

**Community News**

Kenneth D. Colen  
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**When Will Life Get Back to Normal?**

By now you are aware that the majority of indoor recreational facilities are fully opened. You may also notice the posted warning signs as you enter the buildings that state:

**Enter at Your Own Risk!**

*COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. COVID-19 is believed to spread mainly through person-to-person contact. You may have a risk of contracting the virus simply by being present at this facility. By entering, utilizing or participating in any activity in or at this facility, you are agreeing to assume all risks including personal injury, illness, disability, or death related to exposure to COVID-19.*

*Do not use this facility if you have symptoms of, are diagnosed with, or have been exposed to COVID-19.*

*Masks and social distancing are recommended in all indoor areas.*

With the majority of residents who chose to get vaccinated and having completed the process, it now seems reasonable to advance the process. To be sure, there is always the risk of a resurgent variant evolving. It is a risk that is real and we must live with it. Management will continue to monitor infection rates. Should there be a spike in infections, management may elect to re-impose use restrictions to protect residents.

For the most part, residents have been very positive and supportive of the safety measures that were implemented. There is always that fraction of vocal skeptics who were very rude to staff and fellow residents and some who refused to wear masks.

Truthfully, I never understood the "me first" mindset. We went into this pandemic together and we are emerging from it largely because of people who were not selfish and accepted upon themselves the inconvenience of following safety guidelines for the benefit of their friends, family, and neighbors. Thank you!

Ever wonder why the cost of homeowner insurance is skyrocketing? According to an article first published in Insurance Journal - Jan 20, "Florida's P&C Insurance Market: Spiraling Towards Collapse," authored by Guy Fraker of Cre8futures Innovation System & Consultancy concludes that:

"Florida's property insurance market is spiraling towards collapse," largely due to Florida's "litigation economy."

Litigation frequency and severity represents an additional expense load of 17% (and rising) on all earned premiums for insurers in Florida compared with other catastrophe-prone states.

- The fees paid to attorneys by Florida carriers far exceed the damages paid to the insureds.
- In 2019 alone, Florida insurers paid almost \$3 billion in lawsuit costs that translated into higher premiums for insureds.
- Fraker's report notes the roughly 6% of homeowner insurance claims being litigated are equal to the cost of a "good solid Cat 3 hurricane" every 12 months."

**Upcoming Projects**

The Weybourne Landing pool pavilion is progressing on schedule. The pool shell was concreted in early May and the surfacing on the pickleball courts and fencing

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## New Class Lineup

By Michelle Shideler

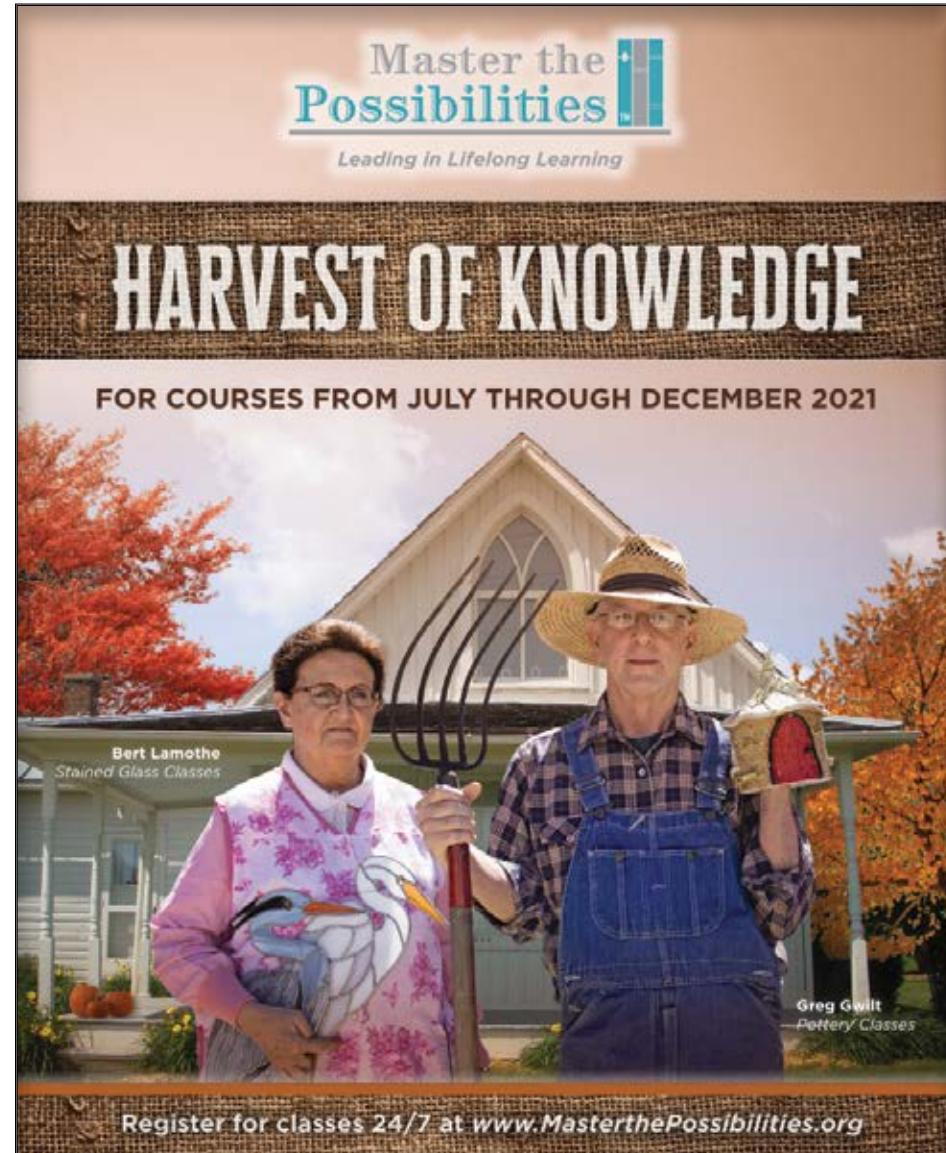
The Master the Possibilities July through December catalog is now available at the Education Center, The Ranch Fitness & Spa, Recreation Center, and Resident Services. Registration is also now available for courses in our Harvest of Knowledge curriculum.

Participants may choose from more than 730 class opportunities these next six months in which to learn, connect, and grow. For those who are thinking about trying their skills out in the art category, there are over 35 options. If government, business, and law are something that may help educate and bring individuals up-to-speed with current topics and situations, there are

more than 15 different selections that range from long-term care to financial peace of mind.

Don't forget about health and wellness. A person is sure to find a topic that will help with personal growth and health after reviewing more than 75 specific topic offerings.

One of the most popular categories is the history section, which offers enough options to keep a participant busy all six months. Participate in a viewing of a History Channel documentary and join the discussion about 9/11, learn more about Florida history, find out interesting facts about historical figures like Christopher Columbus, or



## Preparing for Hurricane Season

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Whether we're giving a speech, hosting a party, or waiting for a hurricane, the master word is "preparation." Here are some helpful hints and some must-do's in getting ready for Florida's approaching hurricane season.

We've probably all heard at one time or another, one of our friends or neighbors say, "Oh no worries. We're far enough in land to bother about hurricanes." Or maybe you've heard, "Yeah if we survived the big ones in '04 - Charlie, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne - we could survive anything." It is this kind of lackadaisical and nonchalant attitude that is sure to get us in trouble come the real thing.

We'll all be in the same storm, but not in the same boat. We can all get into the same, safe, boat, by being prepared.

The very first thing residents should sign up for is local emergency alerts at AlertMarion.com. Once signed up, you will receive time-sensitive emergency alerts to either your home, mobile or business phones, email or text message for severe weather, critical law enforcement activity, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

Also, at AlertMarion.com you may sign up for the Marion County Special Needs Program. This program is for residents who, during periods of evacuation or emergency, require sheltering assistance

due to physical impairment, mental impairment, cognitive impairment, or sensory disabilities. The Special Needs Registry is a confidential listing of those needing assistance and is updated on an annual basis through contact with the registered residents. For questions relating to

join in on the viewing of the "Remembering Pearl Harbor" documentary with discussion.

In the humanities category, Master the Possibilities offers classes on learning seven different types of languages, like German or French. We also offer classes on writing and how to get self-published.

In the philosophy category, our curriculum covers multiple options to give our students a chance to ponder, expand knowledge of world events, and even contemplate villains invented by William Shakespeare, and how that has played a role on society today.

Those who are interested in healthy cooking, learning more about genealogy, or possibly a new hobby like scuba diving, may choose to visit our lifestyle and community area. Become active and learn more about the county around us by choosing courses from our out-and-about area, which includes behind-the-scenes opportunities to various locations.

We also cover interests in science, technology, engineering, and math, where there are options to learn more about natural science, our universe, everyday technology like computers and other devices, and even how math can help keep the brain young. Lively discussions may also be found in the classroom sessions on current events classes, as part of our social sciences category.

To top everything off, Master the Possibilities has included dynamic learning experiences in our special presentations section. Join in a lively class this summer with a grandchild and demonstrate that one is never too old to learn. Attend an informative class on "Veterans Services in Marion County." Join the audience of a visiting speaker and learn more about alligators, nutrition, or how a CIA former chief of disguise inspired the movie "Argo" and was instrumental in developing a series of techniques and gadgets to outmaneuver the KGB.

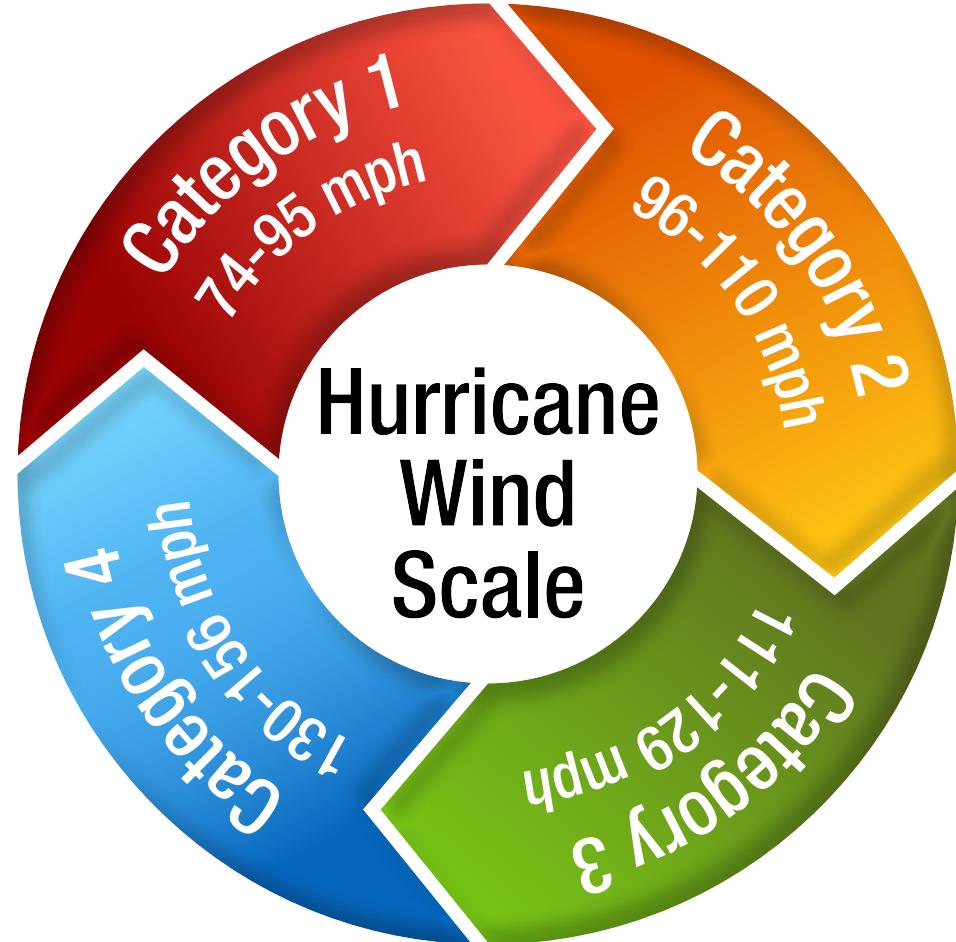
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special needs, please call (352) 369-8100.

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar: May 28 through June 3! These are the days that we'll be able to purchase hurricane prep supplies without paying state taxes. Some examples of tax-free items include generators under \$750, coolers, batteries and weather radios and dozens of other items.

Also, that week, as a special "treat," we will be able to buy tickets to sporting events and movies, tax-free.

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By Stan Goldstein



**Eat crackers in bed and you'll wake up feeling crumby.**

**Is It Legal?**

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Here's the Tuesday lecture schedule at Master the Possibilities for the rest of the year:

- June 15: Charitable Donations.
- Aug. 10: Wills, Trusts and Probate.
- Sept. 14: Documents You Need for Estate Planning.
- Oct. 5: Frauds and Scams.
- Oct. 12 and 19: America's Founders (Parts 1 and 2).
- Nov. 9: Gun Trusts, Pet Trusts and Fun Trusts.
- Dec. 14: Financial Peace of Mind.

All lectures are from 3 to 4 p.m. Please register at [masterthepossibilities.org](http://masterthepossibilities.org).

**SCAM ALERT #1:** Sigh. I thought for a while that the certified copy

of deed scam had gone away. How dumb could I be? This scam usually, but not always, pops up after you've bought a home or investment property and the deed gets recorded in the public records. You get an official-looking letter that says you need or must have a certified copy of your deed and the cost is ... well it changes from time to time. Bottom line: You never need a certified copy of your deed.

**SCAM ALERT #2:** This one comes from the Warranty Department. It's a letter or a phone message (and click this or that number, of course). You are informed that your warranty has expired or is expiring or will be expiring. Somehow or other, the exact warranty of which the scam is discussing is never quite mentioned by name. Now, of course, there are real warranties that expire or will expire. And you need to keep track of yours.

My point: if your warranty really has expired or is going to do that, then, when or if, you get a letter

about it from the actual company, they will give you the name and warranty number.

So, how about this? If you get a letter, phone call, text, or email, that says your warranty is or may be expiring, drop the letter in the dump. If you are not sure about the warranty, call the company or the place where you bought the product. And do not click on anything - never click on links.

**Q.** We are Canadian snowbirds. What planning do we need for our funds that are in U.S. financial accounts?

**A.** It depends on what your Canadian attorney has already set up for you. However, you almost certainly should have a durable power of attorney drawn up in the U.S., and if you stay in Florida, it should be one that complies with Florida laws. An advance directive is also important. Usually, but not always, if your Florida (or U.S.) accounts are set up to be payable on death to beneficiaries, that will work perfectly for those assets. That assumes, of course, that you've set up your non-Florida and non-U.S. assets properly through your Canadian attorney. If you are not sure, I'd advise you to sit down with your Canadian attorney.

**Q.** My husband of 42 years and I have been separated for many years. I own my home in Florida. He lives in (a southwestern state). I am satisfied with that arrangement and have no intention of getting a divorce. I believe my husband feels the same way. I live with a significant other and a close friend of his. What happens if my husband develops dementia?

**A.** In this column, I cannot address the many legal issues that might appear if your husband develops dementia. I will address one issue that could arise. If you go to sell your homestead, you will need

your husband's signature on the deed. If he is incapacitated and does not have a valid durable power of attorney, and cannot sign the deed, then a guardian might have to be appointed.

If he has full capacity right now, he might be willing to sign a "homestead waiver" that can be recorded; and that might work to allow you to sell the homestead without his signature. You really must sit down with an attorney.

As for your living arrangement, it is, of course, quite neat, but I guess I don't see the relevance of that to the question you asked nor to my answer.

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**Keeping It Green**

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Watering the lawn during these next few weeks can be tough without help from rain. May and most of June are the hottest driest months on record year after year in Florida so knowing how to set your irrigation controller, Solar Sync® and performing a correct irrigation inspection is crucial for the success of your lawn during the drier months in the year.

Starting with the clock, make sure you are watering twice per week. Homes ending in odd addresses should water Wednesdays and Saturdays and for even numbered addresses water on Thursdays and Sundays. Please visit [www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com) for more information on water conservation and watering efficiently.

Run times for the various irrigation equipment is as follows: rotors need to water for 45 to 60 minutes, sprays for 15 to 20 minutes and MP rotators for 90 minutes. Remember this is a starting point, some soils are sandy which may result in more watering needed to saturate the root zone while other soils may be clay based requiring less water.

Next, check the system for leaks, clogged nozzles and heads out of adjustment. A head simply not covering the intended area due to being out of adjustment can create dry spots in the lawn leading homeowners to over water.

Adjusting the heads is a simple process. If possible, using a rain gauge or catch can run the system the night before to understand where the driest parts of the yard are located. Once this is completed you can turn the system on and carefully watch where the head is spraying to determine your next course of action. Adjustments can be made to compensate or adjust the pattern of the head or nozzle.

By visiting [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) you can search Hunter MP rotor nozzle adjustment, Hunter PGP rotor adjustment and Hunter Pro spray head adjustment to understand proper adjustment techniques.

Checking the drip irrigation requires a little more diligence and effort. You will need to turn on the system and physically check each

plant to see if it is getting watered. The shrubs in the front of the home that are the smaller accent plants such as lantana, Aztec grass, juniper, etc. are typically watered with an adjustable spray spike. These get stepped on kicked or knocked over and cause problems with coverage. Checking these planting areas for visible water is a must.

You can find the spray spikes, if covered up, by moving the mulch around and finding the three-quarter-inch black poly hose running directly underneath. Once you find the larger poly line, track the line to a quarter-inch black tubing coming off the three-quarter-inch hose that leads to the spray spike. Reset the head and unscrew the spray spike if it isn't watering. Be careful when unscrewing the top of the spray spike not to go too far or the actual nozzle will pop off.

The other shrubs around the house should have a direct point-source emitter located at the base of the plant. There will be a red "bug" emitter tapped directly into the line. These should be easy to find.

Lastly, if your home is equipped with a Solar Sync, you have the latest and greatest technology for water conservation. Solar Sync automatically adjusts your watering every day to ensure efficient watering. The system uses evapotranspiration (Et) technology to determine watering runtimes based on temperature and solar radiation.

Every night at midnight Solar Sync downloads to the clock the parameters on how to adjust your clock for the next day's watering cycle. There are settings in the clock or on the Solar Sync panel for the region we live in and the water adjustment. We live in region two and the best setting for water adjustment we have found is setting "six." This water adjustment setting gives you the most efficiency and still producing a lawn that is receiving adequate water to survive the drought conditions.

Homes since 2017 have been equipped with the Hydrawise clocks. These timers are advanced timers that also offer automatic adjustment from a virtual Solar Sync as well as preconfigured weather triggers to allow for optimal savings. Please visit [www.hunterindustries.com/irrigation-product/sensors/solar-sync](http://www.hunterindustries.com/irrigation-product/sensors/solar-sync) for more information on the Hunter Solar Sync.

**Bay Laurel Center CDD****IRREGULAR WATER USAGE\***

- Toilets:** A failing flapper (valve seal) can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.
- Leaky Faucets/Showerheads:** Dripping can range from several gallons to hundreds of gallons of water per day.
- Water Hose:** When left on with leaks at the spigot or nozzle.
- Irrigation System:** Automatic irrigation solenoid valves not closing properly or excessive run times including multiple program cycles.
- Water Softeners:** Excessively backwashing or the backwash valve failing.

\* Water loss is estimated and varies depending on severity of leak.

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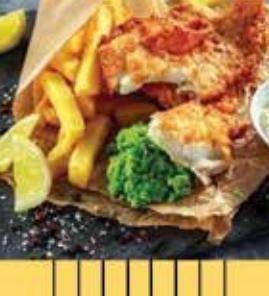
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will begin in late May. Generally, construction is on track to be using those facilities by Fourth of July, barring any unforeseen delay beyond anyone's control.

Contrary to the Weybourne Landing rumor mill, now that Weybourne Landing has passed the 250-home sale threshold, the process for building and delivering the 12,000 square foot clubhouse has begun.

Building plans will be submitted to the Marion County Building Department in early June for their review and permitting. Plan reviews are taking up to 20 days by the department, which put the project on track for an early September construction start. If the department review happens sooner, we are set to start shortly after obtaining a building permit. Construction should be completed in 10 months from the hard start. This brings us to an August 2022 opening.

The Recreation Center pool pavilion is also on schedule for completion in August. Concurrent with that, eleven new pickleball courts are progressing. Also new dugout structures for softball will start in early June. These projects should take approximately 120 days or fewer to complete.

Candler Hills is growing with the addition of the newest neighborhood Ashton. This lovely neighborhood follows the same gracious theme as the rest of Candler Hills. One departure is implementing the new lot design standards required by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Essentially, these require less irrigated areas around the home. So, backyards will be designed around drip irrigation in planting zones and unirrigated bahia grass areas in the backyards. This is a similar standard to the Longleaf Ridge landscape design.

Generally, I want to remind residents that May is the driest month. Grass is very stressed and looks bad. However, wilting is both a plant survival mechanism and a cry for help. Help will come in the form

of rain in unirrigated water conservation zones. Often misunderstood is that the bottoms of retention ponds are not sodded, rather they are seeded and grow in over time. This can take a long time depending on the weather. Sod is intentionally omitted, should it be necessary to de-silt the pond, any bottom placed sod would be destroyed.

Generally, by the time the grass has grown in, the surrounding neighborhoods contributing stormwater flow to the retention pond have stabilized and are no longer a contributing source of silt. The side slopes get sod to prevent erosion, but they too remain unirrigated. All retention ponds start out this way and eventually the sprouted grass planted in the pond bottoms do thrive and provide a consistent cover.

It is increasingly difficult to get reliable sod. Sod growers cannot keep up with demand. In response to this, the development company will begin stabilizing areas in Longleaf Ridge with jute mate and overseeding. As the grass seed germinates, the jute mate decomposes.

**Practical Preventative Home Maintenance**

From June through October your air conditioning systems will be running full tilt. These systems don't operate by themselves without proper care and maintenance. For a helpful short video on practical things you can do to service your air conditioning system to keep it functioning efficiently, visit [www.otowinfo.com/homeowner-maintenance/](http://www.otowinfo.com/homeowner-maintenance/). These include changing the filters monthly and pouring vinegar into the main condensate pan to keep the main drain flowing without obstruction. Check the outflow outside near the compressor. If you don't see the cleaning solution coming out, the drain line is blocked and needs immediate attention.

At least once a year, have your air conditioning serviced by a professional. They will clean the coils in both the air handler (in home) and the compressor (outside), as well as clean electrical connections, and make sure the motors are operating properly.

**Landscape Update**

Container or elevated box vegetable gardens have increased in popularity and June is a great month

for growing a small garden and planting shrubs. That said, please remember that landscape modifications apply to all communities, and must receive prior approval from the owners' association.

I am mentioning this in my column to remind you that the application process for landscape modifications is very simple. Simply stop by Resident Services to complete a modification request form. You will be asked to provide a detailed description of the work requested, a drawing of the affected area showing dimensions, the name of the contractor performing the work and proof of your contractor's insurance. A representative of the association will inspect the area and the owner will be advised of approval, approval with modification, or denial.

**Storm Preparedness**

June 1 is the start of hurricane season and the time to start think-

ing seriously about dealing with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a storm. Your association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association-related assets, and making sure we have an updated recovery plan. Key personnel are on call before and after a storm. Water and wastewater personnel are moved onsite to make sure that essential utility services are protected, and the chance of interruption is minimized. Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure homes in the event of roof damage.

Despite all our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. To that end, please refer to page 44 in this edition entitled, "Key Points to Prepare for a Storm Event."

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By Ray Cech  
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Another surprise - come this July there will be a tax-free week on all camping and fishing gear (dates to be announced). As we get closer to those dates, we will be able to download specific, qualifying items.

Every hurricane site tells us that we should have a plan. Plans need to include having a full tank of gas, a cell phone charger compatible with your car, extra propane or charcoal, matches, folding chairs, blankets, nonperishable food, and enough drinking water for three days to a week - and remember to fill up the tub with water.

To stay current with the news during any emergency, a windup or battery-operated radio is essential. Critically important is to have all medications in a secure location and enough on hand for a minimum of a week.

Do you know how to manually open the garage door? Everyone in the household should know plus where everything is located (e.g.,

flashlights, water, food, can opener, car keys); know the evacuation route, as well as what shelter(s) are available to On Top of the World residents and how to get there (a dry run to our local shelter, should be a must). Marion County is currently working on a shelter plan that will be announced once that plan is in place.

What is the plan for your pets? Do you have a crate for your dog, cat, ferret, parrot? Remember, to gain admission to a shelter that accepts pets your pet must be crated. Be sure to have a week's worth of food and water for them - and don't forget those little plastic bags.

If you're planning well ahead and are considering a generator, now is the time to make that purchase. Last August, as hurricane Dorian headed to Florida, generators, gas and ice were the big three on everyone's shopping list. Decide what appliances you will want running should the power go out, and how much you are willing to spend, then talk to a selected provider about a portable or whole house generator.

Other "stuff." Cash is king when the power is out - buying gas or snacks could prove impossible if all you have is plastic. A good rule of thumb is to keep cash on hand in five, 10 and 20 denominations, as breaking larger bills might be troublesome. For emergency disaster preparedness, keep at least one month of expenses on hand at home.

For persons needing oxygen, make sure to have a portable supply on hand, if the power goes out.

Be sure that you have copies of all important documents, like insurance papers, wills, mortgage/home ownership, and phone numbers of anyone you will want to contact. Make copies of all your credit cards, medical ID, driver's license and prescriptions. Should any of this be lost, you will be happy you did.

Now, for all of you who read to the bottom of this article, here are additional valuable phone numbers

- Emergency: 911.
- Marion County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Line: (352) 732-9111.
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**All Around Our World**

**Lynette Vermillion**  
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Summer is officially here with the Summer Solstice beginning Sunday, June 20, the longest day of the year. With our amenities back in full swing, keep cool in the pool or gather with friends at a favorite event or activity. In June we remember D-Day on the 6th, Flag Day on the 14th, and on the 20th, we celebrate Father's Day.

**Hurricane Season**

June 1 marks the beginning of hurricane season. Please prepare for the season and do not wait on a named storm to react. I would recommend you read the hurricane checklist insert provided in all home delivered issues of the World News this month, as it details storm preparedness.

**The Benefit of Trees**

Here are five very good reasons to save trees and there are probably many more:

1. Trees clean the air. Tree foliage works as a natural air filter of particle matter such as dust and pollutants that collect on the leaf surfaces until washed to the ground during a rainstorm. Trees take in carbon dioxide and produce oxygen during photosynthesis. Trees have a significant impact in reducing overall air pollution.
2. Trees improve water quality. Tree canopies and root systems slow and reduce storm water runoff, flooding, and erosion. Trees help filter water runoff reducing potential sources of water pollution into our rivers and storm drains.
3. Trees save energy. Trees cool the air naturally in two ways: through water evaporating from the leaves and direct shade. Homes shaded by trees need less energy for cooling which means lower utility bills in summer.
4. Trees raise real estate value. Shaded neighborhoods and well landscaped yards have a positive economic influence on real estate values and

timeliness of house sales.  
5. Trees protect homes from wind damage. According to studies by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida, tree canopies diffuse wind force thereby protecting buildings from significant wind and wind-driven rain damage.

**Proper Curbside Waste Disposal**

Please place your trash in the standard size (55-gallon) trash container at curbside no earlier than 7 p.m. the evening before pickup. We are hearing from concerned residents that animals are being drawn to garbage bags that are left at the street. Wildlife will be attracted to the bags and will tear them open, scattering trash everywhere while looking for food. This mess is the owner's responsibility to clean up, and by using the proper container, can be avoided as well as drawing unwanted wildlife into your neighborhood.

**Work Orders Available Online**

Residents in all communities are now able to fill out and submit a maintenance request online without having to visit Resident Services. Please visit [www.otowinfo.com](http://www.otowinfo.com), click on "Maintenance Request" in the main menu, fill out the online form as complete as possible and click submit, it is just that simple. Resident Services will process your request as quickly as possible, but please keep in mind routine requests will take five to seven days to complete.

**Resident Services**

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

- Closed daily, from noon to approximately 12:30 p.m. as lobby is closed for sanitizing. The entire area has to be vacated while the 30-minute sanitation process occurs. The time may vary a few minutes as a result of starting late due to everyone vacating Resident Services.
- Closed the third Wednesday of every month (June 16), from noon to 1 p.m.

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](mailto:otowservice@otowfl.com) in lieu of visiting. Maintenance requests may now be created online. Please see paragraph above. We are continuing to experience 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.

**After Hours Non-Medical Emergencies**

On Top of the World (Central Owners Association members, please notify Resident Services first before contacting an outside contractor for repairs such as roots in water lines, sewer backups, sprinklers damaged by mowers, etc. If it is after normal business hours and you experience some manner of non-medical emergency, such as a backed-up commode, we ask that you please call 236-OTOW (6869) for assistance. Even though Resident Services is closed, the number is answered 24 hours a day and you will be able to speak with an after-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours person.

**Landscaping Over Water Valves and Irrigation**

We are experiencing an increase in owner installed landscaping that is placed over irrigation valves and water main valves with weed mats, pavers, stone, mulch, and plantings. This makes it very difficult to locate the valves if there is a leak, or to shut the water off to your home in an emergency. Please make sure that you or your landscape vendor is aware of all sprinkler heads, master heads, irrigation lines and the water main valve when installing landscape additions. Also, please ensure you have proper irrigation coverage for your landscape and that your system has not been altered or damaged. As a result of poor coverage replacement of dead plants and sod is the owner's responsibility.

**Rules of the Month**

**ANIMALS RULES:** We are again hearing from frustrated residents who border the common areas and

retention ponds about pet owners using these areas without cleaning up after them. Please keep others in mind while walking your pets and please pick up after them.

**Animals:** While outside residential units, all animals must be kept on a leash or other restraint and must be accompanied at all times by the owner or custodian. Animal feces must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly by the owner or custodian of the animal. Each owner shall be liable to the association for the cost of repair of any damage to the common property caused by any animal belonging to such owner or to any occupant of such owner's residential unit."

**PRIVATE GOLF CART RULES:** Private golf carts are allowed in the community only if the owner(s) obtains and displays an appropriate, unaltered current permit on the front driver side panel of the cart from the association and the golf cart and its use and operation comply with these rules at all times.

Golf cart permits are issued at Resident Services in Friendship Commons on a bi-annual basis. The use and operation of golf carts in the community are also subject to Marion County Ordinance No. 05-27 and 17-34. Any use of a privately owned golf cart outside the community is beyond the scope of these rules and is the exclusive responsibility of the owner ...

Golf carts may not be operated on any county maintained roadway including SR 200, SW 80th Avenue and may only cross SW 80th Street and SW 80th Avenue and any future county-approved crossing at the designated golf cart crossing points.

Within the community, all carts must stay on the designated cart paths, multi-modal paths, roadways where existing, and other areas designated for golf carts. Golf carts shall not be driven in private yards, between villas (unless operated in ingress and egress areas) or homes, on sidewalks, or on any golf course unless playing golf and are in compliance with the golf course cart use policy. When not in use, golf carts shall be parked in designated parking areas and not on grass or sidewalks.

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**Friendship  
Connection**

Carron Janssen

Wow, so much has changed in the last few weeks here in On Top of the World! Everything has opened up to residents and guests. As you might imagine, there was a rush from clubs to once again reserve space for their meetings and events. This included Friendship Connection.

However, before beginning on future plans, I want to remind everyone about our upcoming event. On Sunday, June 13, we will have a barbecue at the Veterans Park pavilion from 4 to 6 p.m. Our theme of "Summer Here We Come" will have some new games: "Name That Tune" using only summer songs, limbo, and a hula hoop contest! Prizes will be given out to the winners. We are also going to resume

50/50. Hopefully, everyone has already purchased their tickets since that is the only way we know how much food to purchase and cook. Please remember to have your resident ID and your tickets with you when you check in. Continuing to wear a mask and remain socially distanced is a personal choice and will be respected.

Our final barbecue of the year will be Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Vet-

erans Park pavilion. More information will be in next month's column. There will be a few changes in our remaining two events for 2021. Both events will return to the Recreation Center Ballroom. The biggest change is both events will be on Saturday instead of Sunday. The first event will be Saturday, Oct. 9, with a Halloween theme. Our holiday party will be Saturday, Dec. 18. The times for all these events will

remain from 4 to 6 p.m. Mark your calendar now so you save the dates!

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

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, setup, clean-up, cook, or serve, please contact Carron Janssen at (847) 529-6183 or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).


**Avalon  
Social Group**

Jan Lindell

Three cheers! The safety restrictions have been lifted so our potluck dinners will resume. We will meet on the second Mondays (June, August, October and December). At our last dinner everyone asked that you bring the name and recipe of

the dish you will bring from now on so a picture can be taken and made at home later. Categories for June: Last names A-I salad; J-R main dish; S-Z dessert.

It was suggested to do meet and greet in the different Avalon neighborhoods. It would be a bring your chair and drink. We might add a table of snacks or appetizers that everyone attending brings. Please contact Jan if interested in volunteering your driveway. We could do this in a month that we do not have

a potluck planned. It could also be a different day. Totally open at this point.

We are open to any Avalon resident to join and meet your neighbors. Please email your name, address, email and phone number to avalonsocialclub@gmail.com.


**Community  
Patrol**

Erwin Fluss

Sheriff Billy Woods has provided the Community Patrol with a brand new, shiny white citizens patrol car. We understand Marion County Sheriff's Office also recently obtained a new white unmarked car that's circulating about. Remember the lyrics from "Santa Claus is Coming to Town?"

"You better watch out,  
you better not cry  
You better not pout,  
I'm tellin' you why  
Santa Claus (the sheriff) is  
comin' to town."

Please remember that golf carts must comply with all traffic rules. Carts can only cross county roads where approved (SW 80th Avenue) at the traffic light. As per the posted signs, carts must stay in designated lanes outside of our community; going beyond subjects you to a potential ticket.

Please follow the rules and stay safe. For information about the Community Patrol or to join us, contact Paul Altman at (860) 460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.



Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus® is coming Monday, June 7, in the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. You will receive a mini physical and a small token of appreciation. There may be some questions about donating and the COVID-19 vaccines. If you have received either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, there is no waiting period. If you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you must wait 14 days before giving blood.

The snowbirds will be leaving shortly, and schools will be on summer break. This reduces the number of available people. The need for blood does not take a vacation. Please take this opportunity to help those in need. Each donation can help up to three people. All the blood donated to OneBlood is used here in Marion County.

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What a pleasure it is seeing so many of you again! Amenities and facilities are now open for club activities, events, and private parties. Residents may now have guests and pools are no longer limited. Please note that warning signs are posted at all locations stating, "Enter at Your Own Risk." Please take time to read the warning as you make the choice of whether to participate or not.

June, the sixth month of the year, is when the weather gets hotter and presents a wonderful opportunity for outdoor activities. We remind you to keep hydrated during the summer months. Enjoy the pools that we have at the Indigo East Community Center, and Indigo

East Fitness Center. Come and socialize with your friends and neighbors and at the same time do some exercises in the water, which is very good for your health.

Hurricane season starts June 1 and runs through Nov. 30. Be prepared and stock up on emergency supplies. Stay vigilant of hurricane alerts or warnings.

The Indigo East Fitness Center pool is open from 8 a.m. to dusk, Monday through Sunday. Indigo East Community Center pool is open from 9 a.m. to dusk, Monday through Sunday.

Stay fit! Take advantage of Fitness on Demand (FOD) at the Indigo East Fitness Center, or the Power Park outside next to the pool. Free fitness orientations are available to Indigo East residents. Come to the office at the Indigo Fitness Center to register, and we will call you to advise the appointment date and time.

Happy Hour is every Friday, from

**Indigo East Social Committee**

Janice Liberton

The Thursday, April 15, Indigo East new resident social, for residents who arrived in our neighborhood between January 2020 and April 2021, was a great success. It was nice getting acquainted with the newest residents of Indigo East. The residents were introduced to the members of the Indigo East Social Committee, given helpful information regarding our neighborhood and the types of functions held by the social committee. Sandwiches and cookies were served at the event. The social committee is planning several functions, more information on this to follow soon.

The other day, something triggered a memory that I had not thought of in years. As a child growing up in the 1950s, I spent two summers with tape casts on my feet to mend my broken arches. How that happened is a long story, but let's just say I was part girly girl and part tomboy who decided to jump down three steps in our neighbor's stiletto heels, which were given to the girls to wear while playing house.

It was during that time, I became the official assistant to one of our neighbors, Jay, who used to decorate cars for weddings. My job was to hold the dowel stick full of colorful crepe paper rolls and rolls of ribbon while Jay unraveled and twisted crepe paper from the front bumper, over the roof and down to the rear bumper. She then attached Barbie type dolls to the front of the cars. On the dolls were near replica bride and bridesmaid gowns that Jay spent many nights sewing and dressing the dolls. Sadly, this is a lost art, and the entire tradition is no longer in existence. Yet, in my mind, I can still hear the horns and see the wedding entourage riding through the streets.

During my years of growing up, June had been the most popular month for weddings, but over the years, the popular wedding month has changed from June to between May to October. The tradition of a June wedding dates back to Roman times when the month of June was named for the goddess Juno. Because bathing was less frequent during the Middle Ages, it seemed natural to marry outdoors in warmer weather when in-season flowers were in full bloom and covered the stench of the wedding guests.

Today, fortunately, our hygiene is much better than days of old, and

5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center with live music for your enjoyment. This event is free for the Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident at all times. You must present your resident ID to attend. You are allowed to bring your own drinks and snacks. Masks are recommended.

The upcoming Happy Hour entertainment is as follows:

- June 4: Nathan Leslie
- June 11: Ben Simmons
- June 18: Tony Machicote
- June 25: Rear View Mirror Band

Trivia will be held every second Monday of the month with our first one on June 14. This event allows eight people per table at \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. As soon as you have your team, come to the office to purchase a table and name your team. Trivia is a very entertaining game.

Sassy Ladies is a fun gathering of

women with live music entertainment and light appetizers. Nathan Leslie will sing and play some dance music Wednesday, June 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Indigo East Community Center. Come join us for a night out with your girlfriends! Bring your favorite drink and we will take care of the rest. Tickets are \$10 for residents and \$12 for guests.

Karaoke is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest. It will be held the third Thursday of the month at the Indigo East Community Center. Our next one will take place June 17. Come sing along from 5 to 8 p.m. or just relax and listen to your favorite music.

We are now accepting 2022 room request bookings. These bookings will not be approved until late summer. Stop by the office at Indigo East Fitness Center to pick up the booking forms.

We are glad to have you back participating in all activities.

to have nice weather almost all year long. I, for one, never get tired of the Florida weather and the beauty of the flowers growing in On Top of the World 365 days a year.

Enjoy the month of June and take time to enjoy the beauty surrounding us. As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

In additional news, planning has begun to put together new work teams to improve our resident contact information database and social announcement process and a holiday decorating group for our main entrance. Watch for announcements of new socials coming soon.

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.

**Williamsburg Neighbors**

Ginny Nardone

Williamsburg residents recently gathered on a sunny Saturday for the 2021 version of our annual picnic. This year's social was a bit different with everyone bringing their own lunch selections and of course, distancing. Linda Jones organized a "what changed for me in 2020" game with each person submitting an entry and the group guessing the author of the experience. We learned about a marriage, newfound cooking and sleeping skills, and a new puppy that won the day with his cameo appearance! All who attended were happy for the group to be together again and enjoyed catching up with our neighbors. A 50/50 raffle rounded out the afternoon.

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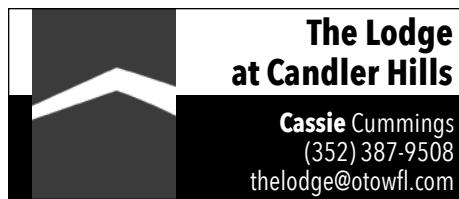
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On Wednesday, May 5, it was announced that all indoor and outdoor amenities were now open for club activities, events and private parties! What exciting news for all of us. Now we can start to plan and enjoy all of the fun activities we have to offer our Candler Hills residents. Masks are recommended indoors. Please note that warning signs are posted at all locations stating, "Enter at Your Own Risk." Please take time to read the warning as you make the choice of whether to participate or not.

June is the beginning of hurricane season. Be prepared with your hurricane survival kit ready. Be sure to sign up for the latest updates and resident alert notifications on otowinfo.com where you can also find a list of resources and links for all of your hurricane preparedness needs.

#### Pools

Come and enjoy the beautiful outdoor amenities we have to of-

fer. The Lodge at Candler Hills pool is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Candler Hills Community Center pool is open 9 a.m. to dusk.

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.

Please plan accordingly.

#### Happy Hour

Candler Hills residents come on down to The Lodge at Candler Hills and join us for Happy Hour every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the ballroom. Guests will be permitted with a Candler Hills resident and guest fees of \$5 per person will apply. This is a bring your own beverage and snacks event with live entertainment! Entertainers are as follows:

- June 4: David Beaty
- June 11: Debbie Owen & Tony T
- June 18: Tim Hargis
- June 25: Sal

Please note a Candler Hills resident ID will be required for entry into Happy Hour to avoid a \$5 guest fee.

#### Trivia

Trivia is back! Join us the first Monday of the month, with the first one being Monday, June 7, in the ballroom, from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per Candler Hills resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident.

#### Girls Night Out

You ladies know how to have fun and it's time to recharge those batteries! Mark your calendar to unwind, catch up and have fun with your friends and neighbors! Join us on Thursday, June 17, in the ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your favorite drink and we will provide appetizer and live entertainment with Robert France. The cost is \$12 per Candler Hills resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by resident. Please note resident IDs will be required. Pre-register at the office.

#### Name That Tune

Do you enjoy music? We are going to put your music knowledge to the test with "Name That Tune." Our first game night will be Monday, June 21, in the ballroom from

5 to 7 p.m. Ticket cost is \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest. Prizes will be awarded to winners!

#### Kocktails & Karaoke

Join us on the fourth Thursday of every month with the next event being held June 24, with Charlie and Kathy in the ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktails and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Candler Hills residents. Guest fees are \$5 per guest and a resident must accompany all guests.

#### Room Requests

2022 bookings are now being accepted for rooms at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. Room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and residents IDs will be required for bookings. If you are planning an event, it is important to have all paperwork submitted to the office two weeks in advance. This gives adequate time to submit setups and guest lists to the appropriate departments.

#### Office Hours

The Lodge at Candler Hills office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

headed by Doug Dahlen will resume in September and will be outlined in future editions of the World News and "The Happenings."

New residents of Candler Hills - log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email to learn about events and activities. 1,350 residents of Candler Hills receive "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has 1,106 members. This closed Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler Hills residents.

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

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be at The Lodge at Candler Hills Tuesday, June 4, at 4 p.m. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you at the above planned activities.

#### Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

Great news. We are up and running again and have plans for great activities in Candler Hills.

The spring ice cream social will take place Sunday, June 13, at The Lodge at Candler Hills from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets went on sale at the Candler Hills Community Center Tuesday, May 18, for \$3 per person. Come and join us for a fun afternoon of socializing, sampling

a variety of ice cream flavors, many toppings, and the old favorite (ice cream sodas). Check "The Happenings" email for more information.

The monthly potluck dinners will resume Tuesday, June 29, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Prepare your favorite dish for 10 to 15 people. Residents with last names beginning with A-C should bring a side dish, D-K a salad, L-S a main dish, and T-Z a dessert. The cost is \$1 per person which covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, decaf coffee, and snack items. You must RSVP to Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737, (814) 571-7908 or arthurkip-deb@verizon.net. We must limit

the attendance to 190 people for comfortable seating. Please label your dishes for people with dietary issues. There will be a listing at the door of all persons who have made a reservation. We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to seeing you.

Below is a listing of other future activities:

- Sunday, Aug 15: Summer ice cream social.
- Saturday, Sept. 18: Golf cart scavenger hunt (4 to 5 p.m.) and barbecue dinner catered by Brick City (6 p.m.). Music by DJ Hal from 5 to 8 p.m.
- 180 people limit with ticket sales in August; cost is \$20 to \$22 per person.
- Sunday, Oct. 24: Fall picnic.
- Saturday, Dec. 11: Holiday party at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

If you are interested in greeting new neighbors and helping with the Candler Hills ambassador program, contact Amy Waller at abwarnp97@aol.com.

The speaker series committee

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**Recreation Center**

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Welcome back! It has been a long year and what a pleasure it is seeing so many of you coming out and enjoying life again! We have been very busy planning and getting events ready for our residents to start enjoying again. All amenities and facilities are open for club activities, events and private parties. Residents may now have guests, and pools are no longer limited. Please note that warning signs are posted at all locations stating, "Enter at Your Own Risk." Please take time to read the warning as you make the choice of whether to participate or not.

**Hurricane Season**

As many of you know June is the start of hurricane season and we want everyone to be prepared. Please review the hurricane checklist insert in all home-delivered issues of the World News. Please also refer to the article in this edition entitled, "Key Points to Prepare for a Storm Event." You are also welcome to stop by the Recreation Center office to receive a list of supplies needed.

Remember, when working or planning activities outdoors, that our temperatures can climb into the 90s. The heat index climbs even higher, which can cause extreme heat exhaustion in a very short time. Drink plenty of fluids and try to plan your outdoor activities during the early part of the day.

**Pool Monitoring**

Summer is in full force and what better way to cool off than by dipping in one of our beautiful pools? This is a busy time of year for families to visit, and monitors will be on duty at the Recreation Center checking resident IDs and ensuring all guests are accompanied by a resident. An adult must accompany children, and the swim time for children under 15 is from noon to dusk during the week and no time restrictions on the weekends at the Recreation Center and Indigo East pools.

Please note that coolers and alcohol are not permitted at the Recreation Center, The Arbors and Candler Hills pool areas. Please also review all posted pool rules.

**Telephone Directories**

The 2021 resident telephone directories have arrived. Please pick up your copy at Resident Services. If you have changes, you may fill out a form at Resident Services for next years' publication.

Room Request, Club Guest Notifications, Deposits & Room Set-ups:

Don't delay! Your room request forms for 2022 are due now! Rooms will not be automatically rebooked for the year without submitting a new request. Clubs planning events or meetings that will be hosting food, requiring special set-ups, and having guest participation must

submit the proper paperwork two weeks prior to the event. Paperwork submitted after the two-week deadline is subject to non-approval.

**Happy Hour**

Happy Hour in the Recreation Ballroom and on the veranda has returned. Join us every Friday night from 5 to 8 p.m. Every third Friday, Happy Hour will move from the Ballroom to the front lawn of the Recreation Center. Bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy live entertainment and view the cruise-in car show. Hospitality will have a tent selling beer, wine, bratwursts, hot dogs and hamburgers for this event. Come out and enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors.

In the event of inclement weather, Happy Hour will move into the Recreation Center Ballroom.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- June 4: Crossfire Band (Ballroom); Solid Gold (veranda).
- June 11: Katillac Jack Band (Ballroom); Kathleen Kane (veranda).
- June 18: The 45's Band (front lawn); David Beatty (Veranda).
- June 25: Kathleen Kane (Ballroom); Kurtis Mae (veranda).

Individual resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour; anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest, and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted. Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed.

**Bingo**

Bingo returns Wednesday, June 2, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cards sales will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Social Hour**

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, June 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music with Saxman. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (while they last) will also be provided. This event is free!

**Open Mic Night**

Nick and Fred will be onsite the fifth Tuesday of the month for Open Mic Night in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring an instrument and play your favorite song with the entertainers; or if you can carry a tune, sing with the band. Come socialize and dance with your friends and neighbors Tuesday, June 29. This is a free event. All beverages must be purchased at The Pub (no outside beverages permitted).

**Tropic Trivia Night\***

Tropic Trivia Night is back starting Thursday, July 1 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind-boggling, brain-taxing questions. Register your teams now at the Recreation Center office. We will have tables of eight and you will select the team names. Please note you must have four or more paid contestants at a

table to select a team name.

Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first-, second- and third-place winners. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. All beverages must be purchased at The Pub (no outside beverages permitted). Water is available at no charge. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident.

**Friendly Visitor Club**

Several residents have formed a club known as the Friendly Visitor Club and they work closely with the Senior Resource Foundation of Ocala. They are a club of volunteers who want to make a difference by visiting your friend or neighbor. They will read stories, play cards, games and visit with those in need. For more information, contact Phyllis Silverman at (678) 709-2605.

**Community News**

Trips will resume in January 2022, except for Horse Farm Tours which will resume in July. For more information, refer to the upcoming Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog in July.

Please note if you represent a club and you are planning trips or excursions by motor coach or bus pickup in the community, you must receive pre-approval from the Recreation Center office (Theresa Fields). Coach pickup and parking for trips or excursions are not permitted at any of the facilities in On Top of the World properties. Designated areas are assigned with approval. Community Information:

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**Upcoming Events**

- Thursday, July 1: Tropic Trivia\*
- Friday, July 16: Shredding Event in the Recreation Center parking lot from 9 to 11 a.m.
- Thursday, July 22: Social Hour with "Long White Cloud"
- Thursday, July 29: Tropic Trivia
- Thursday, July 29: Get Acquainted Coffee

\*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7533 or x7380. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.

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**BUS SCHEDULE**

Monday - Thursday

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge at Candler Hills	SW 87th Cir.	8:35 a.m.
Providence	91st Cir. East - 91st Cir. West - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir.	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
Exit Community		9:36 a.m.

MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Target	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.

*Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.*

AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES
The Lodge at Candler Hills	1:15 p.m. Candler Hills Community Center
Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m. Friendship Colony Post Office
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m. Providence Post Office
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m. Avalon Post Office
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m. 1:33 p.m.

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Friends Center	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
ALDI/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.

*\*All times are approximate*

For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533

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The Community Bus will be running according to schedule as long as the Governor's requirements are allowing. We continue to direct you to the www.ottowinfo.com, www.cdc.gov, and www.floridahealth.gov websites for the most current and accurate updates on socializing and transportation.



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## The Evolution of a New Home

By Elaine Morrison  
World News Writer

### Phase II

Three months have passed. The mounds of sand have morphed into the hills of a home. Bulldozers have flattened and compacted the sand, preparing it for the footers to be placed which will define the shape of the floorplan that has been selected.

The next step in the process

is the pouring of the slab ... the home's foundation, then a slight wait for it to cure. Next, the concrete blocks which will become the walls are added, followed by flying the trusses which will shape the roof, interior ceilings, and outside soffits.

All this magic is being closely observed by the construction super-

intendent, who makes a daily and sometimes twice daily pilgrimage to the site. Then a call to the local building municipality requesting final inspections of the roughed-in electrical outlets and plumbing risers.

More intense preparations are being made to prepare the owner's current house for market. Since the new home will include an additional resident, Pam's sister, discussions as to which items of each household ... furniture, collectibles, kitchenware, artwork etc., will be incorporated and which needs to be disposed of. At this time, it is remembered, by the female of the

story, that a lot of "stuff" had been stashed in the attic space in the garage when she moved from her last home. After much discussion, the contents were revealed much to the chagrin of the person who started the enterprise. An immediate decision was made to hold a tag sale, in the hope that the old adage, "one man's trash, etc." would work for them.

In some small measure it did, and many large items, tools, rolls of carpet, a lawn mower, a ladder, were happily purchased.

A firm date for the home's completion has not been disclosed, but the thinking is the home will be ready for occupancy in early summer. Talk about shortages of various important components have made early purchases of major appliances - refrigerator, washer and dryer necessary and which has been satisfactorily accomplished. Also refreshing some upholstery on dining room chairs, and occasionally picking up some colorful pieces of anything that will blend in with the new color scheme that has been selected. All happy and exciting times.

"I never built my own house before," says Pam. "I am amazed at the swiftness and professionalism of the builders, and to experience the progression in real time is quite wonderful."

For the past several weeks a dove has made her nest on the upper ledge of the Monk's front door. They were able to view the comings and goings of the bird from inside their house. They marveled at the patience of the mother as she sat for hours on her nest. A few days ago, they noticed two little heads popped up in the place where the mother sat. In a short while, they will fledge, and they too will be leaving that residence, much like the Monks. May the doves and the Monks find happiness and peace in their new spaces.



Pam and Mark Monk in front of their new home.

## Pangea – A Supercontinent

By Bill Shampine

Have you ever looked at a globe and noted how the coastlines of North America, South America, and Africa seem to fit together? Actually, they do fit together. About 335 million years ago most of the land on the earth was joined into one huge landmass. "You're kidding me, right?" I heard someone say. Nope, it is true.

The theory of the existence of a supercontinent was first hatched in 1912. Maps were pretty accurate by then, and a German scientist named Alfred Wegener was convinced that the continents did fit together. He couldn't get this idea out of his head, and, eventually, was able to prove his theory was true.

He named this supercontinent Pangaea (pronounced pan JEE ue named it Panga). The proof for his hypothesis is in how the continents fit together, the global placement of coal, and the distribution of fossils and distinctive patterns in rock strata spread out all over the world. Frankly, scientists think that Pangaea is the last of four supercontinents to exist over the 4.5 billion years of the Earth's geologic record. But I'm just going to write about this geologic baby (geologically speaking).

Pangaea began to divide and drift apart about 175 million years ago, and is still at it. I find it fascinating that the continents are still drifting apart! For example, the entire North American continent is moving in a southwesterly direction about one inch per year. Australia, one of the fastest drifters, is moving in a northerly direction almost 2.8 inches per year (that's about 23 feet every century). It may not seem like a lot, but with the accuracy of GPS these days, critical location data must be updated periodically.

It seems illogical that gigantic land masses built of rock can move? Well, it is easy; they move

like a boat on a lake because they are floating. The interior of the earth is a liquid, in the form of molten rock. The large land masses on the surface (called plates) have cooled enough to be solid, but they are floating on top of the molten interior. This whole floating, drifting process is called "plate tectonics." As the plates move, they have major impacts on our daily lives. The

movement causes earthquakes and volcanic eruptions and will slowly build mountain ranges and deep ocean trenches.

When did plants and animals show up on the earth? The smallest forms of microbes can be traced to about 3.5 billion years ago. They continued to evolve for millennia getting larger and increasingly diverse. By the time of Pangaea, 335 million years ago, the land was covered with dense forests and extensive swamplands. Dinosaurs date back about 230 million years and were around during the start of the breakup of Pangaea, about 175 million years ago. The dinosaurs,

however, died off about 65 million years ago. The existence of humans can be traced to about five to seven million years ago.

One of the proofs for tectonic movement is the existence of coal in places like Antarctica. To get coal deposits you have to have huge amounts of water and carbon from decaying vegetation, which is not possible in the frigid Antarctica of today.

Next month I will go back to a travelogue, but I find this subject very interesting and thought I would give you a thumbnail sketch about the topic. Besides, the devil made me write it!



The Pangaea continent 300 million years ago, before the land split and started drifting apart, showing how today's continents and national borders fit together.

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**Native Plant Group**

Ron Broman

By now we are sure you realize that last month's mystery plant was indeed a beauty- berry, or French mulberry (*Callicarpa americana*). The photo sort of gave it away. The place where it is growing, or the place we had in mind, is at the head of the Longleaf Pine Trail. That beautyberry was transplanted there a few years ago.

We're sorry we didn't get your call, assuming you were about to let us know you found it. Now is your chance with another beauty.

As you can discern, she too could be called a beauty berry, except that there are not very many of them (berries that is).

It seems that her blossoms for some reason may be eaten or otherwise disposed of by the elements (not elephants!). The process often doesn't make it to fruition. (Surprisingly, I never realized the relationship between the two words fruit and fruition.) Sometimes research can be very fruitful. (And some-

times trying to be a bit amusing can be fruitless. I guess you don't have to twist my arm to try to be humorous.)

Back to our where-in-the-world plant of the month. Once again, we feature a shrub, not a tree, that can reach up to six feet.

Her leaves (toothless-edged) are about as shiny green as leaves can be. Her flowers appear in early spring as clusters of minuscule, greenish-white, five-pointed "stars." Her ripe berries (drupes) are bright red.

We've been successful growing these plants as individuals and as a hedge both here and in south Florida. Where this one is growing now is in that special garden with the funny name.

One final, and hopefully helpful clue. Roasted seeds of this plant have been used as a coffee substitute.

Now it's your turn. When you believe you know where she is and perhaps one or more of her names, call the Native Plant Group at (352) 861-4560. A Florida native plant is waiting if you are "spot on."

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Photo by Ron Broman

**Where in the world is what's-her-name?**

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Photo by Sharon Buckner

**SW 86th Loop volunteers stuffed drawstring bags handmade by Marge Curran with hygiene, nutrition and activity items for needy students at Romeo Elementary School.**


**100 Grandparents**

Melinda Sutherland

Per safety guidelines and school regulations, the 100 Grandparents could not participate in the reading program at Romeo Elementary in Dunnellon, Florida, this past school year. This, however, did not stop several grandparents from keeping in contact with their assigned teacher or staff by offering moral support as well as inquiring of the needs of the school.

One such reader was Sharon Buckner. After contacting the school, she and Robin Kaiser gathered donations from neighbors on

SW 86th Loop to make 30 hygiene/nutrition/activity kits. The school then passed them out to students who would not have the means to these supplies. With the generous donations, two additional boxes of donated reading and activity books were given to the school. Some of those in the loop donated money, which was used to provide lunch to all the staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. The kits and food were delivered in April and were much appreciated.

Not being able to be with the children was greatly missed by everyone. We hope to return with the upcoming school year. For further information about the 100 Grandparents, you can contact Paulette Bourgon (904) 424-2044 or Charlene Czopek (352) 857-8765.

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**Travel Toppers**

Anne Parker

Travel Toppers trips resume in June. Please contact coordinators listed below Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.

The Father's Day trip to Sanford, a three-hour cruise down the St. Johns River on the Barbara Lee, will occur Sunday, June 20, and is wait list only. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to be placed on the wait list. For this trip, only residents and overnight guests are eligible to book. Masks will be required onboard the bus and the ship. All passengers will be required to show proof of being fully vaccinated when booking.

We are planning visits to the Suncoast Broadway Theater, formerly known as the Show Palace, to see "A Christmas Story: The Musical" Saturday, Dec. 18; "Ring of Fire" featuring the music of Johnny Cash in early 2022; and "Camelot" in May 2022. Details will be available later.

Travel Toppers is planning a cruise Oct. 31 through Nov. 7, on Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas leaving from Port Canaveral, Florida. Ports of call include Philipsburg, St. Maarten and Coco-Cay. Interior cabins are from \$1,295 per person; ocean view cabins, from \$1,425 per person; ocean view balcony cabins and boardwalk bal-

conies, from \$1,545 per person; and Central Park balcony cabins, from \$1,465 per person. All rates include the cruise, taxes, fees, shipboard gratuities, roundtrip motor coach transportation and travel protection insurance. A \$500 per cabin deposit is required to hold your cabin. Final payments are due by Monday, Aug. 2. Contact Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to reserve your space.

We have planned a 13-day Denali Explorer cruise and tour that departs May 22, 2022. 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 cabin prices per person with double occupancy include all fees and taxes, shipboard gratuities, transfers, motor coach to/from Tampa International Airport, insurance, airfare, Vancouver hotel, Vancouver tour and Victoria's Butchart Gardens tour prices are MB mini suite with balcony, \$5,963; DB deluxe balcony cabin, \$5,708; BB balcony \$5,606; and interior, \$4,661. Contact Allan Rickards at (352) 390-3075 to book.

We are working with American Cruise Lines on an eight-day/seven-night cruise of the Columbia and Snake Rivers in October 2022. Retrace Lewis and Clark's expedition along the Columbia and Snake Rivers aboard a riverboat. Enjoy unique shore excursions, scenic landscapes, onboard experts, daily Happy Hours, lunch and dinner including beer and wine, and two pre-cruise hotel stays in Portland, Oregon. Call Linda Hein (352) 861-9880 for estimated prices for balcony and non-balcony cabins. A few cabins for singles are available.

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**The World News****Active Singles**

Pat Jocelyn

Although the month of June was named after Juno, the goddess of spring, growth and marriage, not many of us plan on getting married any time soon. With that said, it is a time to focus on laughter, joy and excitement; something our Active Singles Club members are really good at. June gives us even more daylight hours to enjoy our friends in the many activities that are once again available in our community.

Let's look at some of the activities our club has reinstated:

We held our first monthly membership meeting in May at The Lodge at Candler Hills, and it was so enjoyable to see the many happy faces of our Active Singles members as they reconnected with one another. We're planning on continuing our monthly meetings so check our Facebook page or look for emails for date/time/locations of future gatherings.

To the delight of many of our members who enjoy breaking bread at a variety of local eateries, we've reinstated our dining out activity. There's nothing quite like sitting down to a delicious meal with treasured friends (both old and new), laughing at each other's stories (even if we've heard them before), updating one another on family, and just happily sharing a table with other like-minded folks.

Saturday afternoon wallyball has also resumed. For those unfamiliar with the game, it is similar to volleyball, but the ball is softer and

some of the rules are different. This is a game where our single friends gather to enjoy an hour of fun exercise where there is no judgement or grandiose expectations of perfection. There is, however, laughter, lots of laughter. The game is held in the Recreation Center racquetball courts at 1 p.m. every Saturday.

Do you like challenging your mind while enjoying the company of other Active Single members? If you answered yes, then do we have a "deal" for you! We've resumed our popular game night where card and board games are the order of the day. Bring your favorite card or board game or learn a new one someone else has brought. We've been holding the event outside, but future game night locations may change due to unpredictable summer weather. We'll post any location updates via email or our Face-

book page. We continue to hold our golf scrambles, another popular event. Come enjoy the company of other golf enthusiasts. It's a great way to make new friends while enjoying the beautiful scenery that surrounds The Links.

We welcome new members and encourage you to step out and participate in one or several of our activities. You'll be pleased that you did.

We'll continue to keep all our members informed as new events and activities are scheduled. For more information about our club including how to join, contact us at [activesinglesotow@outlook.com](mailto:activesinglesotow@outlook.com), visit us at [otowactivesinglesclub.com](http://otowactivesinglesclub.com) or join us on Facebook (OTOW Active Singles Club). Remember, "We may be single, but we're not alone."

joyed by a number of guests.

Talk of the World Toastmasters also sponsored a "Resume and Interviewing" workshop Thursday, May 20. Resume and interviewing skills were presented and practice interviews were conducted to help those seeking work to make a positive and successful presentation of their skills to get that job they really want.

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**Toastmasters - Talk of the World**

David Wesenberg

This month, we will meet via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, June 9 and 23. Our theme for June is "Ch-ch-ch-changes."

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This month, David Wesenberg is scheduled to speak on communication goals with "A Man with a Plan." Nancy Wilkins will be speaking on "Connect with Storytelling."

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

Men and women join Toastmasters for a variety of reasons. Some are beginning new leadership roles in clubs or groups and want to master leadership skills. Maybe you want to understand Robert's Rules of Order better? Some have something to say and want to improve their ability to say it. Maybe you just want to talk to your garden club? We at Toastmasters are here to help you meet your personal goals.

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

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**What is Phishing?**

Phishing is a form of social engineering used to scam people out of their or others personal information. There are a few forms of phishing, most prevalent is email, phone, or what is known as "clone phishing." According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 2020, phishing was double the amount of any other form of cyber-crime. There are things you can do to protect yourself and steps you can take in case you are compromised.

One of the trickiest methods scammers use is called clone phishing. That's where a scammer is posing as a legitimate website or company. Companies like Microsoft and Apple will never call you about computer issues! Unfortunately, many people tend to fall for

fake emails asking you to "sign in" or confirm any personal information. If anything looks suspicious, try checking the main website of the company or call a known good number to verify it is indeed a legitimate communication from them. A lot of cloned messages, texts, or emails usually contain a lot of spelling or grammatical errors or originate from a very suspicious email address.

Oh no, they got you! What can be done? There are a couple things you can do to help mitigate any damage. First and foremost, if they gained access to your device, disconnect it from the internet immediately. Next, change all passwords for any banking or subscription service. If it was through a clone phishing attempt, inform the legitimate cloned company; they may be able to offer additional assistance in protecting your account or advise as to what may have been compromised. Be sure to run a security scan on all your devices to check for malware or viruses. Most importantly, diligently monitor all accounts for suspicious charges.

**Computer Club**

**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 Betty Pippins who was born in Alexandria, Louisiana and grew up in Beaumont, Texas where she attended Lamar University and worked as secretary in the insurance industry, newspaper teletype, and as pastor's secretary. She moved to Jacksonville, Florida in 1988 where she worked as secretary to the president of Jerry Hamm Chevrolet until she retired to spend time with her husband. They enjoyed several years at their lake house, then moved to On Top of the World in 2005.

Betty enjoyed meeting new friends who introduced her to mah jongg, Women of the World, line dancing, and going to the Ocala Civic Theatre.

In 2008 she joined the Computer Club to gain knowledge of how to create Powerpoint presentations for a friend who lectured at radiology meetings in Atlanta and Orlando. Arnold and Bill were very helpful in getting her started. Currently she has appreciated being helped by Phil, Mike, and Chris, and enjoys the informational Zoom meetings on Saturdays.

Trained on PC but becoming more familiar with Apple products, Betty is using her new iPhone 11 to keep up with family and friends, along with using several apps on her iPad Pro. Her other main passion is music, having played violin in several orchestras and churches,

and she plays piano for a gospel singing group. She uses tech tools to find and print music as well as practicing and playing with downloaded music tracks. Some sheet music that is public domain can be found, while other websites such as MusicNotes.com and Sheet-MusicDirect.com offer sheet music which can be purchased for private use. The website SongSelect.com is useful for listening or practicing, and through Daywind.com and LifeWayWorship.com you can order tracks.

As vice president of The Ashley Willwerth Foundation, Betty proudly aids in providing scholarships to students and teachers of stringed instruments.

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., members enjoy free online one-on-one instruction or in-person help sessions in the Hobby Building, discussing their PC or Apple computer, smartphone, or device issues. Members may list on our website any computer-related hardware for sale or to give away.

We keep the meetings fun and offer suggestions and possible solutions to help our members. Hope to see you on Saturday!

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Photo by John Morris  
Lions Tracey and Gail with backpacks for convention.



### Lions Club

Gail Morris

Congratulations to the winners of the Lions Club raffle!

1: Sandra Welch; 2: Mike Ball; Tie at 3/4: Lianne Anthony and Gladys Cotto.

We especially want to thank the businesses that donated to our raffle so we could have such great prizes: Candler Hills Golf Club, The Club at Candler Hills, Circle Square Cultural Center, Latinos Y Mas and Southern Pig & Cattle. Please continue to support them.

The successful raffle enables our club to help our community in a variety of ways such as support to Arnette House and Ocala Ritz Veterans Village as well as support to our community food bank at Interfaith Emergency Services.

Proceeds also help fund special projects such as the annual CancerCare backpack program. Our club was able to purchase and fill 11 backpacks with stuffed animals, books, crayons, coloring books, lap blankets, toys, electronics, and toiletries. The club is thankful to our knitting neighbors, Phyllis Jarskey and her friends, who provided the

lap blankets for the backpacks.

In May, Lions Tracey Hodge and Gail Morris attended the 100th convention of multiple district 35 Lions Clubs, where they were able to deliver the 11 CancerCare backpacks to John Hopkins Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida through Lion Michele Tighe.

As first-time convention attendees Tracey and I learned more about the continuing efforts of the Lions Club to support and maintain the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, the Lions Eye Institute for transplant and research and the Southeastern Guide Dogs. All providing services to those who have sight issues throughout Multiple District 35.

If you know of someone in our community who is need of an eye exam or glasses or any sight issues that are beyond their financial means, Lions are here to help. We have an application process and multiple ways to assist.

We are always looking for new members within our community to join us in service, anyone interested come check out our club. We meet the first and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. You can also contact Estelle Michelson, membership chair, at (352) 861-7358 for more information.



### The Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger

This Father's Day, The Lodge at Candler Hills will be the setting where the Jewish Club members will relive the plot against Adolph Hitler. The tale of deceit and intrigue will be told by Dee Collier in full historic costume as Sabine, the twin sister of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the perpetrator of the plot. The meeting runs from noon to 3 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

Sunday, July 18, the club will hold a games day activity at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV from 1 to 3 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite games and snacks.

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The walls of the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios are still resonating with laughter from the club's trivia day competition in May. DJ Dave of Williamsburg was the master of ceremonies who came fully loaded with a variety of questions, including several specifically Jewish, provided by Rick Carel, club president. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Laughter was also the theme of the May club get-together at The Town Square. Jill Carel, a certified laughter instructor, shared her technique with those present who seemed to enjoy the spontaneous session which had been changed when speaker, Pat Gabriel cancelled.

The Jewish Club meets monthly year-round. Information about the club is available through Facebook (The New Jewish Club of On Top of the World). If you have other questions, contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 554-0757.



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Jill Carel leads Jewish Club members through a hearty laugh session at The Town Square.

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**Moonstruck Astronomy Club members with the club's telescope lending library.**



Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, May 13, in the Hobby Building Event Room. President Jim Di Paolo welcomed members for the first in-person club meeting for 2021 and announced that the meeting was a "special event" focusing on the club's telescope lending library.

The club's collection of six loaner scopes is quite impressive. It includes a Sky Watcher 8-inch Dobsonian Reflector, a Celestron NexStar 4.5-inch reflector, a Meade GTX70 2.7-inch refractor, a Parks 6-inch reflector, a Bresser 5-inch reflector, and a Celestron 5-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain reflector. Some of the scopes include electronic mounts that allow the telescopes to track the stars automatically.

Following Di Paolo's introductory presentation on the types of telescopes, he was joined by some of the club's other experienced amateur astronomers - Larry Isenberg, John Bridges, and Russell Martin - to help members learn how to set up, operate, and care for the club's loaner scopes. Any member can borrow one of the telescopes for an

extended time, allowing opportunity to take the scope out in the evening in their own backyard to view celestial objects. Club members thoroughly enjoyed the special session and learning how to make use of this valuable resource.

In addition to the lending library instruction at the meeting, Vice President Larry Isenberg briefly covered the club's business for the month and John Bridges presented his update on the night sky for April, including the positions of the moon, the planets, the international space station, and constellations and bright stars to observe during the month.

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club also enjoyed its first observing session of the year on the evening of Friday, May 7. Fourteen club members attended. Although all club members were welcomed at the session, precautions were taken to assure social distancing and that only those who verified they had been vaccinated could look directly through the eyepieces of the telescopes.

More observing sessions with telescopes will continue to be announced to members via email

in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky. The sessions are held adjacent to the R/C flying field; they last into the evening depending on the appearance of deep sky objects to observe. The club will continue to take safety precautions during observing events. Updated instructions will be provided in emails announcing each session.

Excitement about astronomy and backyard observing continues to grow; over 50 members are registered for the club. Regular club meetings are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

All residents can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Club dues are only \$15 per year, which includes a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. Indigo East residents require a Gateway of Services pass to participate in the club. For information or club registration, please contact Moonstruck Astronomy Club President Jim Di Paolo at [moonastroclub@gmail.com](mailto:moonastroclub@gmail.com).

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## What's Cookin'

Nancy Grabowski

One of the easiest to recognize desserts is a jelly roll. It is also one of the most versatile.

### Versatile Jelly Roll

3 eggs, room temperature  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1/3 cup water  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3/4 cup flour (increase to 1 cup if using cake flour)  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Prepare the baking pan before you start the ingredients. Line a 15.5" x 10.5" x 1" sheet tray with wax paper or aluminum foil; generously grease and set aside.

Beat eggs for 5 minutes on high so they are very thick and lemon colored. Gradually, add in sugar and mix thoroughly. Slowly add water and vanilla; add flour, baking powder and salt, gradually. Stir lightly so batter is well combined and pour into prepared pan.

Bake at 375 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes. While cake is baking, cover a clean dish towel with confectioners' sugar. Remove finished cake from oven, immediately turn out onto towel and remove waxed paper; roll tightly in towel. Cool on a wire rack at least 30 minutes, unroll and remove towel, then trim any stiff edges. Fill and re-roll; sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

Here is the fun part! The fill for the jelly roll can be any jam, jelly, or preserve. Or it could be whipped cream or frosting. Spread it with your favorite softened ice cream, re-roll and freeze; let soften about 10 minutes before serving. Tired of vanilla? Add 1/4 cup of cocoa with the flour; or add walnuts and maple syrup in place of the vanilla. There are endless possibilities. Let your imagination soar!

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**Genealogy  
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Peter Parisi

On Monday, April 19, Donna Cunningham, our education coordinator, gave an educational presentation on "Spreadsheets for Genealogy" via Zoom.

According to Donna, the use of spreadsheets can help you track your accomplishments by using it as a research log. They can also assist you to do data analysis on what you have found by using a pivot table.

There are three main spreadsheet programs, Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets and Airtable. Excel is a one-time purchase but does not have version updates. If you want

the entire Microsoft Office package, it is \$70 annually. Google Sheets is free if you have a Gmail account; however, it is limited in size and does not include pivot tables. Airtable has database capabilities and costs \$100 annually.

Donna uses Excel because it includes pivot tables. However, it has its limitations. It does not handle dates before the year 1900. The work-around for that is to use all numbers (e.g. 21 Nov 1860 becomes 18601121). Also, Excel is not a "relational" database, and there is a bit of a learning curve.

In setting up your Excel spreadsheet, leave the top row to insert your research goal (e.g. date of a person's birth, marriage, death or identify the father of one of your ancestors). The header row should have a title for each column, and then freeze the header. The col-

umns are your "fields." The rows are your "records."

Donna then demonstrated using one of her spreadsheets, where the columns were the approximate date of the person's birth, the location of the birth, the event (the birth), and the citation (e.g. a U.S. Census record), her Comments column on what she has found and a Next Step column.

Donna also uses spreadsheets to catalogue what books she has used or needs to get to do her research on her ancestors. If she had DNA information on relatives, she sets up a spreadsheet and sorts by centimorgans (CMs) to determine who is related to whom. A spreadsheet can also be used to catalogue the counties in which various ancestors lived.

To see more in-depth information on our speaker presentations,

contact Wilma Kelly at [otowgens@gmail.com](mailto: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. in the Hobby Building Event Room. We will be practicing social distancing with no more than one person per table. Wearing of masks is optional if you have been vaccinated. Members who want to attend remotely will be notified by email by our club president, Paul Belter, on how to access Zoom.

On Monday, June 14, we will hold a board meeting of the officers and appointed committee chairpersons.

On Monday, June 21, Thomas MacEntee, a noted genealogist, will give an educational presentation on "Researching Your New York Ancestors."

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**Michigan Club**

Nancy Meininger

Love the beach? Love boating? Then you may have some Michigan heritage. You see Michigan has the longest freshwater coastline in the U.S. - 3,288 miles! Only Alaska has more at 6,640 miles. So, if the beach is your sweet spot, you'll find beaches from the Porcupine Mountains on the Upper Peninsula to Sterling State Park on Lake Erie in the southeast. Michigan offers many places to spend a day on the shore.

In fact, Lake Superior, the largest inland lake in the United States, is known as an inland sea, with over 1,000 ships visiting the Duluth Minnesota-Superior Wisconsin port every year on their way out to the Atlantic Ocean. Michigan shares the shoreline of Lake Superior with Minnesota and Wisconsin, but has the deepest part of this Great Lake at Pictured Rocks near Munising at a depth of 1,334 feet.

With this depth of 1,334 feet, Lake Superior has also become a graveyard to a fleet of ghost ships, led by the 40-ton Griffin, a French ship which went down in 1659. Tales of ghostly visions continue to this day over the 6,000 ships said to be lost in Michigan's freshwater

seas.

This is how Herman Melville describes the Great Lakes in his classic novel Moby Dick. "Those five freshwater lakes are more like inland seas, water so vast you can stand on the shore and not see the opposite side."

Perhaps this is what draws fishermen to the state. In early April of this year a crew of three fishermen from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation office in Alpena, Michigan set out to survey the population of sturgeon in the Detroit River. Fishing while they conducted their survey, the surprised team landed a seven-foot long, 240-pound 100-year-old lake sturgeon. They tagged the prize and promptly sent it back to its watery home. Lake sturgeons typically range from three to six feet in length when fully grown. According to Michigan Sea Grant, lake sturgeon is one of the oldest species in the Great Lakes. The fish can reportedly live for 55 to 150 years and can reach a length of eight feet and a weight of 300 pounds.

In On Top of the World live many Michigan boaters and fishermen. Join us in October at our Michigan Club meet, greet, and eat on Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III at 5 p.m. Bring your favorite Michigan dish to pass and a fish tale to tell. For more details, call Nancy Meininger at (352) 554-0757.



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Sandi Dickerson

Time is flying! Summer is around the corner! We had a barbecue Saturday, May 15. With Kathy and Sandy in charge, everyone had lots of fun! The day after the barbecue many SWANS went to Daytona Beach for our May vacation! We always have fun on these Daytona trips! Lois planned an evening dinner cruise this time around.

The Biloxi, Mississippi (June) and Lancaster, Pennsylvania (September) trips are full. Some cabins have opened on the Thanksgiving five-day cruise leaving on Monday, Nov. 22. Please contact Lois if you are considering going on the cruise.

Our lunches in May were at The Club at Candler Hills. We started with breakfasts again. We went on two different Saturdays in May. We were limited in the number attending but everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Golden Spoon Diner. For most, it was the first time at this diner.

Lois' books by Jean Grainger are still available. Grainger's Robinswood historical trilogy takes you from a stately Irish country home to the bombed-out blitz of London during World War II. The first book is entitled "What Once Was True." If this trilogy sounds interesting to you, just call Lois and arrange to borrow them - one at a time. Several members recently ate at Wolfy's, which is an established diner in Ocala that is celebrating its 50th anniversary! Afterwards, they toured downtown Ocala and viewed many fine homes and estates, some dating back to the 1800s. What a beautiful area!

Several members went to the



Photo by Sally Herrick  
Lois Nix in her new SWANS t-shirt.

Abshier Blueberry Farm in Belleview and bought blueberries. The blueberries were very good. I understand they grow nine different types there! Also, another SWAN invited six ladies into her home. A great time was had by all! Thanks, Jean! This is what being a SWAN is all about!

With summer coming, many of the SWANS will be playing open shuffleboard. Anyone is welcome to play, no need to be a SWAN. Many married women are playing so give Lois a call for more information.

Our membership continues to climb and we now have 119 members. It is so nice to see how well everyone gets along in our appetizer groups. The interaction among the ladies is very encouraging! You may join the SWANS at any time. Our motto is "SWANS are never alone!" If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.

and cash. Every donation is appreciated.

Our booth at the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market has been very successful and very helpful during our down time. We are still in need of fosters and volunteers to work the booth for the month of June. We still have many cats that are up for adoption. Call Paula to set up an appointment at (352) 300-1072 or (352) 362-0985.

To volunteer or foster, please call (864) 630-0939 or (352) 362-0985.

*Submitted by Marcia Van Daele*

### SPCA of Marion County

Paula Gajewski

The SPCA of Marion County is starting to meet again. The May meeting was held at Circle Square Commons. We are not sure where the June meeting will be held. Stop by the booth at the Farmers Market on Thursdays and be sure to look for an email to all our members.

We want to thank all the patrons who have donated food, supplies

fun summer whatever you choose to do.

The club meets monthly from September through May, on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. 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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## Legends on the Track

By Gene Mangold

Do you want a trophy car? Well then choose me, I am your gal. My name is Bonnie as in Bonnie and Clyde. I have class and beauty but not much on ease of handling or speed. I am beautifully painted and built, as my owner takes a great deal of pride in that; I am a classic because I resemble the great cars in the 1930s.

I am just plain gorgeous with glistening metallic paint, two long-running boards, four rounded fenders, protruding hood, and a large well-rounded trunk. I have curves; so move over Marilyn Monroe, you have nothing on me.

So then, what is the advantage of owning a car like me if I don't drive or race that well? If you would have

seen all the owners huddled around each other, admiring me and my sisters you would know. They were giggling, laughing, and patting each other on the back. They were like brothers, all bending over each of their cars offering suggestions, advice, and help.

I love my owner, Bob Perry. We are talking comradeship, being a member of a gang, but not bent on competitiveness but on building and showing something beautiful. I do not drive or race very well when compared to those greyhounds in

the races on Tuesdays and Saturdays. These guys blow my doors off when they drive so straight, fast, and grip the road like a gecko.

I drive like a drunken man coming home late from a night at a 1934 speakeasy. I do not have fancy shocks or springs; I do not even have a transmission for I am only a direct drive. I am way behind the technology curve, simple and inexpensive to build and keep.

So, if you would like a beautiful classic car like me then these legends are for you. We get together Thursdays, at 10 a.m.; our races are more like car shows rather than those super-fast, terror-ridden, high octane greyhound races on Tuesdays and Saturdays. These car kits are called legends which are a national stock class with all components of the chassis identical except for the bodies. Look on the internet for 1/10th R/C legends, which are sold by many online shops.

The legends cars are a novelty sector of the club; the real core is in the formal racing program consisting of nine different classes. Yes, these cars are beautiful too when they make the first debut on the track, but their true character is speed and winning. A closer look at their bodies will confirm that the races are competitive by the numerous scratches and dings from the many collisions.

Last month's certificate winners are as follows: Rage, two-wheel drive buggy, GT stock-Ken Berry. Two-wheel drive truck-Larry Fryer. Novice-Paul Altman. Four-wheel drive buggy-J.D. Taylor. Four-wheel drive truck-Bob Melzer. Touring-Ron Kaufersch.

Call Fred Penichet at (914) 588-7293 for details about the legends or other questions about the club and its racing program. Please join the many visitors who come out to the races Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m.



Photo by Gene Mangold

Legends R/C boys.

## 'Fishing' Not 'Catching'

By Roger Bonifield

Thank you to everyone who made it out to our May meeting. Despite the 90-degree temperatures for an outdoor meeting, overall attendance was great, and we took in eight new members, which made it even better. Good news - we will be moving back to our regular air-conditioned room in the Hobby Building, and with no major capac-

ity restrictions, we should be able to start scheduling guest speakers on a variety of hunting and fishing topics. Stay tuned for updates on those programs.

We already have a few items on our fall schedule, like a shore fishing/club picnic in early October, and our holiday dinner in early December. This September, we plan

to re-start our arrangement with some west coast charter captains for scheduling some flats fishing trips. Currently we are also working on a possible deep sea fishing trip later this fall, and our director of hunting is putting together several ways one can enjoy the shooting and hunting opportunities in the area.

We were also reminded why it is called "fishing" not "catching," as only one single fish was caught at this year's Kids Fishing Derby put on by Ocala Parks and Recreation during their Earth Day weekend event. Ten members of Call of the

Wild Sports Club assisted nearly 60 children in this year's event, and despite the almost non-existent fish tally, a great time was had by all.

The club meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room from September through May. During the summer we skip June and August. Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 7, and anyone is welcome. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me directly at (352) 300-3601.



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Controlled chaos – just try getting 10 seniors and nine children, anxious to try out their newly won fishing rods, to stand still. Yea, right.

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Photo by Susan Yenne  
Carla Kimball had her first hole-in-one April 13.



Photo by Bobbie Wiener  
Joann Della Penna had her fourth hole-in-one May 4.

### Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Susan Yenne

Carla Kimball and Joann Della Penna scored hole-in-ones during league play in the last month. Kimball used her driver on the #8 hole of The Tortoise & the Hare Tuesday, April 13, to shoot her first hole-in-one in 12 years of golf. "I will never say I hate this hole again," she said.

Della Penna used her eight hybrid on #13 of The Tortoise & The Hare Tuesday, May 4, to shoot her fourth hole-in-one in 25 years of golf. "This was the first one I actually saw go in the hole," she said. "It took four more holes before my heart rate got back to normal."

Plans are underway for a Nov. 9 Veterans Day lunch in Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio II and the Dec. 8 awards luncheon at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

We currently have 102 members, 91 of whom are active.

#### Low Gross/Low Net April 13/The Tortoise & The Hare

##### Gross

Flight 1: 81-Yuhlan Cho. 85-Linda Taylor. Tie at 86-Christine Giza, Gail Lagrange.

Flight 2: 87-Virginia Combs. Tie at 91-Peggy Borro, Joann Della Penna. 92-Iro Lisinski.

Flight 3: 89-Pat Linstrom. 91-Pamela Jones. Tie at 93-Peggy Wiechmann, Betty McNeely.

Flight 4: 91-Molly Lucieer. 93-Rosann Ross. 95-Sandy Chase. 98-Vickie Foster.

Flight 5: 92-Debbie Zile. 98-Geri Treppa. Tie at 102-Peggy Benedict, Kathy Zunica.

##### Net

Flight 1: 73-Beverly Ovrebo. Tie at 76-Mary Ann Livingston, Vickie Noltensmeyer. 77-Bobbie Wiener.

Flight 2: 74-Linda Blewitt. 75-Judy Graham. 76-Connie Sohl. 77-Katie Schriewer.

Flight 3: 72-Christine McIntire. Tie at 74-Ellen Brin, Lisa Free, Kathleen Goodwin.

Flight 4: 68-Carla Kimball. 71-Linda Bervinkle. 73-Sandra Dechambeau. 76-Donna Brunell.

Flight 5: 72-Lorie Anderson. Tie at 74-Sue Fierce, Linda Ryan. 77-Zanne Weirick.

#### Beat the Pro Candon Ehler/Net April 20/The Links

69-Christine Giza. 70-Marlena Laclair. 71-Beverly Ovrebo, Joyce Jones, Eileen Gustavus. 72-Peggy Wiechmann, Rosann Ross. 73-Bobbie Wiener, Peggy Borro, Joy Benson, Judy Graham, Lynne Dickson. 74-Nancy Zielinski, May Chin, Suzanne Weirick. 75-Christine McIntire, Sharon Johnson, Vickie Foster, Lisa Free, Linda Blewitt, Mary Ann Livingston. 76-Yuhlan Cho, Gail Lagrange, Kathleen Goodwin, Linda Taylor, Iro Lisinski, Lynn Barber. 77-Lorie Anderson, Sandra Dechambeau, Jean Hsu, Jill Strey. 78-Joann Della Penna, Liz Pruss, Virginia Combs. 79-Lynn Colomb, Carolyn Cummings, Sandy Snyder, MJ Strelec, Mary Ruffner. 80-Roe Gromacki, Ellen Brin. 81-VaDonna Hall. 82-Pamela Jones.

#### Random Ribbon/Team Net

#### April 27/The Tortoise & The Hare

128-Lynn Colomb, Lilly Gee, May Chin, Terry Wilks. Tie at 134-Bobbie Wiener, Peggy Borro, Betty McNeely, Debbie Zile; Gail Lagrange, Pamela Jones, Joy Gerardi. Tie at 137-Christine Giza, Joyce Jones, Sandy Chase; Lynne Dickson, Iro Lisinski, Carla Kimball, Linda Ryan. Tie at 139-MJ Strelec, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Kathleen Goodwin, Geri Treppa; Peggy Ellenberger, Linda Blewitt, Pat Lindstrom, Susan Yenne. 140-Mary Ann Livingston, Christine McIntire, Lynn Christi.

#### Low Gross/Low Net

#### May 4/The Tortoise & the Hare

##### Gross

Flight 1: 78-Sandy Snyder. 81-Christine Giza. 83-Gail Lagrange.

Flight 2: 84-Maria Fournier. 89-Debby Wilson. 91-Joyce Jones. Tie at 91-Jill Strey, Iro Lisinski.

Flight 3: 90-Christine McIntire. Tie at 91-Jill Strey, Iro Lisinski.

Flight 4: 91-Kathleen Goodwin. 99-Lisa Free. 101-Kathleen Mansfield.

Flight 5: 96-Lynn Barber. 103-Debbie Zile. 105-Geri Treppa.

##### Net

Flight 1: 72-Linda Taylor. Tie at 74-Bobbie Wiener, Diane Boston.

Flight 2: 72-Joann Della Penna. 75-Marlena Laclair. Tie at 77-Pamela Jones, Linda Blewitt.

Flight 3: 71-Ellen Brin. 73-Nancy Zielinski. 75-Lilly Gee.

Flight 4: Tie at 77-Jane Hall, May Chin. 79-Joy Gerardi.

Flight 5: 76-Lynn Christi. 80-Carolyn Cummings. 81-Susan Yenne.

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**Ladies  
9-Hole Golf**

Russ Smith

The LGA-9 schedule will be on the following Tuesdays:

- June 1: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where everyone plays their normal round of golf, and we will flight you based on your handicap.
- June 8: Team Odd Holes (The Links) is where everyone plays their normal round of golf, and we use the scores on the odd numbered hole towards the game.

- June 15: LGA-9 is invited to play with LGA-18 in a Scramble/Shamble. In this game, you will play a scramble up to the green and then putt your own ball in the hole.
- June 22: Individual Ts & Fs (The Links) is where we only count the holes that start with a T or F for the scoring.
- June 29: 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.

We are happy to get back to normal on league day with the return of the rally at the flags before golf. This has been a missed tradition by the ladies and is a great way to so-

cialize before the round. It's also a great way for the new ladies who have just joined the league to meet the ladies who they will be playing with.

Going forward we will meet at the flags next to the The Tortoise & The Hare putting green by 8:30 a.m. We will release you to go out to your starting holes at 8:45 a.m. and blow an air horn to start play at 9 a.m.

One of the big topics as of late has been pace of play. While we want everyone to have a great time and catch up on life events, we still need to be respectful of the other players out on the course. Remember to practice ready golf, which means when you are ready and another player is not than go ahead

and hit so we can keep things moving. Another good rule of thumb is to keep up with the group in front of you, so you don't fall behind. Doing these things will help you beat the summer heat and getting stuck out on the course for longer than you need to be.

I would like to welcome all the new ladies who have come out to play. Please make sure to "like" the On Top of the World Golf Club Facebook page. It's a great way to keep up to date on all golf happenings. We also have a YouTube channel where we do videos updates and tips for improving your golf game and if you enjoy the content don't forget to hit the like button and leave us a comment to let us know what you think.


**Candler Hills  
Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

Denise Mullen

This month's column is on ways to prevent injuries while playing on the golf course.

We have all been guilty of jumping out of the car or the cart and rushing off to the first tee without ever warming up. Were you chatting too much with your friends or are you habitually late arriving to the golf course so you can't spend the time stretching properly?

Golf is not a game we tend to associate injuries with, many have experienced the feeling of waking up the next day after a round of golf with those unusual aches and pains caused by not preparing properly for your round the day before.

Most will choose to power through the pain but given a few quick ways to lessen the possibility of injury and keep those aches and pains at bay will benefit you tremendously.

The first suggestion goes without saying, make sure you warm up and stretch before playing. Pay specific attention to your back, shoulders, and arms. Even if you are running late, there are usually a few minutes while you are talking to the starter or other players in the group are teeing off. Those minutes can be used for stretching and preparing your body for the round. Try including gentle movements and mobility exercises followed by small practice swings.

Secondly, find an instructor to assist you in developing proper technique and training for your muscles. This will go a long way in defending against injuries.

Thirdly, make sure you wear

a decent pair of golf shoes and change out your glove regularly. Having the proper equipment for the game will provide better stability and grip to minimize injuries and thus improve your score.

Fourthly, proper sun protection (clothing, hat, sunglasses, and 30-plus sunscreen) is a must. It is better to be proactive when it comes to skin damage.

Lastly, stay hydrated. Not properly hydrating will affect your athletic ability and could cause you to injure yourself. Drink plenty of water before, during and after your round.

By taking these precautions before a round of golf, you will put yourself on a better track to enjoy the game of golf for many years, regardless of your age.

The following Thursday events are on the schedule:

- June 3: LGA-9 will be playing

with the Candler Hills LGA-18 in a Scramble at 9 a.m.

- June 10: Even Holes (back nine)
- June 17: Let's Waltz 1-2 (back nine)
- June 24: Scramble (front nine)

We invite any new ladies who prefer to only play nine holes to participate in our nine-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.


**Candler Hills  
Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

Beth Wolinsky

The annual league championship occurred Thursdays, April 15, and April 22. It was great to be able to participate in the event once again. Congratulations goes to Sandy Snyder who is our new league champion.

The Candler Hills Golf Course was closed Tuesday, May 11 and the Candler Hills LGA-18 league

was invited by On Top of the World LGA-18 league to a reciprocal event. The game was one, two, three and a grand time was had by all.

The lifting of restrictions within the community has allowed the use of indoor facilities. Golf events have been planned which will have optional indoor lunches. Please join us for lunch, even if you are unable to play.

On Thursday, June 3, there will be a Scramble with the Candler Hills LGA-9 league. On Thursday, June 10, the first of four Summer Survivor events will take place. Players can choose their own partners for

the game of Better Ball of Partners. An optional pre-arranged lunch will be after golf. Look for similar events in the following months.

On Thursday, June 17, there will be a reciprocal event at Candler Hills with the On Top of the World LGA-18 league. Details to follow.

Did you know that golf rules were invented in Scotland in 1744? There were only 13 rules that were established at the world's first golf course, Company of Edinburgh Golfers. Wouldn't it be nice to have such few rules in today's game?

The league is open to any woman in the community. If you wish to join the league, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

Finally, believe, achieve and enjoy golf as we look forward to resuming league activities.

**Low Putts/Individual**
**April 1**

- Flight 1: 28-Sandy Snyder. 30-Beverly Ovrebo.
- Flight 2: 30-Mary Jo Lock. 32-Pamela Jones. 33-Maria Fournier. 34-Angelita Jingco. 37-Virginia Combs. 38-Toni Stevenson. Tie at 29-Toni Stevenson.

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34-Karen Curtis, Kate Beaty. 35-Anne Dahlen. Tie at 36-Teri Stecker, Jonell Washburn.

Flight 4: Tie at 38-Renee Aden, Vickie Foster, Mary Ann McCourt. Tie at 37-Suzanne Sigler, Carla Kimball.

**Six-Six-Six/Team**
**April 8**

121-Lynn Colomb, Kate Beaty, Joann Delmar. 123-Paula Lilly, Christine Giza, Carla Kimball. 124-Iro Lisinski, Laurel Rohrer, Sue Fierce. 130-Virginia Combs, Virginia Madura, Ilyong Dicus. Tie at 131-Angelita Jingco, Pam Carpenter, Beth Wolinsky; Beverly Ovrebo, Anne Dahlen, Kathy Zunica; Sandy Snyder, Pamela Jones, Vickie Foster.

**2021 Candler Hills LGA League  
Championship**
**April 15 and 22**

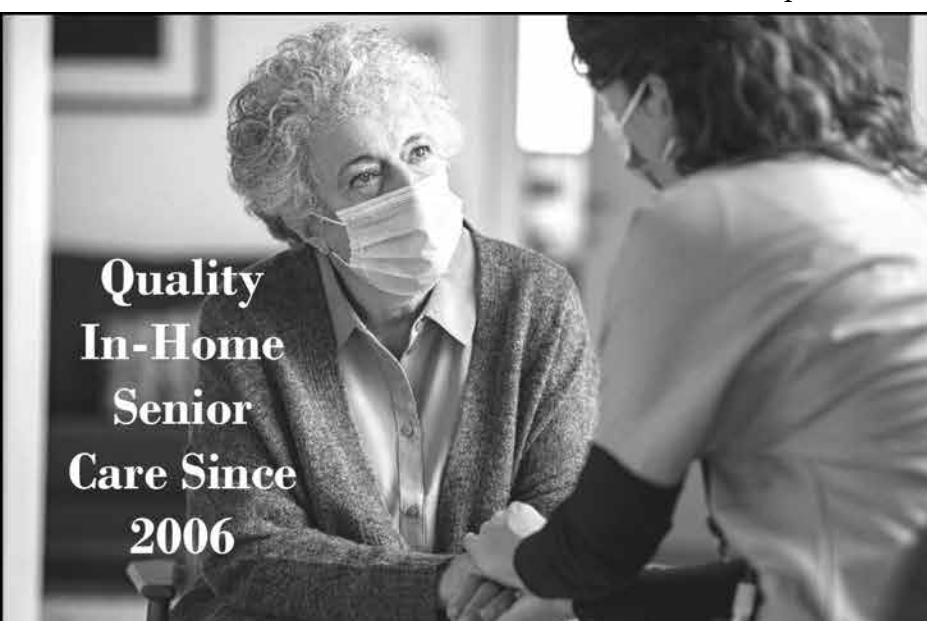
League Champion: 144-Sandy Snyder.

**Gross**

Flight 1: 161-Christine Giza.  
Flight 2: 168-Judie Anderson. 172-Dawn Carroll.  
Flight 3: 185-Toni Stevenson. 188-Pamela Jones.  
Flight 4: 187-Carla Kimball. 188-Teri Stecker. 191-Beth Wolinsky.

**Net**

Flight 1: 144-Linda Taylor.  
Flight 2: 150-Sara Nunn.  
Flight 3: 146-Anne Dahlen.  
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## Golf

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The PGA Tour is in mid-season with the 2021 US Open just days away. This year's US Open will be held at the prestigious Torrey Pines South Course with Bryson DeChambeau defending his title. Here are the professional staff picks for this year's event: Matt Hibbs - Tony Finau; Denise Mullen - Jordan Spieth; Russ Smith - Hideki Matsuyama; Nick Schwander - Justin Thomas; and Candon Ehler - Justin Thomas.

On Top of the World Golf Club will host the annual Flag Day Tournament Saturday, June 12. Tee times begin at 7 a.m. and you will pick your time upon registration. Every player will receive a flag at the first tee. You will plant your flag on the golf course once you hit your last shot, which is par for the course plus your course handicap. Example (par 72 + handicap -18 = 90) so after you hit your 90th shot, that is where you will plant your flag. Entry fee is \$15 per player, and you can create your own foursome. Check with the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more information.

As we approach the summer months Candler Hills Golf Club will host the Summer Sizzle Friday, June 25. The format is two best balls of four with one of the two best balls being pre-determined. Entry fee is \$15 per player, and you can create your own foursome. Check with the Candler Hills Golf Shop for more

details.

The professional golf staff would like to remind everyone about proper golf cart safety. Here are a few tips for safe driving:

- Keep all body parts in the cart at all times (arms, hands and feet).
- Never operate a cart with people standing on the back platform.
- Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.
- Avoid distractions while driving (talking on cell phone, texting).
- Operate the cart from driver's side only.
- Use extreme caution when turning around blind spots.
- Never drive while intoxicated.
- Reduce speed in high traffic areas (around the clubhouse).
- Use caution when driving in inclement weather.

## Upcoming Events

- Saturday, June 12: Flag Day Tournament on The Links, at 7 a.m.
- Monday, June 14 through Thursday, June 17: The Links will be closed for aerification.
- Thursday, June 24: Summer Sizzle at Candler Hills Golf Course at 9 a.m.

## World Accolades

**THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:**  
Steve Gersten, eagle #5. Carla Kimball, hole-in-one #8. Joann Della-penna, hole-in-one #13. Jim Merrick, shot 83 two strokes under his age. Kenneth Jackson, hole-in-one

#8.

**THE LINKS:** Tom Smith, shot 77 twelve strokes under his age. Jerry Dennis, hole-in-one #5. Steve Becker, eagle #4. Bob Mondore, shot 72 five strokes under his age.

Candler Hills: Bill Maxwell, eagle #2. Sam Fox, eagle #7. Billy Ray Cox, eagle #12. Roe Gromacki & Brian Henderson each had hole-in-one during par 3 event. Ray Christ, hole-in-one #5. Sandy Ford, eagle #7.

Congratulations to all of you for these fine accomplishments!

## Golf Tip of the Month



## Fit Tips

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## Are You Sitting Too Much?

The studies just keep coming. It seems the more we sit, the more we undermine our health and possibly even our life expectancy. Your body adapts to what you do most often. So, if you sit in a chair all day, you will essentially become better adapted to sitting in a chair. The trouble is that makes you less adept at standing, walking, and functioning well. Are you sitting too much? The study I read classifies sitting as follows per day:

- Three hours or less equals low levels of sitting time.
- Three to eight hours equals moderate levels of sitting.
- Eight hours or more equals high levels of sitting.

**FIT TIP #1:** Engage in vertical

You're facing a tricky six-footer and you can't seem to pull the trigger. You're frozen which makes executing a smooth stroke nearly impossible. If this sounds familiar, then I want you to try this routine when putting:

- Address the ball.
- Look at your target.
- Look back at the ball.
- Pull the trigger.

The less your mind wanders the better the chance for a smooth stroke. Keep this routine in mind the next time you have that down-hill six footer to win the match.

activities! We tend to be consumed with thinking that movement needs to be formal exercise. Any activity we do in a non-seated position is good for our bodies.

**FIT TIP #2:** Make small changes. It may be hard to change long-standing behaviors like hours in front of the TV or computer. Start by making small changes, stand up and move your legs during the commercial break or set your watch to remind you to get up and stretch every 20 minutes.

**FIT TIP #3:** Think function. Activities of Daily Living (ADL) are vital to independence and being able to stay engaged in all the things we love to do. The ability to perform ADLs stems from regular physical activity. When it comes to exercise, strive for at least 30 to 60 minutes of moderate activity a day, most days of the week.

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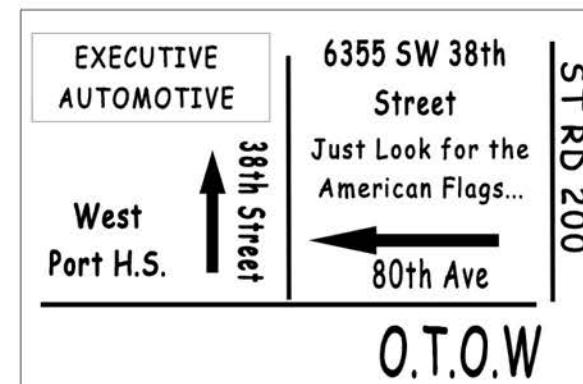
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Photo by Phil Panzera  
2021 doubles league winners – Rich Deschenes, Pat Murphy, Gary Schroeder and Jim Farrens (not shown).



Photo by Dan Newby  
April mixed doubles winners – Bob Schmitt and Fran Delaney.

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**Billiards Club**

**Phil Panzera**

This month the doubles league finished its playoff round. After Session 1, the league was divided into groups, a Division A with the top finishing teams from Session 1, and a Division B with the remaining teams.

Rich Deschenes and Pat Murphy took top honors by winning the playoff round in Division A. Pat and Rich also won the first session of the league and were the dominant team throughout the series. Rich Aber and Bob Kuebler also played strong throughout the series, and took second place. Fausto Coste and Jerry Kamenker were close behind in third place.

In Division B, Jim Farrens and Gary Schroeder took the top spot in a competitive finish. Larry Bernier and Gene Christopher came in second, and Joe Amiglio and Fritz Langville came in third.

This past month we also had the first mixed doubles tournament in over a year. It was a polite and friendly event, with much laughing. Ladies paired with individually invited men to form six mixed teams. Fran Delaney and Bob Schmitt won the event after some very close matches.

**PRO ADVICE:** "Bet on the guy who stays down longest!" - Jimmy Reid

**ANECDOTE OF THE MONTH:** Rudolph Wanderone ("Minnesota Fats") is a unique character in the annals of pool history. Originally a portly hustler going by the name "New York Fats" in the 1950s, he appropriated the name "Minnesota Fats" from the 1961 movie "The Hustler," and then proceeded to fame with his sideline antics and memorable shtick.

Fats once commented on the art of chalking. "It's like a beautiful doll putting on lipstick," Fats said. "If she applies too much, she's gonna look like a siren. If she applies too little, she might look like a ghost."

Fats went on to tell of a player named Jack from his pool room. Jack had lipstick all over his chin and cheeks. "I nicknamed him 'Lipstick Jack,'" Fats said, "because his tomato don't know how to chalk!"

**Ladies Shuffleboard**  
Lois Nix

Our fifth year of ladies shuffleboard has ended. We have had a very exciting and rewarding five years. We did not have our tournament this year, but we did keep monthly scores on each lady shuffling and have presented the three top players a trophy at our end of season pizza party. The winners will be posted in the next issue of the World News.

The ladies who never shuffled before and are shuffling with us are now loving the game. Shuffleboard is a game of chance, skill, technique, and frustration. Our summer schedule starts Wednesday, June 2, at 9 and 11 a.m. On Wednesday, June 7, we will open shuffle and 10 Pin at 5:30 p.m. All women residents are welcome to shuffle with us; Indigo East ladies must have the Gateway of Services pass. We continue to have all members sign a Release and Hold Harmless Agreement even though there are signs posted that you "play at your own risk."

At our first day of summer shuffle, it will be decided if we want to start using all the courts or continue using just five. It is usually very hot for July and August and our numbers might be lower because of the heat. The fans are great, but hot is hot. The only time we do not shuffle is if it is raining, or the courts are wet. We suggest that you bring a bottle of water and a clean towel to wet with water if it gets too hot. No open-toed shoes, please. Basic rules and information about how to shuffle will be given to all new players. So come on down and join the fun. Happy shuffling.

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**Archery Club**

Leslie McCormick

The club is excited to finally have our 14 new Bulldog "easy pull" targets out on the range. For our members who had not shot the one we had as a trial, they will be amazed at how great they are. A shout out to thank everyone who helped build the new target stands and get the targets placed out on the range at their stationary positions from 10 to 65 yards. For members who use the club equipment we have new arrows that should help in reaching the 20-yard distance and beyond.

Activity at the range has been amazing. We are open daily (except for Monday mornings) from dawn to dusk so members can shoot as early or late as they want and work their own personal schedule around archery and other community amenities. It is that time of the year when many residents head north for the summer, and hopefully our club members in that category will find an archery range wherever they are and keep up their skills.

Our current format for range events is to have three club shoots during the month. The evening shoot with a dart board face on the 20-yard target has been popular. All shoots are divided into three divisions: compound, barebow and recurve with sights. Workshops have been offered to get newer archers introduced to the etiquette of shooting in a tournament and scoring. Results of the May shoots have been posted at the range and will be included in our June club newsletter.

The club's membership has grown to over 155 with more than 50 women archers! On Tuesday, May 25, there was a ladies get together at the range, just to get everyone out together.

Target archery can be enjoyed by anyone. No special skills are needed to get started. If you are interested in information about our club, you can come out most mornings and see some activity. We are located at the Veterans Park beyond the playground area. After a safety orientation and archery basics session you can use our club equipment and start enjoying a new sport. Membership information can also be obtained by sending an email to Leslie at llmccorm74@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you at the range!

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**R/C Flyers**

Dan Gaffin

Pilots always must consider the weather before flying. I am sure that there have been many occasions that a pilot has loaded up his plane and equipment with the great anticipation of flying to only arrive at the flying field and notice a completely different weather pattern. How can this be when you left home and the weather looked perfect?

Well, this brings the big announcement that the new weather station at the flying field is up and running. The Tempest weather station has no moving parts to break, making it extremely durable and reliable. The Tempest is powered by lithium-ion batteries that are recharged by four small solar panels that have been built in by the manufacturer, Weather Flow. These lithium batteries can run four days without direct sun exposure. There are no electrical lines installed at the flying field, so power has been

generated by a gas generator located in the utility shed.

When considering the weather station, the club members agreed that using the generator to power the Wi-Fi for the station was not environmentally responsible. A four-panel solar system was installed on the roof of the utility shed which produces 800 watts of power. This system is providing necessary power to run the Wi-Fi needed for the weather station.

The Tempest weather station is available to club members; and by accessing the station you will have accurate and real time weather at the field. The weather station can be accessed through the smartphone app or over Wi-Fi on your home computer. No more guessing. You can learn current temperature, current wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, UV solar radiation exposure and lightning strikes within miles.

The R/C Flyers Club would like to welcome its newest members Doug Juhl, Harry Carlile and Frank Santigalo. These three new members bring the club member count to 173.

We have a great group of people

who belong to the R/C Flyers Club. Many club members give their time and energy to keep the field ready and updated for all members to enjoy. A generous and anonymous donation was recently made by a club member. He donated a new windsock along with the hardware and swivels needed for the install. And to add to his generosity, he helped to install this new needed piece of equipment to the flying field. The club would like to thank you very much!

If you are considering becoming a pilot or just interested in watching the pilots fly, we encourage you to come up to the flying field. There is also a lot of information available on the R/C Flyers website at otowrcflyers.com.

The R/C Flyers Club will also provide free flight training by volunteer instructors. If you still have questions, you may call the R/C Flyers Club president, Carl Schneider, at (864) 344-7220.

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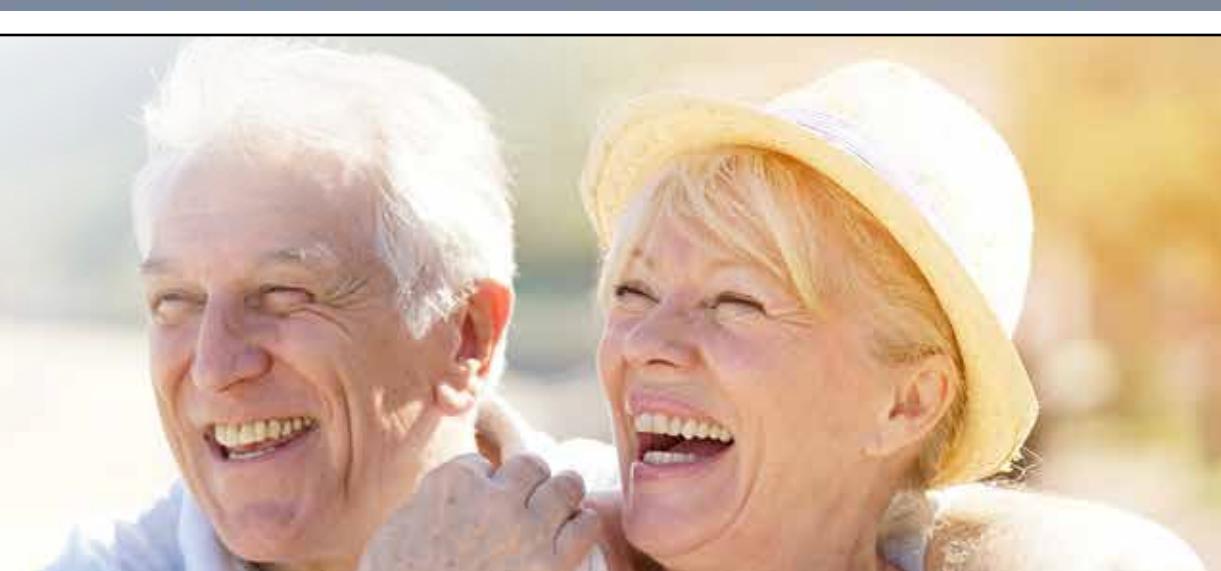
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Recreation Center Ballroom					
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9:00 AM	Chair Yoga Maureen		Chair Yoga Haley		Chair Yoga Sandra
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Tucker		S.O.S. Larry		Balanced Body Ingrid
11:00 AM	Strength & Stretch Tucker		Strength & Stretch Kitti		Strength & Stretch Tucker
1:30 PM		Orientation*		Balance Assessments*	

Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM  
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Arbor Conference Center (Dance Studios)					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Yoga* Sandra			Yoga* Kathy	
11:00 AM		Zumba® Gold* Kitti			

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**
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11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming		Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Outdoor Pool			Summer Splash Rotation	Fitness Center Orientation*	
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 PM	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 PM	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 PM	Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 PM	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 PM
2:30 PM	Deep Water** 2:30 - 3:30 PM			Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 PM	Deep Water** 2:30 - 3:30 PM
3:30 PM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open

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### Tennis

Jorge Privat  
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We are so looking forward to enjoying gatherings and cookouts! We have come to a decision to continue with the ladder as a means of playing a bit of competitive and fun tennis on Mondays.

I am very happy to see now most of the courts being used on a regular basis, and in that regard, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome all the new players who have joined us in the last three months.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Jim and Judy Sullivan for reactivating and promoting POP tennis. This sport is very popular on the west coast and is travelling east quickly – even to On Top of the World!

We are also planning an outing to the National Tennis Center in Lake Nona, Florida to watch the best players in the world play tennis.

#### What Players Read on the Court

One way to identify the skills needed to be a successful tennis player is to categorize them as sending skills and receiving skills.

Sending skills are all of the elements that go into sending the ball back to your opponent, examples are footwork, grips and stroke work.

Receiving skills are all the input that can be discerned when the ball is traveling in either direction, and the contact point of both players. This can be explained by:

1. Ball traveling away from you and all that can be observed during that time.
2. The opponents contact point and all that can be observed at that moment. Your own contact point. How the ball felt and sounded leaving your racquet. The sound of the ball at the opponent's contact point.
3. The body position and bal-

ance of the opponent at contact.

If a player's ability to observe and read the signals is nonexistent or poor, then they do not possess the ability to make the best or clear decisions about their shot selection. Also, that player cannot understand the potential and the limitations of the shot selection of their opponent. Reactions will be much slower than they need to be and consequently, court coverage ability will be less.

Many recreational level players do not really see or perceive what is happening during the point. For example, "It wasn't until the second set I realized she was left-handed."

Receiving and reading skills are synonymous and these can be taught. When reading the written word, we say someone can read 500 words a minute with 80% comprehension. In tennis, we can measure if someone can get to a ball traveling at a speed of 40 miles per

hour and landing 15 feet away or only be able to handle balls traveling 30 miles an hour and landing 10 feet away. It is easy to see if we can increase speed and improve comprehension, whether reading words or the ball, it will increase productivity.

Tennis players need to develop the ability to read the variables in the flight of the ball. Reading the ball sooner will allow a player to cover more court and have adequate time to set up for their ideal contact point in good balance. Fortunately, it is possible to develop a language to read the flight of the ball because the ball is controlled by two laws:

1. The ball will travel in a logical and consistent fashion because it is bound by the laws of physics and geometry.
2. The ball can travel with only three variables: spin, speed and trajectory.

A player needs to learn to distinguish the variables in spin, speed and trajectory and how they flow together to create the flight of the ball. How quickly a player can decipher the parts of the flight of the ball, and react to cover the court, will determine to a great degree what level player they are. Most intermediate players have not mastered excessive spin or slice. The biggest variable for recreational level players to read is "trajectory" or the ball.

All reading skills are measured by speed and comprehension. The faster a player can comprehend where the ball is going, the better their court coverage skills will be. For recreational players, this is one of the biggest determining factors for their level of play. Therefore, it is critical that a player can recognize the trajectory of the ball decipher where it is going to land, and efficiently move to the optimal contact point with a minimal amount of lag time. See you on the courts!



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Jeff has been playing competitive softball for over 50 years. He moved here 12 years ago and has

been playing in the men's softball league ever since. Jeff also plays on the Del Webb Stone Creek softball league. Between the two leagues he gets in four days of playing and one day of batting practice. With 25 years of competitive senior softball, Jeff has had the good fortune of playing with and against some of the best in the nation. He has played in local, national, and even world tournaments.

I think that Jeff's longevity in the sport of softball is a great representation of the notion that aging does not cause a decline in fitness, rather a decline in fitness causes aging. Jeff notes, "This would not have been possible if I didn't maintain an exercise program over the years to stay physically fit. I am able to play on several senior traveling teams because I keep physically active. I like to joke and say that I love the game of softball but have realized that the older I get the better I used to be! The best advice I can share is to stay active for a happy healthy life."

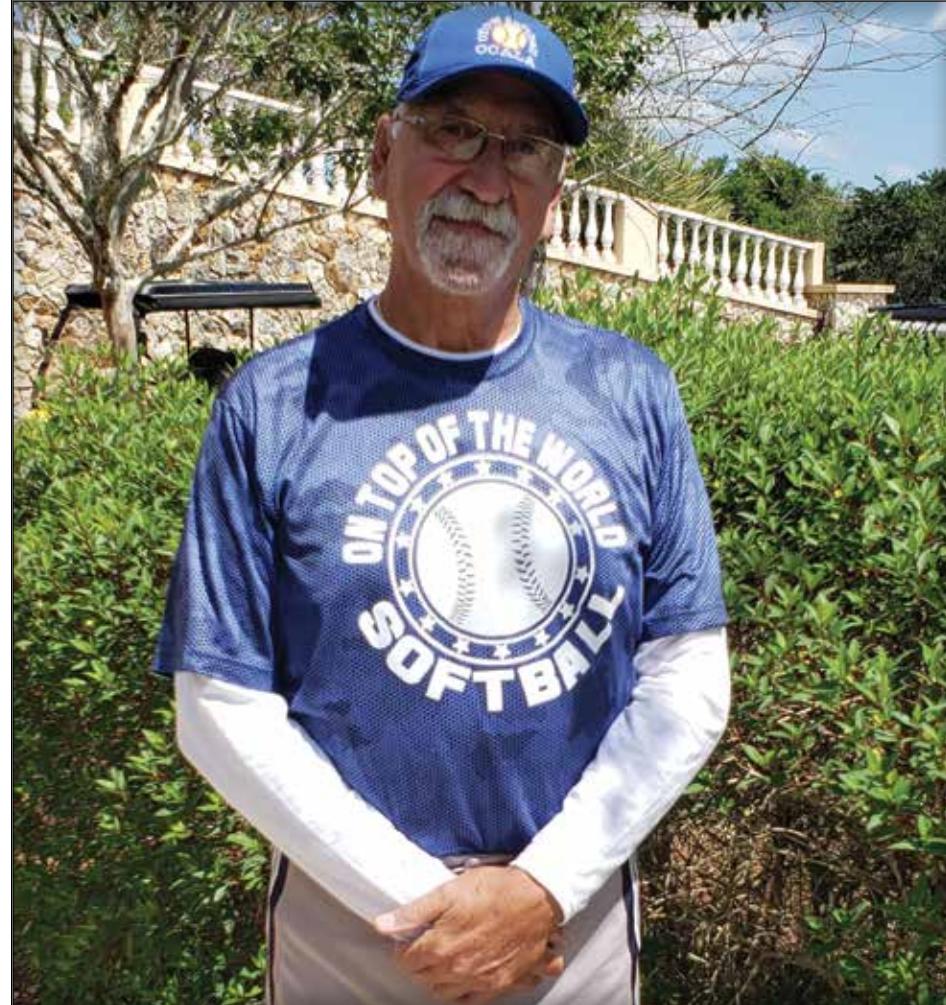
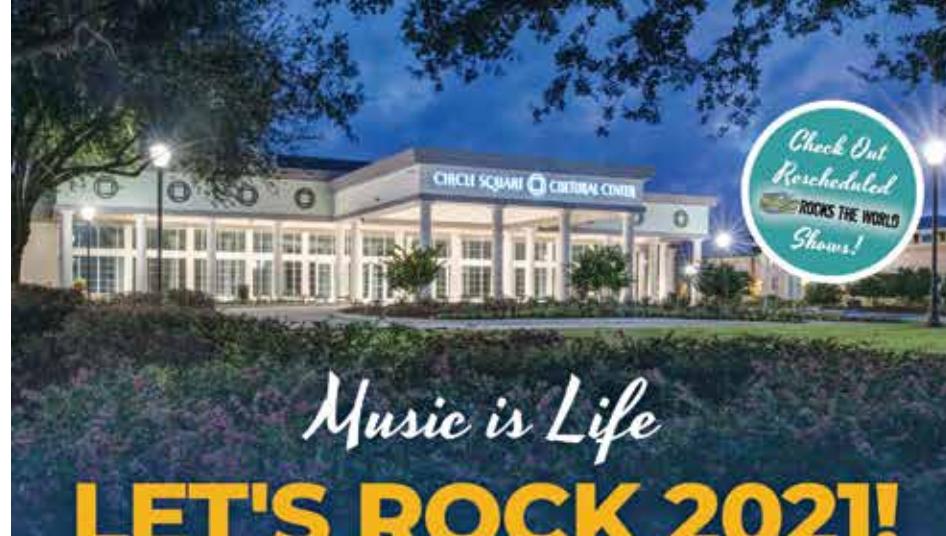


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**Cornhole Club**

Jim Russell &amp; Bill Ballweg

**OPEN PLAY:** As our community continues to grow, our club welcomes new members on a weekly basis. While the On Top of the World billboards along the highways help promote our sport, the best way to introduce new residents to a great fun experience is by word of mouth. Many new faces brighten the cornhole courts as the result of members inviting their new neighbors to come and give it a try.

If we had an award for the most prolific "recruiter," it would certainly go to Amy Kuzo. She is an excellent ambassador for our club and currently holds the record for bringing a couple to play within three days of their moving in. Thank you, Amy; you are what our club is all about. And for those who have not yet met her, she would want you to know that we have open play every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. We have an advertised start time of 7 p.m. but frequently begin earlier. We use a sign-in sheet, and when the first 24 players have registered, we begin play. Everyone who comes gets to play at least three games and we are usually done by 8 p.m. So come out, have some fun and, if she's not out recruiting, you'll get to meet Amy!

**MIXED LEAGUE:** With three weeks to go we can expect to see a very exciting finish. Three teams have distanced themselves from the pack and it appears one of these teams will go home at the



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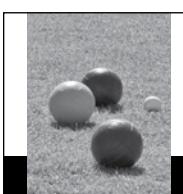
**Winter season men's league winners Bill Ballweg and Bob Helf. Mixed league winners Donna Hansen and Joe Lawson.**

end of the season with the championship. The Unknowns (Aggie Mahoney and Rick Dikeman) are leading at this point with a slight edge over the Cornhuskers (Robin and Bill Ballweg) and Old Pokes (Brenda da and Bill Andrews). To make the final weeks more exciting, these three teams will all face each other head-to-head before the end of the season. A few extra three-pointers

and a bit of luck will likely determine the championship.

**MEN'S LEAGUE:** The spring season has been favorable for the Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) as they retain a commanding lead with only three weeks to go. The King Killers (Charles Lemme and Vince Stephens) hold on to the second spot four games behind the Undertakers.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Currently on their summer break and looking for more teams to join the fun. With the conclusion of the spring season the leagues will take the summer off with plans to resume league play in August. If you are interested in playing in a very competitive league format, contact Bill Ballweg at [otowcornhole@yahoo.com](mailto:otowcornhole@yahoo.com).

**Bocce**

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! The best of bocce tournament was not held this year. However, the following teams placed as follows for the season: 1: Lady and the Tramps (Gary Schulte, Kevin Kind, Terry Connolly (subbing for Ed Malsch), and Maryann Mathews (subbing for Micki Malsch)); Tie at 2: The Neighbors

(Henry Erikson, Robert Novfske, Wayne Scales, Gib Matterson); and The Hawks (Len Jackacki, Bob Bicknell, Linda McIntyre, Peter Van Arsdale).

The best of bocce was played for open bocce. Forty-two members competed, but it was the ladies who came out on top - Paula Hammonds, Linda Campbell and Paula Gauthien. Andrea Hartfield, Bruce Tredinnick, and Billy Boone came in second place.

The new league season will begin Tuesday, Oct. 5. As soon as the number of teams can be deter-

mined, league times will be decided upon.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Anyone can play open bocce and teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is a great opportunity to watch and learn how the game is played, and to meet new friends.

Anyone who has played at least three times is expected to join the league and must sign a Release and Hold Harmless form and pay dues of \$5 for the year.

For more information, please contact the president of the league, Terry Connolly at (352) 362-7284. Until we roll again!

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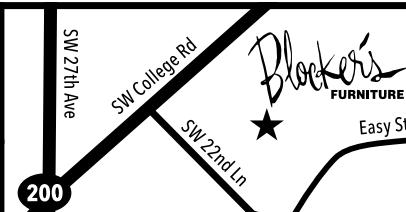


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Summer is almost here, and our line dance classes are over until we start up again in September. Some of our practice sessions continue through July. Instructors and leaders will keep you informed regarding your schedule.

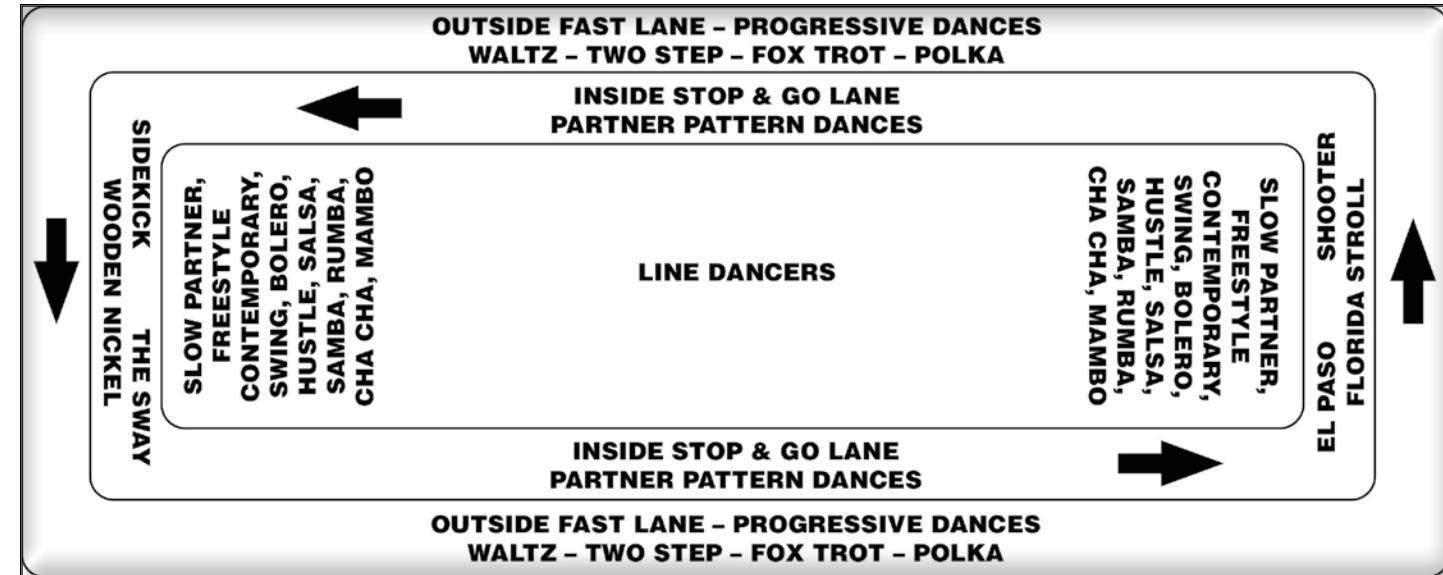
We continue to dance at The Town Square Thursday nights. As On Top of the World grows, there are more and more people interested in line dancing. This has resulted in quite a large crowd dancing at The Town Square, thus causing concerns about safety for all dancers. We rarely talk about dance floor etiquette, but it has become more important for dancers to become familiar with this to help with the safety issue and allow everyone to have fun on the dance floor.

Basically, the line dancers have the inside of the square, pattern/

### Sidekicks Western Dance

Paula Shira

Well, our year end party was a rousing (if slightly warm) success. We met at Circle Square Commons and enjoyed ice cream, cookies, fellowship, and dancing. Mr. B's Big Scoop and Events Manager Gary Pierre were instrumental in the success of our party. We were able to present certificates of completion to our latest beginner Sidekick class. We also awarded several special certificates: most improved dancers - David and Marilyn George; most new dances learned (a lot on



### Dance floor etiquette illustration.

partner dancers have the perimeter outside of the line dancers, and then there is an outside fast lane that allows for progressive ballroom style dances, such as waltz, two step, fox trot, etc. Dances such as swing, cha cha, salsa, etc. are part of the inside square on either side of the line dancers. Below is a

chart showing proper dance floor etiquette.

A technique workshop was conducted in the Improver class in May. The purpose of this workshop was just to re-emphasize having good dance posture and executing steps correctly to help become a better dancer. We all had a lot of fun. The

dance floor etiquette subject was also mentioned at that time.

Since restrictions have been lifted, we will be planning monthly dances again and will keep you informed of the new plan.

Have an enjoyable summer, stay safe, and keep those dancin' feet moving!

their own) - Rich and MaryAnn Holmquist; almost perfect attendance award for being at all the Zoom classes last summer and in the ballroom - Paul and Clare Pardee; best boots and hat - Jim and Judy Sullivan; and the coveted prize of teacher's pet (also known as the teacher can be bribed with food to put any dance you want on the floor) - John and Laura Schnur.

We took the time to honor Carla and Tony Magri, the original teachers of Sidekicks, Colin and Linda Adamson for their work handling all our attendance records and Jack and Jean Hester for always being willing to volunteer. A special thank you to John and Vickie Youlden for volunteering to help hand out the tickets to make sure every-

one got their ice cream.

The main group will be back on the floor starting Tuesday, June 8. Both the main group and the beginners will dance June and July and take a break in August. We will start our new season Tuesday, Sept. 7, so watch for class times and schedules.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer no matter where you are and remember there are always opportunities to dance, even if there is no music. You will find us on the outside circle on Thursday nights at The Town Square where we owe a big thank you to Kathy Cornell for always letting us know what songs will be played and for making sure there is always room on the outside for us no matter how

many line dancers are there. If the dance looks familiar or if you just think it looks like fun (which it is), hop in the circle or next to one of the leaders and dance with us.

Visit patterndancers.wixsite.com/sidekicks or check us out on Facebook (Sidekicks Partner Dance Club).

The Sidekicks circle is never complete without each and everyone of you and there is always room for more.

### Thursday Night Bridge

Jeff & Pam Bell

Thursday night bridge is up and running again with a location change and slight time change.

We meet every Thursday, at 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Event Room (formerly the library). Elevator access is available.

The cost to play is \$0.25 per person per evening. This group is known for friendly and relaxed play.

If you have taken the "Beginning Bridge" class at Master the Possibilities or if you are returning to bridge after many years, or if you are a great player and just want a relaxing evening of bridge with some nice people, this is the group for you.

### May 6

1: Jeff Bell; 2: Gina Andrejak; 3: Jane Frost.

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**New Dancin' On the Top**

Arlo Janssen

The summer season is well underway here in Florida and Independence Day is our next big holiday event. All New Dancin' On the Top Club officers wish you and your family a wonderful Independence Day. We want you and our family of dancers to be safe and healthy this summer.

Some big dancing news for July. We are having a dance Saturday night, July 17, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m. The music will be provided by Solid Gold for your dancing pleasure. Ticket sales will take place Monday, June 21, for members from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Ticket sales for residents will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Club member tickets will be \$15 and guest tickets will be \$25 per person. Please bring your resident ID when purchasing dance tickets.

A great big "thank you" to all club members who have volunteered to help with our dances. Our club provides dancing for everyone at all levels - ballroom, waltz, meringue, line, freestyle, 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 under way for our 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 on the bulletin board later 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 backup 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.

**Ballet Club**

Eugenie Martin

For almost one year, the Ballet Club members have been taking classes while wearing masks. Now our members are fully inoculated, and we can dance without masks. We were happy to be able to dance while masks were necessary, but we are even happier to dance with bare faces. It is interesting, however, to look upon the faces of some new members whom we have seen only while masked. They are all quite lovely, as is their friendly behavior to all the other dancers.

Our classes are held four times each week in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. Our class schedule is as follows:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Fridays: noon to 1:15 p.m. (beginner)
- Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Anyone would like to join our classes must be inoculated. However, there is no need for any ballet clothes to start. Exercise clothing and socks will do, plus a bottle of water. If the student wishes to continue dancing, she can then buy ballet clothes such as leotard, tights, and ballet shoes. A lot of us also wear ballet skirts when we dance. They are lots of fun and make us look pretty.

Anyone interested in our classes should call me at (352) 854-8589 in advance of coming to class. I can give you information on how our classes work, and gather information on any of your previous experience in ballet or other forms of dance. Rank beginners are always welcome, however, and many of our members got all or most of their dance experience with us. Happy dancing!

**Western Stars Bowling**

Susan Knorr

Western Stars strikes up the fun and spares no one! The 2020-2021 season was a success, and we are looking forward to a bigger league next season. The final standings for this are as follows:

**Leagues**

1: The Straight Shooters (Jimmy and Debby Wilson, Billy Boone, and Jim Tolson). 2: The Hangman (Hedi and Erv Schamal, Barry Adler, and Mal Press). 3: Dusty Chaps (Doug and Pam Trondson, Linda Hodson and Neal Davis). 4: The Wranglers (Jean Aronson, Jean Mackenzie, Thad Campbell, and Tommy Cummings). 5: The Mustangs (Fred and Susan Knorr, Dan and Johanna Forceno). 6: The Road Runners (Rich and Lila Riesenhuber, Les Phillips, and

George Fulcher). 7: Cowhands (Bob Vitale, Helen Bailey, Bill Specht, and Sy Kuskowski). 8: The Gunslingers (Len and Denise Candela, and Don Canatella). 9: The Saloon Hoppers (Rosie O'Neil, Madeline Pearson, Bernice Lewis, and Joe Schwartz). 10: The Alamo (Elaine Morrison, Pam and Mark Monk, and Don Delaney). 11: The Pistols (Irma Cruz, Pete Sanford, Julian and Lane Hobby). 12: The Amigos (Sal and Sharon Carsuso, Betty Schwartz, and Gerry Golub).

**Individuals**

High Average: 171-Debby Wilson. 195-Neal Davis.  
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High Scratch Series: 545-Hedy Schamal. 692-Len Candela.  
High Scratch Game: 205-Sharon Carsuso. 263-Bob Vitale.  
High Handicap Series: 714-Pam Trondson. 714-Barry Adler.  
High Handicap Game: 259-Rosie O'Neil. 287-Sy Kuskowski.

**Women's Softball**

Annette Bunk

All softball has been suspended due to construction at the softball field. Women's softball will resume Saturday, Sept. 4, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. All ladies are invited to join us. For additional information, please contact Annette at (352) 615-2882.

**Monday Afternoon Bridge**

Shirley Stolly &amp; Carol Johnson

We have resumed play in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room at 12:15 p.m. To play, you must have your own table of four players. The fee is \$.50 to play, and prizes are awarded every Monday. Call Shirley Stolly or Carol Johnson for more information.

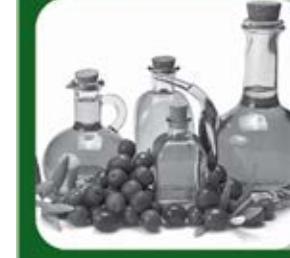
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We were unable to have our annual banquet this year, however in the upcoming season we are hopeful the situation changes.

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We are always welcoming new members to join our league. It is a great place to meet new friends and get some exercise so please do not hesitate to call Susan or Fred Knorr at (352) 304-8025 for more information about joining this fun league.

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**Workers prepare forms before pouring concrete for the new softball dugouts.**



### Softball

Tom Sheridan

For On Top of the World softball players, it's been like an extra-long

rain delay. Without the rain.

Softball games officially went on hiatus in early May and aren't expected to be back on the field until early June. The eight-team league closed out the winter season a week or two earlier than originally planned to accommodate On Top of the World work crews.

There was the normal field maintenance that community crews perform, re-leveing the infield, improving drainage and working on the outfield turf. But this year's work was anything but normal.

Crews have torn down the many-years-old dugouts and are replacing them with newer and much nicer structures. Additional work on the fence surrounding the field includes new gates for easier access. When the dugout work is complete, members of the Softball Club will reinstall water misters to help cool players during the heat.

While the field was out of commission, enterprising Softball Club members did the next best thing: they took the game on the road. Member Dave Clune arranged for pickup games to be played twice a week at the Ocala Regional Sportsplex near West Port High School, including one game under the lights. About 30 members have been participating.

Several other members are also playing with Sun and Fun League teams this summer.

The closing of the softball field is just part of the major amenity-

based construction work being done this summer by On Top of the World.

When the path to the softball field is reopened, probably in late August, softball players can expect a new roadway to the field and beyond; also better parking and improved access to several new pickleball courts, all sharing the area around the pavilion.

In June when softball's summer season gets underway, players should be able to enter through a temporary fence opening off SW 90th Street and park beyond the outfield fence. The area past the field will still be inaccessible as amenities work continues.

The league will field six teams for the summer session with games on Monday and Wednesday mornings. That's a 50% increase over last summer, reflecting the club's strong growth. General practice and new-player assessment will continue to be held Thursday mornings when the field reopens.

For information about playing softball, contact Tom Sheridan at tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com.

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**Bingo**

Nancy Grabowski

Bingo will be up and running Wednesday, June 2. We can hardly wait to see each of you!

Before we do, however, we need to post some reminders for our veterans as well as any newbies who will be joining us. While the doors are never locked to the Recreation Center Ballroom where bingo is held, we do not start selling until 4 p.m. At that point, 70/30 raffle tickets will go on sale. Single strips of tickets are \$1 each, three strips

for \$5. The winning numbers will be called at 5:45 p.m.; the first bingo game will start officially at 6 p.m.

Residents must show their resident ID cards prior to purchasing any cards; guests are welcome when a resident signs them in. We play on cards with sliders, so no dabbers are required. Card sales commence at 4:30 p.m. and continue to 5:40 p.m.; no cards are sold after that time. Cards are \$1 each and are used for all 20 games. No cards are changed unless there is a defect. The payout for individual games is based on a sliding scale according to attendance. The 10th game is a coverall minus one for

\$75 and is followed by a 10 minute intermission. The last game of the evening is a coverall with a jackpot that grows until it is won.

All seats are handicapped accessible. There are no reserved seats in the hall; however, you can get a seat and grab a bite to eat in The Pub beforehand. Do not tip the chairs forward as this poses a hazard to other players. Bingo is run in accordance to Florida gaming rules; therefore, no wine, beer or alcohol is allowed in the hall. The drinks can be purchased at The Pub and consumed in there or on the patio. Food/snacks are permitted at the tables during play with each person is responsible for cleaning up.

A variety of games is played with each game pictured on the big board to help reduce confusion. Numbers flash as they are called and remain lighted after the next numbers are announced. If you are unsure, call out and let one of our runners check it for you so you don't miss a potential win! Cards are returned to the front of the hall after the last game. We appreciate your help with this.

We generally draw big crowds so be patient. Please welcome any newbies, respect your fellow players by talking quietly, and have a great time! We are hoping a few more people will volunteer to help; please talk with Carl Folkers or Nancy Grabowski.

**Horseshoe League**

Joe Lawson

For the summer, open league horseshoes is being played every Tuesday, at 9 a.m. All are welcome! We are going to miss our snowbird friends who have flown north for the summer.

We want to welcome the new residents who have joined us and starting all over again after not playing for many years.

We want to congratulate Gary Null for winning our winter/spring league with Ed Bodnar a close second.

We are looking for any new players and have unlimited helpers if you want to improve your game or just want to learn how to play.

The traveling team in the tri-county league ended strong with a third-place finish after having several challenging weeks. We would like to congratulate the team from Beverly Hills that won the league and had two women (residents of On Top of the world) playing for them.

All the pits are in Veterans Park at the horseshoes and cornhole pavilion. Shoes are available if you would like to stop by and practice sometime. We play in sand; not clay pits. We are looking forward to meeting new players.



Gary Null (top) is winner of 2020/2021 winter/spring league with Ed Bodnar (bottom) in second place.

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## Do You Want to Dance – Broadway Style?

By B.J. Leckbee  
World News Writer

There's a new dance class available this year. Penny Berton began teaching tap dance here two years ago and is now offering a Broadway dance class as well.

This class focuses on songs that were performed on Broadway. The first class met in January and February to learn "One" from "A Chorus Line." The current class is learning "All That Jazz" from "Chicago." Future plans include songs from "Footloose," "Grease," "Bar-

num," "Dreamgirls," "Will Rogers Follies" and the list goes on.

Each dance routine is taught once a week for seven or eight weeks, one hour at a time. Most of the dancers in the current class decided to get together on their own to practice between classes to improve their skills. They want to get it right, because at the end of eight weeks a new dance class begins, and a new song will be taught.

The new Broadway dance class

will begin in July, and due to current restrictions, membership is limited to 18 men and women. That number is expected to change in the near future as more facilities become available.

For those who would rather learn to tap dance, a new class will also begin in July. Tap shoes will be required for this one. The class schedule is similar to the Broadway dance schedule.

Due to restrictions in place at the time, last year's tap dance class practiced by way of tap videos that Penny sent to each dancer via email so they could continue practicing the current number, along with a tap test intended to keep them from forgetting everything they worked so hard to learn.

This approach apparently worked, as with a minimum of classroom practice, they were able to perform at Circle Square Cultural Center and Bridgewater Park.

Penny Berton is a seasoned instructor who owned and operated her own dance studio in New York for 22 years. She's happy to be teaching here, for several reasons. One is, in her own words, "These ladies want to learn." She'd be happy to see a few men sign up also.

There is a charge for both the Broadway and tap dances. Tickets can be purchased at the Recreation Center office. Contact them at (352) 854-8707 or stop in for further information.



Photo by Dave DeAngelis

Penny Berton's Broadway dance class.

## We're Back!

By Nancy Grabowski

The New Pretenders are back in business and we are chomping at the bit! We now know that we will practice to perfect our 2022 edition. It will be presented on the Recreation Center Ballroom stage in February 2022. Our performances are slated for Friday, Feb. 4 and Saturday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. Ticket sales will be held in January 2022; more on that in future writings. We are grateful for your support!

One of the staples in every performance is our closing number. We always choose to honor our country with a patriotic song. The upcoming show will not waver from that; it does give us pause, however, to contemplate a lesser celebrated holiday, Flag Day, June 14, and highlight some of the songs we have used.

Terry Ruggles recounts the history of the American flag with this: "Our flag is an inspiring symbol that unites us all as American citizens. The unique history of the American flag follows the history of our country. The 13 stripes: a symbol of the first 13 colonies. The stars: a symbol of our country's 50 United States. As our country grew and developed, so did our flag. It has followed the fate of the country itself."

Today, our flag remains a vibrant symbol of the American principles of democracy, justice, and freedom, and of course the everlasting memory of those who have sacrificed their lives defending these intrinsic principles of the United States of America. Over two hundred years ago, the Second Continental Congress officially made the stars and stripes the symbol of America, going so far as to declare that the 13 stars gracing the original flag represented 'a

new constellation' with the ideal that America embodied a bright new hope and light for mankind. Today, our flag continues to carry the inspirational and fundamental convictions of our great nation and will continue to do so for many years to come."

The National Museum of American History relates the battle scene at Fort McHenry when U.S. soldiers raised a huge American flag to celebrate a crucial victory over British forces during the War of 1812. The website says: "The sight of those 'broad stripes and bright stars' inspired Francis Scott Key to write

a song that eventually became the United States national anthem. Key's words gave new significance to a national symbol and started a tradition through which generations of Americans have invested the flag with their own meanings and memories."

We have sung "You're a Grand Old Flag" with these thoughts in mind. Another favorite which we have used is "God Bless America" written by Irving Berlin during World War I in 1918 and revised by him in the run up to World War II in 1938. Another song we have presented to our audiences is "This Land is Your Land." It is one of the United States' most famous folk songs. Its lyrics were written by American folk singer Woody Guth-

rie in 1940.

By far, though, the most requested of our patriotic numbers is "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood. He wrote the song in 1984, re-recorded it several times, but the words and meaning remain unchanged. It is fitting that we leave you with the chorus of this classic:

"And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up, next to you and defend her still today  
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land: God bless the USA!"



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Ruth Greenfield enjoys a variety of artistic and craft directions.



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This month, we feature the background of Ruth Greenfield, who was very young when she received a John Gnagy Learn to Draw set as

a Christmas gift. What a thrill this was since she was a homebody spending a lot of her spare time drawing. Her father was in advertising and was a gifted artist and musician. Her mother was a registered nurse, but it was her paternal grandmother Lucia who lived with them and taught her how to embroider, sew and crochet.

Growing up in Bergen County, New Jersey, Ruth was introduced to painting and watercolor in high school. She attended Pace University in New York and frequented many New York City art museums, with abstract expressionism as her favorite. She graduated with a degree in graphic design, with a concentration in scientific illustration.

After college, Ruth worked for a clothing designer, painting directly onto clothing, then for Bucilla Corporation, an embroidery, appliqué, and quilting craft kit company. She

was an instruction writer and illustrated the diagrams for many types of needlework projects; what an ideal career! After 10 years, Bucilla was sold, but Ruth continued working as a freelancer.

Teaching Saturday art classes at church and working for years at Pearl Paint as the crafts manager, she was introduced to fabric paints, airbrushing, clay works, paper making, matting, and framing.

In another career at Bergen Community College, she worked in the institutional effectiveness and assessment department. Who knew she had a strategic planning and data side! Before retiring in 2020, she had the opportunity to teach drawing mandalas for meditation to staff and faculty on several professional development days.

Ruth enjoys many craft endeavors, with a concentration on watercolor, including acrylics, pen, and

ink, as well as needlework like appliquéd, crochet, and embroidery. Taking stained glass classes at Master the Possibilities is her new craze.

Most of Ruth's inspiration for her artwork comes from her emotions and feelings, using art and crafting as therapy and relaxation. It is exciting when something she made brings happiness to someone else.

All vendors are now part of our virtual website, so you can see everyone's crafts during the summer. Any vendor can make arrangements with you to purchase items throughout the week.

If you have your own artistic endeavor you wish to sell, please contact us through our website [ArtisticCrafts.org](http://ArtisticCrafts.org) where our coordinator Rene can answer all your questions.

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**View from  
the Library**

Linda Barilli

"Khan Empire of Silver" by Conn Iggulden tells of the descendants of Genghis Khan and their rapid surge to expand their empire. Genghis was the first khan. There was never one before him, so there were no laws regarding how he passed his power on. Genghis chose his third son, Ogedei, as his successor.

Genghis Khan's nation was built on blood. He conquered from a horse. Ogedei Khan understood that a khan could not rule from a horse. Instead, he built Karakorum as the capital of the Mongol na-

tions. When it was completed, he was ready to take his oath as khan. The night before Ogedei took his oath, his older brother Chabatai, who felt it was his right to be the next khan, raided the palace, but was stopped.

Ogedei was not interested in expanding the empire. But Genghis Khan's brothers encouraged Ogedei to do so. Under Ogedei's rule, the Mongols invaded China, where they first encountered gun powder. During that time, Ogedei developed a mysterious illness. The shaman used barbaric rituals to save Ogedei's life.

Ogedei Khan's greatest asset in expanding his empire was Tsubodai, a great general and strategist. He was known as the ice king. He led the Mongol attack on Moscow on Christmas using the frozen river as a road. The grand duke fled.

Tsubodai then led the Mongol warriors over the Carpathian Mountains in the dead of winter. They defeated the French Templars, the greatest fighting force ever known. The knights and their horses were slowed down by heavy armor while the Mongols had smaller, faster horses and their arrows hit

with force and accuracy. Though greatly outnumbered, the Mongols advanced to conquer Poland and Hungary.

Tsubodai's desire was to advance to the sea but the passing of Ogedei stopped him. For years Ogedei had suffered from debilitating chest pains. He was also known to drink excessively. Although 5,000 miles away, the Mongols traveled back to Karakorum so that Ogedei's son, Guyuk, could become the new khan.

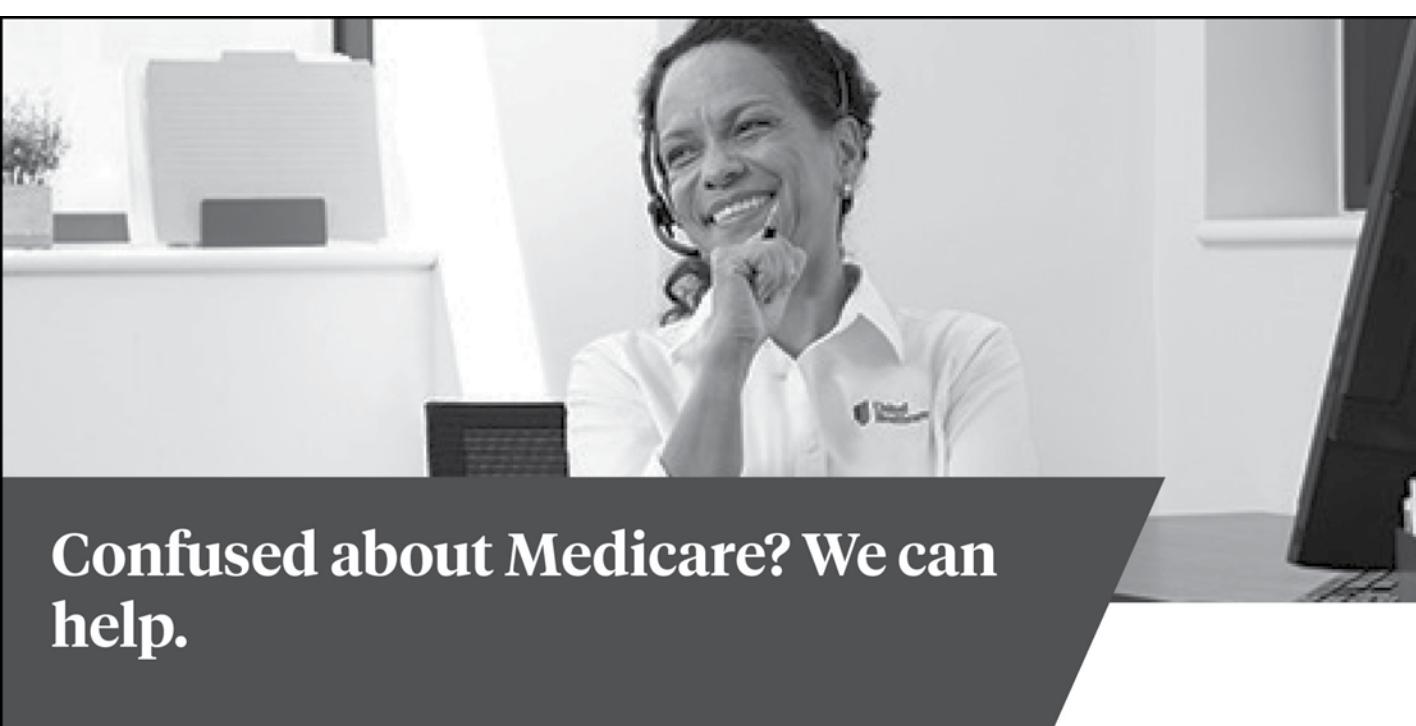
This is the fourth book in a series. It starts out slow, as there are many names to remember: uncles, brothers, sons, nephews, and wives. But it soon becomes riveting as the battles begin.

"Khan Empire of Silver" can be found in the historic fiction section labeled FIC IGG. A red dot above the label helps to identify it.

We all have pride in our heritage. If there is a recently published book that you would like to donate to the library that tells of the culture that you come from, it would be a great addition to our shelves, whether fiction or non-fiction. Please attach a note to my attention (Linda Barilli). Thank you for your donations!


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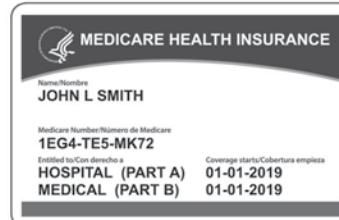
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**Poetry**

John Kinser Hall

## My Southern Cross

A sailor told this story, not many years ago.  
When fear and desperation were on the salty flow.

Early in the voyage, they searched among the keys.

To find a channel passage, to give their crossing ease.

A journey filled with many shoals, at times a shallow reef.

Faith and prayer provided hope, which guided their belief.

As they were homeward bound, just miles off the coast.

The distant glow of city lights gave confidence to most.

Then waves heard breaking off the bow, a fear to run aground.

The ringing of a buoy bell confirmed that crashing sound.

A sand bar stretched for miles, across the sailor's way.

The captain shouted, "Come about," this order to obey.

When the bar was rounded, a starboard tack they made.

Each crewman looked within himself, to find all dues were paid.

The bay lay in the distance, now shown its cross of lights

To guide each ship to haven, when in the stormy nights.

The cross atop the church Saint Johns, a beacon from the steeple.

For all who search the keys of life, a welcome to these people.


**Poetry**

Linda Toner

## Summer

In our state  
Summer is hot  
Daily rains  
But it's not  
A searing heat  
The rains are short  
But the thunder and lightning  
Our plans we abort  
And can be most frightening  
The heat hits you  
In your face  
I found out then  
Things go at a slower pace  
The skies will clear  
Just wait awhile  
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Photos by ShutterBug Sue Lassiter

Snowy egret (left) and zebra swallowtail (right).



**ShutterBugs  
Photography**

Connie Filip

Sue Lassiter is displaying the best of her collection of winged critters in the Master the Possibilities' lobby in June.

Sue tells me that she's energized being outside with nature. She'll spend hours lost behind the camera lens watching birds, butterflies, and dragonflies.

Her Canon 70-200 zoom lens gives her a view of the beauty of nature that is up close and personal. Behind the lens, she can witness so many more variations: colors, details of feathers or the stained-glass pattern of a dragon fly's wings. Much of this beauty is simply missed when looking with the natural eye.

She also takes advantage of the "golden hours" - the 60 minutes around sunrise and sunset - to be out with her camera to capture that warm glow in her photos.

She's selected images for her display that capture these intimate details. Hopefully, you'll also enjoy her closer look at the true beauty of nature. Here's two photos from her display:

The zebra swallowtail is a patriotic beauty with its red, white and blue accents. This butterfly was a regular visitor to the lantana bush in her front yard last season.

The snowy egret appears to be walking on water as it intently searches for its next meal. She saw more than a dozen species of wading birds on the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive.

Both of these are a great example of using a zoom lens with a fast enough shutter speed to freeze the action. Notice the droplets of water behind the egret. It gives movement to her photo.

Plans are afoot for the 2021 ShutterBugs photo contest! As in past years, members can submit

up to three digital photographs by September, with a fourth in our special category entitled, "Unique Mailboxes."

Member's digital photos will be submitted to independent judges. The winners will be displayed here in the community in November for you to vote for your favorite in the people's choice award.

ShutterBugs will begin resuming Tuesday meetings and field trips. Look for up-to-date schedule information at [www.otowspc.com](http://www.otowspc.com).

Want to learn more about digital? Stop by the Hobby Building Event Room for ShutterBugs' Tuesday meetings (second to fourth weeks). We start at 3 p.m. For more information contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or [gsuhley@gmail.com](mailto:gsuhley@gmail.com).

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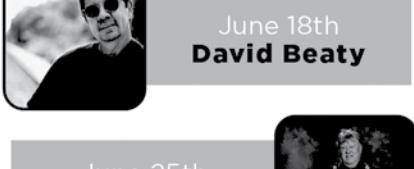
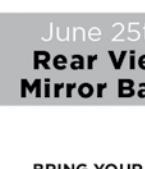
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# The Wandering Violinist

By Susan Yenne  
World News Writer



Photo by Susan Yenne

**Dean Rehpohl plays the violin as he takes a morning walk.**

Walking down the street with violin in hand, Dean Rehpohl tries to bring a bit of church to those who haven't been able to attend over the last year.

His repertoire includes about 80 hymns he's learned to play from

memory.

"I grew up in church so there's a lot of that music in my head," he said. "I always say I'll play when I get to heaven and right now, I'm just practicing."

He started playing the violin four or five years ago "because carrying a cello down the street was just too big." He tried many instruments such as piano and guitar in his youth, but nothing lasted for more than a couple of weeks - "although I did whistle a lot."

But then as he entered middle age, "God put a harmonica in my mouth." In his later years, he started the cello and now mostly plays the violin. He's finally decided to learn to read music and signed up for lessons.

In the eight years he and his wife, Rita, have lived in Friendship Colony, he's played through at least eight neighborhoods, Shalom Park, and at hospitals, nursing homes, hospice and Timber Ridge Community Church. "It's the only church that probably has ever had harmonica hymn solos."

The reactions he gets vary. A lot of people want to run inside to get their phones to record him or take pictures. "Sometimes dogs don't like the tunes and will just cock their heads." His most requested hymns are "Amazing Grace," "I Come to the Garden Alone" and "How Great Thou Art."

"Once I was playing 'Jesus Loves Me' at the bedside of a little old lady in hospice who was unresponsive. When I finished, she suddenly reached over and grabbed my hand," he said. "It was a great experience."

Rehpohl retired in Minnesota after a career that started with mainframe computers and ended with computer animation, graphics, commercial art photography and welding tree sculptures. And somewhere in between was a sheep farmer.

Nowadays his passion is bringing God's music and gospel to people, and "practicing the violin so that he can play it in heaven."

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- Keep on hand at least one week's supply of bottled water and nonperishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, a flashlight, and a battery-operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can quickly pack and evacuate.
- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.
- Remove furniture from porches or patio and secure hoses and lawn ornaments so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.
- Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further damaged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to tarps or plastic, hammers, nails, and plywood.
- Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.
- At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to

make sure it is adequate and up to date.

- Don't forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Making arrangements before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.

When a hurricane threatens, immediately take these steps:

- Refill prescriptions and critical supplies such as portable oxygen.
- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.
- Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.
- Bring inside, any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.
- Protect or shutter windows. (Please refer to your Association's rules on when to do so.)
- Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMs may be closed for several days following the storm.

During a hurricane:

- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.
- Follow the orders of local authorities.
- Stay indoors in an interior room without windows, even inland locations may still be at risk. If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom, and use mattresses to protect yourself.
- Don't assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the

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If the electricity goes out:

- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match. You do not want to take the risk of igniting gas from a broken line.
- Open your refrigerator only when necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.
- After the hurricane has passed:
- Don't venture outside until local authorities have issued an "all-clear."
- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.
- If you have evacuated, don't return until authorities reopen your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.
- Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g., gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.
- Beware of downed power lines and other debris.
- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are oftentimes hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.
- Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.

- If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Use the phone only for emergencies. Resident Services maintains an outdoor facility to charge your cell phones. Capacity is limited so be prepared to share the area and facility.
- Conserve water! Do not wash driveways of debris. If the power is out and you still have water pressure, it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power and with a limited supply of fuel.

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer as a result of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster:

- Don't alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.
- Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.
- Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.
- Keep records and receipts for all expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.
- Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

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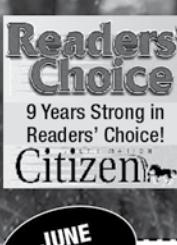
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**Veterans Club**

Charles Calhoun

May was a great month for the Veterans Club. We had a great meeting with outstanding speakers and made plans for Memorial Day.

On Monday May 31, 9 a.m. we will conduct a flag raising and wreath laying ceremony. Music performed by Frank Kalusa will accompany the ceremony. The Angela Santos VFW Post 4781 honor guard will conduct the ceremony. Dr. Al-

len Jones commander of American Legion Post 354 will speak on the sacrifices our founding fathers and their families endured after signing the Declaration of Independence. Retired Florida State trooper Don Poulin will speak to the sacrifices of our first responders.

At 3 p.m., we will continue our Memorial Day service at the World Equestrian Center. Live music and food will be available. The Eyes of Freedom traveling wall will be on display in Arena 2 to honor Lima company. The Marion County Veterans Council will collect articles for their annual stuff the bus program.

**Democratic Club**

Dan Lack

Our club meets online every other month. June is not one of those other months.

But as we await the time to meet safely indoors, we continue to accept new members. Just send us your name, address, phone number, email address and a copy of your Gateway of Services pass (for Indigo East residents).

We continue to support the Ocala

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

**Republican Club**

Elizabeth Woodard

During the month of April, I attended a Tea Party, led by one of our own members, Gary White. Their meetings are held at the Marion Oaks Community Center every Monday, at 7 p.m. On this evening, the featured speaker was one of the authors of "Social Security: The Great Ponzi Scheme," Don Smith. All club members were emailed a copy of the letter in his book, if you would like to take action.

The new chairman of the Oak Run Republican Club, John Prosch, invited me to make a presentation at their April meeting to share our Republican Club activities. It was a pleasure meeting both him and the members of the club. During the last presidential campaign, our

clubs participated with other local 55-plus communities at weekly flag-waving events. Hopefully, we will be able to attend more of each other's future meetings and work toward shared objectives.

On Monday, May 10, I attended another Tea Party meeting. State Representative for Florida House District 32 Anthony Sabatini was the featured speaker. Representative Sabatini gave an inspiring presentation and drew much applause and cheers from the audience.

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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**Citizens Emergency Response Team**

Andrea La Fave

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) needs your help.

As you read this column, we are only days away from the beginning of hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. We in Marion County have not encountered a destructive hurricane in recent years, but this is a good time to make certain that we are prepared for anything.

Please consider joining the Community Emergency Response Team, which is a volunteer organization, trained by the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to provide support services if our neighborhoods

should encounter an emergency situation. The training gives excellent knowledge and tools to identify, prevent, and handle whatever presents itself until first responders can arrive. There is also a need for ham radio operators to activate and provide vital communications if other forms of communication are disabled. You can even be trained for this.

We need more members to support our growing community! You are welcome to attend the Community Emergency Response Team meetings as a guest on the second Tuesday of any month, at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 8. For more information, contact Debbie Snyder at (412) 443-2930.

MCSO plans to hold its next Community Emergency Response Team training in July at a date to be announced.

**Concert Chorus**

David Wesenberg

We have wonderful news! The Concert Chorus fall program is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. Our holiday season director is Michael Nagy, who led our 2019 holiday program. We plan to begin rehearsals Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room at 9 a.m. Throughout the summer we will have more details and news as the program progresses.

Well, the future is looking brighter for the Concert Chorus. If you are a member or want to be mem-

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**Art Group**

Joanie Ford

I believe that by some definition we are all artists. I know you are thinking you can't draw, and you might dislike painting. But, I argue, there is some type of art in you, maybe buried deep?

I've been thinking about this a lot lately. I have been looking at my own art and wondering where I want to go with it, as well as viewing art online, at the Marion Cultural Alliance and the Appleton Museum of Art, both in Ocala.

The type of art that really fascinates me lately is abstract art. Personally, I don't get it.

I don't get it when I spend hours painting a beautiful scene for a competition and the art that wins is a piece of canvas that appears to have the paint thrown at it.

Sometimes, on the other hand, I have gone to an art show and seen a beautiful abstract with colors I love. I wonder what the artist's intention was behind the work. Is there a secret meaning to decode or something I should notice?

Interpreting and appreciating abstraction is a personal experience, and not the same for every viewer.

I think it depends on our state of mind and our personality.

Abstract art uses simplified forms, shapes and colors. This type of painting is expression beyond what is tangible. It is far from realism (when the subject looks

like the subject). The abstract art form challenges the viewer to engage and ask, how does this make me feel?

Through the years of abstract paintings, there have been many forms of this type of art. In the late 1940s Jackson Pollock produced the drip and splattered paintings. This is how the artist feels at the moment. I think that we all could paint that type of abstract.

The geometric abstract is the canvas that is full of circles, squares, and triangles overlapping and usually filled with color. The French artist, Robert Delaunay (1930) practiced this type of art.

Picasso's abstract art was labeled cubism, because he broke objects down into cubes and shapes that resemble fragments of the object. Many artists practiced cubism, but Picasso was well known for it.

I've read about color field painting, another style anyone could do.

In these paintings, on huge canvases, a tension is created by the interaction of areas of color. Sometimes the colors overlap. For instance, if I paint blue and overlap it with yellow, I produce green. The tension of two opposite colors (red and green) creates the tension. Mark Rothko, a Russian artist, was famous for this type of art. My guess is, with a little knowledge of color theory, anyone could paint this type of abstract.

Art is about exploration and self-expression. The Art Group is a great place to meet artists, and explore and express. We meet at the Hobby Building on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

I would like to thank Anne Merrick for her years of leadership of the Art Group. She has also written for the World News for many years. She is a magnificent artist and a great leader.

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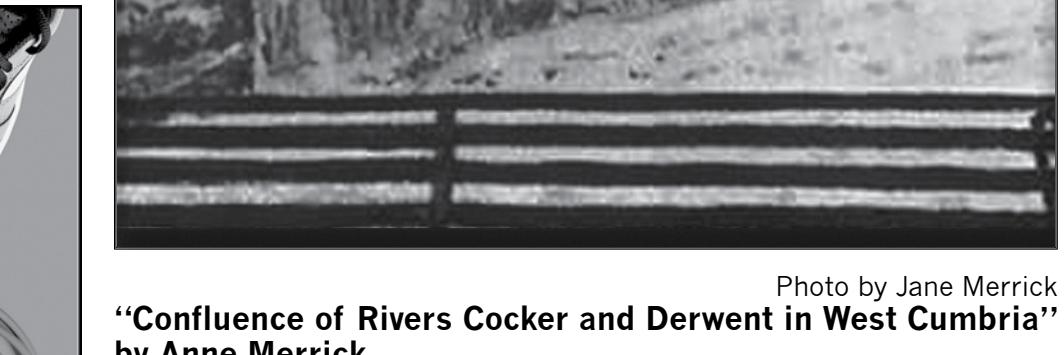


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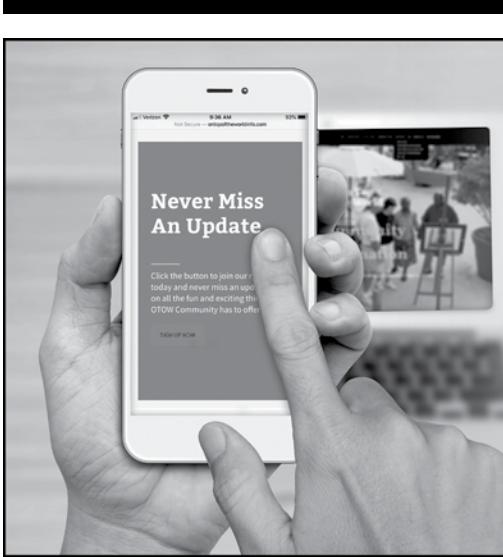
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**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr

As I write this, the weather is warming up and I saw a dreaded love bug! One good thing about warm weather - it's a great reason to stay indoors and work on cards! I know several people who make all their Christmas cards while the weather is steamy outside.

Our group is open to all crafters - beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.



Photo by Ellie Richards

**Cute card for a child who loves dinosaurs.****Sewing Bees**

Linda Lohr

The love bugs and warmer weather are upon us! I could do without the love bugs, but I enjoy the warm weather and sunny skies of Florida!

Although our snowbirds have returned north, we still have new members join us for our sewing projects. Most of our agencies are now open, although not up to full operations. They have requested our quilt kits, but in a lesser amount until they are operating at full capacity.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop

by our hive on any Thursday in the Hobby Building Art Room from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

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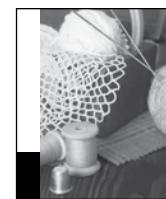
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Jan Spielvogel

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Sindy &amp; Richie O'Brien

Monday, May 10, was a great day. That was the day that Happy Hookers met for the first time since March 2020. Fifteen months later a small (but mighty) group met in the Hobby Building Art Room. It was great to see those who were able to attend, and it was just like it was before as we worked on our projects and caught up with each attendee. We hope that others of our group will join us in future months. Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda nor 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 group of ladies busy 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 Bernaman 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.

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**Sunshine  
Quilters**

Donna Boyajian

What is a quilt? Wikipedia says "a quilt is a type of multi-layered textile, traditionally composed of three layers of fibers. These layers include a woven cloth top, a layer of batting, and a woven back that is all combined using the technique of quilting, which is a series of stitches to hold the "fabric sandwich" together." This is a fancy way of saying that a quilter lovingly cuts large pieces of cotton fabric into several small pieces and then carefully sews it all back together into fascinating designs of various shapes and colors. The "sandwich" is finished off with beautiful stitching and binding to create a breathtaking piece of art. Who are these quilters? Well, you could be one, just like Vicky Sanders. Vicky's journey to quilting started the same way as everyone else ... with the first one.

Vicky was born and raised in Hartford, Wisconsin. She moved to Georgia in her 20s and before her move to Indigo East in 2018, she and husband Steve lived in Land O' Lakes, Florida where he was a professor at University of South Florida.

She is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a degree

in elementary education, and later she received her master's degree in education guidance and counseling.

She always had a heart for learning to quilt, and when she retired recently, she jumped in with both feet! She attended a few club meetings and ordered her first sewing machine, a Brother 9550, though secretly she is looking forward to upgrading to a Baby Lock. She looks forward to "quilting day." She says she feels so welcome, loves socializing and finds everyone so willing to share, teach, guide and mentor. She has enjoyed putting her new skills to the test in making place-mats, table runners and her first charity quilt. She finds YouTube.com, Missouri Star Quilt Company, and other online teaching sites helpful as well. In her words, "The Sunshine Quilters has quickly become a comfortable, welcoming and special group of friends."

Our thanks to Donna V. who arranged a fantastic road trip to Beyond the Stitches quilt shop in Crystal River, Florida. We were warmly welcomed by our host and owner, Donali, and Jan dazzled us with a simple "make and take" project. Of course, we all enjoyed increasing our stash!

Interested in joining us? Please stop by the Hobby Building Art Room (right next door to the Train Room) on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to check us out and to meet Vicky. We love to see new faces and we gladly welcome quilters of all experience levels. Never quilted? Want to learn how? No problem, we can help you too!

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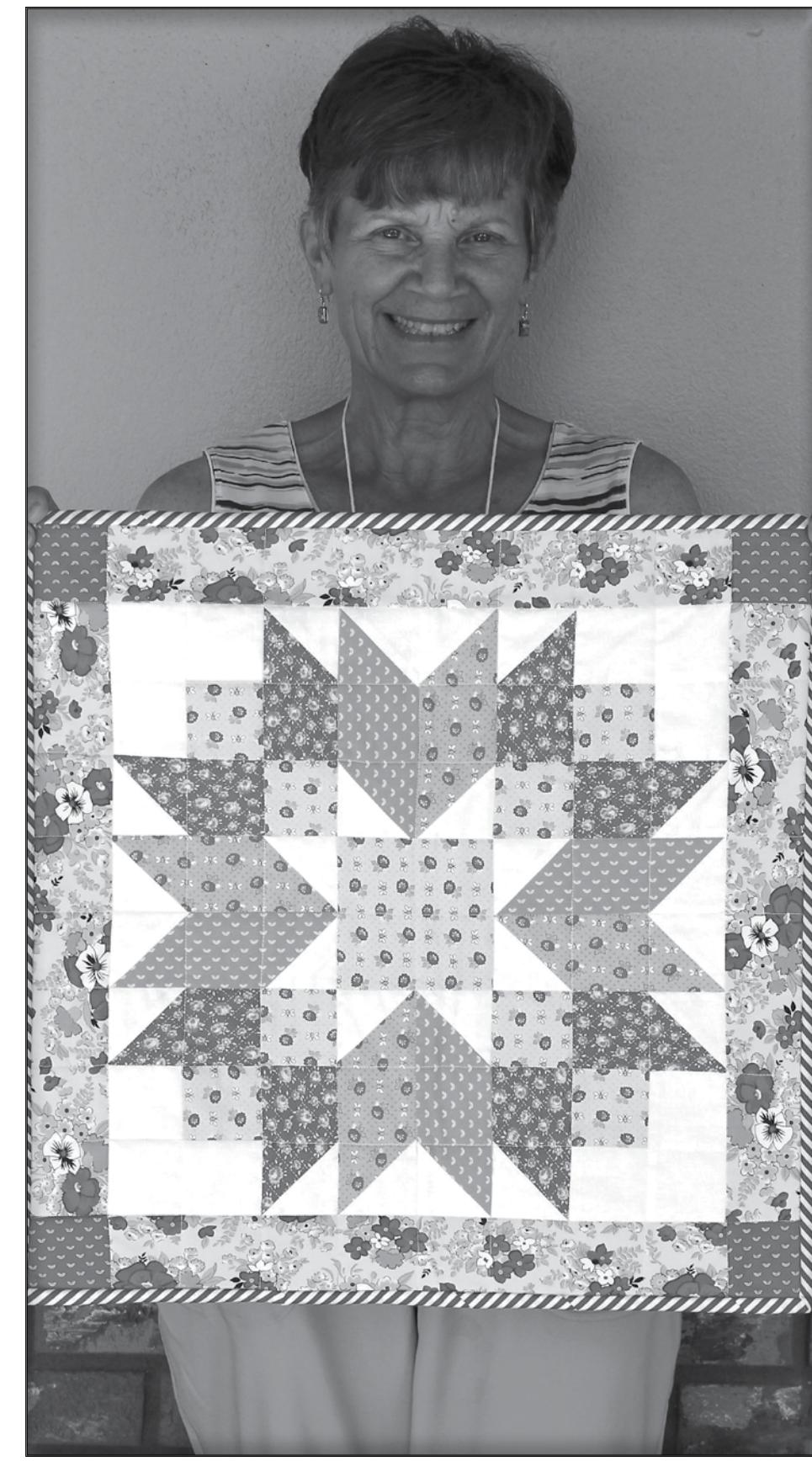


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A karaoke prop night.



### Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

I was looking for a saying about June to start this article. We all know, "June is Bustin' Out All Over." Rodgers and Hammerstein wrote that song for the musical Carousel. I think many of us could sing that song. I continued my search and just saw this saying, "Hello, June. Surprise me!" Let us hope June will hold pleasant surprises for us all.

During our time away, you had time to prepare for prop nights. It is always a great evening when our singers bring props for their songs. Once we are back for a while, we will plan a prop night.

On prop night the singer brings a prop or person or dresses to go along with a song. I remember this great prop. Patty Hainzl made a yellow submarine and had her group in singing that Beatles' song. That is a prop. I remember the night Donnie Winfrey sang, "Little Red Riding Hood" and had his wife, Rose, walk around in her red cape. Rose became Donnie's prop. I remember Nancy Warren and Laura Z. dressing as "Sisters" for that song. Laura Schnur may bring her dancers in costume as a prop. You never know what you find when you come to prop night.

We were happy to resume karaoke Monday, May 17. It is a social event with singing. As we return, let us be mindful of health and safety

precautions.

We are asking all singers to bring and use a microphone cover. We want to continue good health practices for all.

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Massage techniques that focus on stretching and spreading the muscle fibers are wonderful for relieving stress and tension, allowing the tissue to relax and loosen. In this state, the muscles and connective tissue can move with greater ease.

Perhaps one of the most sought-after benefits of massage is the feeling of wellbeing. Studies show that massage therapy lowers the heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure and boosts the immune system. The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa is pleased to introduce the newest member of the spa team, massage therapist, Courtney Loynes.

Courtney attended the Florida School of Massage and has been a licensed massage therapist for seven years. She loves what she does. Courtney explained, "I got into the

field of massage because I have always enjoyed helping others. I can't think of a better way to help people than to take some of their stress and pain away."

One of Courtney's specialties is trigger point therapy and deep tissue massage. Trigger point therapy focuses on detecting and releasing trigger points. These points are in the skeletal muscle and can produce pain. Deep tissue massage involves using sustained pressure that incorporates slow, deep strokes to target the inner layers of your muscles and connective tissue. Courtney reminds her clients, "One of the best benefits from massage therapy is the increase of circulation. This helps a wide variety of things including pain management, and reducing soreness, stiffness, swelling and stress!"

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa has a wide variety of massage options to meet your needs including hot stone, deep tissue, classic Swedish and a relaxing foot massage. We take away the worry so you can relax and enjoy your spa experience. Escape to The Ranch where you can soothe your body, mind, and spirit. When you do, plan to come in early or stay longer to experience what else The Ranch has to offer including sauna, steam room, a warm water exercise pool, fitness classes, or work out in fitness floor; all as our guest the day of your service. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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