#### **Community News**

Kenneth D. Colen

July is shaping up to be a great month! We are looking forward to a wonderful fireworks display, although admittedly truncated to stay within Governor DeSantis' Executive Order for Phase 2.

The annual Patriotic Celebration with live entertainment at Circle Square Commons will not take place this year, but we will have a great fireworks display Saturday, July 4, beginning at 9 p.m. (weather permitting). The fireworks will be launched from the north westerlymost side of Kestrel in Candler Hills. You may enjoy this from the convenience of your backyard or from your golf cart parked in the grass off of SW 87th Circle. This is a resident only event and not open to the public. Please be safe!

#### **Development Update**

All the rain in June has not been a complication for land development as they work to bring in new home sites, but it is great for the newly planted sod and seeded areas around the community.

Speaking of rain, June through September is the peak of the rainy season. If you are new to Florida, storms come with a fury, and I'm not just talking normal summer showers. Tropical storms and hurricanes usually miss us or are losing strength if they come near, but we may still get the large rain and wind events.

The areas around the homes are engineered for water to flow away from the structure and toward the lot lines where swales allow the water to collect and dissipate. The swale is designed to flow storm runoff toward drainage structures and into retention ponds. This is accomplished a number of ways, including flowing between or behind lots to the streets and into the stormwater collection system.

After particularly heavy storm events, water may rest in the shallow backyard swales for up to 24 to 48 hours as it percolates into the soil (and eventually recharges the Florida aquifer). This may be alarming to folks unfamiliar with Florida conditions, but rest assured, it is perfectly normal and storm water conveyance systems are executed in accordance with regulations from the pertinent agencies having jurisdiction and the civil engineering design.

The newest addition to Candler Hills is on the drawing boards and beginning to take shape. The next phase will include an additional 260 home sites and trail amenities.

#### Landscape Update

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

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

#### **Property Insurance Check-up**

Residents of Candler Hills, Indigo East and Weybourne Landing are encouraged to review their HO-3 policies with their insurance agent. Each owner association carries coverage for the association

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# **Education Center** Re-opening

By Michelle Shideler

Master the Possibilities will be offering classes in the Education Center starting this month. We are excited to have faculty and students back in the classroom and cannot wait to start using the new classrooms that are currently under construction behind the main portion of the building.

As we enter the classrooms, we want to make sure everyone has an enjoyable educational experience at Master the Possibilities, while feeling comfortable and safe. We will be following the same protocols that are in place throughout On Top of the World and will require students to bring and wear masks at all times while in the building. We are also asking students to bring personal hand sanitizer in case the sanitizer in our classrooms needs replenishing.

Classroom sizes have been reduced to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and will ensure students and faculty have at least six feet of distancing in every classroom. The same will be true for the sitting areas in our lobby and living room. Our team will also be disinfecting classrooms and equipment after cessed through GoToWebinar or

every held class.

On top of making sure our classrooms are safe and enjoyable, Master the Possibilities will continue to offer educational content through our Distance Learning platform. For now, students will be able to choose to learn from four different classroom settings. The first is in person, which will mean the student will meet in a classroom at a limited capacity and will follow all CDC guidelines.

The second learning environment will be to register for pre-recorded classroom content. For this type of class, the presentations are recorded in advance, uploaded for presentation, and protected with a password. Students can enroll in the class and watch it any time from an internet-connected device. The pre-recorded program has an expiration date but can be watched multiple times during an active term.

For our live virtual classes, the program is scheduled at a specific date and time, just like visiting the classroom. This is a live broadcast from Master the Possibilities, or the instructor location, and ac-

GoToMeeting. The instructor may choose to teach lecture style, where only he/she shares a webcam and microphone, or classroom style with those who choose to share a webcam and microphone.

While classroom capacity is limited, our team will also be offering what we are calling hybrid classes. The program is scheduled at a specific date and time, like in-person and live virtual classes. Those who register for hybrid classes will be learning with in-person students, just virtually. The instructor will be teaching to a live audience and with students who will be attending from GoToWebinar or GoTo-Meeting.

We have more than 860 classes available for the July through December term. Not all courses will have every learning option. For students who are interested in classroom environments other than in-person, I would recommend visiting our Distance Learning category at masterthepossibilities.org to learn which classes have which options. Each virtual platform will be listed with specific class topics, so students will know which learning style will be offered for which course.

For additional information, please call our office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at (352) 861-9751. We will be happy to answer questions or register students for upcoming classes.

# **Sholom Park's** Summer Program

By Christina Shearer

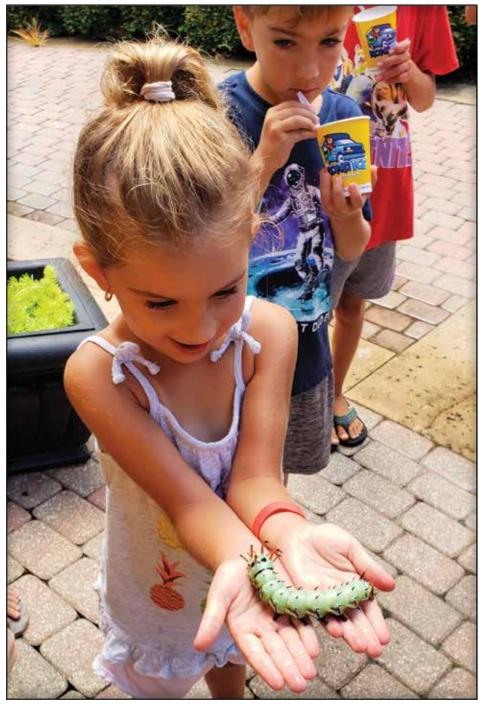


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Lil' L.E.A.F. "It's a Bug's Life" in 2019.

It was an unusual end to the school year, and summer break started with some uncertainty. However one thing is certain - a new normal exists for today's youth The new rules, regulations, and social distancing can be quite confusing for our little ones. They have been separated from their friends, and social activities have been nonexistent for several months now.

Sholom Park would like to see that change by providing a place where children can be children and learning can be fun. With new safety procedures and social distancing guidelines in place. Sholom Park is planning to host an interactive and educational summer program called Lil' L.E.A.F. (Learn · Explore · Appreciate · Focus).

The first week of August, children will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of creatures with show and tell presentations from local educators at 10 a.m. under the park's pavilion. They will explore nature and the great outdoors with an activity that will spark their imaginations and inspire creative thinking. After exploring, they will appreciate and focus with snack and story time under the shade of the pergebo.

Space will be limited to allow for proper social distancing that will be based on the recommendations from state and local health officials. Registration is required, and parents/grandparents must stay on property during the event. Please visit sholompark.org for event dates and information or to register your Lil' L.E.A.F. participants.

You do not have to wait until August to explore the park. Sholom Park is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pack a snack and some books to read under a shade tree or take the children on an educational scavenger hunt through the forest. You can create your own Lil' L.E.A.F. experience at Sholom Park.

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#### known vaccine. Yes, there are some that are being tested but it's going to take a long time before any have been proven successful and available. And as for you being fined or

out to your attorney. It's a wise a text or call from your own phone number? Yes, it happens and it's a scam! Jerry Colen received a text stating that McDonald's was offeror text message where you are told ing a \$100 gift certificate and to click on a link. Don't click the link!

your door and claims to be from the Department of Health and Huare going to be fined or thrown in man Services (HHS) or from some other federal government agency.

They produce really good looking but fake government identification cards or badges or whatever. They claim that you have done something wrong, usually it will be about the Census, and you must give them "appropriate information." You and I already know what that information entails - Social Security numbers, bank account call 911 at once. Under no circumstances should you allow that person into your home. We must be wary of anyone who shows up at our door uninvited.

Recently a client wanted a trust. Her assets included an IRA, a brokerage account with a national brokerage firm, a checking account,

her homestead and a car that she was giving to her grandson. She wanted her assets, everything, to go to her three children, equally. Her IRA, brokerage account and checking account all had pay on death beneficiaries already listed. We informed her that she did not have a probate estate because of the pay on death beneficiaries. She did not numbers, credit card numbers, etc. believe us. It seems she'd been to Close the door immediately and a seminar where she was told that she needed a trust to avoid probate. I explained that she did not need a trust to avoid probate because by setting up her accounts as she did, there would not be any probate of any amounts in those accounts anyway. She asked about her home. I said she could, if she wanted, convey her home to her children and reserve a life estate to herself with the right to sell it on her own and without the signatures of her children. By the way, we don't really recommend that because a person's homestead is a completely protected asset here in Florida. Our advice on that would have been different if she were a snowbird or a citizen of another country. Then we might - might - have suggested she deed it to her children and keep that life estate for herself with the right to sell it on her own (called a Ladybird Deed). Gerald R. Colen and Rachel M.

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#### Is It Legal?

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If you are concerned about getting things in order, please reach thing to do.

**SCAM #1:** The COVID-19 scam includes a phone call, email and/ there's some vaccine or some cure; or that it's been discovered that you are positive because you came in contact with someone who has it and you've passed it on and you jail. As of this writing, there is no

thrown in jail? It would be laughable if it were not so serious. Do not respond to such junk. **SCAM #2:** Have you ever received

Delete, delete, delete! **SCAM #3:** Someone shows up at

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# **Veterans Honoring Veterans**

By Bob Woods World News Writer

gone without any formal ceremonies. However, the Veterans Club received approval to hold a small (no more than 10 people) Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Park to honor veterans.

A recording of Taps played precisely at 8 a.m. where Charles Calhoun, president of the Veterans Club, lowered the American flag to half-staff. Following the lowering of the flag, club members placed wreaths at the foot of each military service section in the park at the foot of the American flag as well as a wreath at the first responder's location.

couple of members returned to the park hoisting the American flag to full staff.

On Memorial Day, the American flag is flown at half-staff as a sign of mourning. What differs on Memorial Day from other holidays is the flag is flown at half-staff from given their life for our country. At

Memorial Day has come and noon the flag is raised to full staff in recognition of living military veterans who served our country.

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was to honor those lost fighting in the Civil War but during World War I our country was in another conflict, so those veterans were included.

Since then, the day has become an American holiday commemorating our military personnel from all wars which also include those veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam along with Iraq and Afghanistan.

Attending the ceremony was Carmel Whetzel a resident and The wreaths were made by the World War II ex-POW. Whetzel was Ocala branch of the Blue Star Moth- reportedly captured by the Gerers of America. At precisely noon, a mans, escaping his captures only to be repatriated by the Russians. Whetzel, along with a Pearl Harbor survivor, are the Veterans Club's oldest members.

If any non-member veteran would like information about the Veterans Club, please call Charles Calhoun at (352) 556-6004. The sunrise to noon only honoring club's present enrollment exceeds those military personnel who have 100 veterans representing all military branches.



Photo by Bob Woods Fran Calhoun, wife of the Veterans Club president, places a wreath at the U.S. Navy section at Veterans Park.

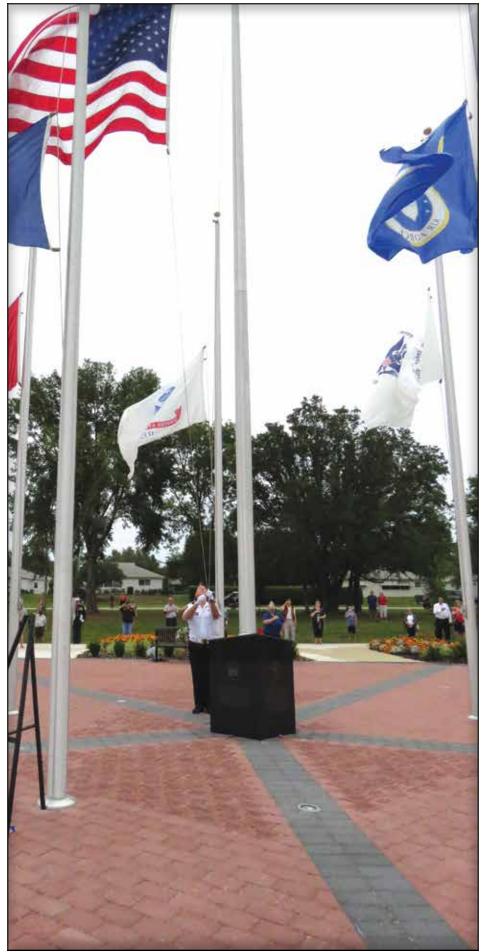


Photo by Bob Woods Charles Calhoun, president of the Veterans Club, lowers the American flag to half-staff on Memorial Day.



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Kenneth D. Colen

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operations. Each homeowner is responsible for their own property and casualty coverage.

In the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, June is the time the association's master insurance policy renews. In the past number of years, the association has benefitted from very competitive insurance markets, with annual policy cost increases in the single percentage points. This current renewal pointed out we are returning to a very hard market. This will be the last year of moderate insurance pricing.

The deductible per event continues the same as in the prior year's policy - \$10,000 per non-windstorm occurrence; however, the wind storm deductible continues at 3% of the stated value subject to \$250,000 minimum for named wind storm. For more information on this topic, please go to otowinfo. com and click on Community Information and review the document entitled "Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner."

The On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association property policy covers property from the interior drywall out, but does not cover finished surfaces, fixtures, cabinetry or other installations within a condo unit, nor the A/C unit within the limits of the unit. Unit owners are directed to purchase a personal policy for their unit and belongings "HO-6" policy. In the case of a de-

stroyed building due to a fire, the HO-6 policy pays the unit owner for new flooring, kitchen appliances, furniture, and it may even pay for living somewhere else while the unit is being repaired. The HO-6 should have personal liability, Loss of Use, and Loss Assessment coverage bundled in with it.

#### Storm Preparedness

If you missed "Storm Preparedness - Key Points" in the June issue of the World News (page 6), it is not too late to start seriously planning how you will deal with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a major storm. Your association makes every 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.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and insurance underwriters forecast an average to slightly above average hurricane season for 2020, noting the recent tropical storm. Predictions include:

- · 13 to 19 named storms
- Six to 10 being hurricanes
- Three to six being major hurricanes

If you have a generator, make sure you are testing it every 30 days. If your generator fuel source is natural gas, you are good to go. If gasoline, make sure your extra gasoline is stored in a safe containment outside the home or garage to mitigate the risk of fire and explosion.

Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July. We thank the great visionaries who had the foresight to found this nation 244 years ago.



#### Back at The Ranch

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#### Fitness Classes Are Back in Action

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa is thrilled to have our members back dancing, lifting, cycling, stretching and splashing! The

Ranch's fitness classes provide great exercise options and they offer an inspiring atmosphere that provides motivation, camaraderie and positive energy. It is no wonder why group fitness classes are so popular. Whether you are seeking some Zumba® grooving, yoga zen or a barbell blast – we have it. Visit RanchOcala.com for the most recent group fitness schedule.

Fitness Supervisor Jessica Pinkowski has gone to great lengths to ensure that the fitness studios are properly distanced and cleaning protocols have been enhanced. We care about your health

We also realize that it may be too soon for some of our members to return. We have that covered too. The Ranch is providing virtual fitness for you to participate in workouts in the safety and comfort of your own home. We have been offering live-streaming workouts on The Ranch's Facebook page every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

in addition to providing a comprehensive library of workouts available to you on RanchOcala.com under the "Fitness" then "Virtual Fitness" tabs. These workouts consist of aerobics, strength training, stretching and more. All are completely free and available to the public. The top five reasons people flock to group fitness:

- Expert guidance for safety and success
- Accountability to a regular workout routine
- Social support and motivation
  - Fun! Which results in exercise adherence
- New experiences, and exer-
- cise options

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa has had many upgrades including a new floor in the fitness center, a complete line of Nautilus One strength equipment, more functional trainers and resurfaced pool and pool deck. In addition, the men and women's locker rooms have been beautifully remodeled. The pool temperature will now be maintained at a very welcoming 88 degrees. This is the perfect temperature for water walking, aqua aerobics classes and gentle relaxation. The Ranch has taken steps for important strategies and protocols to ensure a safe, clean exercise space. All of the equipment on the fitness floor has been properly spaced and we increased awareness and opportunity for sanitizing equipment.

Stop by The Ranch to see how we've changed. Check out our equipment, programs, products and services, everything you need to enhance your health and wellbeing! We offer membership options ranging from a single day pass, a class pass, or full membership. At The Ranch, our goal is to help you commit to your health, not a contract

# WE ARE OPEN!

We CONTINUE to SERVE OUR COMMUNITY under safety guidelines for your protection.

# Have Medicare Questions? Need A Second Look?



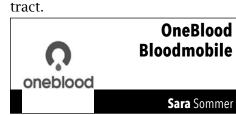
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The Big Red Bus® was at Roses for the On Top of the World blood drive Monday, June 1. Twenty-five heroes took the time to donate blood. That means that up to 75 people's lives were helped. Great job

There is no substitute for human blood. Only you can help by giving blood as often as you can.

The next blood drive will be Monday, Aug. 3rd. This drive will happen even if the Big Red Bus cannot come into the community. We will use Roses parking lot as a backup. Please read the July World News column for further details, and please mark your calendar. See you on the bus.



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#### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

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#### **ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?**

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#### All Around Our World

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On Top of the World is pleased to have begun Phase 2 of the reopen plan for the community. Florida Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-139, Phase 2: "Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step." plan for Florida's recovery effective Friday, June 5, which allowed On Top of the World to further open facilities. Florida will be carefully monitoring state benchmarks, hospital bed capacity and positive test rates as Phase 2 progresses. On Top of the World will continue to carefully monitor key metrics for Marion County. Key components of the order that impact On Top of the World's reopening decisions include the following:

#### Responsible Individual Activity

- All persons in Florida are encouraged to follow appropriate social distancing and safety protocols issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition are strongly encouraged to avoid crowds and take measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- All persons in Florida are encouraged to avoid congregating in groups larger than 50 persons.
- · In-store retail businesses, including gyms and fitness centers, should maintain appropriate social distancing and sanitation protocols.

# Additional Requirements for Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida

Executive Orders 20-80 and 20-82 are extended with exceptions for persons involved in commercial activity and students traveling for the purpose of academic work ...

- All persons whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter.
- EO 20-82: All persons who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter...all persons covered ... under this Order to inform any individual in Florida with whom they have had direct physical contact in the past 21 days that they traveled from an area with substantial community spread.

Additional amenities (excluding card rooms) opened Monday, June 8 with safety protocols in place including the following:

- All opened amenities and facilities will have capacity limitations of a maximum of 50 people if space allows to properly distance.
- Masks are required in all indoor locations and standard operating hours will be implemented.
- At this time, no non-resident guests are allowed. (Must be a Gateway of Services member.)
- · All residents must be responsible for their own personal safety and for compliance with the safety protocols for each location. Residents should bring their own hand sanitizer and wipes in the event that On Top of the World provided sanitizer is
- Do not utilize the facility/ amenity if, within the past 14 days, you have had CO-



VID-19 symptoms, have been in contact with or exposed to a person having COVID-19, have been asked to self-monitor at home, have been on a cruise or traveled to any U.S. city or foreign country on the CDC's affected areas of widespread/sustained community transmission including but not limited to New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Additional amenities included:

· Outdoor pavilions

- Arbor Conference Center (Dance Studios and Event Room)
- · Arbor Activity Center (Music Room and Event Room)
- Hobby Building (Art Room and Event Room)
- The Club at Candler Hills: Barstools returned Friday, June 5. The Club at Candler Hills will continue delivery noon to 7 p.m., with curbside pickup available during business hours of 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inside seating remains at 50% capacity.
- The Pub: Operating hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Barstools returned Friday, June 5. Seating inside is limited to 50%. Groups will be limited to 10 people at all locations.
- Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli: Continues with regular hours and operations.
- Circle Square Cultural Center: It is anticipated that due to 50% capacity and spacing guidelines, Circle Square Cultural Center will reopen Saturday, Aug. 1, with Rocky and The Rollers, becoming a concert versus a dance party. Details and safety protocols to follow. Concerts in June were cancelled.
- Circle Square Commons Farmers Market: Resumed Thursday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors will be spaced according to guidelines, and crowds will be monitored to adhere to six foot spacing and 50 persons gathering. Masks are recommended and please bring your own hand sanitizer.
- Mr. B's Big Scoop Ice Cream:
  Open for business Tuesday
  through Saturday, 2 to 8:30
- The Town Square: Due to the limit of 50 persons gathering, live entertainment will not return to The Town Square at this time. Phasing guidelines will continue to be monitored. Socially distanced line dancing of groups 50 persons or fewer are welcome Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 7 to 10 p.m. Pre-recorded OTOW Favorites will be offered on those evenings. Face masks recommended.
- The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa: Temporary hours are Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule salon and spa appointments, please call (352) 861-8180

and press 2 for the reception desk. The Ranch pool is limited to 50% capacity, and heated to 88 degrees (after Monday, June 8). Towel and water service are discontinued on the fitness floor, pool and locker rooms. All wet areas showers, steam rooms, and saunas remain closed. For up to the minute updates, please visit RanchOcala.com or their Facebook page.

- Master the Possibilities: The Education Center is currently under renovation and construction. It is slated to open and in-person classes to resume Monday, July 6. For now, students may register at masterthepossibilities. org, or call the Main Office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at (352) 861-9751. We are offering Distance Learning classes while the building is closed, so students may continue to take advantage of educational content.
- Hobby Building Library: Hours will remain from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Resident Services: Now open with the following restrictions: The lobby is limited to six residents at a time. Social distancing of six feet and masks are required. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 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 in lieu of visiting. If you receive a voicemail while agents are busy, you will receive a call

back the same day, barring unknown circumstances. Every attempt is made to respond to emails within the same day as well.

On Top of the World will continue to monitor key COVID-19 metrics for Marion County. With all residents responsible for their own personal safety and for compliance with the safety protocols for each location, additional facility openings will occur in the near future.

#### Rule of the Month

We have received a lot of complaints regarding vehicles and RVs parked on the road.

**10. VEHICLES.** The streets and parking areas of the community are private. No unregistered motor vehicles, no motor vehicles with expired registration and no abandoned motor vehicles (whether or not currently registered) are permitted at any time in the Community. Any motor vehicle that remains unmoved for a period of 15 days or more may be treated by the Association as having been abandoned unless the owner thereof first notifies the Association in writing of the owner's intent to leave the vehicle unmoved for a longer period of time and the Association consents in writing to such longer period of time. At no time shall the Association grant permission for motor vehicles to remain unmoved for any period of time if such situation shall create a public safety concern. If a motor vehicle is determined to be abandoned, the Association shall post notice on such motor vehicle and tow within 24 hours if not removed.

#### **Traffic Rules**

While facilities have been closed due to COVID-19, many residents have taken to their bicycles for exercise, sunshine and a chance to wave at their neighbors. We have heard of a few "near misses" from residents who are out on bicycles. Traffic rules are in place to help protect you and others while operating a vehicle on the road, and a bicycle is considered a vehicle. We cannot stress enough the importance of obeying all speed limits and traffic signs. Whether it is in your car, your golf cart or your bicycle, please obey all traffic signs and rules. When you come to a stop sign, come to a full stop, which is defined as your wheels stop moving. Use your turn signals and check your blind spots. We want everyone in our community to be safe and please keep in mind that the Marion County Sheriff's Office will ticket traffic violations in the community.

Keeping our residents and employees safe while re-opening On Top of the World Communities amid the COVID-19 reopen plan has been, and will remain, our forms Stay on the Stay of a colling to the control of the Coving Stay of a colling to the control of the Coving Stay of a colling to the control of the Coving Stay of a colling to the control of the Coving Stay of a colling to the control of the Coving Stay of a colling to the control of the Coving Stay of the colling to the coving the coving







#### Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

Some areas of On Top of the World have re-opened and I am sure that the golfers and pickleballers are happy. All events that are listed below are tentative, and if cancelled, information will be forwarded to you in a special edition of "The Happenings" or on the Candler Connection Facebook page.

Hopefully, we can resume the potluck dinners at The Lodge at Candler Hills in September. Watch for more information in the August

edition of the World News and in "The Happenings." If we resume, the date to put on your calendar is Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m. Residents with the last names beginning with A-H should bring a side dish or salad; I-R a main dish; and S-Z a dessert. Setup volunteers should arrive by 4:15 p.m. All others by 5:15 p.m. to obtain a seating table number. \$1 per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, decaf coffee, and hot tea. A 50/50 drawing will be held. To attend, please contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net.

The postponed golf cart scavenger and barbecue has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17. More details to come.

If you are interested in greeting new neighbors and helping with the very important Candler Hills ambassador program, contact Amy Waller at abwarnp97@aol.com. Several Candler Hills neighborhoods still need ambassadors.

Some future events to look forward to:

- Sunday, Aug. 16: Ice cream social.
- Sunday, Oct. 25: Annual fall picnic.
- Saturday, Dec. 12: Holiday party.

The 2020 speaker series is as fol-

Monday, Sept. 14: Doug Hart,

Seniors Vs Crime project re-

garding scam protection. October: Pat Gabriel, SR200 Coalition regarding what is going on around us.

New residents of Candler Hills can log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email in order to learn about events and activities. Currently 1,210 residents receive "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 900 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for residents.

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

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Friday, July 3, at 2:30 p.m. probably by Zoom.

Stay healthy and safe. Hope to see you at future events and around the neighborhood!



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**Ginny** Nardone

Summer is here and many of us are out and about playing golf, spending time at the pool, and enjoying other fun amenities our community has to offer.

In June, Williamsburg residents added to the summer fun by participating in the community wide collection of pet food and supplies benefiting the Humane Society of Marion County and SPCA of Marion County. Once again Williamsburg residents responded with very generous donations. It truly was amazing to see the volume and variety of items we received! Both organizations were thrilled to receive the much-needed food, supplies and funds. Thank you to all who contributed. We live in a very caring community indeed!

Some of you have asked about the upcoming socials planned for October and December. All dates for our planned activities are tentative and any updates to social scheduling we receive will, of course, be shared with our neighborhood via email or through the block captains.

This brings me to the next discussion item, keeping the Williamsburg resident database current. It is extremely important to have upto-date records so we can share information with the community in a timely fashion. Our block captains give us information when someone moves in or out, but when it comes to telephone numbers and email address changes it is easy for things to fall through the cracks. If your email or telephone number changed, please let your block captain or Ginny Nardone know. This will help us keep accurate records.

If you are new to Williamsburg and have questions or would like to be added to the email contact list, please call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Cathy Higginbotham at (352) 509-4266. We wish everyone a safe and fun fourth of July!



An exciting fall season is in store for Indigo East residents. Please mark your calendar for the following Indigo East Social Committee events:

- Saturday, Oct. 31: Halloween party, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 14: Hog (barbecue) roast, 5 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 21: Fall craft show, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8: Golf cart parade, 6 to 9 p.m.

Welcome all new residents. For up-to-date information regarding our neighborhood, please sign up for the Indigo East Facebook page; the Indigo East email via steveschlesselman5@outlook.com; and the Indigo East directory via fmlmasone@gmail.com.

Have you ever wondered what makes Indigo East a special and unique neighborhood and why I consider this a neighborhood "family?" To begin with, it's not the strong construction of our homes, the pretty lawns, the well maintained and beautiful landscaping in our common areas, the walking paths, the dog park, the two pools, a fitness center, a community center filled with many activities, and so much more. It also isn't our met many nice neighbors and I engreat Social Committee that makes joy their company. I also look forliving here a party happy place. These things, except for the Indigo East Social Committee, are also in other neighborhoods in On Top of the World.

So, what makes us special? The people!

It doesn't matter if one is from

other areas of Florida, northern or southern United States, east or west coasts, or anywhere else. Nor does it matter what we did in life before retirement, or what interests us. In Indigo East, we bring a little of the cultures from where we hail, find neighbors who share our interests, and sometimes, our interests lie across SW 80th Avenue to the other side of the world. There we may find a familiar Indigo East face to join in on the activities, and we also make new friends.

The people in Indigo East are always friendly. What is special and extraordinary is the kindness towards each other. No, we are not a fairytale neighborhood. Not everyone shares the same interests, some may choose not to associate with someone, sometimes one disagrees with another's position on a matter and sometimes mean words spew from one's mouth, or keyboard. Yet, in spite of it all, the one thing that always prevails in Indigo East is the respect for one another.

We are unique because we are a separate neighborhood, yet we are a part of the entire On Top of the World Community.

So why are we a family? It is because we chose to be together, we share our lives with each other, help each other, spend holidays together, party, laugh, and cry with each other. In the end we are one big family.

I love living in Indigo East. I have ward to meeting more of you.

I would also like to wish everyone a great July where we enjoy the lazy, hazy, crazy, and hotter summer days.

Like always, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

#### **HURRICANE? BE PREPARED!**

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#### **Keeping It Green**

Phillip Hisey (352) 236-OTOW (6869)

With the recent rains have come many questions about how often should I be watering and how effective is my rain sensor? Summer heat, winds, local soils and humidity are all factors to be taken into account when considering your next irrigation cycle.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and Marion County entered into an inter-local agreement on May 19, 2009 allowing the residents of Marion County in the SWFWMD the option to follow the water restrictions set forth by SJRWMD. With this agreement you are allowed to water twice per week. For odd-numbered addresses you can water on Wednesday and Sunday, and for even-numbered addresses you can water on Thursday and Sunday.

Evapotranspiration (Et) is the water lost through evaporation and

plant transpiration. Many residents have equipped their irrigation system with Et-based sensors. These sensors take into account the local site conditions and make adjustments for a watering schedule. This sensor is coupled with a rain sensor that shuts the system down temporarily until the sensor dries out. The time needed to dry out a rain sensor varies site to site and is dependent on the atmospheric conditions. Dry windy conditions will dry out the sensor faster than cloudy, cool conditions.

The newer system, which has been installed since February 2017 is the Hunter Hydrawise system. This has a unique set of parameters or "watering triggers" that are preset for this area when you close. Daily rainfall totals and weekly rainfall totals collected allow for optimal water savings during the rainy season. Two other unique features are the virtual weather station and virtual Solar Sync. These features allow you to tap into sitebased weather patterns and conditions based on virtual weather conditions. The virtual weather station takes information downloaded from weather stations around the area and triangulates your position to know the approximate location of your controller. It uses weather data collected through the local weather channel and weather underground to determine approximate rainfall totals for your area, Et, cloud cover and other site based climatic conditions. The virtual Solar Sync adjusts your runtime based off these conditions as well. This translates to savings on the water used to irrigate your landscape. You will notice, if these parameters are set up correctly, many times during the rainy season your irrigation will not run due to daily or weekly rainfall totals being met.

So how often should I water? Let your lawn tell you when to water. Look for tell-tale signs of stress in the form of grayish-blue color or folding of the grass blades along the middle of the leaf. Some stress is important to creating a healthy lawn. Remember deep infrequent watering as opposed to frequent watering as opposed to frequent shallow watering is important for healthy grass. Typical run times may vary head to head and site to site. You should run your spray heads 15 to 20 minutes per zone to apply a half to three-quarter

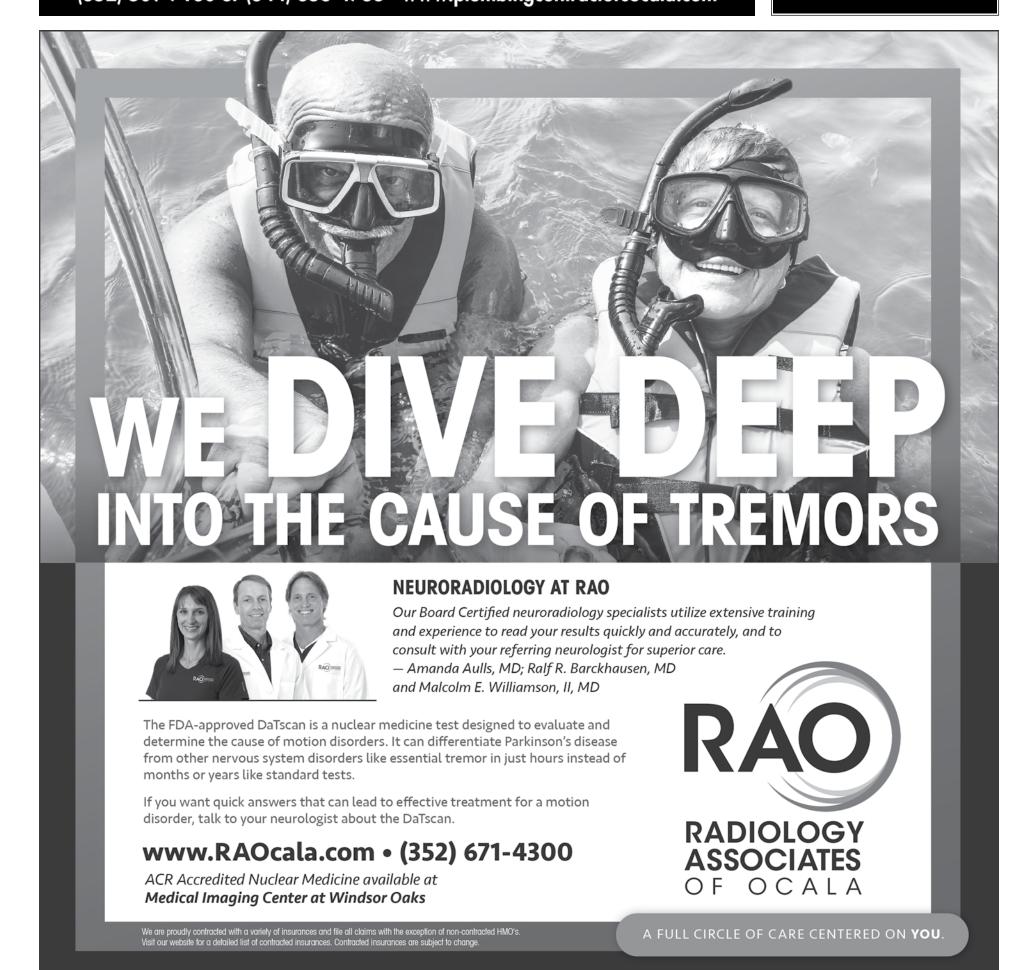
inches. Rotors may need 45 to 60 minutes for a half to three-quarter inches and MP rotators need to run for 70 to 90 minutes to apply a half to three-quarter inches. Remember your site is different than your neighbors. Pay attention to soil conditions, shade and other factors that may increase or decrease your runtimes.

As the rainy season is now in full swing and we are looking at moving into La Nina conditions according to the International Research Institute (IRI) for Climate and Society, I wanted to touch on maintenance for the On Top of the World (Central) neighborhoods. Each home should be on a weekly mowing cycle provided rain has not slowed us down. Our trimming cycle follows a six-week pattern and is subject to change based on cooler months and seasonal reduced growth rates. This pattern allows Parkway Maintenance and Management Company the ability to follow Best Management Practices for the ornamental plants throughout the community. Lastly, we fertilize with a complete acid forming fertilizer twice a year to help with our high pH soils. This is a 180-day slow release blend which has been specifically formulated based on soil samples taken year over year. We typically apply in April and again in September to finish off the year with a wellbalanced approach for the reduced winter nutrient needs.

Good luck this summer and stay







#### 2019 Quality Annual **Water Report**

Bay Laurel Center

PWS ID #6424619 (352) 414-5454

The Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (the District) is very pleased to provide vou with this year's annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our seven groundwater wells draw their water from the pristine Floridan Aquifer. We simply add chlorine to the water for disinfection purposes and are pleased to report that our drinking water has meet all federal and state requirements.

The District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019. Data obtained before Jan. 1, 2019, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In 2019, the Department of Environmental Protection (EPA) performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment showed no contamination at this time in the source of the seven wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at dep.state.fl.us/swapp.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wild-
- such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants. which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that another potentially harmful waterborne pathogen may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. Coliforms were detected during one sampling event indicating the need to look for potential problems in the water treatment or distribution systems. This includes collecting additional repeat samples to confirm the results and performing a Level 1 Assessment to identify and to correct any problems that were found during the assessment. The required assessment was completed, and no problems were identified, and the repeat samples collected were absent of coliform bacteria with no corrective action being required.

In the table above, you will find contaminants, terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

> **ACTION LEVEL (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

> CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

> **EPA:** Environmental Protection

Agency **LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT:** A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEV-**

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highest detected level at any sampling point, depending on the sampling frequency

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS Results in the Level Detected column for radiological contaminants, inorganic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides, and volatile organic contaminants are the highest average at any of the sampling points or the

| Contaminant and Unit of<br>Measurement | Dates of sampling<br>(month/year) | MCL<br>Violation<br>Yes/No | Level<br>Detected | Range of<br>Results | MCLG | MCL   | Likely Source of<br>Contamination  |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------|-------|--|
| Nitrate (as Nitrogen)<br>(ppm)         | 01/19                             | N                          | 2.84              | 2.42-2.84           | 10   | 10    | Runoff from<br>fertilizer use.<br>Leaching from<br>septic tanks,<br>sewage. Erosion of<br>natural deposits.                  |
| Sodium (ppm)                           | 03/17                             | N                          | 7.5               | 5.0-7.5             | N/A  | 160   | Saltwater intrusion.<br>Leaching from soil.  |
| Barium (ppm)                           | 03/17                             | N                          | .0060             | .0044-<br>.0060     | 2    | 2     | Discharge of<br>drilling wastes.<br>Discharge from<br>metal refineries.<br>Erosion of natural<br>deposits.                   |
| Arsenic (ppm)                          | 03/17                             | N                          | 0.00026           | 0.00026             | 0    | 0.010 | Erosion of natural<br>deposits. Runoff<br>from orchards.<br>Runoff from<br>glass and<br>electronics<br>production<br>wastes. |
| Chromium (ppm)                         | 03/17                             | N                          | 0.0015            | 0.0013-<br>0.0015   | 0.10 | 0.10  | Discharge from<br>steel and pulp<br>mills. Erosion of<br>natural deposits.   |
| Nickel (ppm)                           | 03/17                             | N                          | 0.0038            | 0.00038             | N/A  | 0.10  | Pollution from<br>mining and refining<br>operations. Natural<br>occurrence in soil.  |

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

STAGE 2 DISINFECTANT AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS

or chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of al samples collected. For haloacetic acids or TTHM, the level detected is the highest RAA, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples collected if the system is monitoring quarterly or is the average of all samples taken during the year if the system nitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of Results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all

| momorning locations.                    |                                   |                            |                   |                     |      |     |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------|-----|--|
| Contaminant and Unit of Measurement     | Dates of sampling<br>(month/year) | MCL<br>Violation<br>Yes/No | Level<br>Detected | Range of<br>Results | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of<br>Contamination                |
| HAA5<br>Total Haloacetic Acids<br>(ppb) | 07/19                             | N                          | 4.82              | 1.61–4.82           | N/A  | 60  | By-product of<br>drinking water<br>disinfection. |
| TTHM<br>Total Trihalomethanes<br>(ppb)  | 07/19                             | N                          | 7.04              | 6.96–7.04           | N/A  | 80  | By-product of<br>drinking water<br>disinfection. |
| Chlorine (ppm)                          | 01–12/2019                        | N                          | 1.79              | 0.87-1.79           | 4    | 4.0 | Water additive used to control microbes.         |

LEAD & COPPER

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| Contaminant and Unit of Measurement | Dates of sampling<br>(month/year) | AL Violation<br>Yes/No | 90th<br>Percentile<br>Result | No. of<br>sampling<br>sites<br>exceeding<br>the AL | MCLG | AL<br>(Action<br>Level) | Likely Source of<br>Contamination  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--|------|-------------------------|--|
| Copper (ppm)                        | 07–08/2017                        | N                      | 0.90                         | 2  | 1.3  | 1.3                     | Corrosion of<br>household<br>plumbing systems;<br>erosion of natural<br>deposits; leaching<br>from wood<br>preservatives |
| Lead (ppb)                          | 07–08/2017                        | N                      | ND                           | 0  | 0    | 15                      | Corrosion of<br>household<br>plumbing systems,<br>crosion of natural<br>deposits   |

**EL GOAL (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**N/A:** Not applicable.

the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

MICROGRAMS PER LITER (UG/1): One part by weight of analyte to one billion parts by weight of the water sample.

PARTS PER MILLION (PPM) OR MILLIGRAMS PER LITER (MG/1): One part by weight of analyte to one million parts by weight of the water sample.

TREATMENT TECHNIQUE: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drink-

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If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water quality, please contact Bryan Schmalz at (352) 414-5454 Ext. 4105. The District's business hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. We encourage our valued customers to be informed!



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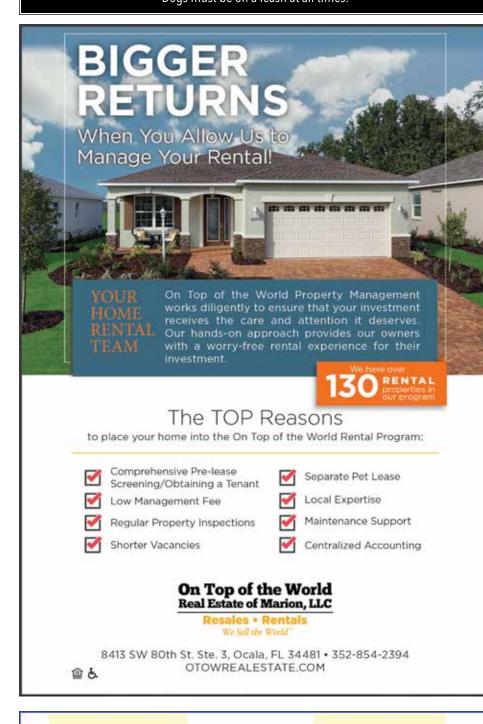
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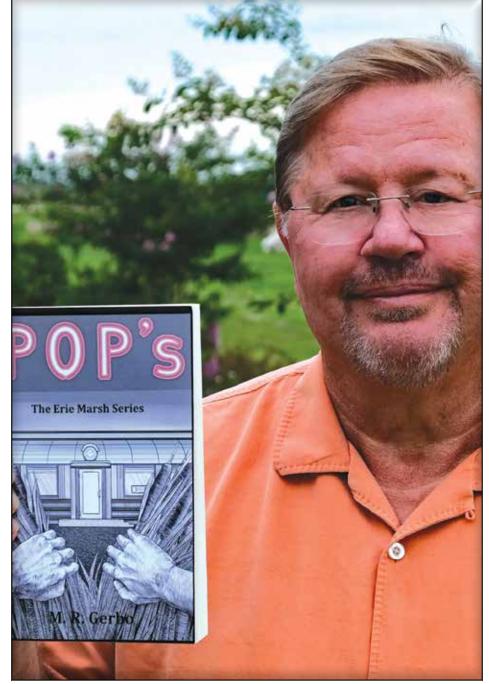


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On Top of the World author Michael Gerbo.

# Michael Gerbo's Debut Novel

By Ray Cech World News Writer

write as a result of someone or chael's debut novel, "Pop's" is dedisomething that once inspired them. cated to Ms. Branski. That's true with On Top of the World author Michael Gerbo.

It was way back in high school when his advanced composition teacher, Marcine Branski, "taught me how to write, how to think and

Many authors will say that they how to structure a sentence." Mi-

Michael told us that he has always considered himself to be a writer, and back in 2008 he started on his first novel, "Pop's." He completed about 30,000 words, but then had to put it aside — his position as president of a manufacturing company was taking up more and more of his time. He was also spending a good deal of time in his wood-working shop on special home projects. It wasn't until Michael and his wife Joan moved to On Top of the World last year that he once again turned to his nascent novel. He turned on his computer, re-read "Pop's" and thought, "Hey this is pretty good."

There's a somewhat parallel story told by Stephen King. He threw 20,000 words of "Carrie" into the waste basket. One day his wife, Tabitha pulled it out, read it, and said, "Hey, Stephen, this is pretty good."

Michael Gerbo, now retired and re-energized, went back to work on "Pop's." About 50,000 words later, he handed the manuscript to editor and resident, Larry Paz. Larry liked what he was reading and told Mike it should be published. They got the cover designed by James Sullivan, a student at Santa Fe College. James stepped up to the plate with three renderings. "Each one seemed perfect," said Michael, "but the one we finally chose, I feel is spot-on for the novel." "Pop's" was sent to Amazon and published.

The story takes place at Pop's diner in the fictitious town of Brownstown, Michigan, deep in the Lake Erie marshes. A lot happens at Pop's, and the story is told years later through the eyes of the once 14-year-old Mickey who worked there as a bus boy. It was there that he learned at an early age lessons that are usually reserved for the more mature. There are the bad guys, the good guys, the errant waitress, and plenty of interesting, mostly mischievous characters. It is also the story of a boy and his dad coming to terms with each other, their lifestyle and the community in which they live.

The novel is a real page turner. Michael Gerbo tells us that "Pop's" is the first of a trilogy in the Erie Marsh Series. The second installment, "Fricke Island," has just come out. It's a terrific, dynamic follow-up to "Pop's" and a tribute to the writing talents of author and resident, Michael Gerbo.



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Citizens **Emergency Response Team** 

**Sue** Gribbins

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was established in 2001. In all those years it has been activated only a very few times. Our CERT function is usually to act in emergency situations until the first responders arrive.

In the last couple of months, we were requested through Marion County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management in coordination with the Florida Department of Health Department in Marion County and Marion County Fire Rescue to help with traffic control. The two largest gated communities in Marion County - On Top of the World and Spruce Creek Golf & Country Club - offered COVID-19 testing, and CERT assisted in both communi-

This time, we were asked to simply act as traffic and crowd control. Of course, there were no problems. We set up a traffic pattern designed to slow everyone down and allow the fire rescue trucks, which were on call, a quick exit.

The plan to administer 400 CO-VID-19 tests Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27, for residents went off without a hitch!

According to our CERT coordinator, Beverly Case we were told, "Our CERT will be expanding into more non-emergency activities around our area."

Everyone is welcome at our CERT



CERT members, Joan Brand and Sue Gribbins, assisting with traffic.

meetings once we get clearance to start up again. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room next to the library.

For membership information contact Joe Moia at joemoia@att. net. For ham radio information, contact Sue Gribbins at sue.grib@

yahoo.com.

men and women who sacrificed so

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village so that we can show our appreciation to these

much for us. The Ritz is in need of disinfectant and wipes, masks, anti-bacterial soap, hand sanitizer, shoes, paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toiletries, canned food and dry food. Club members will receive "where and when" information via email. For more information, contact

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send an email to the members of our club at our customary meeting time Thursday, July 23, at 6 p.m. with a link to our YouTube. com channel so you may view the cartoons and funnies that I would have displayed at that meeting. We can all use a good laugh.

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



Please save the date for an exciting event: Saturday, July 25. A Republican candidate forum will be conducted at the Reilly Arts Center. Local, state and federal candidates will be featured. As soon as final details are completed, more information will be made available.

If you have any question, please call and leave a message at (518) 534-0201.



Willie Nelson sang, "On the Road Again" and so it is with our Community Patrol.

We are here to help On Top of the World and Marion County Sheriff's Office by being the eyes for our community. Our job is to remind everyone about safety - slow down, obey stop signs, walk facing traffic and carry a flashlight in the dark. These are just a few of the reminders we should all keep in mind.

There is a great need for more volunteers to help perform these functions. Four hours a month is all it takes. Please contact Paul Altman at (860) 460-7632 or shelvesc@aol. com for further information.

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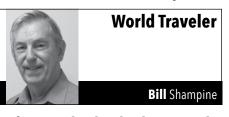
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A view of Reine, Norway, from the top of Mt. Reinebringen.



If you absolutely have to be quarantined, Reine, Norway, would

be one of the best places for that to happen. This gorgeous little fishing village of only 329 people is situated on the Island of Moskenesøya, one of the seven principal islands in the Lofoten archipelago, which is located off the northwest coast of Norway.

Locally, the Lofoten Islands of-

ten are referred to as the Lofoten Wall because they, literally, are almost vertical rows of granite shooting as high as 4,600 feet straight up out of the Arctic Sea. The stunning vistas created by the mountains are augmented by the many small, colorful fishing villages that dot the coastlines. Many of the houses in these fishing villages are huts called rorbuer that historically were used to house the annual influx of fishermen. They all were painted a bright red. Today, many of these traditional rorbuer have been refurbished to provide unique housing for world travelers.

To me, the most surprising thing about life in Reine is the weather. You would think that any place 60 miles north of the Arctic Circle would be c-c-c-cold, even during the summer. However, the Gulf Stream flows nearby and creates what is thought to be the largest temperature anomaly, relative to latitude, anywhere in the world. The summers actually are pleasant, and the winters are surprisingly mild. You do get a lot of rain in the fall.

When you go to Reine, you absolutely must climb the Reinebringen. It is 1,470 feet high, but in recent years, a stone staircase was built to make the climb more accessible and much easier than it used to be. There also are many other hiking and biking trails available, ranging from difficult mountain climbing to a relatively easy walk on some of the beaches, that are suitable for

families. If you do go walking on the beach and decide you want to take a swim, feel free to do so; just don't invite me to go in with you. In the winter, the average water temperature is 41 degrees Fahrenheit (F). In the heat of the summer, however, the water averages a balmy 54 degrees F. I think that is cold!

Kayaking is another favorite adventure available for travelers. The interior waters of the Reinefjorden usually are pretty calm and offer incredible scenic views. I think a day trip would be very pleasant.

One of the things on my personal bucket list is to see, and photograph, the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis), and Reine is a prime location for making that happen. I am told that the best chances for witnessing this phenomenon occur from September to April.

With a peak tourist season of July, the best time to visit Reine is either June or mid to late August. The time of the Midnight Sun, when the sun never sets, ranges from the last week in May through the first week in July. The worst time to visit Reine is September to November, when it rains; a lot! In opposition to the Midnight Sun, the sun never rises from December to mid-February. It is dark during this time, but not black dark. The sky actually is a light pink, similar to a sunrise or sunset.

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# **Pet Food Drive a Rousing Success**

By Ray Cech World News Writer



Kari and Steve Roehl along with volunteers at the Humane Society of Marion County.

She's gone and done it again. After organizing one of the most successful food drives ever at On Top of the World, Kari Roehl has blown through all of the statistics! The pet food and supply drive in June was a huge success!

Many pet owners are finding it difficult to keep their best friend fed, as well as with the everyday supplies that dogs and cats go through. Once again, Kari and her team of volunteers, stepped up to the plate. Over a two-day period in June, they collected more than 6,000 pounds of dry dog and cat food — and that number does not include all of the canned food donated. In addition, residents donated pet beds, blankets, carriers, leashes and an assortment of toys.

Cash was also donated and that added up to close to \$3,400!

All of the pet food, supplies and cash went to SPCA of Marion County and the Humane Society of Marion County. Kari Roehl said, "It was a lot of work, but the dedication of all the volunteers made it doable. We also got a very pleasant surprise when we delivered the collected food and supplies to the Humane Society. They had 20 young people standing by who pitched in to offload the donations. It was terrific seeing how these children cared."

Kari and Steve Roehl moved here less than a year ago from Wisconsin - not Michigan as I previously reported - and have been in the throes of do-it-yourself house makeover. They took time out to organize both food drives and can now get back to their projects, as well as spending time with their own pets — a rescued toy poodle and a rescued shih tzu.

# **Lions Club Salutes Veterans**

By Gail Morris

Welcome to our new normal. It's the tag line we are all becoming very much accustomed to now, but times they are a changing, constantly. As a club whose mission it is to help others, especially those in need of assistance with a variety of eyesight issues, and to reach out nor's example of where members and make a difference in our community, it's been challenging but be: we have found some ways while maintaining social distancing.

Over the Memorial Day weeke Lion John "Moses" Morris and Bill Halcomb took the time to decorate the graves at Tucker Hill Cemetery located off of Martin Luther King Blvd. as a small way of honoring those veterans.

The Lions Club is still busy collecting the following items for a few of our community projects:

- AdventHealth's Children's Emergency Unit: socks, stuffed animals (with eyes that don't come off) and children's books - all new.
- Ocala Ritz Veterans Village: socks and toiletries for men and women

for the drop location for these fourth Tuesday at 5 p.m. items at (352) 861-7358.

We are reaching out to those residents who would like to join us in our efforts to make a difference in our community. Although it can be difficult to recruit residents during this time of "red, yellow and green light," here is our district goverand prospective members might

- Red light members who wish to continue in quarantine and serve the community with only phone contact or by mail.
- Yellow light members who are willing to meet in a location with proper social distancing and wearing masks to continue to protect themselves and others.
- Green light those who are willing to interact with others including meetings, gathering donations and distributing those donations.

If you would like to join us in our efforts, please contact Estelle Michelson, our membership chair, at (352) 861-7358. We are currently Estelle Michelson is the contact meeting only once a month on the



Photo by John "Moses" Morris

Bill Halcomb salutes veterans at Tucker Hill Cemetary.

# Can You Identify?

By Ron Broman

were, I would stop traffic.

For a couple of reasons, though,

I am not a tree; obviously, but if I I thought it would be okay if I butt-

ed in and showed off. The first reason is that I'm



Photo by Ron Broman

blooming now as our rainy season begins.

To find out where I'm growing will take some diligence; so, I'll give you some hints.

These columns that Mr. B (Broman) writes will very often feature plants that are growing in a very special garden. He seems to think it's funny when he plays on words.

The Bible refers to the Garden of Eden as the beginning of our place on this earth. Mr. B. has no quarrel with that; he just has his own Garden of Weedin'.

At this time of year, as the rains begin to bless our gardens, the plants that thrive on lots of moisture begin to show themselves. This is one of them. One of my common names actually tells it all.

In August 2017, Mr. B. featured me but couldn't quite tell which lily I was. He still hasn't figured it out. No matter. He and Mrs. B have welcomed me with open arms.

Both lily species thrive in frequent, wet, grassy meadows and woods, flatwoods, flood plains, pastures and ditches, and limestone outcroppings from central Florida both north and south.

Why we decided to find a home in this special garden is a mystery; but we have indeed felt quite at

Now, can you find us? And maybe help folks like Mr. B. figure which lily species we are? Call (352) 861-4560 when you do.

By the way, the second reason for my showing up in this column is the little nudge from Mrs. B.

You are more than welcome to spend some time in the Garden of Weedin'.

On another note, please know that only the Native Plant Group has permission to plant in the area of the Longleaf Pine Trail. Only appropriate Florida native plants are permitted there. Any other plantings will be removed. Thanks for your understanding.

For now, the work of the Native Plant Group is limited. We still maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail and Native Plant Garden as well as the SW 94th Street Circle at SW 89th Court Road. Call (352) 861-4560 if you would like to help with these projects.

Through it all it's great to grow native!

Where am I growing and what am I?



#### **Travel Toppers**

Anne Parker

As of this writing, plans for many of our trips have not been finalized because of safe social distancing requirements. To remain current until we are able to publish another brochure, please visit traveltopperstours.com for up-to-date information. In the meantime, there will be

no further trips until fall. If you are interested in the seven-day trip to the 2020 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, please contact Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only). A deposit of \$200 per person is required at the time of booking. Be sure to use the exact name on your government issued ID. Air will be out of Orlando on Thursday, Oct. 1 with all coach arrangements made with Mayflower Tours. This trip will include sightseeing in the Old Town of Albuquerque, evening balloon glow, mass ascension, two nights in Santa Fe, and visits to historic venues in surrounding areas. The total cost is \$2,848 per person plus \$50 for transportation to and from the airport. Linda will be escorting this trip. If you have already reserved this trip, Linda will notify you if Mayflower needs to make any adiustments.

A trip to the 36th annual Craft

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Fair in Mount Dora, Florida is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24. This event features over 350 of the best crafters in the country. Currently, the bus is scheduled to leave On Top of the World at 8 a.m. More information including price and the coordinator's name will be available in the future on our web-

Reservations have been made for "A Christmas Story: The Musical" and lunch at the Show Palace in Hudson for Christmas Day. This play featuring a leg lamp, pink bunny pajamas, a cranky Santa, and a triple-dog-dare are just a few obstacles between Ralphie and Christmas. Pricing and other details will be available for this trip later in the year.

The rescheduled trip to Mango's Tropical Café and Dinner Show in Orlando has been set for Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021. Dinner includes appetizers, salad, choice of three entrees, dessert and coffee or soda. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. The bus will depart at approximately 3:30 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. The price, contact information, and other pertinent details will be available on our website later in the year.

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

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



### **Elaine** Morrison

With so many leisure hours available, cooks of every stripe have turned the kitchen into the favorite room in the house. Cookbooks have been taken off the shelves and television food shows and internet recipe sites are eagerly watched and the information they dispense, happily embraced.

In this spirit, I offer the following recipe, which is not difficult but has a huge "wow" factor that should both impress and delight the diner.

#### Pistachio Chicken with **Honey Mustard Sauce**

1/3 cup all-purpose flour 1 cup finely chopped salted pistachios

4 boneless, skinless chicken

By Bob Woods

New Mexico.

World News Writer

1/4 cup butter (or butter substi-

The Palace

The Palace of the Governors was

built around 1610 and is the old-

est continuously occupied public

building in the United States. It was

originally built by Spanish colonists

and is a one-story adobe structure

that served the seat of government

for centuries. The palace is located

in the Santa Fe Historic District,

tute), melted 2 eggs, lightly beaten 1/2 cup Dijon mustard 3 tablespoons honey

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9" x 13" baking dish. Place flour and pistachios in separate plastic bags.

Dip chicken breasts into melted butter, one at a time, then into the flour, shake off excess, then into the eggs, shake off excess, then into the pistachios, again shaking off excess. Place into prepared dish and bake about 30 minutes or until done. Prepare the sauce by mixing the honey and mustard together and spoon over each chicken breast.

#### Grilled Caprese Salad

For a twist on an old favorite, wrap prosciutto slices around thick slices of mozzarella cheese and freeze for at least an hour. Grill or broil until cheese just starts to melt and the prosciutto is lightly browned. Arrange over sliced tomatoes and basil, and drizzle with balsamic vinegar, olive oil, and salt and pepper, to taste.

The palace was constructed by the newly appointed governor of the Spanish territory that covered most of today's American Southwest. In years to follow, the palace changed hands as the territory's seat of government of New Mexico did (Pueblo revolt in 1680; the Spanish reconquest from 1693-1694; Mexican Independence in 1821; and the American possession in 1848).

It originally served as the seat of government of the Spanish colony of Nuevo Mexico, which at one time encompassed the present-day states of Texas, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, California, and New Mexico.

At the end of the Mexican War of Independence, the Mexican province of Santa Fe de Nuevo Mexico was administered from the Palace of the Governors. When the present-day New Mexico was annexed as a United States territory, the palace became New Mexico's first territorial capital.

The palace was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1960. It had a multi-century role in the government of what is now New Mexico as well for its adobe Pueblo Revival architecture.

The Palace of the Governors, part of the New Mexico Museum of History, displays exhibits that chronicle the history of Santa Fe as well as New Mexico. American Indian artists sell their wares consisting of jewelry along with Indian pottery and other like objects under the palace's portal as part of the Native American Artisans Program.

The city of Santa Fe (meaning "holy faith" in Spanish) was founded in 1610 making it the oldest state capital in the United States. In comparison Boston, Massachusetts is the second oldest city in the country being established in 1630. It is the longest continuous serving state capital in the U.S.



Photo by Bob Woods American Indian artists sell their wares outside of The Palace of Governors.

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Photo by Nancy Meininger Mike Cory cooking coneys for the crowd in 2019.

# Michigan Club

#### Nancy Meininger

According to Google, if you go to Michigan you are never more than six miles from a body of water whether it's a river, a lake, or one of the Great Lakes. In fact, you are never more than 85 miles from a Great Lake. Therefore, our state is home to water sport enthusiasts of every age. Michigan Club members share tales of summer's best from jet skiing on Lake Michigan, to catching the big one in Lake St. Clair at our monthly meetings from October through May.

They talk about hiking miles of dunes on the mitten state's western shoreline, or even mountains to climb in the Upper Peninsula's copper country bordering Lake Superior. Campers love the state for its hardwood forest hideaways, and Rifle River rafting. Beaches, too, are plentiful on every lake shoreline. Most popular is Grandhaven on Lake Michigan's shore but also Port Austin across the state on Lake Huron. Boaters are fond of the sandbars on Lake St. Clair where

the "jobby nooner" gained national notoriety. Yes, the tales are tall but definitely fun hearing!

Quieter moments we've heard are found at the artist colonies in Saugatuck or wandering the grounds of Mackinac Island or historic Greenfield Village. There's likely not a Michigander in On Top of the World who hasn't visited one of those landmarks.

Besides car manufacturing which many here were involved in their personal history, many music icon's rose from Motown and have stayed with us to this day both in our memories and on the airwaves.

For the foodies among us, Macinac Island fudge, Traverse City candy corn, and Detroit coney dogs top the list of Michigan favorites, right next to Vernor's ginger ale that is even available here for its followers.

At our Sunday, Oct. 4 meeting, at 5 p.m. at the outdoor pavilion behind the Recreation Center, join us for our annual Coney Island hot dog barbeque picnic. Tickets are \$5. Guaranteed you'll hear some tall summer tales and enjoy authentic coneys shipped here from Michigan for this event. Call Nancy Meininger for tickets and details at (352) 342-9757.

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One question I had when I first joined the 100 Grandparents was, "Why is it called 100 Grandparents?" and did a little investigative reporting. After asking around, Janet Fragapane suggested I contact Margitta Claterbos. She did not have the answer but gave me some past columns she and others had written. One in particular was written by Barbara Greenwood in October 2001 on the founder of the 100 Grandparents, Paul Zamarra.

According to Barbara's column, Paul was a Jersey horseman who retired to Ocala in 1973. He left a business career as a manufacturing/designer with a background in industrial engineering. Chance led him to the Marion County community college system while inquiring about a teaching position for his daughter. Through this inquiry he discovered his love for teaching and went back to college at the tender age of 54. After receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida, he taught at Vanguard High School. While at Vanguard he was named Teacher of the Year (1980-1981).

Paul went on to Forest High School to become a drafting instructor. Within three years he became the vocational administrator.

Retirement looked a little promising but in March of 1988 Paul was contacted by Marion County School Superintendent John Smith

to design a reading program using senior volunteers. Not only would these seniors be instilling the love of reading to the children but serve as a grandparent role since many children would not have any older family members living close by.

Through his efforts, along with his wife Mary, who brought her love for children and her skills of a retired secretary, they took what was called, at the time, 100 Grandparents OTOW Volunteers, to various elementary schools. At some point it was decided to concentrate on just one school, which would be Romeo Elementary.

On a phone conversation, Barbara did not know why it was called 100 Grandparents, but she was responsible for dropping the "OTOW Volunteers" part. Her goal was to have a reader in every class. One year she didn't have enough readers and went outside of On Top of the World for volunteers. It then was referred to as just "100 Grandparents". As time went on, enough volunteers were found in On Top of the World and even a sub list was formed.

Although I didn't get the answer to why it is called 100 Grandparents, I am able to report how this

wonderful club evolved and that it is still going strong.

The fact that the 100 Grandparents have been active since 1995 says a lot about Paul's legacy, which lives through his mission statement: to bring the love of reading to children, to reinforce language growth and to enhance thinking

For further information, call Evelyn Holiday at (352) 237-0304, Paulette Bourgon at (904) 424-2044 or Charlene Czopek at (352) 857-8765. Should you have information as to why it is called 100 Grandparents, please call me at (815) 937-0427.



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**David** Wesenberg

Toastmasters meets online with Zoom Wednesdays, July 8 and 22, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. We have been visited by Toastmasters from Washington, D.C.; Jacksonville, Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; and many other locations, which has been very exciting. If you want to meet with us contact David Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com.

Our new officers will start their

duties this month: President Leona Vlacancich; Educational Vice President Pam Winter; Membership Vice President David Wesenberg; Publicity Vice President Lauren Grice; Treasurer Janet Voyles; Secretary Rosemary Walters; and Sergeant of Arms Robert Vlacancich.

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The love affair of Computer Club member Matt Reilly with computers is almost as old as his love affair with Suzanne, his wife of 58 years. As a graduate student, Matt pioneered in developing computer models to control chemical reactors. In those days, his research required the world's fastest computer; today, a basic laptop would more than suffice.

Much of Matt's career was as professor of chemical engineering, and subsequently, of integrated sciences at several well-known universities. Increasingly powerful computers were key tools in his teaching and research. For example, the National Academy of Engineering published Matt's collection of computer reactor models, used by many American colleges and universities.

Starting with a one-year leave of absence that grew into a decade, Matt relocated from the academic world to the government arena. In Washington, D.C., he held various executive positions relating to the environmental aspects of the nation's fossil energy research programs. But his love of teaching and learning pulled him back to the uni-



Women of the World

Mary Purfeerst

Hello Women of the World! We are currently following the safety guidelines of distancing six feet apart. All requested ticket refunds were completed in June. We will have a recap and report of the funds refunded and the donation given to Hospice of Marion County. All of this and hopefully, more news, will be in our August column.

Our Facebook page - Women of the World - OTOW - is still online. If we have any recent news or announcements, that will be the first place it will be posted. If we have any news that is changing our present situation, we will utilize our email chain as well. Please email any questions to womenoftheworld2019otow@gmail.com. Stay well.

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versity world. Here he continued to develop and teach new ways of using computers in education and was a mentor to beginning faculty. The capstone of his career was helping to create a new computer-based college of integrated science and technology.

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In spite of his lifelong computer experiences, Matt readily admits that the wave of computer technology has grown much larger and faster than any one person can stay abreast. One of the blessings of living at On Top of the World is the Computer Club and the many members and friends from whom he can continue to learn.

All residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. You can join at the meeting or call President Bill Torzsa at (352) 873-8519 for more information. The Contact page on otowpcclub.org or email otowpcclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us.

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

Recent monthly presentations were about iPhone tips, StoryWorth writing your own life's story book, making a Shutterfly photo book, Google Drive and apps, Apple watch, digital estate planning, identity theft, and passwords.

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

Software links for PC and Apple related topics are listed on the website to help you on your educational journey to learn more or find a solution to a problem.

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



Peter Parisi

On Monday, May 18, member Barbara Belter gave a very interesting educational presentation via Zoom on "Research Techniques to Find Your Irish and Italian Cous-

She started with the 1855 New York State Census on the McIntyre side of the family living in Brooklyn. There were Bryan and Kate McIntyre and their six children, all born in Ireland. In the 1860 U.S. Census, the family is still in New York with the names of the children in the correct age order, though their ages aren't five years older, and there was a slight variation in the given names. For instance, Kate in 1855 became Catherine in 1860.

Barbara then traced her Cleary family using the 1850 U.S. Census and the 1855 New York State Census. As above, the names of the children were in the correct age order, though their ages aren't five years older, and there was a slight variation in the given names. For instance, Fanny became Francis, Martha became Maggie and Catherine became Katrina.

According to their marriage record, Michael McIntyre, Barbara's great-great-grandfather, married Ann Cleary in May 1861, and they moved from Brooklyn, New York to Hoboken, New Jersey and had five children. Death records state that Ann died in January 1892. Marriage records show that Michael married Alice Connell, a widow, in August 1895 in Hoboken.

One of his sons, Michael, was Barbara's great-grandfather. The 1900 U.S. Census shows him married to Kate (Walsh), and they have seven

children. She follows her greatgrandmother Kate (Catherine) in the 1910, 1920 and 1930 censuses after Michael passed away.

On her Italian side, Barbara performed the same type searches using census records and correlating them with baptism records, marriage records, death records and World War I draft registration records

The purpose of Barbara's presentation was to illustrate to beginner genealogists that you can't rely on just one record on an ancestor. You may have a record on the wrong person. As we know, census takers put down what they thought they heard. Also, the person giving the information may have not been fully informed or was in a rush. You need to find other records to validate what you have to be sure it is the correct information.

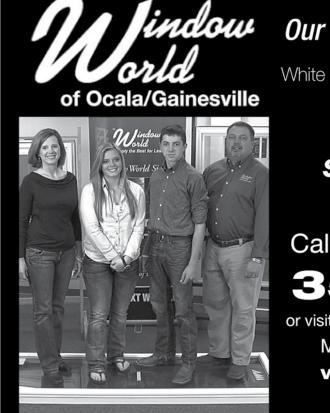
All of the following meetings take place at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. However, if On Top of the World meeting facilities are still closed, members will be notified by email from our club president, Ron Niebo, that we will conduct the meetings using Zoom.

On Monday, July 13 there will be a regular business meeting followed by an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, July 20 Michael John Neill will give an educational presentation "Immigrant Research Strategies" via webinar.

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**Jim** Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting via Zoom Thursday, June 11. Club President Jim Di Paolo announced that evening star observations for club members can finally begin again now that the R/C flying field has re-opened. Observing sessions will be announced to members via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions will allow for an open sky and owners of telescopes are willing to set up for others to see interesting celestial objects.

Sessions begin after dark and last into the evening, depending on the conditions and on the prospect of seeing specific targets as they cross the night sky. Until further notice, participants must wear face masks and maintain social distancing throughout the time they are at the observing session. Other precautions will be provided in emails announcing each session.

Di Paolo also unveiled a celebra-

tory program about the recent Space-X launch at Cape Canaveral. Originally scheduled for May 27, the launch was scrubbed due to impending thunder and lightning storms. Then Saturday, May 30, the launch was a complete success, propelling two experienced NASA astronauts in the new Crew Dragon spacecraft Endeavor to link perfectly with the orbiting International Space Station.

In addition, the primary stage of the Space-X Falcon 9 rocket returned undamaged to a pinpoint touchdown on a waiting drone ship's landing pad in the Atlantic. The drone ship returned the Falcon 9 rocket to Cape Canaveral, but Space-X owner Elon Musk did not say whether the rocket would be re-used in subsequent launches or whether it would be preserved in a museum for history.

Two club members drove to Cape Canaveral Wednesday, May 27 to watch the first launch from NA-SA's Kennedy Space Center since 2011, only to learn after arriving that it had been scrubbed that day. They reported that the entire area around Cape Canaveral was a sea of thousands of people hoping to watch the launch. But immediately

after the launch was postponed, they were trapped in a traffic jam and ended up spending five hours driving from Canaveral back home that evening.

The June meeting also featured a presentation on major observatories by club Vice President Larry Isenberg and a review of the June night sky by club Secretary John Bridges.

Excitement about astronomy continues to build here with the re-

establishment of evening observing sessions. Regular club meetings are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For now, they will remain online. Any resident can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15 per year, which includes a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. For information or club registration, please contact club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com.



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#### The Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger

Next season, the Jewish Club will meet monthly September through June 2021, extending our lunch and dinner bunch gatherings to year-round.

We are anxious for our lives to get back to normal and have restrictions lessened, so we once again can enjoy eating out and visiting our many local restaurants.

We also look forward to our travel committee planning more trips to discover new and varied hidden treasures just beyond our back-

We are grateful for all that we have here in On Top of the World and will abide by what On Top of the World deems safe for clubs as well as our members to launch our new season.

The Jewish Club is open to all residents, regardless of your religious affiliation. For more information, contact Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625 or otowjewishclub@ gmail.com.



Photo by Nancy Meininger

Jewish Club members love lunch bunch outings at eateries all over Ocala.

#### Bible Study

Fred Thompson

Weekly Tuesday morning Bible study has resumed in the Hobby Building Event Room from 10 to 11 a.m. Please note that we do not meet the second Tuesday of each month.

We are starting to study the book of Revelation. This is a book of prophecy that can help you to find answers to the seemingly increasing unrest we are seeing in our world today. If you have heard of the "left behind" series, come, hear and discover where the storyline originated. If you haven't heard about it, come learn something new.

We will be following On Top of the World's social distancing and face mask policy. This policy may change week-to-week. Please visit otowinfo.com for the most up-todate information. Due to distancing requirements, space is somewhat limited. Residents will be admitted on a first come basis until we reach the limit allowed.

Please remember there is hope! The promise of Revelation 1:3 is those who read and hear the words of the book of Revelation will be fortunate, well-off and happy. If that is something you desire, come study with us!

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SWANS

Sandi Dickerson

May has been a quiet month for the SWANS. Most of us are keeping in touch via phone and email. Thank goodness we can pick up our phones and talk to each other on a daily basis! Porch visiting has

also become very popular!
Several of us have read the book,
"Where the Crawdads Sing" and we
thoroughly enjoyed it! Lois started
passing it around because she really enjoyed it! She was right to recommend it as I have not heard one
negative comment about this book.
If you haven't read it yet, it is a very
good read and I think that you will
enjoy it.

Our next book to be passed around is entitled "From Hell to Marion County." It was written by a woman who lives up in Salt Springs and, again, it comes highly recommend by Lois. Can't wait to get

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started on it!

Our annual trip to Daytona Beach, Florida took place in June. After being cooped up for the past several months the fresh air and sunshine at the beach did us a world of good!

Lois thinks we will start going out for breakfast in July. We will let everyone know where as soon as we know something. We really are waiting to see how phase two of reopening Florida goes!

We have rearranged some of our appetizer and dinner-in groups to accommodate those ladies who want to start meeting again. Those groups have already started to meet and enjoy each other's company. We will, of course, be putting new groups together in September when we have our next scheduled meeting.

Please remember that you may join the SWANS at any time! We always welcome new members and new ideas! As a SWAN, you are never alone! There is always someone interested in the same things you are!

Stay healthy and smart about your activities! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.

### Active Singles



**Jane** Parker

Active Singles Club (ASC) is created for single residents. We are single, not alone! The ACS board planned for reopening activities beginning in August. This plan contains ASC membership meetings, anniversary pool party, barbecue, Interfaith Emergency Services breakfast, golf cart decorating and parade, and New Year's Eve party. While the plan was done in good faith, there may need to be adjustments

For July, we are spotlighting Debbie Kral, who grew up in Stone Mountain outside of Atlanta, Georgia. A resident of Ocala for 43 years, she lived on a small Ocala farm for 30-plus years. Debbie moved here two years ago.

Debbie's passion for horses began at age five with her first pony. She was fortunate to make a career out of her love for horses and has worked in the equine field for the last 40 years.

She started making custom saddles that are unique because they are crafted to fit the rider and the horse. Creating a saddle that fits both the rider and horse required her to work the horse's muscles for a custom fit. Debbie's work evolved and she became a pioneer in the new field of equine therapy. As time went on, massage therapy, laser treatments and newly developed equipment were found to improve a horse's health. The latest

treatment uses a PEMF instrument that creates a magnetic field that improves a horse's muscles, oxygen and blood. Debbie worked with some of the horses involved in the June horse sale in Ocala.

Debbie became known in the equine community and worked with the USA and Canadian Olympic equestrian teams. She also traveled with the "big" horses on the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing circuit that includes the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness and Belmont Stakes. About four years ago she retired from this work because it demands 100-plus hours per week and extensive travel.

Debbie is working in a new direction on health for people, horses, and dogs in nutrigenomics or nutrition to change gene expression. This is a new science that reduces cellular damage and aging. The new technology includes activators that change biology to produce what the body needs. There are over 1,200 doctors and therapists pioneering this science.

Debbie was initially concerned about moving here because she had never lived in a community setting. She was surprised at how much she likes living here. She mentioned that after traveling and living in a motor home, On Top of the World is such a safe place to live. Debbie joined ACS about a year ago and has made many new friends.

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





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Paula Gajewski

The recent pet food and supply drive here at On Top of the World was very generous with the donations to the SPCA of Marion Country. We thank all the participants, organizers, and worker bees who made this activity possible.

It is kitten season and the fun has started. The featured litter I am

calling is "the villagers." They are growing, romping, eating and having fun in my lanai. They are about 10 weeks old, still to be named and will have surgery mid-July. Contact Paula at (352) 300-1072 if you are interested in adopting one of these special little ones.

We are back at the weekly Farmers Market at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. Hopefully the weather will allow the presence of adoptable pets. Stop by and say hello! We continue to seek pet food donations - cat and small breed dog. It can be brought to the Farmers Market. Stay safe.



Photo by Paula Gajewski

**Texas Connection Social Club** 

Kathy Cornell

Texans love to attach their "brand" to lots of things. See if you can guess what these things are that we've put our brand on - whether they actually started in Texas or not.

**TEXAS STOP SIGN** - Why that would be the Dairy Queen! Texas has more DQs than any other state and they are especially popular on Taco Tuesdays.

**TEXAS EXIT** - When you're stuck in highway traffic and are too far from the get-off, just make your own off-ramp by blazing through the grassy strip separating the road you're on and the frontage road. For non-Texans, a frontage road is that side road running parallel to the main highway. You might see Texas exits more often near barbecue joints and reported Willie Nelson sightings. (Note: This move is highly illegal. It's up to you if Willie

**TEXAS SHEET CAKE** - A large (like Texas) chocolate cake that is baked on a sheet pan before getting dotted with pecan bits and smothered in sweet chocolate icing. Note that the proper pronunciation of pecan is "puh-kahn" and not "pee-

**TEXAS TOAST** - Bread that is sliced twice the normal thickness (you know it's that "everything's bigger" thing) and liberally buttered and then toasted. It's a must as a side for chicken-fried steak.

**TEXAS TWO-STEP** - Though it's not the state dance, it probably should be. Generally, it's done to country music and is best enjoyed at the honky-tonk, especially with George Strait music playing. And even better if George himself shows

Texas Tommy - A hot dog split lengthwise, filled with cheese. wrapped with bacon and then grilled or fried. It's also the name of a jaunty swing dance. So, a great night out would be to go have a Tommy for supper and then hit the dance floor to do the Tommv.

**TEXAS TOOTHPICK** - This may refer to either a pocketknife or an actual toothpick. Said toothpick is made of raccoon bone from a part of its anatomy we can't mention here. We much prefer the food version of the Texas toothpick which is a combination of fried jalapeno and onion strips.

**TEXAS TEA** – Originally this described oil was popularized by a line in The Beverly Hillbillies TV show theme song, "Oil that is, black gold, Texas tea." Today it also refers to a cocktail that is a version of a Long Island iced tea. Its name came from being served in a huge 23-ounce iced tea glass. Again, we like things big and I guess that unfortunately includes our hangovers!

If you have a connection to Texas and are looking for that special Texas brand of fun and friendship, then you need to check out the Texas Connection Social Club. For more information about the club, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

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# R/C Car is Back on **Track**

By Gene Mangold



Photo by Gene Mangold

Hank Henne racing today.

dream of a shiny new place where they could be free of cold, snowy winters. They arrived here in the last part of 2019. They left 30 years of warm, emotional attachments - their home, family and friends. They wanted to start a new life. They wanted to retire in a new world - On Top of the World. Hank and Jeanne Henne traveled here, seeking a new type of freedom after retiring. Freedom to play and choose clubs and amenities that offer an opportunity to do something different.

Hank joined the R/C Car Club in March; enticed by R/C car racing and the comradeship of the club. After a few weeks of racing his new brightly red R/C Ford GT, the car track closed for an upgrade. But June came around and the track reopened. He drove his motorcycle to the track and is racing today! The new shiny race track with its serpentine orange barriers is glimmering in the morning sun. We are racing again!

Hank, like so many of us, left exciting careers behind. After the U.S. Navy in 1978, Hank started delivering mail in New Haven, Connecticut, to around 500 homes. He carried mail in the sweltering summer heat, the cold rains in the fall and spring, and the snows of winter. Two back-to-back polar blizzards came to town, a year or two after starting with the U.S. Postal Service. In those days, he had to walk the

They traveled so very far with a entire route picking up his mail at relay boxes for the next block.

> Hank remembers the snow blowing so hard he would lose his way and had difficulty finding the next relay box of mail, buried in four feet of snow. The snow kept blinding him as he struggled to carry his heavy bag of mail. It was so cold that it was hard to read the letter addresses as his hands were cold and shaking. The house numbers were hard to see as the ice-crusted his eyelashes. The two blizzards lasted seven days, but he never missed a home delivery. His wife, Jennie, worked as a clerk at the same post office. They carpooled for years as just friends to their rural homes 30 miles into the country. Somewhere along with the long winding road home, they fell in love and became the lovely married couple we see today. They both retired with nearly 30 years of service. Hank was dedicated, hardworking, and loyal, as was Jennie. He enjoyed his career and laughed about the good and sometimes hard times as he described the past 30 years.

> As we return to a healthier life, our racing days are again Thursdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. and monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building. You can usually find someone practicing on most days in the morning. You are most welcome to visit us at the races, at practice, or at the monthly meeting.

# Cornhole Enjoying Their New Digs

By Jim Russell and Bill Ballweg

**OPEN PLAY:** The long wait ended on Friday, June 5, at 9 a.m. as eight lucky players took to the new cornhole courts at the Veterans Park. Hoots and hollers could be heard all morning long as groups let their bags fly at sessions held at 9 a.m.; 10 a.m.; and 11 a.m. While we were limited to only eight players at a time due to safety protocols, very first cornhole bag thrown at we were not limited to the amount the new facility was a "airmail shot" of fun we had being able to once made by yours truly and witnessed again enjoy one of our favorite activities. All agreed to follow the stringent rules designed to protect our health and safety and concluded it didn't limit us in any way from having a great time.

More good news greeted our club later in the day when management advised us that we would be hole league season may have startable to expand the number of players from eight to 16 and, effective immediately, we would be able to return to our normal weekly time schedules beginning with play on Monday, June 8.

As a result, as of this writing, we are almost all the way back to our "normal" routine with open play scheduled each Monday and Thurs-

day at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Please arrive 15 minutes early, sign-in and help set up equipment. The first 16 to sign up will play. If you arrive by car, parking is in front of the dog park. There is ample golf cart parking immediately adjacent to the cornhole courts.

For those keeping statistics, the by Bill Ballweg and Joe Lawson. I'm loving this place!

We invite all residents to join our club. Contact Jim Russell at jimrussell44@outlook.com or (352) 861-6355 for all the details on our open play format.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** The spring corned late but the intense competition showed up early. In the men's league the three-time defending champion The Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) are making plans to bury the competition and win their fourth championship. The Undertakers are a powerful team but last season they showed some vulnerability. We will see how they



Photo by Jim Russell

#### Sandy Martin and Judy Huffman were among the first players to enjoy the new cornhole facility at the Veterans

stiff competition bears down on Last season the exciting champion-

The mixed league features many existing teams with a sprinkle of new teams. The defending champions, Cornhuskers (Robin and Bill Ballweg), will attempt to hold off some very strong teams such as the No-Names. Clueless. V Team and Mixed Nuts (appropriate name

progress as the summer heat and for the team based on the players). ship was won in the last game of the last match, based on the competition this season might be just as competitive. If you would like more information on how to be a part of cornhole league play, contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com or (404) 207-5268.

# **Enjoying the Outdoors**

By Roger Bonifield

but that hasn't stopped a few of of daylight in the morning, or just us from getting out and wetting a before dusk. I, however believe the line. The best times of the day are best time to go fishing is whenever

Well, the summer heat is here, usually the first couple of hours

you can. I just like getting out on or near the water and enjoying the beauty around me. Probably due to our abbreviated social calendars, I have noticed a large increase in the number of people out walking around some of my favorite shore fishing spots. Some with a rod and reel in hand, others just strolling



Photo by Eric Hasty

Club members, Bob Kuebler, Steve Gerdes, John Raparelli and Tom Meyer show off their catch on a recent fishing trip.

around with their spouse or dog, enjoying the day. So, whatever your reason might be, get out and enjoy

our beautiful outdoors. For those of you not familiar with us, that is what Call of the Wild Sports Club is all about. Yes, we promote fishing and to some degree hunting, but really, we are just a real cornucopia of outdoor lovers, from salty old sea dogs and crusty Caribou stalkers to just a group of men and women who like sharing the story of that giant bluegill they pulled out of Cooter Pond. Although some of our activities like regular meetings and special events have been held in check due to recent events, we are still able to keep in touch with each other through our members' only website. This is where we can share information about recent fishing successes or planned future events between members.

We are still accepting new members, and hopefully will resume regular meetings and other events in the near future. Stay tuned for a positive update on that soon. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me directly at (352) 300-3601.

# Memorial Day at the Veterans Park

By Bob Woods World News Writer

nies had to be cancelled this year, an official federal holiday in 1971. residents still honored those who 
It is a day honoring the men and served by visiting the Veterans women who died while serving in Park. Originally observed as Deco- the U.S. military.

Since Memorial Day ceremo- ration Day, Memorial Day became

Many residents have purchased her husband's brick. memorial bricks honoring a veteran - friend or family member. One couple, Tom and Janis Pavlatos purchased a total of nine bricks to honor various family members.

Mary Gackowski visited her husband's brick for the first time just before Memorial Day. Irvin Gackowski was a U.S. Marine serving during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was awarded the Purple Heart during the Guam battle. for purchase once Resident Servic-Mary placed a symbolic poppy on es fully reopens.

present at the Veterans Park to view Gary's brick in the U.S. Army sec-

Both Gary and Linda Uhley were

tion. Gary was stationed for a tour in Germany where he was a cook and then transferred to become an ammunition handler resupplying ammo to those on the front line. He then was transferred back to being a cook.

Memorial bricks will be available



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Thomas Pavlatos, Mary Gackowski, Gary and Linda Uhley and Janis Pavlatos - paying their respects at the Veterans



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Janis Pavlatos and Mary Gackowski in the Marine Corps section and Gary and Linda Uhley in the Army section of the Veterans Park.





Tom Sheridan It's not often that a writer gets to reference Gen. Douglas MacArthur

and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in a single sentence. But both got to utter iconic lines that still play well today on the softball field.

Mac said confidently, "I shall return." And did. Terminator Arnie vowed, "I'll be baaack." And was.

The Softball Club, too, is back along with most other community amenities.

The club's board pulled the plug on play even before On Top of the World shuttered amenities to protect residents. Softball players, on forced hiatus since March 8, finally restarted summer league play June

Jeff Thomas, softball board chair, was beyond pleased. And that's putting it mildly. "After playing ball several times a week," he said, "withdrawal was difficult. But we're back. And that's just wonderful."

That's not to say things are completely back to normal.

Under Phase 2 guidelines, play will continue but with a strict set of social-distancing protocols. The rules, some beyond what On Top of the World posted, were designed to discourage close contact between players and include such things as no sharing of equipment and no gatherings.

Even with the summer league's late start, guys are glad to be back on the field.

League veteran Al Ott said what he missed most during the threemonth layoff was his connection with others. "I missed the exercise and the competition," he said, "but most of all I missed the friendship

and camaraderie."

The summer league has four intramural teams. Games are played Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m. Softball in the summer is probably the best free sports entertainment in On Top of the World. Sponsors and team managers include STM Golf Carts/ Dave Clune, Ford Lincoln of Ocala/ Ron Hamel, Downtown Chiropractic/Larry Burke and Hilton Automotive/Joe Lawson.

The summer league schedule continues through mid-September.

The Softball Club maintains open enrollment on its rosters to accommodate all residents. It's a great sport offering fun, fellowship and exercise. General practices are held Thursday mornings. Anyone interested in playing senior softball at On Top of the World can contact Tom Sheridan at tomsheridan.fl@ gmail.com.



Photo by Tom Sheridan He's No. 1. Max Myers shows off his summer uniform jersey before the league's first game.



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John Click chases a ball in the outfield.



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#### Ladies 9-Hole Golf

**Russ** Smith

All events and league play will remain postponed until further notice. We will continue to monitor recommendations from the experts and act accordingly. I hope that we will be back to running exciting and competitive events in the near future. We appreciate everyone's patience through this transition.

In the meantime, I will continue to help occupy your down time with another golf tip. Last month's column focused on warm-up techniques for the putting green and drills you should be doing before you head onto the course. This month we will look at the difference between pitching and chipping and which one you should favor and why.

One of the biggest course management mistakes I see around the green is that everyone wants to hit the big Phil Mickelson flop shot. As great as that shot might be the problem is no one is willing to spend the time necessary to perfect it, let alone maintain it. So, the shot ends up with such a low probability of actual working that it ends up doing more harm than good.

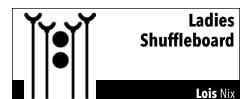
A good rule of thumb you should follow is chip whenever you can and pitch only when you have to. The reasoning behind this is the chip shot, which uses the same motion as a putting stroke, can be executed repeatedly with very little issue because the swing has fewer moving parts. This can be taken a step further when controlling the distances of your chip shot by increasing or decreasing the pendulum motion based on the distance you need the ball to go.

One of the hottest selling clubs in the golf shop is the Cleveland Smart Sole Chipper, because it is designed to look and feel like a putter but has the lie angle of your nine iron. This allows the ball to have a little height while still getting plenty of roll. With a higher probability

of executing your shot, you should spend less time chasing your ball from one side of the green to the other. This will lead to lower scores on the card.

In other news, we have started an On Top of the World Golf Club Facebook page. To join go to facebook.com/groups/OTOWGolfClub.

We also have a YouTube channel where we provide updates and tips for improving your golf game. Make sure to hit the like button and leave us a comment to let us know what you think. I hope to be bringing you news regarding the LGA-9 soon, but until then, please be safe and I hope to see you all on the course.



It is so nice to see our residents out and about and beginning to play their favorite sport. Most of all it is with excitement that the Ladies Shuffleboard Club has started their summer shuffle. Yay!

We will play weekly on Wednesdays through Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 9 and 11 a.m. We will abide by the rules, which are posted at the shuffleboard courts along with the shuffleboard rules. On Tuesday,

June 9, we had over 30 women who registered to play during the sum-

We are still accepting any women residents to come down and shuffle. You do not need to know how to play. Shuffleboard is a fun game, and has been played in Florida, St. Petersburg actually, since the 1920s. On Top of the World does supply the equipment and we have the responsibility to maintain this equipment. There will be some adjustments that will occur, but we will still be able to enjoy the game; so come on and join us. Welcome back ladies and new players! Happy shuffling to you.

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Hanging onto your golf club during this humid and rainy summer can be a challenge. And sometimes you don't even realize you have a problem until you start missing those putts and having those drives go too far right or left.

Director of Golf Matt Hibbs points to what's legal to fix this problem in rule 4.3 of the PGA rules of golf:

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Using a glove on each hand seems logical - but could get awfully hot.

Using a resin bag - like those sold in the baseball section of sporting goods stores - powders the hands, removing moisture. They cost about \$5 to \$7 and probably will last you all summer. League Tournament Chair Debby Wilson warns that it eventually can gunk up your grips.

One powder that hurts rather than helps is baby powder, which adds a silkiness that can make the club slip right out of your hands.

Some golfers carry a towel to wipe their hands before each shot.

And finally, there are the alcohol-based drying agents such as hand sanitizer or rubbing alcohol. Some have even used after shave. Try making your own mixture.

Other tips? Please share.

A message from league president Linda Taylor: "Remember to stay hydrated. Sun stroke and heat exhaustion can happen quickly. Generously apply sunscreen or wear solar sleeves. A visor or hat is also a good idea. And don't forget your sunglasses. Be mindful of the weather. If you hear thunder or see lightening, seek shelter immediately. Be safe and hope to see everyone when league play resumes."



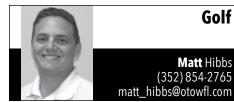
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Well we are officially halfway through 2020 and just a few days away from Independence Day. While this year's Fourth of July may not be the same as year's prior we hope everyone enjoys and appreciates the holiday.

As we continue to move forward under challenging circumstances all events and league play will remain postponed until further notice. We will continue to monitor recommendations from the experts and act accordingly. I hope that we will be back to running exciting and competitive events in the near future. We appreciate everyone's patience through this transition.

Check out and join our new On Top of the World Golf Facebook

Men's Golf

Association

group. To join, go to facebook. com/groups/OTOWGolfClub. The posts will include upcoming information regarding golf events, golf clinics, resident hole-in-ones, You-Tube videos, course maintenance announcements, and much more! Negative comments will not be accepted.

Are you or anyone you know looking to get started playing the wonderful game of golf? If so, the professional golf staff would like to introduce you to Get Golf Ready. Our Get Golf Ready program is designed to teach you everything you need to begin playing golf. Our staff will show you how to play the golf while combining fun, friends and fitness. The program is \$99 for a series of five lessons that will introduce you to all aspects of golf, even taking you onto the course in the final session. The program run continuous throughout the year so please contact either Golf Shop for more information.

Report to the Golf Shop between 8 to 8:30 a.m. to pick up scorecards and pay for the team entry fees (\$28 or \$7 per player). Team members will reimburse the captain at

Although most of our summer cultural practices were completed during our course closure, this is a great time to discuss aerification. Although you may only see the effects on the surface, the impact of aerification goes down deep into the soil profile and provides several benefits for years to come. By mechanically removing organic matter, we can provide additional pore space for oxygen, nutrients, water and provide area for new roots to grow. Aerification can significantly improve drainage, which is especially important during the summer rainy season. In Florida, the slower golfing season coincides with the warmer growing season that allows the turf to recover quickly reducing the impact on golfers the remainder of the year.

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#### World Accolades

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Doug Trondson, eagle #14. Richard Doyle, eagle #5.

hole-in-one #14. Roger Tuttle, eagle #9. Bob Mondore, eagle #7 and shot 72 four strokes under his age. Vern Ziegler, hole-in-one #6. Jim Lefaver, hole-in-one #14. Ed Hoppa, hole-inone #5.

**CANDLER HILLS:** Peggy Shanfelt, hole-in-one #5. Rosann Ross, eagle #7. Beth Wolinsky, hole-in-one #17. Bill Gurbisz, hole-in-one #13. Dean Ebersberger, hole-in-one.

#### Golf Tip of the Month

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

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

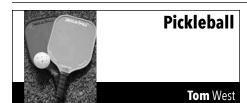
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A lot has transpired since our last column so let's get to it. The Pickleball Club has officially obtained non-profit incorporation status and has changed its name to The Top Pickleball Club, Inc. Membership voted on the name change at a special club meeting in March 2020. It took a couple of months to perform the necessary paperwork, but that is now complete. A big thank you goes out to Dave Phelps for his hard work in completing this mission.

As most of you are aware, the courts are open again. There are some restrictions in place to help protect our members. This is just good common sense, and everyone can read these guidelines posted on the gates of the courts. Please read them and adhere to them as they are in effect for all residents. Court hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Your board worked in concert with On Top of the World to develop these guidelines. Another thank you to Theresa Fields for her wisdom and guidance during this process.

As part of the new guidelines to get members back playing, the board implemented a plan to get members on the courts during club hours. This plan requires people to sign up for the days and times they want to play. Only 16 players are allowed on the upper courts at one time and another 16 players are allowed on the lower courts at one time. The board held a sign-up session Saturday, May 23 for the following week and play commenced Monday, May 25. Players could only sign up for two days, one session each day, but they could also be put on a wait list. After the sign-up period was completed the board reviewed the wait list and inserted these players in for the days and times they had requested. There were 448 spots available to sign up for and 281 of those were filled that Saturday.

On Monday, May 25 the two 90-minute sessions went extremely well, a testament to our members patience, courtesy, and versatility. Please remember that people can also play outside of club hours until 6 p.m. every day.

As of Wednesday, June 10, Tom Roach will be resuming his beginner pickleball classes. Details are on the bulletin boards at the courts.

Lastly, I would like to point out that your board has been working very hard to make our club a success. Not me as I have been sidelined with some issues, but the rest of your board deserves our gratitude. There isn't enough space here to list everything the board members have been doing, but it is plenty. Please remember, it is all for you.



We're all glad that the Arbor Activity Center Billiards Room has reopened, so let's keep it that way by following the posted restrictions

carefully. I'd like to emphasize two of these restrictions, both for the room and for anyplace else you visit.

The face mask and the six-foot distance limitation are key elements. Using a face mask has been shown to be highly effective in many other countries. It is a small discomfort, a tiny sacrifice, and one as responsible Americans we

should rigidly follow to safeguard others.

Keeping one's distance is another simple prophylactic measure, and you should actively keep this in mind in the room. Avoid the unconscious habit of sitting right next to someone while waiting to shoot, and don't walk right up to someone to talk with him. Our hearing isn't what it used to be, but having a conversation from six feet away still works, and is much safer for both of you.

I'd also suggest two more simple things you can do to protect yourself, and others. One is to wear a billiard glove, as your bridge hand is the primary part of your body that touches the table. If you haven't used a glove before they are perhaps the easiest way you can improve your game in five seconds. Your hand gets sticky and the shaft can be pulled sideways easily, especially when it's hot and humid. With a glove, it doesn't matter how humid it is that day, and your speed control improves with the consistent amount of friction every time you play. Billiard gloves are available online for as low as

The second suggestion I have is to use the same piece of chalk every time you play. If you don't have your own, just take one home from the room. That doesn't cost the room anything, as you're using their chalk anyway, and it is much

safer for everyone.

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ANECDOTE OF THE MONTH: In the late-1800s Samuel Clemens (aka Mark Twain) received a new billiard table and had it installed in his writing attic. Marveling at how precise it was, he wrote in one of his essays that the game is something of a fraud, as with the flat slate bed, uniformly responsive cushions, straight cues and perfectly round artificial-ivory balls, anyone could play the game well, and make any shot they might imagine.

He suggested that to restore interest and sportsmanship to the game, the table bed should be made wavy, and players should use crooked cues and irregularly shaped balls. I don't know about you, but I find the game challenging enough as it is, and am profoundly grateful his suggestions never took hold



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#### **Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

**Denise** Mullen

Summer is definitely here. Hydration is a key component to your outdoor activities. Make sure you bring enough water with you when you are playing golf, as our coolers on the course are not in use at this time. If you are out of water, you can use the ice chips left in your glass to help with hydration as well.

Other ways for you to keep your body hydrated are to eat fruit. Fruits are mostly composed of water. Oranges are a great source for hydration due to the fact that they are mostly water. Next time you play on a really hot summer day cut up an orange, pineapple, watermelon or apple and take it along with you and eat some every few holes to assist in keeping you hydrated.

Last month I spoke about how

your practice warm-up doesn't necessarily transfer to the golf course round. I spoke about being aware of your mental chatter and understanding that thoughts are optional. I would like to introduce you to the "think box - play box" theory. This involves eight essential playing skills. We will discuss a few in this column.

Your think box is where you formulate or prepare and rehearse for the golf shot you are about to hit. This is typically your self-talk about club selection and the plan for your golf shot execution. Once you step into your paly box (addressing the ball), your thinking should stop and you should focus on the execution of the swing you have just prepared for.

As you become more familiar with this process, you will learn to simplify your think box so that when you enter your play box it will be easier to enter and execute a shot more efficiently. It will allow you to commit more and trust you

a successful year. We would also like to thank the outgoing board for doing an excellent job.

We welcome a new member to the league. Her name is Jean Hsu. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her.

Many members are playing golf on a regular basis, and I am sure they are looking forward to a return to league. Please remember that summer is here, and hydration is extremely important. We want everyone to stay healthy and safe.

The league is open to all ladies in On Top of the World. Please contact our president Shelly Karsnitz at karsnitz1@gmail.com if you wish to become a member.

Finally, be careful out there and believe, achieve and enjoy golf.

**Candler Hills** Ladies 18-Hole Golf

**Beth** Wolinsky

Another calendar year for the golf league has begun. We look forward to an exciting year with fun activities and events. Let's hope that good weather will prevail.

A general meeting to elect officers and make changes to the bylaws occurred virtually. The changes passed and you may contact the board to see those changes. The new officers are President Shelly Karsnitz, Vice President Maria Fournier, Secretary Carla Kimball, Treasurer Joann Dellapenna and Director Iro Lisinski. We wish them

> with previous players and welcoming any new participants. At this time, we are restricted from including non-residents.

> If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (315) 528

can hit a successful shot. The first four of the eight essential playing skills are:

- Leave your mind behind: Leave the think box and go into the play box.
- Decide and commit: Trust vour skills.
- Find your balance: Be centered in posture both physi-
- cally and emotionally. Feel your tempo and dance to its rhythm: Discover a tempo that works for you.

Next month we will continue our

discussion on the other four essential playing skills.

As a reminder for your convenience, we have placed hand sanitizer at all the bathrooms on the golf course as well as at the driving range machine area. Please use it every time you golf to ensure that you minimize your risk of infec-

Please feel free to contact me with any and all concerns or questions you may have at denise\_mullen@otowfl.com or (352) 861-9712.





#### Co-Ed Recreational Softball

**Sherry** Winn

Things are constantly in flux regarding community co-ed recreational softball.

In my last columns, I announced that we would be moving to Saturday mornings once the softball field re-opened. At this writing, the men's league has resumed play on Mondays and Wednesdays with batting practice on Thursdays, once again availing the field to other groups on other days, which they were initially using for individual team practice.

We resumed on Saturday, June 27 with many safety protocols in place, while incorporating the applicable men's league adaptations for the softball field. Protocols focused on social distancing and sanitation. Consequently, the major adjustments specific to our group would recommend us to have our own equipment, including bats. Should you need to utilize a shared bat, it must be completely sanitized between users.

Safety protocols for recreational softball are as follows:

- Only residents may play.
- All players will maintain sixfoot separations.
- No gathering in dugouts or congregating in groups.
- No personal equipment will be stored in the dugouts.
- Batters will maintain social distancing and rotate throughout the dugout.

The game ball will be wiped

- down after each batted ball event. Any shared equipment will be thoroughly sanitized be-
- tween players. No celebrations resulting in physical contact between
- players is permitted. Players should bring their own hand sanitizer and sani-
- tizing wipes or sprays. I look forward to reconnecting

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I must say I have been impressed by how cooperative you all have been in following the protocols and requirements during the reopening of activities. I have also been pleased to see the tennis and pickleball courts come to life again. Let us continue to follow the advice of higher authorities and local officials to stay safe.

#### The Forehand

The foundation of every player's game is the ground strokes. Therefore, developing consistency and accuracy in the ground game, is where everything starts.

The forehand is usually the bread and butter of beginners and intermediate players because it is hit on the dominant side of the body, unlike the backhand.

The first step to consider is how to hold the racquet. My recommendation is to start with the Eastern forehand grip right from the beginning. This grip will enable you to impart enough spin, in order to keep the ball in the court more consistently than hitting a flat ball. If you are not sure about the grip, ask your teaching professional to show you the proper way to hold the racquet.

The next step is assuming the proper stance - knees unlocked, feet separation about the same as the shoulders, racquet head resting on the non-playing hand. From here, a quick hip and shoulder rotation is a must. You should line up your feet and pull the racquet back at the same time; this will enable you to accelerate the head of the racquet adequately, towards the

contact point. Once your body is sideways and your racquet is back, all you need to do, is to take some adjusting steps in order to achieve proper distance between you and the ball, and then, step forward toward the incoming ball.

In order to hit the ball with top spin, you need to drop the head of the racquet below the contact point and then, brush the back of the ball, accelerating the head of the racquet upwards. The more acceleration, the more spin you will generate. For most club players, here, you should focus your concentration first and foremost, on making solid contact and giving direction to the ball. The more advanced your level of play, the more power and heavier spin you will need.

Keep in mind that a couple of basics of good tennis are first, keeping your heels off the ground until the point is over, and second, reacting quickly to your opponent's

shot. (Too many players wait until the ball crosses the net to start moving.) You should react as soon as the ball leaves your opponent's racquet.

In order to hit the ball with under spin, your preparation will differ from the top spin preparation in that, when you pull your racquet back, you open the face of the racquet and start with the head of the racquet at a higher level than the point of contact. This will enable you to brush the back of the ball on a downward and forward path, thus causing a reverse rotation to the ball.

So, remember this: Start from a good ready position, check your grip, turn and get your racquet back right away. Step forward when you hit. Hold your finish like you are posing for a picture and recover quickly to the center of the court. You will look like a pro!

See you on the courts!



R/C Flyers

John Workman

Hello again! July is here and Florida summer is underway. The best news is that the flying field is now open and in regular use. We started off with some restrictions - no more than 10 people forward of the spectator fence and maintaining the customary social distancing space - and hope that it will not be long before even those will not be necessary. The response from club members has been encouraging, and I think that there are more flyers out there than before our move. Or maybe the distancing just makes it seem that way.

During the shutdown, management took the opportunity to make some improvements for us. The sod in the pit area has been

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reworked and is now easy to walk on. The safety fence at the pilot line has been revised and is much improved. We have new canopies over the setup tables that are much nicer than what we had been using. And there is now a beautiful "standard" white fence defining the formal edges of the R/C flying field. Thank you On Top of the World!

Since we have not been able to gather for our normal monthly meetings, the officers have had to operate with a more "informal" input from the members. I encourage all of you to keep in touch with them and find out what has been going on. Keep it polite! They have a difficult responsibility under these conditions. Most of the time you will hear of things by email from Carl or Phil but be sure to talk to any of the officers when you see them at the field.

The planned spring picnic had to be cancelled. Since the club had already purchased a rather significant door prize for the event it was decided to put everyone's name in a pot and draw a winner to celebrate the reopening of the field. That took place Saturday, May 30. When I got to the field that day, I thought that we were having an event. There were approximately 30 flyers in attendance, all properly distanced, with only eight or nine in front of the fence as required, and many new planes in evidence. One of the stars was Alex Fedele's new Corsair, fresh off the building board. He did not fly it that day, but I am sure it will be set free any day now, possibly by the time you read this. Thanks to everyone who attended.

While we will not be having our scheduled meetings during the social distancing protocols, we are still open for new members. Go by the flying field and talk to the people there. Get a membership application and get it to an officer. If you are already an experienced flyer, a simple check flight with the appropriate official is all that is needed to get you going. If you need to learn to fly, you will be put in touch with one of our experienced instructors and you will soon be on your way to joining us in this fascinating hobby of R/C flying.



The Shuffleboard Club began their summer season Thursday night, June 11. We are now playing at the Veterans Park with 10 courts instead of eight. This court was built and completed last fall. If you get a chance to see it, come on over and take a look.

The schedule for the summer is Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. Ten-Pin, is played Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Thanks to Jane Boyer, our president, for all the time and energy she contributed to get us to this point. This schedule is not cast in stone. Depending on the attendance at each session, will determine if it stays as is. The follow protocols must be followed: six-foot distancing, no guests and bring our own sanitizing wipes and water. We have a new shed to store our equipment.

During the summer season, we don't keep official scores, as we do with our regular season (September through April). Since some of our members are snowbirds and are probably away already, our numbers are less. But, for the members who are here, like me, it's a fun way to play, get some practice in and, of course, be with friends and continue the playing. But there is an advantage for those who don't now play, who want to learn how to play with no competitive action or just come down and give it a shot and have some fun and help the summer go by. You have the schedule, so pick the time that works best for vou. Remember, there is a difference between Ten-Pin, which is a specialized game and regular playing in the morning only. This time is played according to the game of regular shuffleboard.

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#### **Boost Your Immune System**

Think of your immune system as your "shield" against unwanted organisms that invade your body. In order to fight any potential invasion, you need to keep your shield strong! The past few months have presented our community with serious health considerations, now more than ever we should be taking measures to keep our immune function strong. Let us look at how the immune system works and what you can do to boost it.

Your immune system protects your body from many harmful germs, substances and cellular changes. The immune system is comprised of various organs, cells and proteins, which fight off these harmful substances. When we are healthy, and our immune systems are functioning well we do not really give it much thought. However, when this process is compromised, we get sick. Without our immune system, our "shields" are down and we have no way to fight harmful invaders. The human immune system does some amazing things (from the National Center for Biotechnical Information):

- 1. Fights germs such as bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi and remove them from the body.
- 2. Reorganizes and neutralizes harmful substances from the environment.
- 3. Fights disease-causing changes in the body such as cancer cells.

Because the immune system is just that, a "system" there are intricacies and connections that require an internal balance for it to work well. The immune system is not a single entity, such as an organ, which has a specific function. Experts agree that there is a

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strong link between healthy habits and boosting immunity. According to Harvard Health there are some important healthy-living strategies you can put into practice to help your immune system.

- 1. Exercise regularly and maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity is one of the "pillars of health." It will contribute to overall general health and therefore contribute to healthy immune function. One of the ways exercise may contribute more directly is by promoting circulation, which enables the cells and substances of the immune system to move through the body more efficiently.
- 2. Eat healthy, whole foods and limit foods that are processed. The human diet consists of macronutrients (carbohydrates, proteins and fats) which are critical for supplying the body with energy and supporting many other biological functions. There are also micronutri-

ents (vitamins and minerals) which come primarily from whole, plant foods like fruits and vegetables. A balance of all of these is important to nourish your body, which in turn can heighten your immune response.

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Control stress and get adequate sleep. It can be very difficult to get adequate sleep when you are under stress; therefore, these two often go hand in hand. The human stress response helps us rise up and meet immediate challenges, which is good. The problem comes in when we are under low levels of stress

for longer periods. This is chronic stress and is linked to suppressing the immune system. It is very important to reduce and control stress. Exercise, meditation and talking with your health care provider are all good ways to help manage stress. In addition, the quality and quantity of your sleep is critical to the healing and repair process of your body and brain. A strong body and mind go hand in hand with a strong "shield." Healthy habits strengthen your shield and boost your immune function.



#### Fit Tips

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#### Tips to Better Sleep

No matter what your age, the quantity and quality of your sleep is essential to your physical health and emotional well-being. For older adults, a good night's sleep is especially important because it helps improve concentration and memory formation, allows your body

to repair any cell damage that occurred during the day, and refreshes your immune system. Here are a few tips for better sleep.

**FIT TIP #1:** Keep your bedroom quiet, dark and cool. **FIT TIP #2:** Stick to a sleep

**FIT TIP #2:** Stick to a sleep schedule of the same bedtime and wake up time, even on weekends. Aim for seven to nine hours of sleep a night.

**FIT TIP #3:** Avoid foods and beverages that can be disruptive to sleep such as alcohol and caffeinated drinks as well as spicy foods close to bedtime.

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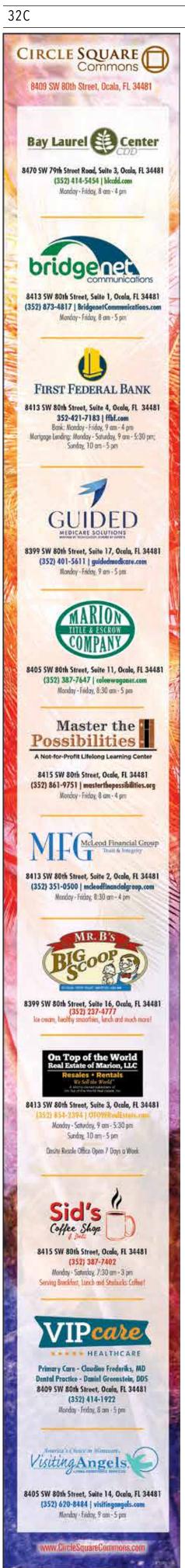
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#### **Archery Club**

Leslie McCormick

Oh, happy days! The archery range finally officially opened Thursday, May 21. Due to safety protocols established by management for outdoor activities, we initially opened to members who have their own equipment. While this initial opening limited access to many of our members, it also gave the board and range operations

staff some time to see if we needed

changes or improvements.

One of the first additions was a "found arrows" tube that is now located at the pro shop pavilion. Yes, we do miss the targets on occasion. Yes, the arrows can be hard to find. But when an archer is out searching for his or her arrow, someone else's may be found. So, we now have a place to hold them, thanks to Mark D'Addario.

The equally exciting news is that

we extended range access to all members beginning June 18. The club has 16 complete sets of equipment (bow, arrows, quiver, arm guard and finger tab) for members to use if they do not have their own equipment. For the remainder of June, members using club equipment were at the range Thursday through Saturday. Pro shop and safety committee volunteers were on hand those days to assist with handing out equipment and managing the shooting line.

Our range hours are now dawn to dusk! This is a welcomed change now that we have hot mid-day temperatures. It has been very pleasant in the early mornings. Members are encouraged to get up and out early!

We need to recognize, again, the efforts of our volunteers, especially those who helped get the range prepared. We also have talented members who have built items for the range and pro shop. There are too many names to list them here, but the work has been appreciated. Although the active committees have been the pro shop and safety,

we hope to be able to re-engage the social activities committee in the future. As with all clubs, volunteers are the heart of our organization.

There is another exciting news item to announce. Mark D'Addario shot a "robin hood." This is when you shoot an arrow into the tip of an arrow that is already stuck in the target, splitting it. According to the internet there is a one in 3,000 chance of making a "robin hood." Mark's arrows are at the pro shop for display. Congratulations to

Our club is over 100 members now. If you are interested in the sport of target archery take a golf cart, bike or easy stroll down the cart path past the garden plots at the Veterans Park and see what the range is all about. At this time we are not able to have our regular monthly club meetings but you can get membership information by contacting Bob at rpapirner@aol.com or Leslie at llmccorm74@aol.com. Any level of experience is welcome! A lot of us have not shot since summer camp!

#### **Thursday Night Bridge**

#### Jeff & Pam Bell

I am writing this in the hopes that in July we will be able to play bridge again. We are looking forward to meeting again as soon as On Top of the World gives us the green light.

It is likely that when we do resume, On Top of the World will have certain policies in place to keep us safe.

Please refer to otowinfo.com to stay current on what may be required (i.e. masks, distancing, etc.).

We meet every Thursday at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room, at 6:30 p.m. The cost to play is \$0.25 per person per evening.

This group is known for "friendly 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. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Photo by Sue Lassiter Roseate spoonbill at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park rookery.



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#### Sidekicks **Western Dance**

Paula Shira

Normally Sidekicks Western Dance Club takes a break in the summer, possibly meeting once or twice for a dessert party or a workshop to teach a specific dance.

This year, because our dance season ended earlier than expected, we have transitioned to Zoom classes. It's a different concept and it's not for everyone but the Sidekicks who have been "zooming in" on Tuesdays have been having a good time. We allow enough time to socialize and catch up on how everyone is doing and then we start dancing. A bonus is we are getting to see and dance with people who leave for the summer.

Our first zoom class was for co-

ordinators only and we managed to do eight dances without anyone giving up and leaving. We called that a success and have been adding couples every week. We have learned to shuffle in place and take small steps as we dance around obstacles in our living rooms, dining rooms, lanais and even our garages.

A special thank you goes out to the coordinators and dancers who were willing to try Zoom and give us feedback. They worked tirelessly getting the right equipment and they show up every week to support our wonderful club.

We always say the circle is never complete without each and every Sidekick and now we can add to that the Zoom room is not complete without each and every Sidekick. No matter where we meet to dance, always remember, dancing is not only fun ... it is good for you. Zoom across the floor and dance every chance you get. Dance as if no one is watching.

all the dancers:

"As we slowly recover from this stay-at-home time and move into the hot summer, I'm anxiously fall and returning to line dance, adjustments and modifications in order for dancers and those in that we are doing everything possible to provide a great time with minimal concern.

Until then, I truly miss you. I'm already planning our welcome back sessions, and waiting patiently to

I hope everyone has a great July. I'm again writing the column until we get a replacement for Vivian who volunteered to write for us these past 15 months. I hope to have more specific information about the schedule for our dance classes and monthly dance in our August column.

Just remember to "step when the



Arlo Janssen

The New Dancin' On the Top officers wish you the best for the summer months. Please stay safe and well! We want you to enjoy dancing when it returns to our great community. Please watch for any changes to our New Dancin' On the Top calendar. Currently, we have no dance plans until September.

Please mark your dance calendar for Saturday night, Sept. 12, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Automatic will provide the music for your dancing pleasure with the theme of "A Night at the Movies." The stage will be closely matched with our theme, and our tables will be colorfully decorated for this fall dance. The dress is casual, but no T-shirts, tank tops, shorts or jeans should be worn. Coolers are not permitted.

Another dance is set for Saturday, Nov. 14, with music by Danny and Johnny. Our annual New Year's Eve dance is now set for the Rec-

The Ballet Club is pleased to

announce that we have resumed

classes. Our classes are smaller

than before, and we are wearing

masks, but we are happy to be

dancing together once again. The

music is gorgeous, the dancers are

beautiful, and the dance steps feel

just wonderful. Dancing together

is a marvelous, fun-filled experi-

and these are held in the Arbor Con-

We have four classes each week,

Eugenie Martin

So, keep on dancing in 2020 and on into 2021.

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those club members who have volunteered to help with our dances in

the past and our future dances. Our

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freestyle, slow, pattern dancing,

dance flyers that you will see on the

On Top of the World bulletin board

this fall and winter with these ex-

citing themes along with ticket

sale dates for each of our dances.

Resident IDs will be required at the

time of ticket purchase and for en-

try into the Recreation Center Ball-

The New Dancin' On the Top of-

ficers are working on future dates

for 2021. For club membership,

ticket information, what the club is

about, or if you want to help with

our dances, please contact Jack or

Jean Hester (919) 291-8542, (919)

669-6919, or hestermulch@aol. com; or Donna Cottrell at (410)

591-7899. The New Dancin' On the Top Club is open to all residents.

room on our dance nights.

Keep checking for published

A great big "thank you" to all

Express Thursday, Dec. 31.

- schedule is as follows: Tuesdays and Thursday: 1 to
  - 2:15 p.m. Fridays: noon to 1:15 p.m.
  - Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15

We always welcome newcomers, and no previous ballet experience is necessary. To start, all that is needed are exercise clothes, socks, a facial mask, hand sanitizer and a bottle of water. If you want to attend, please call me first at (352) 854-8589, as some classes may already be filled.

We wish everyone a happy Independence Day and happy dancing, of course.



**Line Dancing** 

Nancy Carmack

Wishing everyone a happy summer and hope all our dancers are taking advantage of this unexpected break in a positive way. During this time that we are not having classes, there are a number of ways for you to keep dancing. There are numerous dance classes on YouTube. com, which are hosted by a number of different choreographers. Many of us are dancing at home in our garages, lanais or even driveways. It's good to keep dancing for fun, but also to get the exercise needed for our minds and bodies.

Our Intermediate line dance teacher, Freddie, has sent out a number of dances for the class to learn and practice on their own so they will be ready when things start up again.

I talked with Marilyn McNeal, and she is sending this message to **Ballet Club** 

looking forward to renewal in the whenever the light turns green for us to charge ahead! There will be charge of safety to feel confident

announce, "Come dance with me!"

drum goes thump" even when it's in your own home!

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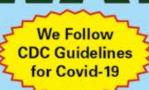
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# The Sound of Music

By Ray Cech World News Writer

When Keith and Jeanette Jones moved to On Top of the World a little over a year ago, one of Keith's projects was to rebuild his music

ily. His aunt sang opera and his brother has a gold record hanging on his wall. As a child growing up in the Bronx, New York, he took piano lessons, but when hip-hop struck his soul, he picked up the guitar and, as the saying goes, "that's all she wrote."

Keith started playing hip-hop back in the '70s and '80s. But personality and quick wit slowly transitioned him from strictly musician to that of a disc jockey and master of ceremonies. He was sought after by some of the most popular clubs throughout Manhattan and the Bronx. He has also scripted stage shows and was master of ceremonies at weddings, musical events and theatre.

If you were to walk into Keith's garage you could imagine yourself at the Abbey Road Studios. Speakers the size of a Volkswagen, players, recorders and sound systems Keith comes from a musical fam- fill half the garage. Listening to some of his recordings you will certainly be taken back to the days of Cat Stevens, Earth Wind and Fire, or Jim Croce.

> Along with his time in the music business, Keith Jones was a volunteer Guardian Angel - a citizen protection organization in New York City. He had the responsibility of training younger "Angels," and, he said, "That was one of the most rewarding jobs I ever had. The enthusiasm and spirit of those young people just filled me with hope and joy. I always looked forward to working with them."

> Keith's wife, Jeanette, spent more than 30 years teaching in the New York City school system. When she retired, she and Keith said, "Goodbye Bronx - Hello Florida!"



Photo by Ray Cech

Keith Jones in his new music studio.

# Painting & Hiding Rocks

By Bob Woods World News Writer

ed rocks? Who is painting these rocks? Why are they showing up all over On Top of the World? What do you do if you find one? There are a lot of questions along with answers.

Residents painting rocks and then hiding them is basically a community scavenger hunt. The painted rock movement is called The Kindness Rocks Project. Normally, the person painting the rock hides it (without any clues) in plain sight and hopes someone finds it and either rehides or keeps it and possibly posts a photo of it on Facebook (locally the Facebook page is called Ocala Rocks).

Painting rocks is not a new idea as it is a natural phenomenon. Artwork painted on stones date back to the Stone Age and beyond. Reportedly the oldest painting in the world was found in a cave in Indonesia. It was discovered in a remote part depicting an animal with a large body and stick-like legs. It had a diminutive head of a pig or deer once common in the country's

What is the significance of paint- valleys. With the latest scientific equipment, the painting in the cave is at least 35,400 years old making it the world's oldest along with being the first picture.

There are a number of residents who have taken up rock painting for a stay-at-home hobby. One such couple, Bonnie Placinski and her husband Bill Arlow, purchased rock painting kits from local stores. According to Bonnie, "Most of the painting kits average around \$10 each."

Bonnie and Bill travel around in the evenings with newly painted rocks placing them here and there. They do post hints on the OToW Chat Room on Facebook where the rocks are located.

Painted rocks are just about everywhere within On Top of the World even at the Veterans Park and outside at Sholom Park.

The day after meeting with Bonnie and Bill, to my surprise, there was a painted rock on my front porch. Thank you Bonnie and Bill for my first rock!

Happy hunting!

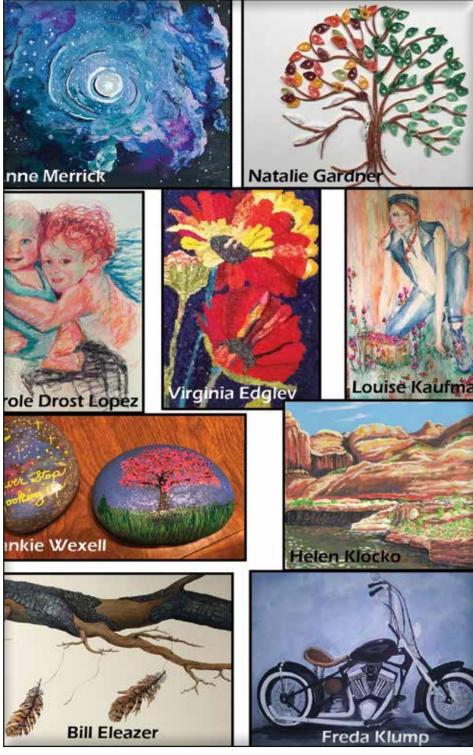


Photo by Joanie Ford

Recently created artwork by members of the Art Group.

# **Connected Through** Art

By Joanie Ford

be writing the Art Group column to May 2018 and Elizabeth Wales, for Elizabeth Wales while she is out who wrote from September 2018 of town for a few months. My husband and I moved here in August 2019 after being snowbirds from Minnesota for three years. I have been a want-a-be artist since my teens and I love the Art Group because everyone is so kind, encouraging and helpful. Many members are willing to sit down and answer questions or helpfully direct you. You don't have to have "talent" to come to our group. Some of us practice techniques or just doodle and visit. Our group meets every Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, and every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building.

Next, I want to publicly thank our previous writers - Anne Mer-

My name is Joanie Ford and I will rick, who wrote from June 2011 to present. Both of these fine artists are regulars at our Art Group. You can view their artwork, as well as some of the other artists in our group at ocalaartgroup.org.

Since we are not meeting physically during this sequestered time, we have shared our work through our leader, Anne Merrick. She corresponds with the group to connect us. When we finish an art piece, we send a photo of it to Anne, who forwards it on to everyone in the group. We can direct our comments back to everyone or just to the artist. It has been a great way to stay connected, appreciate art, and encourage others when we cannot leave our homes.



Photo by Bob Woods

Bill Arlow and Bonnie Placinski paint rocks while enjoying the great weather on their front porch.



# **Poetry**

**Alvin** Ross

and pans

#### A Cacophony of Love

It started in France with pots Then on to Italy With an aria or two They banged and sang With an outburst of love For the heroes who came Not knowing a name It spread across the ocean On a wind of love To settle in cities Both big and small Resplendent they stood In blue gowns and mask And the people cheered With tears in their eyes For these unsung heroes Though none knew their name Who looked not for fame But a simple well done They came to our shores From both far and near To deliver a message To all who would hear Together we stand To fight side-by-side And together we will win If for nothing but pride.

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#### **Dear Friend**

Maggie is my name, You must remember me. I'm just a little chubby, That's plain for all to see. We played out on your porch and even with your toy. Oh what a happy day it was, again, we may enjoy. A Valentine I'm sending, with a wag to show I care. In hopes you'll relive memories, that in our hearts we share love. Maggie De Bassett



#### **Times Like These**

In times like these We hope and pray That our good health Should stay that way

But when it's not We find out What friendship means When we can't go out

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In times like these Short or tall Stay safe, stay healthy I miss you all







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- In your camera's menu, look for "AF" or auto focus. Choose "single point focus" as it gives the best chance of getting that point somewhere on the bird. Plus, your camera will focus the quickest looking for just one spot.
- Set your Command dial to "Aperture Priority" mode ("A" or "Av"). You can do this! Go ahead, take it off "Auto" mode!
- Select the widest aperture you can ... the lowest number your lens allows, maybe a two or a four. This seems backwards, but this setting allows the most light to come in. It will give you a shallow depth of field and a blurry background like we see in John's photo.

Don't forget your ISO setting: Now that you're off "Auto" mode, you need to consider this as well. This adjusts how sensitive your camera sensor is to light. For example, you may need an ISO setting of 100 on a sunny day, and 400 on

a cloudy day.

Your selection is flexible. If you want to freeze action and have a sharp image, you can bump the number up. You also want to increase the ISO if you're shooting with a longer focal length or telephoto lens (ex. 400mm). Then you need at least 1/400th of a second shutter speed for a sharp shot. This follows the rule of thumb to put one over the focal length of your

With digital images you can take plenty of test shots to see what works best from your vantage point.

To put it all together: Try increasing your ISO while in aperture mode. Now readjust your aperture to the lowest number (two to four)

Choose a good spot and time. Stop, listen and be patient. Our birding friends know that bird watching is best done early in the day. Find a comfortable spot near their food or water. Relax and enjoy becoming a part of nature. It may take a few days to find the right place and time of day, but you will have enjoyed being present to the moment.

Since Master the Possibilities is scheduled to open Monday, July 6, ShutterBugs will offer a monthlong exhibit. This month, I will be showing some of my favorite photos entitled "Critters, Near and Far." You'll find local shots, one as far away as Antarctica and some inbetween! Please stop by and enjoy!

For up-to-date schedule information, visit otowspc.com.

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



Photo by ShutterBug John Ware

Eagle.



The Theatre Group's spectacular musical theater revue, "Snippets," is still "a go" for Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. All tickets sold for the original April dates will be honored for the new performance dates and times. Remaining tickets will go on sale in October. Should the Recreation

Center office have us change our performance dates, times or seating capacities we will publish that information as soon as possible and make any necessary adjustments.

For those who are new to the community or now wanting to join us for this theatrical thrill ride, spots for cast newcomers will be available in the fall for those who can make the commitment. For further information, contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com or (561) 235-6791.



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It's only natural to have a pang of anxiety whenever we're in the spotlight. But singing with karaoke isn't about giving a perfect performance. It's about having fun with your friends. People want to hear you. If they wanted to hear Lady Gaga or Garth Brooks, they'd buy the CDs. Besides, what's the worst thing that can happen? The worst thing that can happen is that you take to make karaoke fun instead sit there and don't even try.

Some recording stars had their start in karaoke. Mary J. Blige, known as the queen of hip-hop soul, was an unknown singer from Yonkers, New York. Her big break came when she did an Anita Baker song at karaoke. It got into the hands of a record producer and took off from there.

Taylor Swift was another karaoke sensation. At age 10, she began entering karaoke contests. Eventually she made it to Nashville, Tennessee, where she handed out her karaoke demos. By 21, she had sold over 20 million records worldwide.

Are we going to become recording stars? I doubt it. Can you have a fun time at karaoke? You most definitely can.

Here are a few steps you can of fearful:

Learn a few of your favorite songs. Make sure they are well known and in your range. How will you know if

the song is in your range? Sing along with the radio or CD. Can you reach the high notes and be heard on the low notes?

- Make sure the melody is easy to hum and that you can feel the rhythm easily. When you are comfortable you can always "ham it up" with the
- Remember the purpose of the microphone is to amplify your voice, so don't shout at the top of your lungs.

There is time now to practice and be ready for when karaoke we can return. Remember to have a microphone cover to keep everyone healthy.

We meet in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. We will let you know when we will resume.

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#### **Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr

I hope you are all well and preparing for our classes to begin again. I know I am excited to meet up with all my crafting buddies! Let's hope classes reopen soon!

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

Our group is open to all crafters - beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For information on any class or for general information, contact Kathy. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

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

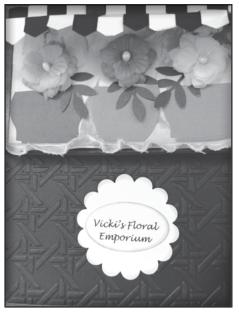


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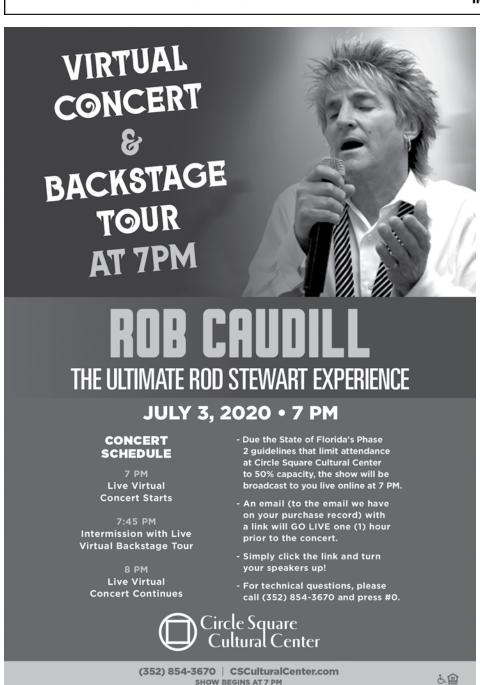


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"Breaking the Power of Negative Words How Positive Words Can Heal" by Mary C Busha is nonfiction and is labeled 248BUS.

Sometimes we are bound up in a prison of words, even words spoken as far back as our childhood. They are hard to let go of. This book will guide you to find your self worth and learn how to love yourself.

The author points out that when comforting and encouraging words are spoken, they produce the feeling that anything and everything is possible. These words place you on a pathway to healing and freedom.

She also demonstrates, through events in other people's lives, that hurtful words spoken to you are not really about you, they reflect the speaker's own pain and hurt. Know that there is nothing a person can do to fulfill someone else's expectations. Therefore, we have no need to "measure up."

Mary demonstrates her belief that you are a magnificent work of art and no one can trample your value. Simply fill your eyes and ears with positives and that will become the way you think and see yourself. She references Psalm 1:1-3 which describes a tree firmly planted.

There is a section in the book about forgiveness, but with a twist.

You find yourself empowered, no longer a victim, not fearing the abuser and setting healthy boundaries

"Skinny Dip" by Carl Hiaasen is fiction/mystery and can be found in the Florida section labeled FICH-IA. It is about murder and mayhem, where no one gets killed (except one very bad dude).

First off, there's Red. Red owns a number of tomato farms in south Florida. He dumps tons of fertilizer into the Everglades.

Next we have Tool who is Red's fixer; his all-around problem solver. Tool raids nursing homes to steal pain patches. One day he kidnaps an old woman who wants to live a little before she dies.

Chaz is the main character. Red gets Chaz the job as a water tester in the Everglades. Of course, Chaz flubs the numbers. But he thinks his wife has somehow figured out his scheme, so he tosses her overboard on their second anniversary cruise. But she comes back to haunt him. Chaz has always been a skirt chaser, but now he needs the little blue pill.

Then there's the man with the glass eye who lives among the gators. He sees that justice prevails in his domain.

"The New Atkins for a New You Cookbook" by Colette Heimowitz is labeled 641 HEI. In it you will find 200 simple and delicious low-carb recipes to prepare in thirty minutes or less. It boasts that you will lose up to 15 pounds in two weeks.

Enjoy your summer!



Jan Spielvoge

Happy Hookers continues to meet separately, and our group continues to work on their projects. In keeping with last month's "fun facts" about knitting and crocheting, this column focuses on embroidery.

Did you know that there are 60-plus different types of hand embroidery? They are categorized into five broad groups — open work, counted thread work (example: counted cross stitch), outline work and void work, and then colored work and regional specific embroidery work. They are then mixed, crossed, combined and joined together to make various embroidery designs.

If you are interested in knowing more about all 60 types, please visit sewguide.com/types-of-hand-embroidery/.

Crewel is a form of embroidery using worsted yarn. There are also benefits doing embroidery. Cross stitching and various needlework projects allow people to stay focused. Mentally, embroidery is known as logic relaxation. Forming and following patterns requires a certain logic to the practice. Focus-

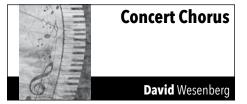
ing on a task for a long period of time has been shown to improve concentration levels and hand-toeye coordination. It also stimulates the brain's right hemisphere, which is associated with creativity. Just like we have individuals in our group who knit and crochet, there are also members who embroider.

Our Happy Hookers group is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues or agenda and no penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on. If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, 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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Concert Chorus members are anxiously waiting to see when we can start up in the fall. We currently plan to begin work on our holiday program under the direction of Michael Nagy in September if On Top of the World facilities are ready for use.

If you in early jni at (9 aol.com prepare happy with the fall.

We are seeing more and more emails among members saying they can't wait to get back together and start singing again.

Because we have not been able to meet, our officers have agreed to serve another year.

If you want to join us, hopefully in early fall, contact Mary Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or flmam68@ aol.com. Tune up that voice and prepare to join many wonderful happy voices when we start up in the fall.

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Track testing time. Three weeks ago, seven members of the train club gathered in the new train room, face masks on, hand sanitizer at the ready, to test the newly laid track in the club's new train room. The most challenging engines and train cars owned by club members were run to check for potential derailing or shorting sections of track. One style of passenger car had difficulty negotiating one of the S-curves. Civil engineers were called out, along with the track crew, and appropriate track adjustments were made. Now, every piece of running stock in the club's stable works flawlessly on this first phase of the

The next phase involves construction of a harbor around a water feature in one corner of a layout. The biggest challenge was finding the best way for trains to cross a broad body of water adjacent to the new harbor. Joe Limanowski had the solution. Remember last month we described how Joe spent a good part of his quarantine time constructing a bascule bridge near the layout's seaport?

layout.

More about this bascule bridge. Technically, it is a fixed-trunnion drawbridge, also known as a "Chicago" bascule, to distinguish this design from two other types used in the United States, so named because this design was most prominent in the Chicago area. Joseph Strauss is best known for refining the design of the type of bascule bridge used in this layout.

From the Walthers product page about this bridge: "This working model captures the same intense operation and fine detail found on actual bridges. A large concrete counterweight simulates the massive lifting assembly of the prototype. Rounding out the details are the bridge tender's shanty high in the beams and a brick trackside interlocking tower. Hidden inside the Operating Single-Track Bascule Bridge is a reliable, low-speed motor that raises and lowers your bridge like the real thing."

Joe spent 150 hours putting the



Photo by Gerald Mucci

Joe Limanowski studying location of a bascule bridge.

Walthers version of this bascule bridge kit together. The bridge opening speed is geared down so that it takes a full minute to open or close, very close to the prototype. This bridge will serve as the operating focal point in this section of train layout.

The nearest full-sized version of this style bridge is located nearby in Jacksonville, Florida. Located on the Florida East Coast Railroad, this bridge is a double track version crossing the St. Johns River where passing ship traffic is fairly heavy. It was built in 1925 and is still in operation today.

The next train club meeting is Wednesday, July 8, at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III. The Model Railroaders Club is always welcoming new members. Email the president, Jim Lynam at lynamj1946@gmail.com or me at gfmucci@yahoo.com with any questions or to confirm meeting times.



I hope everyone is safe and well. I know I am not alone thinking that I miss all my hive friends! As mentioned before, many of us are working on projects at home. We will have quite a few quilt kits ready to be distributed when we can finally meet in person again!

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

week.

Please contact Kathy Nardone at (352) 300-3063 or Rita Miller (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, we and the children thank you for all your support.



Photo by Linda Lohr Adorable animal pillows sewn by the Sewing Bees.



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#### The New **Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski

Last season we closed our performance with "God Bless America"; it is just as heartfelt today as it was Sunday, Feb. 9. While we won't use "God Bless America" to close our new program, we will continue to pay our respects to this great country in which we live.

We always look forward to reconnecting with our audiences. Our new show is scheduled for Feb. 5, 6, and 7, 2021 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7 p.m. and the Sunday show is at 2 p.m. As the band takes to the stage, you will notice four new members. We are so lucky to have them join the family!

Judy Singer is originally from Cedarburg, Wisconsin. She and her husband, Jack, moved here 15 years ago and haven't regretted one minute of it. Judy said, "My interests are my best buddy, Ike, our black standard poodle, the SPCA of Marion County, shopping, swimming, yoga, bunco, bingo, many special friends, shopping, movies, dining out, Biloxi, and did I mention shopping?" Judy's winning smile will make her very recognizable in the

Pat Smith and her husband, Bud, who reside in Indigo East, are from California and Indiana. They were high school sweethearts who reconnected after 65 years! They are having the time of their lives as they explore our community and surrounding Marion County. Pat went to Lake Forest College and majored in art. She does one or two pieces of art each month. They range from watercolors to acrylic pouring to weaving and soon some classes in clay will fill out her schedule. Pat's enthusiasm will make her a standout in the band.

John Mayfield was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, the home of Kellogg and Post. As a child, John moved frequently and graduated high school from Brentwood, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. He also graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois with a bachelor of science in business and from Washington University with a master of science in business administration. John worked for Monsanto in St. Louis, Missouri prior to moving on to Fisher Scientific in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a multi-talented musician who plays clarinet, saxophone and guitar; he can be spotted on the golf course or riding his bicycle around the community, too. John and his wife, Chris, have been here for two years, residing in Avalon. John's musical prowess will be put to good use this season.

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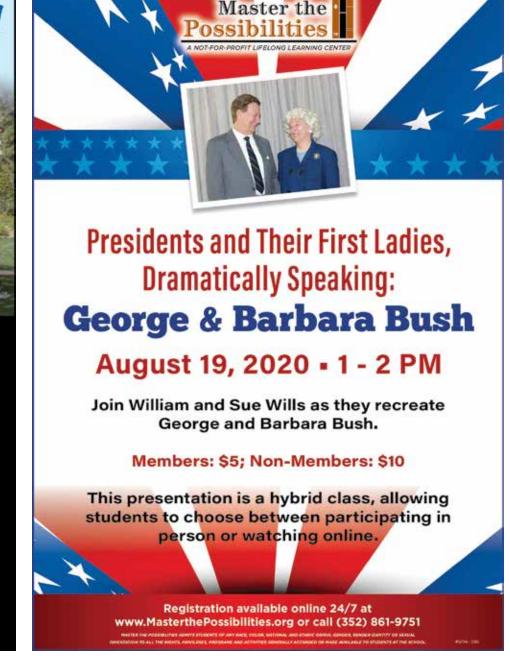
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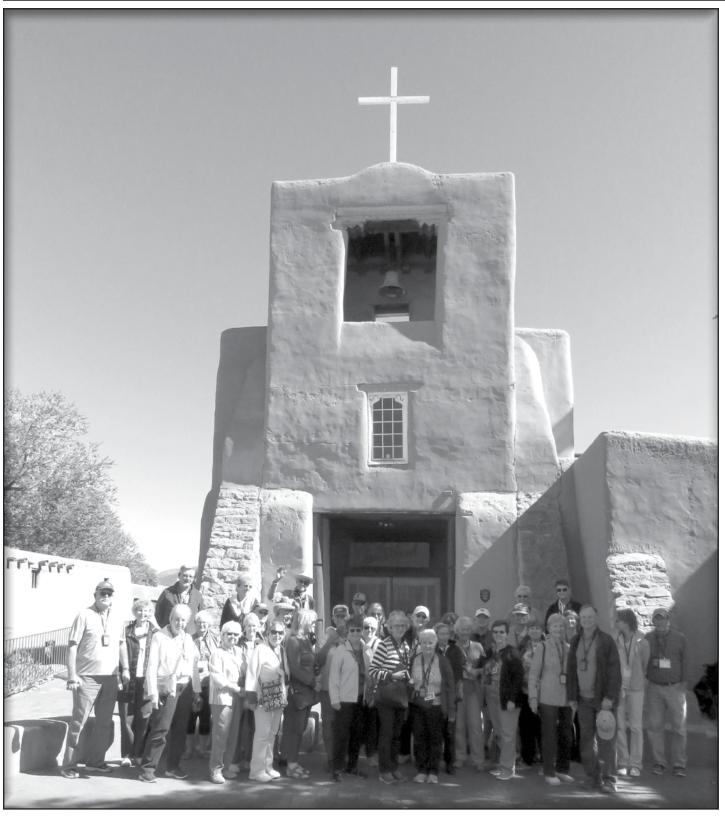
ward to the days ahead when we ual will continue to practice, prac- remember to mark your calendar can meet as a group and perfect tice, practice. We know you won't for February 2021.

The entire troupe is looking for- our show. Until then, each individ- be disappointed with the results so











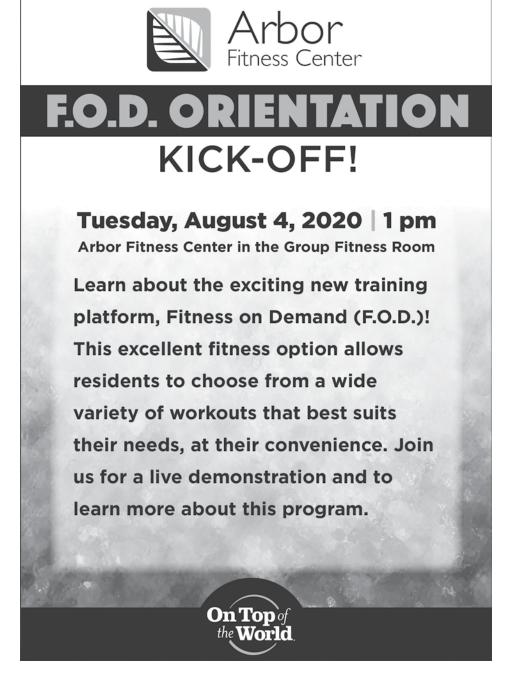


Photo by Bob Woods Residents visited the San Miguel Mission in 2019.

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# The Mission

By Bob Woods World News Writer

The San Miguel Mission, also known as the San Miguel Chapel, is a Spanish colonial mission church located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Santa Fe is the capital of New Mexico and the mission was constructed approximately between 1610 and 1626. The mission is the oldest church in the continental United States. The earliest documentation mentioning the mission dates back to 1628, meaning the San Miguel Mission was built prior to that time.

The community of Santa Fe was reportedly established in 1610 and the mission church was constructed around the same period of time. The church has been rebuilt and restored many times as it was almost destroyed during the mid to late 1600s during the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 but was reconstructed in 1710 following the Spanish reconquest and served for a while as the chapel for the Spanish soldiers.

In the mission, a wooden reredos, which includes a wooden statue of Saint Michael, dates back to at least 1709, was added in 1798. (A reredos is a large altarpiece or decoration placed behind the altar. It often includes religious images.)

The church has been repaired and also rebuilt many times over the years, but its original adobe walls are still largely intact despite being hidden by additions. The type of adobe construction used in the mission is of the Romanesque fortress church style with heavily buttressed walls and battlements on the flat roof.

The original thick-walled church bell within San Miguel Mission has the inscription "St. Joseph pray for us August 9, 1356/1856." It is believed that the eight was changed to a three during the late 1800s as a means of luring in tourists.

The mission is a U.S. National Historic Landmark. It is a huge tourist attraction for those visiting Santa Fe. Masses are still offered at the chapel on Sundays. Santa Fe sits on the site of Pueblo villages. The name "Santa Fe" translates to "holy faith."



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