over the years, and although we are always learning new ones, we will definitely be keeping those that were our favorites.

Darlene Miller will be our new instructor beginning in September when the new season starts. She is a very experienced teacher, and I'm sure everyone will be pleased with Darlene's style of teaching. The following is a message from her:

"I am honored to be following my good friend and fellow line dance instructor Marilyn McNeal into the On Top of the World line dance program in September. Marilyn has shared so many wonderful things about the program and the dancers that I am really looking forward to being a part of this special activity. I have been teaching line dancing at all different levels for approximately 20 years. My line dance journey has taken me from instructing in retirement communities and at workshops, to teaching on cruises, and for senior programs by AdventHealth and Ocala Regional Medical Center. My philosophy: It doesn't matter what level you dance at, just as long as you dance and have fun."

During the interim period, which will continue through Monday, May 24, our practice leaders will conduct the classes. Class schedules will remain the same except for the Improver class which will only have Wednesday practice.

New dancers will not be able to join classes until September as classes are full. As soon as passes are available for the fall season, sign-up can begin for everyone. If restrictions are still in place, there will still be a limited number of passes for each class.

Stay safe and happy dancing!

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Horseshoe tri-county match against Del Webb #2.



Horseshoe League
Joe Lawson

We want to welcome back all our snowbird players. We are scheduled to start a winter league Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. Our league plays three games each week. The league is also handicapped to give each player (whether a new player or just a little older player) the chance to be competitive with the better players (the same as golf or bowling).

Our games consist of a total of 40 shoes per each game. Players under the age of 70 throw from about 37 feet; while those over 70, along with the ladies throw from about 30 feet. Each week we draw chips to decide who will be playing on each pit. There will be four players assigned to each pit. The loser at each end after 40 shoes will walk

to the other end to play another opponent. After this game the two players who have not played each other, play. Our scores are recorded after each game. Each week the handicap is redone so it is always up to date.

The board members returned from the tri-county league meeting at The Villages Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 and were told that the tri-county league will have 11 different teams entered. Tri-county is made up of different retirement communities with The Villages having four teams. Our team will play each team once and will have one bye week for a 11-week season. These games are every Thursday with a home and away schedule that will start Thursday, Jan. 7.

We are still looking for anyone who would like to come try throwing horseshoes; and we will offer instruction to assist any player. We have open practice each Tuesday starting at 10 a.m. Come meet and make new friends.



Cornhole Club

On Top of the World

Jim Russell & Bill Ballweg

OPEN PLAY: The Cornhole Club's big event of the year is just two weeks away with preparations for our annual picnic kicking into high gear. This year's event will be our first at the new Veterans Park facility Saturday, March 13, from noon to 3 p.m. It will be catered by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken that will provide their usual selections of delicious fried chicken and side dishes. Club members can look forward to a great time and lots of activities including cornhole related contests played for fun and prizes as well as drawings for valuable door prizes.

Of course, we will be adhering to all safety protocols to insure we have a safe outdoor gathering. If you have yet to register to attend, only a few days remain for you to get your name on the list. Contact Jim Russell at jmrussell44@outlook.com or (352) 861-6355. The cutoff date for registering is Friday, March 5.

March also signals the return of daylight saving time Sunday,

March 14; so, starting Monday, March 15, we will switch open play to Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. As usual, come early and sign in. When we have 24 players logged in, we'll begin play.

LEAGUE PLAY: I always enjoy spending quality time outside in sub-50-degree temperatures with cloudy skies and high winds. You might disagree but if you were playing competitive cornhole you would change your mind. The winter league season is underway and despite some chilling temperatures the competition is hot.

MEN'S LEAGUE: With the addition of six new players the league has expanded to eight teams. The competition is tough with some new teams showing surprising strength. At this writing The Undertakers have taken the early lead in the standings but followed closely by the always tough Dirt Bags (Rick Dikeman and Dwight Weirich) and a new team the Corn Slingers (Charles Lemme and Glen Richard) who have separated themselves from the pack. It has been a very competitive season and with half the season remaining we will witness some great play from some great players.

MIXED LEAGUE: Five new players were added this season, so the

league expanded to nine teams. Leading the pack at the midway point is the defending champion - The Teachers (Donna Hansen and Joe Lawson). Following closely behind are the Cornhuskers (Robin and Bill Ballweg) and Clueless (Bruce Combs and Dwight Weirich). It will be a long season, and anything can happen, but we can expect some excellent play by some very great teams.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Our inaugu-

ral women's league is progressing nicely with two teams leading the pack. The Seekers (Donna Lawson and Angela Ward) are in first place followed by Working Girls (Robin Ballweg and Karen Jensen).

Join the fun. League play is competitive and offers three choices in doubles play including men's, women's and mixed leagues. If you are interested in playing contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com.



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Holiday season winners: Men's league champs (left) The Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg); and mixed doubles league champs (right) The Teachers (Joe Lawson and Donna Hansen).

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Horse Fever 20/20 on Display

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

We have all seen those beautiful painted horses around Ocala, including "Inspiration" located at Circle Square Commons. There's quite a history behind those works of art, and on Monday, March 1, the new Horse Fever 20/20 herd will be grazing on the front lawn of Circle Square Cultural Center. From there, they will be herded into the

Circle Square Cultural Center lobby through Saturday, March 27. The horses will be available to greet you from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

On Top of the World's newest horse, "Celestial Magic," was designed and painted by Michele Farrar. It will, no doubt, be leading the pack, and will be on permanent dis-

play from that day forward.

This year, Horse Fever's 20th anniversary, is co-chaired by Laurie Zink, one of the original founders of Horse Fever. Jo Layman, general manager of Circle Square Commons, joins Laurie as co-chair.

About 20 years ago, Laurie Zink, influenced by our city's motto, "Horse Capital of the World," and imagined an opportunity to turn that slogan into a charitable program to raise money for the arts. With the energy and perseverance that defines Laurie, she founded Horse Fever as that channel. Starting originally with 53 fiberglass painted horses, it turned out to

be one of the most successful art projects in the country. This year, Horse Fever 20/20 is expected to raise more than \$500,000 for the arts.

The Horse Fever committee, call-to-artists, provides specific guidelines for those artists wanting to participate in designing and painting one of the fiberglass horses. This year there were 31 artist submissions. They submitted their designs to five jurors, who after a great deal of deliberation, selected the 15 finalists. The artists then had approximately seven weeks to complete their creations. Once completed, each horse was clear coated to preserve their finish.

Local companies, and at times individuals, will purchase a horse that will then go on display throughout Marion County. This year, 11 beautiful, themed horses have been purchased. An additional three will be raffled off, and one will go to auction. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased downtown at Marion Cultural Alliance, 23 SW Broadway.

Saturday, Feb. 13, was family day for Horse Fever 20/20. The full herd was on display, outdoors at Transformco (SW 52nd Avenue, Ocala). Adults and children alike were able to get up close and enjoy their brilliant colors and creative designs. Artists were on hand to answer questions and discuss what went into the making of their horse, from its creative theme, design, and final painting.

Refreshments and savory snacks kept visitors nourished as they admired the artwork, talked with artists, and snapped lots of photos.

In the photo, standing next to "Celestial Magic," the horse she painted, is Michele Farrar - veterinarian and artist. It is the horse that Kenneth Colen selected for permanent display at On Top of the World. Michele told us that she painted "Celestial Magic" in her living room over a period of some 80 hours. She said that her design replicates exact markings of her former horse, "Magic." For more than five years, Michell and Magic entered and won several obstacle course competitions - "Magic and I were inseparable," she said, "and so, my heart and soul went into painting Celestial Magic for Horse Fever 20/20."



Photo by Ray Cech

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Love to Quilt

By Karen Luther

Welcome to our newest members: Donna V., Jo K., Linda M., Sally G., and Vicki S.

The Sunshine Quilters Club calendar for the month is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 9: Hobo bag instruction by Whitney.
- Tuesday, March 16: Sit and sew.
- Tuesday, March 23: Rail fence block-of-the-month instruction by Linda.

Save the date for Tuesday, April 6 for an outside spring event with details to be announced.

This month, Sunshine Quilters features club member Lisa Augustine. Lisa and her husband, Ed, married in 1984, owned their On Top of the World home for 10 years prior to becoming full time Floridians in 2014. Living her entire life near Philadelphia in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, opportunities abound to enjoy the city's cultural offerings such as museums, theaters, and Longwood Gardens. Lisa is a 1977 marine science graduate from Kutztown College. Her career path was primarily an archivist for clinical records, a project manager, and implementing new systems for an IT department. Her work experience came about with a transplant laboratory, later with a company that developed tests to determine the capability of transplant patients and donors, and finally working for a company that focused on pumps primarily for diabetic children.

When Lisa was 11 years old, her parents gave her a Sears sewing machine which kick-started her sewing interest. Besides making curtains

and apparel, she shares that every summer she made bikinis for her sisters and herself. It wasn't until 2017 she started piecing quilts. She enjoys making quilts for family and friends. Her favorite themed quilts include music, dog, New Orleans, beach, and swimming. Her favorite sewing machine is a Baby Lock.

Being a theorem painter for many years, combined with her love for color, gives her a skill set of coordinating fabric colors for her quilts.

Lisa's go-to website is Missouri Star Quilt Company.

Without a doubt, our members are her favorite thing about Sunshine Quilters. "I love taking a question or project to them, talking it over and then sharing the final result with them. The ladies are so much fun to be with and are all so giving. They aren't just fellow quilting enthusiasts but also good friends. They make me feel welcome the minute I walk in. I was also lucky enough to have one woman take me under her wing and be my quilting mentor."

Come join Sunshine Quilters! We welcome anyone interested in

quilting. One-on-one mentoring is available to all interested. The club meets on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as well as our weekly sit and sew on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. Yearly dues are \$10. A club meeting is held once a month.

Our focus is on supporting Alpha Center for Women and Marion Senior Services, as well as learning new sewing techniques, working on our own projects, and socializing among members. For more information about Sunshine Quilters, contact Lisa at (610) 304-1273.



Photo by Gail Schultz

Lisa Augustine and her quilt.


**ShutterBugs
Photography**

Connie Filip

ShutterBugs are proud to present our master class winners from our recent photo contest. Thanks to all the ShutterBugs who entered their photos and to the readers who checked our website to see them at otowspc.com.

Our first place winner, John Ware, captured this step back in time at Bath, England. As his tour group entered the city, the guide said that this was the most picturesque view. He had to walk a good distance to get back to the bridge where he took this shot. He says, "Bath was a very unique and interesting city to visit but you wouldn't want to put your hand in the water inside the Roman bath - very nasty looking stuff."

I was awarded second place for my photo from the windy state of Michigan. It was early October, and the wind was blowing at a full gale across the lake that day. I loved all the action caused by the wind - the water spray, the detritus on the beach, the bent trees and the extended flag. But best was that vivid, wrathful sky.

John Ware also won third place

for his bone-snacking chipmunk. It was taken during a visit to Rocky Mountain National Park just outside Estes Park, Colorado. He says "We were visiting an old homestead located in the park when I noticed a little chipmunk eating something. Then it dawned on me he was snacking on the remains of a bird. I think it was eating the bones for nutrition as winter was coming. I thought it unusual to see something like that - I didn't know that chipmunks ate other animals."

ShutterBugs' month-long March exhibit in the Master the Possibilities lobby is by our master photographer, John Ware. Looking for inspiration? Whether you seek beauty in architecture, landscape, wildlife, or beautiful Florida sunsets, come see them through John's eyes. He says, "We are blessed in our community to find all of these if you just seek them out. Florida and our area of the central part of the state offer many photo opportunities so get out there and enjoy what our area has to offer."

There's more to see on our 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 gsuhley@gmail.com.



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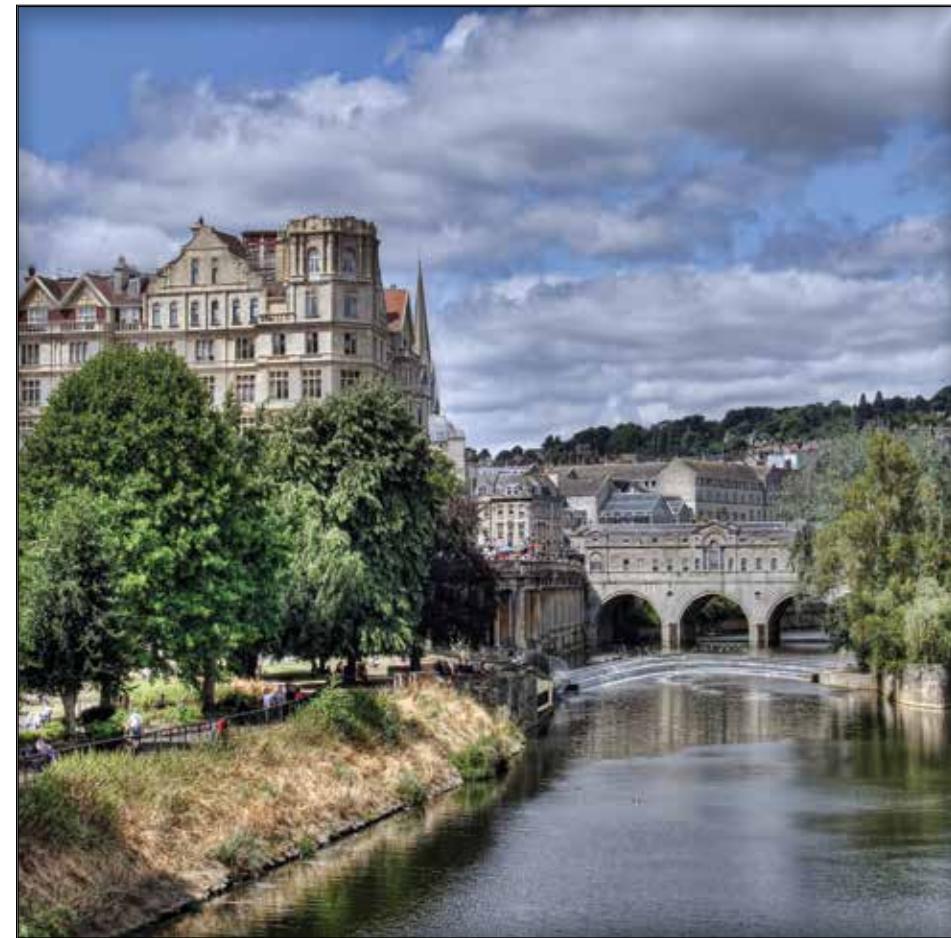
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Artistic Crafts & Gifts
 Chris Kilbride

The Artistic Crafts and Gifts group's Tuesday craft 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 and includes the listings of our virtual vendors.

Feel free to connect with any crafter throughout the week if you find something you would like to purchase. All resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

This month we feature the background of Frank Dole who retired in 2016 after 22 years as a hospice chaplain, and moved here from Niceville, Florida with his wife, Cindy. He chose making walking sticks because of the skill level to get started and his love for spending time in the woods. Searching for and collecting the potential walking stick was part of the challenge, as was carrying freshly cut sticks for a mile in the woods.

The debarking process was a skill Frank learned from YouTube.com videos. Having built his own shaving horse and using a draw knife purchased from a local an-

talique shop, he quickly learned that nothing is as easy as it looks on YouTube. Soon he began to carve spirals and shapes on the walking sticks using a Dremel power tool. Then he progressed to making custom canes, being more useful in a retirement community. Carving evolved to more detailed wood spirits or mountain men. Using the correct bit and controlling the outcome has been a fun learning experience. His first carvings now look rather primitive, but one must never be afraid to start somewhere.

Frank loves to see the wood grains and the flow of the piece take shape, always appreciating the natural beauty of wood which adds to the thrill of discovery. There is beauty within, even from a piece of discarded firewood from his brother-in-law's firewood business in Alabama, where several of Frank's carvings are sold at his roadside stand. Each individual variety of wood shows their distinct characteristics, as he chooses white and red oak, hickory, pecan, cedars, walnut, and pine from Alabama and Florida. Using mineral oil brings out the wood grain, while using wood stains mostly for contrast or highlighting.

Sales have been limited to local craft shows and sharing Facebook pictures. Hopefully Frank will set up at a local flea market and add a shop page to his website.

For those who have never visited



Photo by Frank Dole

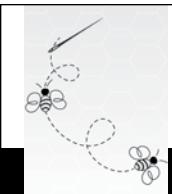
Frank Dole displays a variety of his uniquely carved walking sticks.

on Tuesday, please take an hour and go by and see the wide variety

of quality items for sale. All vendors are now part of our virtual website also, so you can see everyone's crafts even if you can't get to the weekly show. Any vendor can make arrangements for you to pur-

chase items throughout the week.

If you have your own artistic endeavor you wish to sell, please contact us through our website ArtisticCrafts.org where our coordinator Rene can answer all your questions.

**Sewing Bees**

Linda Lohr

As our new year has started, we are now collecting dues of \$15 per year or \$7.50 for snowbirds to build up our treasury as we were not able to hold Rags to Riches.

Several residents have been coming in person to sew quilts, tie the quilts or pin quilts to be sewn. Animal pillows have to be sewn and stuffed, tote bags for the children have to be sewn and we also make ditty bags to hold small toiletries.

Others come in to pick up projects as they prefer to sew at home at this time. Either way, the creations are made and delivered to

various agencies each month.

We've had many wonderful donations of material and we thank each and every one of our donors! Currently we are in need of cash donations to purchase the batting needed for our quilts. Donations can be mailed to me at 8387 SW 84th Loop or they can be dropped off to the hive any Thursday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Thank you in advance.

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.

Please contact Kathy Nardone at (352) 300-3063 or Marsha Schneer

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Detail of a donated quilt.

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**Happy Hookers**

Jan Spielvogel

Happy Hookers continues to meet separately and work privately on their projects. We continue to anxiously wait for the time we will be able to bring our group together.

A friend recently shared a very good article (nytimes.com/2020/12/19/at-home/knitting-mood-booster.html) on how knitting is very well suited for staying home and restricting our social circles. Even if you are doing some other kind of handcraft the insights shared from this article still apply.

Here are some of those insights:

- Knitting (and other handcraft work) provides mental health benefits. A recent survey of knitters by the Abo Akademi University in Finland indicated that they felt knitting "can be a counterbalance to a stressful job, hectic lifestyle or other demanding situations in life."
- There are two types of knitters: those who focus on the results (a sweater, mittens, a gift for an upcoming baby shower) and those who focus on the process. Process knitters knit for knitting's sake. They value the soothing repetitive motions, the feel of the yarn running through their fingers, relish the colors, the act of creation. They enjoy the good things that come with it without having to fuss about their work being perfect.
- If you are more results focused then when you are making something for someone you love or care about,

you are thinking about them with every single stitch, and somehow that can feel less lonely even though you are doing it all alone.

Some knitting groups that used to meet in yarn shops or other locations have gone virtual in these past months. They provide social gatherings but also a way for knitters to offer and get help with their stitching. These virtual groups also are able to expand to people who live far away or even in other countries. Some are planning to keep going even if the local group is able to physically meet again.

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. When we are able to meet as a group, we will meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda or penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidery 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, crochet 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.

**View from the Library**

Linda Barilli

There was a statue of the Virgin Mary that was so lovely, made from rosewood and delicately painted, that Bernadette's great grandfather stole it from an altar in Rome and brought it back to Ireland to woo the redhead girl of his dreams. The statue was passed down to Bernadette and showcased in a place of honor.

Bernadette and her husband lived in a four-story home on Union Square in Boston, Massachusetts. When she passed away, the statue was passed on to her two adopted sons. By accident, the boys discovered their real mother when they were in their 20s and were surprised to find that they had a sister. "Run" by Ann Patchett is an easy read and can be found in hardcover fiction.

"Hidden History of the Boston Irish, Little-Known Stories from Ireland's 'Next Parish Over'" by Peter F. Stevens is a compilation of people and events. Following the great Irish famine, many Irish families immigrated to Boston, Massachusetts. The Protestant Yankees did not welcome the Catholic Irish with open arms. But the Irish eventually were recognized as Americans. Here are a few of the highlights.

In 1841, over 2,000 Irish had their first parade. By the 1900s, the St Patrick's Day parade had marching bands. In 1828, the Boston Beer Company was founded and was embraced by Irish laborers.

In 1821, Mary O'Connell arrived in Boston from Ireland. Her mission was nursing. Her innovative triage techniques during the Civil War are still standard practice. In

1911, Margaret Foley crusaded for women and the trade union movement. In 1920, the 19th Amendment was passed, giving women the right to vote.

In 1911, Fenway Park was built by Irish immigrants. In 1902, Patrick Collins became Boston's first Irish mayor.

This gem can be found in non-fiction labeled 974 STE.

"Lower East Side Oral Histories," interviews by Nina Howes and edited by Eric Ferrara, illuminates why New York City is the quintessential melting pot with over 800 languages spoken. It can be found in non-fiction labeled 973 HOW.

In "My Old Neighborhood Remembered, A Memoir," Avery Corman writes about life in the Bronx between 1940 and 1950. Corman went to P.S. 33 on Jerome Avenue, with 33 students in his class and inkwells in the desks, then on to DeWitt Clinton High School. He was six years old when Pearl Harbor got bombed. They were children of the home front during World War II. They followed the war reading comic books. May 31, 1946 was the first Memorial Day parade on the Grand Concourse.

Corman will warm your heart with memories of roller skating, ring-o-levio, skelly, jump rope, off the wall with a Spaldeen, and marbles. And don't forget the corner candy store, the Whitestone drive-in, Orchard Beach and Alexanders. Labeled B Corman, Avery in the biography section.

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**Poetry**

Linda Toner

Spring

The winter cold chills my bones
The winter wind whistles and
moans,
But I stay warm where I abide
With you, my friend, by my side.
I await the warmth of spring,
When sunshine and flowers it
will bring
Not winter's cold nor summer's
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**Art Group**

Joanie Ford

I am sitting here, staring at a blank sheet of paper.

As an artist, I am thinking it is something like staring at a blank canvas.

Most of the time, when I begin a painting, I have some idea where I am headed.

Maybe I have seen something that inspired me, or maybe I just wonder, what would 'that' look like painted?

What I am inspired about, gives energy to what is within me and I feel a need to create; however, inspiration isn't promised just to artists. For every person is inspired daily.

Maybe you are inspired to wear your favorite shirt or walk a different way on your morning walk. Maybe you are inspired to play a better game of golf or try a different musical instrument. A baker may be inspired to choose a different recipe.

Where does this inspiration come from?

My favorite definition of inspiration is imbued with the spirit to do something.

Our beingness, our breath, is our spirit. For when we aspire to do something, we are breathing life into it. When we expire, we breathe out, sometimes for the last time. When we conspire, we plot something together, as to literally breathe together. If we perspire, we breathe through.

I find it most interesting that two people could look at a painting, listen to a concert, watch a football game, or a dance performance and feel two distinct different feelings

from the object they are viewing. One person enjoying the experience and one person barely tolerating it.

You may have heard the story of George Fredrick Handel, when he was composing the Messiah. His meals were left outside his room when he was working. For several days his meals were left untouched.

Finally, the person who was leaving the food, concerned about the composer's welfare, opened the door and looked in. He found Handel weeping for sheer joy, so inspired by the music he was receiving.

When referring to the "Hallelujah" chorus, Handel exclaimed later, "I did think I did see all heaven before me, and the great God himself!" (source: npr.org)

I conclude there must be something in the spirit of artist and the spirit of viewer that is touched or connected when viewing. Perhaps the source of the inspiration lies in the viewer, or the listener.

Great as art, music or the baseball game is, it can only affect you if you are open and receptive to it.

We are all together living during these challenging times. None of us are immune to what is happening around us. We are creating our days, alone or together with a select few. We are adjusting and perhaps somewhat lonely, some of us confused about what to believe.

I challenge you to create something beautiful for yourself. It can be anything that you enjoy. Something special to eat, to see, or to do. Use your inspiration, your spirit to feed your soul during this special time in your life.

As an artist, I have to remember to be gentle with myself. Not everything I create is "a winner." I encourage you to do the same. Be gentle with yourself. We will all get through this together.

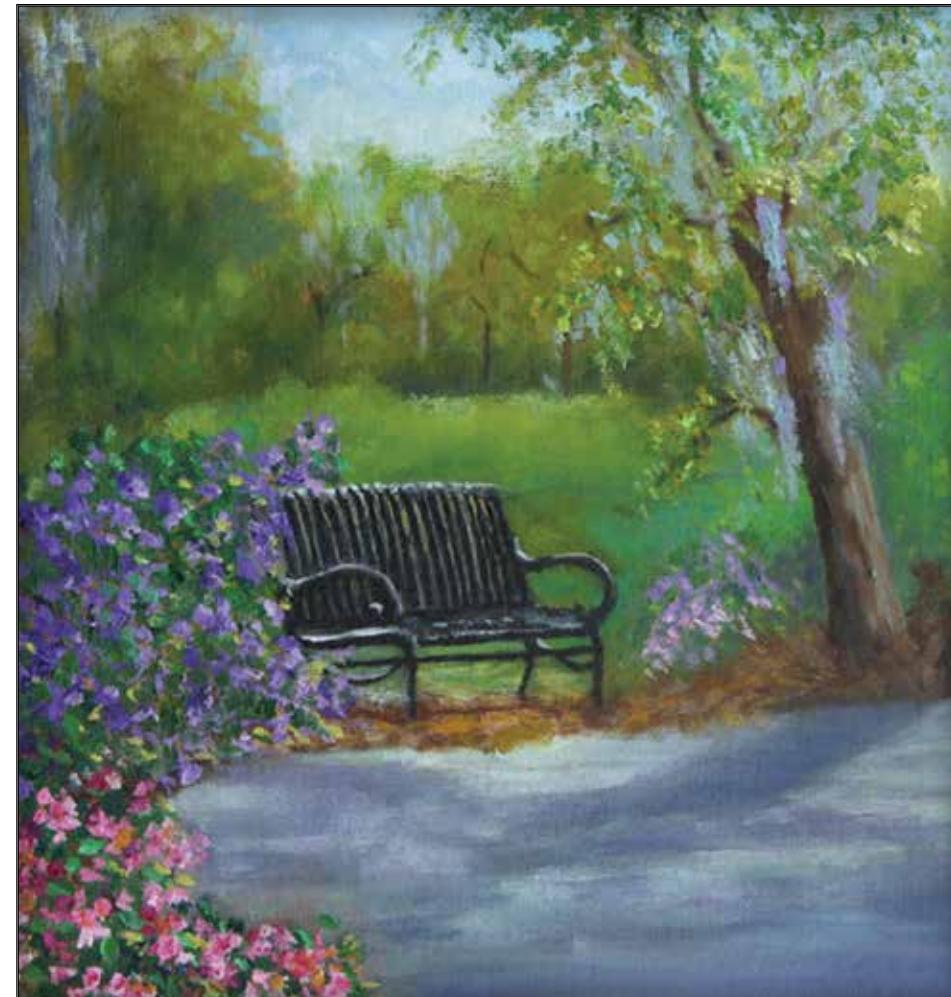


Photo and painting by Joanie Ford

Sholom Park.**Karaoke Friends**

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

the 17th century to celebrate the life of Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. It took place on the anniversary of Patrick's passing, which was believed to be March 17, 461 AD.

As Irish immigrants came to our country so did the commemoration of this day. Boston claims to have had the first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the American colonies. On March 17, 1737, the Irish gathered to honor St. Patrick and form the Charitable Irish Society to assist distressed Irishmen in the city.

Saint Patrick's color was blue, not green. The use of green began in 1798 during the Irish Rebellion. Green came to represent nationalism. Ireland is referred to as the Emerald Isle. The shamrock, which is green, is said to represent Saint Patrick's teaching of the Blessed Trinity. The wearing of the green became a regular practice.

In Ireland, this day is celebrated with roast leg of lamb, shepherd's pie, fish pies and Guinness beer. In America, we eat corned beef.

We have our traditional American Irish songs: "Does Your Mother Come From Ireland?," "Danny Boy," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," "It's the Same Old Shillelagh," "Too Rah Loo Rah Loo Rah," "Who Threw the Overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?," "MacNamara's Band," and "H A R R I G A N."

You could look them up on YouTube.com to have an Irish sing along with your corned beef.

In Ireland you will hear Irish folk songs (also found on YouTube.com): "Whiskey in the Jar" by The Dubliners; "The Fields of Athenry" by David Arkenstone; "Rocky Road to Dublin" by Luke Kelly; "The Wild Rover" by The Pogues; "Galway Girl" by Steve Earle; "The Irish Rover" by The Dubliners; "Dirty Old Town" by The Pogues; "Molly Malone" by Siobhan O'Connor; and "Grace" by Jim McCann.

If you choose to do so on this day, celebrate with a song in your heart.

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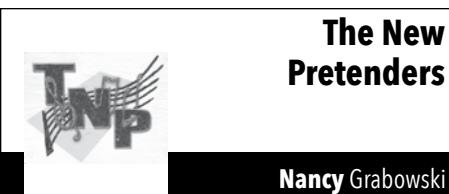
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**The New Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski

Welcome to an exercise in journalism. Oh, yes! You read that correctly ... and it's all in good fun! What better group to use as our subject than The New Pretenders?

Do you remember our "nutty professor" Bruce Herget? He could handily lead this discussion on the basic five Ws and the old H. Let's get started!

Who? The New Pretenders is an entertainment group that combines music and comedy throughout each performance. All members of the troupe are residents. It was formed over 21 years ago. Our member with the longest participation record is none-other than Mr. Kenneth Colen. We're very proud to make that announcement!

What? The New Pretenders has a band that consistently backs up the singers and we've even been known to do some dancing. We arouse some memories while also putting a new spin on some favorites. We have delighted our audiences with comedy, a few skits, and some zany, unexpected turns in these presentations. We are known for our beautifully decorated stage and costumes that rival those of any show on Broadway or in Las Vegas!

Where? The New Pretenders en-



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

"Professor" Bruce Herget and "student" Joie Kurtz.

tertain on the stage in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Historically, three shows are delivered each year for residents and their guests. An abbreviated program is then offered to at least four other communities in Marion County.

When? The New Pretenders are currently awaiting the news which will answer that question. Until it is safe for everyone, we remain on hold. However, it should be noted, we are ready to roll. We have selected the music and assigned the

parts. Suffice it to say, we are anxious to get back on stage!

Why? The obvious answer is to perform for our audiences. A more subtle reply would be to enjoy the spotlight. The actual reason is to raise money for local charities. Some of our favorite causes are Interfaith Emergency Services, Hospice of Marion County, Domestic and Violence Abuse Center, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village plus smaller organizations like the Sewing Bees within our community.

How? You can get involved with this fun-loving group by contacting any member or Nancy Grabowski, who directs the group, at (352) 209-4699. The best part of belonging, aside from the astounding friendships, is that we uncover the hidden talents in each of our members. There's no need to worry about being too shy or having no experience, we are here to help with that! Our troupe might just be the friends you haven't met yet! C'mon and give us a try.



Photo by Linda Lohr
Swap card by Cathy Lewandowski.



Linda Lohr

The cold weather snap was a bit longer than it has been in many years. But this does give more of a reason to stay indoors and make cards!

As we still cannot meet, I would like to invite card makers to send me a photo of a card they are especially proud of. This is the time to show off your creativity! I will submit a photo monthly until we are meeting in person again.

Our group is open to all crafters - beginners or those more experi-

enced. 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.

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!

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 this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hoefer at (352) 237-6439 or kathyh508@yahoo.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!

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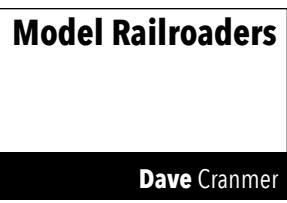
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Model Railroaders Club open house in December 2020.

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Model Railroaders

Dave Cranmer

The Model Railroaders hosted our first open house in our new room at the Hobby Building in December 2020, which was well attended. Both the HO and G-scale layouts were operating on both days. We had over 150 people stop by. Our thanks to all the members who helped with the open house and with the Christmas train display at Master the Possibilities.

At our January meeting, the club welcomed new members - John Mastro, Jim Entinger, and Roy Russell. Plans for the year were discussed, including adding the Lionel-gauge layout in the center of the room.

The Model Railroaders Club is always welcoming new members and you are invited to stop by. The layout is located in the Hobby Building Train Room. Club members work on the layout during the week and run trains on Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m., which is open to the residents to view the displays. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page (OTOW Model Railroad Club).

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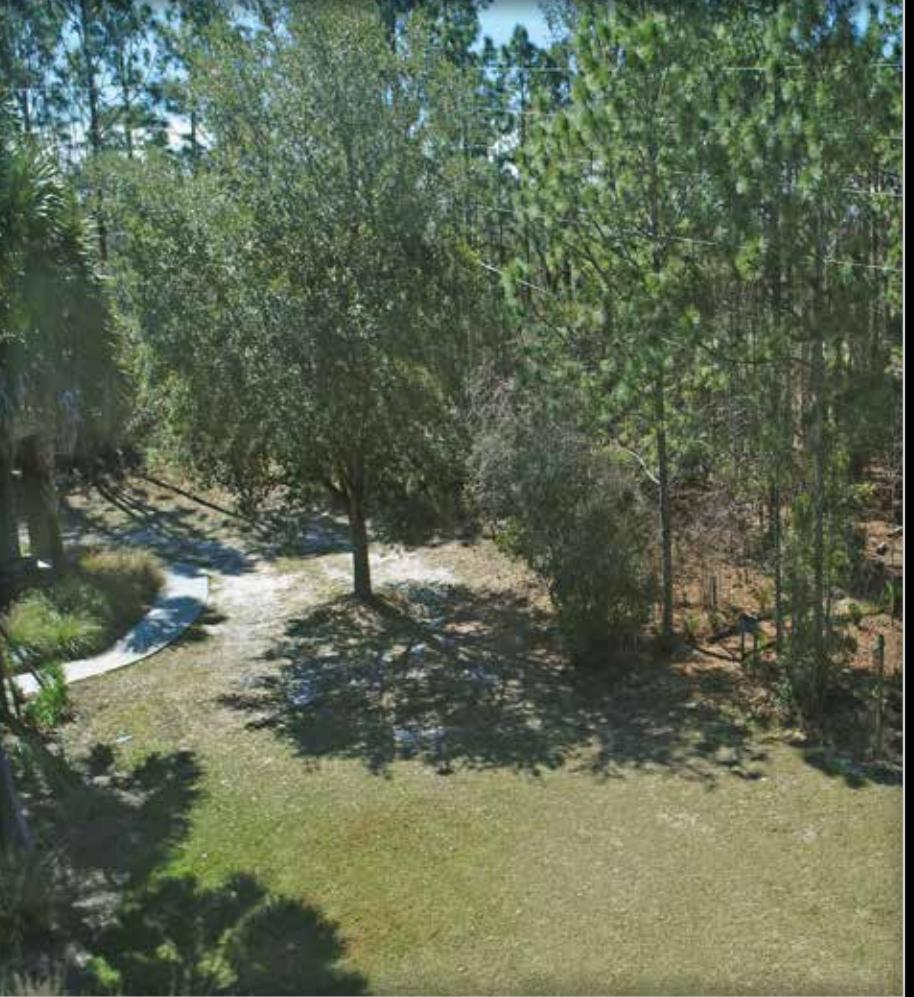
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