

Community News

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Just When We Thought It Was Safe

After reopening the facilities, we are again being challenged with a resurgence of COVID-19. On Top of the World is fortunate because residents are mostly vaccinated. That said, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is asking people who have been vaccinated to mask-up when they are in public, because of the chance of breakthrough infections in vaccinated people with compromised immunity. Many residents have continued voluntary isolation because of concerns for their health or the health of a loved one.

In an abundance of caution, management company staff have been directed to wear masks when in close contact with residents or other employees.

Presently, no alteration in facilities' schedules is anticipated. That said, everything depends on what happens over the next 60 days. The reality is that this pandemic may be the "new normal" that we must all try and live with. The management company is operating recreational amenities and adhering to distancing and disinfection guidelines. Dealing with short-staffing has been a challenge to maintaining operations. We get it – employees must tend to their children and aging parents first. For the most part, residents have been very understanding and helpful.

Resident Services continues to experience a much higher-than-normal flow of traffic, including walk-in, over the phone, and email. This is resulting in delays and is slowing response time as they work through the service backlog. You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. Visit OTOWinfo.com, click on the "Maintenance Request" tab, and enter your request. Be sure to scroll down to enter the service you are requesting.

Kindness and compassion are the greatest of attributes any person can give another. One of the easiest ways to do this is to wear a mask whenever you find yourself in a group. By protecting yourself, you are protecting others. Management and staff really appreciate the understanding and patience many residents have exercised. Sadly, this has not always been the case. To put it bluntly, a few people have been outright rude to frontline staff members. Staff is here to assist residents, resolve concerns, and answer questions. No staff member is expected to endure verbal abuse or threats of any kind. Each team member has the authority to deny service in such circumstances, as may arise.

Summer is Winding Down

As this beautiful, wet summer is winding down, the ramp-up for fall and winter is moving into full gear. September seemed to get here very quickly. From the property management perspective, the push is to catch up the last of any rain-delayed work in the community and getting lawns and landscaping ready for what little winter we enjoy around here.

Longleaf Ridge is going full bore on construction of new homes in Phase III. This neighborhood offers a limited number of Estate Series homes fronting on The Links Golf Course. Premier and Carriage Series homes are also available in this gracious, maintenance-included neighborhood.

The newest neighborhood in Candler Hills is Ashford. Sales of Estate Series homes have been strong. Site development work will bring us a total of 341 Estate Series homesites in Ashford when completed.

Sales continue at a brisk pace in Weybourne Landing. Weybourne Landing Phase 1B is 90% sold and Phase 1B is nearly 70% sold. Construction of Phase 1C has com-

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The bi-annual Club Fair takes place Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Club Fair

By Dave DeAngelis
World News Writer

Multiple UFO sightings were reported over ... just kidding! I wanted to capture your attention to this article for the upcoming Club Fair! Heck, I even stuck a large memo on my refrigerator door – Club Fair, Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.!

Not even a TV documentary on "The Greatest Hits of Dick Butkus" (no, not musical) would keep me away from the Club Fair, a free event for residents! Sheesh ... 180

something clubs currently exist, and about 60 will be exhibited in the Recreation Center Ballroom. When again? Sept. 23!

Okay, what kind of clubs? R/C Car Club, R/C Flyers, Moonstruck Astronomy Club, ShutterBugs Photography Club, Cornhole Club, Model Railroaders Club, Antiques & Collectables Club, and the list goes on. If none of them make you sing in the shower, create your own club by following club formation requirements listed at otowinfo.com. You can find a complete list of clubs under "Activity Info" and then "Clubs & Activities."

If you are a newer resident, welcome aboard and do consider at-

tending the Club Fair to learn about the organizations, sports, crafts, and games that might be of interest to you. Meet representatives, neighbors, and new friends. If you are long term residents and are familiar with the depth of club offerings, be sure to attend because new ones have been created since the last event, sponsored by the Recreation Center and under the supervision of Theresa Fields.

Refreshments, you ask. Members of the SPCA of Marion County will again be there selling coffee and doughnuts. Hope to see you at the Club Fair!

Hmmm ... a "Dick Butkus Fan Club?" Just throwin' it out there.

Learn to Golf in Five Easy Lessons

By Susan Yenne
World News Writer

Liz Pruss retired then asked herself, "Now what do I do?"

She and husband, Joe, went out and "whacked the ball through 18 holes" on a par-three golf course but decided they needed help to take up golf. Then about three years ago, she found On Top of the World's Get Golf Ready, a five-week course for beginning golfers or those who have been away from the game for several years.

"I had never golfed and didn't know if I even wanted to," she said. Now she plays about four times a week and her husband plays nearly every day.

Four or five times a year, the five golf pros at On Top of the World and Candler Hills conduct the Get Golf Ready classes. The 15 class members, an equal mix of men and women over the last five years, meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays at Candler Hills for five consecutive weeks (the next one starts Sept. 14). Each class features two pros teaching the basics and etiquette of golf; starting with safety and putting. The second class, chipping; third class, pitching; fourth class, half and full swing; and fifth class, bunker and tee shots on the 18th hole of Candler Hills.

All that the participants need is proper golf attire – a collared shirt and close-toed shoes.

During the five weeks, the \$99 class fee allows participants to check out clubs and use all practice facilities, including the driving ranges and putting greens at Candler Hills and On Top of the World.

"It's actually better if they use our clubs instead of some old clubs they pick up at a garage sale," said Russ Smith, On Top of the World head golf professional. "They can see what they can really do with updated equipment."

Some participants take the course twice. Others move on to Get Golf Ready 2, a follow-up, \$150 five-week course that gives more in-

dividualized instruction with only 12 participants in the class and two hours of play with a pro in the final week. The Prusses took the second course together.

"The purpose is to give you a lot of good information so you can go out and play some golf and have fun," Smith said. The other pros include Matt Hibbs, Denise Mullens, Carlon Ehler and Nick Schwander. Janice Barrett, Ginger Taylor and Connie Scanlon signed up together for the Get Golf Ready course several years ago and now play two or three times a week.

"I had never golfed before and didn't even know what a shaft was," Barrett said. "I saw a flyer in

the Golf Shop window and thought it would be fun. Now we're golfo-holics."

She recommends the class for anyone who wants to learn the game. "The instructors were great and very helpful and encouraging."

Smith said the pros pride themselves on interaction. "If someone asks a question, chances are others are just too shy to ask it."

In addition to hands-on learning, participants receive an envelope of handouts including a glossary of golf terms, the types of golf swings, hand positions, chipping, aim and alignment, pitching, putting and practice techniques.

After the classes, most participants end up playing golf. "No one has ever just said, 'Nope, this is not for me,'" Smith said. He said the pros help them evaluate their game and decide the level of equipment they need to continue. Some participants opt for private lessons.

Anyone interested should contact the On Top of the World or Candler Hills Golf Shops to sign up.



Photo by Susan Yenne

Head Golf Professional Russ Smith, left, helped Joe and Liz Pruss learn to golf through the Get Golf Ready classes.

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Is It Legal?

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Q. We are citizens of (a foreign country). We recently sold a piece of real property that we owned in the State of Florida. The closing was set for a time when neither I nor my wife would be in the U.S. Can we have our money from the sale wire-transferred to our bank in (that foreign country)? And if so, can it be done in such a way as to be safe from being stolen by hackers?

A. Funds can be wire transferred from a U.S. bank to a bank in any country that permits wire transferred funds into that country. So long as you have checked and veri-

fied the correct wire instructions, the transfer should be secure.

1. Check with the bank that is to receive the funds so you can verify wiring instructions.
2. Make sure that the bank that is wiring the funds has the correct wire instructions.
3. Once you give wire instructions, you should not change them; or if it is necessary to do so, you need to verify what the new wire transfer instructions are either by going into the bank at the foreign country or talking with someone who knows for sure.

There is, however, a different concern that should always be addressed when wiring funds internationally. That has to do with the foreign exchange rate. For example, suppose you wire \$10,000 in U.S. funds to a foreign country whose currency is not pegged to the U.S. dollar. Depending on the value of the foreign currency vis-à-vis the U.S. dollar at the time of the wire transfer, you could lose a significant amount of value in the exchange.

Q. Recently, my husband and I went to an estate planning attorney to have our wills drawn. During the discussion with the attorney, she mentioned that although she was very pleased to represent both of us, in the event one of us came back to her without the knowledge of the other, she might have to withdraw from further representation. What is that all about?

A. The Florida Bar ethics rules encourage attorneys to let both spouses know that when there is joint representation, either one has the right to have separate legal counsel. This is because the two of them might have different economic interests and thus one might not want the other to have complete information about such separate or private assets or about how one intends to make distributions. One example might be where one has a separate bank or brokerage account that is made payable on death to someone other than the other’s spouse – a child from a prior marriage, a relative or friend. Simply put, a married couple can, if they choose, have separate and independent attorneys to represent them. Some attorneys might have their married clients sign a joint representation disclosure document. I don’t do that but in my own law practice, there have been occasions where I’ve met with someone who is in a second or subsequent marriage and his/her spouse has a separate attorney for estate planning. This is perfectly fine.

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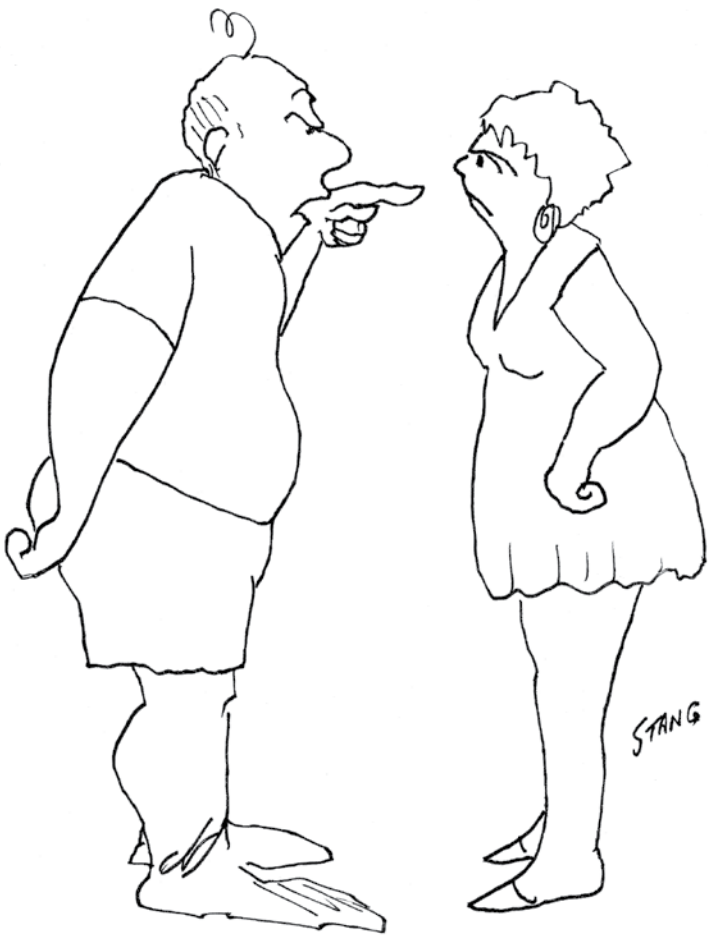
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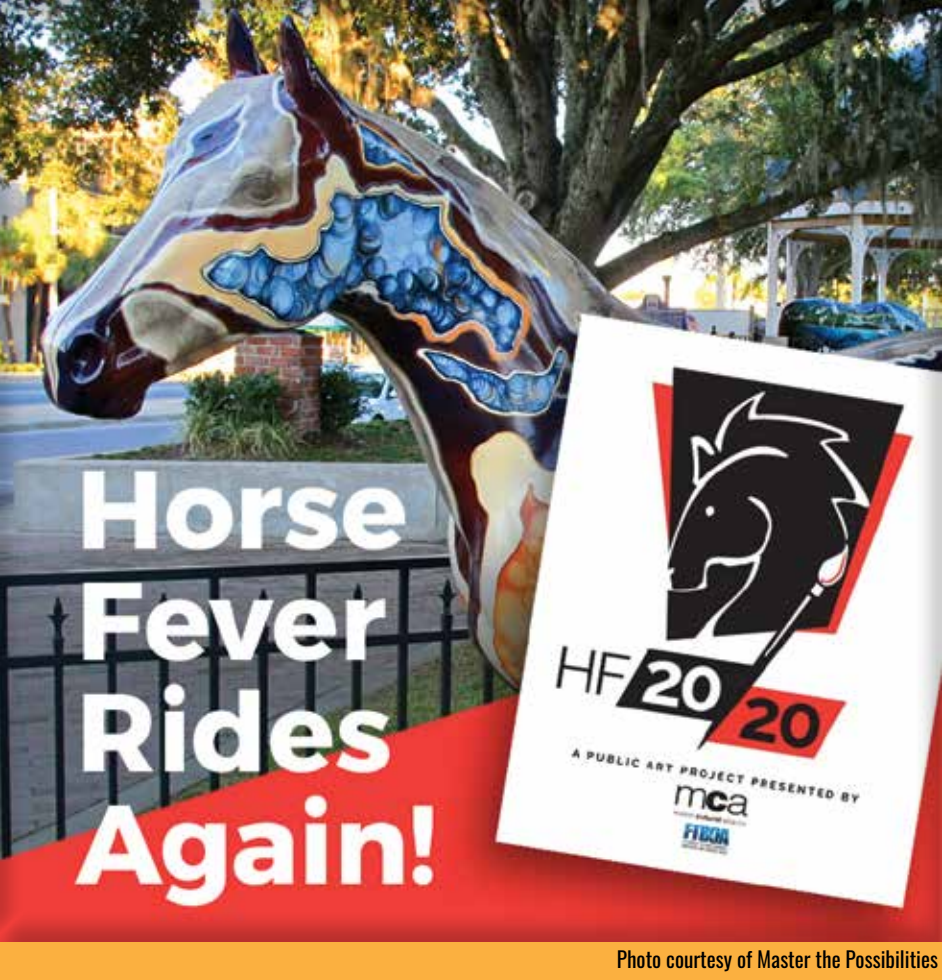
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Horse Fever co-chair, Laurie Zink, will tell the story of Horse Fever Monday, Sept. 13, in Live Oak Hall.

Lifelong Learning

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In March, Circle Square Cultural Center was visited by a herd of horses of various colors, designs, and stories. That herd has since moved to many different locations throughout Ocala to be placed on display. For those who did not visit the horses while they were on display, the meaning behind this project may not be known.

To tell the story of Horse Fever in Marion County, Laurie Zink, the Horse Fever co-chair, will be speaking at Master the Possibilities Monday, Sept. 13, in Live Oak Hall. She will be talking about all four herds, especially the newest anniversary collection, and give information on the history about this project, which was the catalyst for the creation of the Marion Cultural Alliance in 2001. Cost to attend this 10 a.m. lecture is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-members.

On the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack on the United States, Master the Possibilities will be showing a History Channel documentary from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Live Oak Hall. This documentary will show hundreds of pieces of footage and audiotape from people around New York and gives a very personal perspective on the events of that day. I did want to inform those who plan to attend that due to the fact actual footage is used in this documentary, many scenes are of a sensitive nature and could be difficult to view. There is no cost to attend "9/11 History Channel Documentary: 120 Minutes that Changed America." However, seating is limited, and registration is required.

In helping support veterans, Beverly Lafferty with Hospice of Marion County, will be facilitating a "We Honor Veterans" program Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Classroom 3 at the Master the Possibilities Education Center. The purpose of this presentation is to give area residents a better understanding of the Marion County Volunteers for Veterans program. There is no cost to attend this presentation, but registration is required.

For those who may be new residents, or just have a passion for knowing more about the local landscape here, participation in Phillip Hisey's "Landscape and Irrigation, How and Why We Do It This Way" may be a great course to attend. In this presentation, Hisey will discuss an overview of the landscape culture, including answering the "how" and "why" things are landscaped the way they are here.

He will also cover water conservation and the Florida Water Star program that includes plants and grass types used. Those who attend will receive maintenance tips and key things to look for in the yard. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. As a reminder, space is limited.

To receive a full listing of the more than 140 courses offered this month at Master the Possibilities, visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org. To stay on top of all the great and new things happening here, I would also recommend becoming a subscriber to our weekly email blast. To subscribe, visit our website for more information. For registration assistance, feel free to contact Master the Possibilities 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, at (352) 861-9751.

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menced. Despite supply disruptions, the pool and cabana continue to near completion. We are waiting on as-built certification from the civil engineer to be submitted to the County for review and acceptance. The pool is scheduled for final finish to be applied, filled, and then final paperwork put into the Florida Department of Health in Marion County. Suffice to say, we are close. The final clubhouse plans have been submitted to the Marion

County Building Safety Department, but we are at least six-weeks out for their review (and that's optimistic). At this point I have abandoned making predictions for completion of any commercial or recreational building.

Home sales across all communities are moving along at a very good pace. Interestingly, over a third of sales have been move-in ready homes. Demand remains strong, despite the many challenges we are facing in this catch-up economy. To better match demand with supply and production, sales have moved to a lottery system. Homesites are released in blocks that align with delivery capability. This method has certainly constrained growth, but it is the best way to assure that home construction avoids supply bottlenecks to the greatest extent possible.

Recycling Update

It's worth reminding all residents that plastic bags do not recycle. If you bring aluminum, metal cans, and newspapers to the recycling containers or in the curbside containers in plastic garbage bags, empty the contents into the recycling bins and dispose of the bags in the household garbage. Doing otherwise only contaminates the entire recycling stream and it will be directed to the landfill. A convenient container has been placed near recycling to place the plastic bags.

Recycling works and has saved

the association money in the long run. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Hurricane Season

The recent NOAA update on the 2021 hurricane season was concerning, to say the least. 15 to 21 potential Atlantic storms must be taken seriously. It has the management company reevaluating their resources for storm preparedness and recovery to ensure they are ready for the challenge serial storms may pose. Generally, the management company can persevere in its grounds' maintenance responsibilities, despite the month of July and August posing challenges with rain.

I will also add that the COVID-19 resurgence has impacted labor. Even those workers who were vaccinated are affected if their unvaccinated child is sent home from school positive for COVID-19. They must quarantine along with their child. Those who opted not to get vaccinated are subject to infections or quarantine if a member of the household is infected. Simply put, it is a big, hot mess right now. The management company is offsetting these labor shortages by providing landscape services through contractors.

It seems that every time the mowing crews get caught up, a long cycle of showers pushes them behind. I congratulate our crews for working so hard to keep up under the grueling temperatures, rainy days, and pandemic conditions. Granted, we need the rain to replenish the groundwater, but it does come with a price.

As we move deeper into storm season, the focus may be shifting to storm preparations. The management company is positioned to move fast on sometimes less than 24-hour notice to secure buildings and equipment from possible wind and rain damage, as well as making sure everyone is clear on their post-storm responsibilities for recovery and clean-up.

Residents are encouraged to be alert and ready to clean up personal items outside the house that may become missiles in high winds. Movable property that cannot be stored in the garage or secured in a closed room must be secured in place from high winds. If you have not prepared your hurricane kit, we urge you to do so. Please refer to page 44 in the June issue of the World News on "Key Points to Prepare for a Storm Event." To read the article online, please visit ontopoftheworldnews.com/Ocala.

Home Modifications

Residents of all communities require the prior approval of the association regarding any addition to the exterior of the home. One of the largest factors considered in the review and approval process is the wind rating on any proposed addition to the home. Many aluminum products have an inadequate wind rating. Naturally, these types of products will not be approved by the association. Check with Resident Services for details.

Finally, don't forget to update your homeowner insurance to ensure any additions to the original structure are included in your policy.

Democratic Club

Dan Lack



Our club supports the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, a former hotel that was converted into a facility for formerly homeless veterans.

HANDICAP EQUIPMENT

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The Big Red Bus® was here Monday, Aug. 2. It was a truly fantastic drive. We had 26 donations. We saved up to 78 lives. As essential persons, donors have great powers.

The Big Red Bus® will be here again Monday, Oct. 4, at the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to eat a good breakfast and drink lots of water before and after donating. Please bring a picture ID and a mask. Mark your calendar. Let's see if we can top the previous amount of donations.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but you can make an appointment. The schedule is online about two weeks before the drive. Simply log on to OneBlood.org/donate and look for the On Top of the World drive. Pick your time and you are all set. Appointments are usually taken first to try to keep on schedule. You will be sent a confirmation by email as well as a reminder when the time comes.

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All Around Our World

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It is amazing that we are already moving toward fall, although the heat makes that difficult to believe. This month, we celebrate Labor Day Sept. 6, and National Grandparents Day Sept. 12. As summer begins to wind down, take advantage of the cool pools, air-conditioned classrooms at Master the Possibilities, club activities, and our lovely restaurants to keep the heat out of your kitchen. And don't forget dessert at Mr. B's Big Scoop.

Dumpsters/Recycling

I am sure you have noticed the focus on garbage and recycling in my newsletter of late. It is important to stress that proper dumping of garbage and recycling saves you money. Waste Management is working with us in the short-term to educate our residents to place these items in the correct dumpster to avoid additional costs for contamination or over dumping. We have a short time span to correct this behavior as the additional fines will be charged to the corresponding association. Each time a dumpster is pulled, if it is contaminated or overfilled, a contamination or clean up fee will apply. To put in perspective, last month the SW 90th Street recycling dumpsters alone would have received an invoice for a total of \$640 for the one month for

contamination charges. Please do your part and help avoid these costs in the future!

As a reminder, if you receive curbside garbage and recycling, please place your garbage can or recycling bin on the curb on your day of pick up. The central locations are not for your use. Residents who utilize the central locations are asked to follow the instructions on the dumpsters. Regardless of method of pickup, Residents may visit www.otowinfo.com/garbage-and-recycling-locations/ for a list of items that may be recycled and pick up days for debris as well as curbside garbage and recycling. You may also call the number provided to arrange for a large item pickup, such as an old appliance, directly with Waste Management at (866) 684-3142.

Golf Cart Registration

Permitting for golf cart registration decals for 2022-2023 will start in October. Please see the private golf cart permitting ad in this issue. Due to the volume, we ask residents to register at Resident Services in Friendship Commons on the day corresponding with the first letter of your last name. After October, if you missed your day, you may register any day of the week. Residents are asked to bring the policy for proof of insurance showing \$100,000/\$300,000 bodily injury and all residents in the household will need to appear and sign a release to operate the cart within the community. Please note that golf cart inspections will not occur in inclement weather.

Those residents desiring a hand-

future. We are reviewing the results and we will update you regarding what we have learned.

As always, if you live in any of the Friendship neighborhoods you are welcome to join us (Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, Friendship Village). Our next activity will be Saturday, Oct. 9, for our annual Halloween spectacular. It's time to begin thinking about your costume! Who will bring home the best costume award? Details will be announced shortly (keep an eye out on the Friendship Connection Facebook page).

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Carron Janssen at (847) 529-6183 or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



Friendship Connection residents recently gathered in the Recreation Center Ballroom to enjoy the dog days of summer with a potluck dinner. The food was delicious, and everyone had a wonderful time meeting neighbors and making new friends. All who attended were so happy to be together once again.

Thank you to everyone who filled out our survey forms. This will give us a better idea of your ideas and suggestions going forward into the

Avalon Social Group

Jan Lindell



Our August potluck was another success. The winner of our 50/50 was Karen Volpe. Congratulations Karen! Also, Karen ran the potluck and did a wonderful job. Thanks. We played get acquainted bingo.

There was a short discussion of forming a committee to work on fun things to do during the potluck and the ideas were excellent. Some people would like to see a Facebook page. It was also discussed since

so many members are snowbirds, and travel during the summer, we discontinue socials in the summer and maybe change the event to every third month. Those of you who were not at the meeting, please voice your opinions via email at avalonsocialclub@gmail.com.

There was an email sent Aug. 11, to all members. Please read it. It is very important for the club to continue.

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Resident Services

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

- Closed daily, from noon to approximately 12:30 p.m. as lobby is closed for sanitizing. The entire area must be vacated while the 30-minute sanitation process is occurring. The time may vary a few minutes because of starting late due to everyone vacating Resident Services.
- Closed the third Wednesday of every month (Sept. 15), from noon to 1 p.m.

Residents needing to utilize Resident Services at Friendship Commons may continue to contact the office by phone, (352) 236-OTOW (6869), or email us at otowservice@otowfl.com in lieu of visiting. Be assured, your call or email will be returned as soon as possible. Residents may wish to submit their maintenance request via OTOWinfo.com by clicking the Maintenance tab located conveniently on the top right corner of the homepage. Just fill out the information and what service you are requesting. As a reminder, Resident Services is now located in Friendship Commons, Suite 500, and new resident orientations are by appointment only in Suite 200.

After Hours Non-Medical Emergencies

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association members, please notify Resident Services first before contacting an outside contractor for repairs such as roots in water lines, sewer backups, sprinklers damaged by mowers, etc. If it is after normal business hours and you experience some manner of nonmedical emergency, such as a backed-up commode, we ask that you please call (352) 236-OTOW (6869) for assistance. Even though Resident Services is closed, the number is answered 24 hours a day

and you will be able to speak with an after-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours person.

Hurricane Preparedness

As a reminder, we are in the peak of hurricane season and ask that you stay vigilant as tropical storms can escalate quickly. We encourage you to check your hurricane kit to make sure you are prepared. You may wish to join Alert Marion for emergency alerts to your phone at AlertMarion.com.

Power Outages

Lightning storms are a common occurrence in Florida, as you well know. However, On Top of the World does not control the power to your home. During power outages, please call your electric company to report the outage. Duke Energy 1-800-700-8744 and Teco (352) 622-0111 for electric and gas.

Lost Pets

Should you find a lost pet, please call (352) 236-OTOW (6869) regardless of the time of day. Resident Services or our after-hours answering service will call the appropriate contact to get you in touch with our local SPCA representatives to assist with getting the owner and pet back together. I want to express a very special thank you to all the SPCA volunteers. Being a pet lover, I understand the sense of loss when a pet goes missing. The work that each of you performs reuniting owners with pets is truly admirable. We thank you all!

Rule of the Month

We are again hearing about vehicles parking on the street, blocking traffic and creating safety hazards in the community. We ask that you please park in your garage or driveway and keep the roads as clear as possible. Lawn crews and vendors coming to your home are equally responsible for parking safely while in On Top of the World. Please make them aware.

Vehicles: "Each Owner shall provide for parking of vehicles off streets within the community. Except as otherwise specifically designated by the board or permitted by the declarations, no parking on grassed areas shall be permitted in the community ... No vehicle may be parked, in whole or in part, on any unpaved surface in the community. No vehicles may be parked on the street overnight without the prior consent of the association."

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Summer is just about over, and as we head into fall the grass starts to slow down, and temperatures begin to taper off. I hope everyone has been healthy and had a great summer as we look to the next few months.

Grass historically grows on a bell curve of sorts. In the spring, grass is emerging with new succulent growth, temperatures are right to keep the grass looking good without heat stress, and rainfall supplemented with irrigation has our lawns looking in top condition.

Fungus is a concern but not a widespread issue to fret or worry about such as drought. In April, the heat starts to turn up, and by mid-April our rains are almost nonexistent, and the lawns begin to show the signs of the times. May rolls in and bam, we are drought stricken and everyone is concerned with the lawn and if we are ever going to see another drop of rain.

Then about the second week of June our rains are consistent, grass is green, and it can't be mowed fast enough. July lends itself to be a bit like June. With all the rain we see insects such as web worm invasions and again we simply struggle to keep up. By August we are still getting rain, albeit, maybe not as frequently but enough to keep the mowers busy and struggling to keep up.

Then September rolls in hopefully with some cooler nights, and the grass starts to slow as the days get shorter and temperatures begin to taper ever so subtly. The grass begins to relax again, and we see temperatures and water needs balance out. By October, the grass is finally at a level of balance. Fungus begins to be more prevalent into November but is typically short lived due to soil temperature and cooler weather.

So why talk about the growth bell curve? We go through this cycle every year and this column hopefully sheds some light on the growth patterns we see in the Florida lawn. Our climate in Florida, while welcoming to the northerners, is not such a hospitable environment to the lawn and landscape. Our ups and downs in temperature, rainy and dry seasons make our landscape conditions challenging. Remember the State of Florida is in the desert belt, the only difference is that we are surrounded by water making Florida a desert oasis.

Parkway employees and contractors continue to see challenges in the landscape, inhibiting maintenance in some instances. Many times, our mowers operate through an obstacle course of trees that were not maintained, bird baths, grill covers, hoses and other items that we need residents to tend to.

Items such as owner installed trees need the canopy lifted and maintained to allow mowers to operate underneath, reducing ground workers "weed whacking." Owners in On Top of the World (Central) are responsible for owner installed plantings and it is the resident's responsibility to install and maintain these plantings in a manner that allows for proper maintenance.

As I read from the community standards, "Any homesite, which has been altered from its natural state, shall be landscaped according to plans approved by the Architectural Review Board (ARB). Any owner-installed landscape is the owner's responsibility to maintain. All shrubs, trees, grass and plantings of every kind shall be kept well maintained, properly cultivated and free of trash and other unsightly material."

We thank you for your cooperation and helping us to maintain the community.

Finding Zen

Christina Shearer
info@sholompark.org



Sholom Park is excited to share the buzz about their upcoming Fun at the Park - Let's Get Buggy 3 & Garden Show Sunday, Oct. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. This family-friendly event includes live entertainment, interactive and educational bug booths, food trucks, and a new garden show addition.

Learn all about beneficial insects on Buggy Boulevard with participating organizations and event sponsors. The Early Learning Coalition will host children's crafts, books, and interactive play. Explore the world of honeybees with local beekeepers from the Queen of America Beekeeping Club. Ocala Rocks will host a Bug's Rock Art station where you can transform a garden rock into your favorite insect. The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences Extension will host a show and tell experience with real live insects. Christian Compton, a local bug prodigy, will show off his extensive bug collection and share his knowledge and passion for insects.

Sholom Park will also host interactive exhibits on Buggy Boulevard. The Butterfly Encounter is an exhibit showcasing three different species of butterflies. Learn and explore the lifecycle of a butterfly up close and take photos while feeding live butterflies. Ladybugs are beneficial insects that eat small sap-sucking insects called aphids. Help Sholom Park release over 100,000 ladybugs into the park one cup at a time. At the Earthworm Experience, children can dig in and discover the benefits of earthworms and their extensive channeling and burrowing, which help loosen and aerate the soil and improve soil drainage. Stop by Bug Appétit for a gourmet treat. Edible insects are a great source of protein and are used by some world-renowned chefs in their gourmet dishes. Roasted crickets and toasted grasshoppers will be on the menu at Bug Appétit.

Browse, buy, or learn gardening tips and tricks from local lawn and garden professionals and UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners at this year's new Garden Show addition.

Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy the smooth soulful voice of Nashville singer-songwriter Aubrey Wollett on the Sholom Park stage. Aubrey adds a refreshing beach vibe to the country music genre with captivating sound and catchy lyrics.

Stop by Big Lee's Serious About Barbecue, Curry Coma or Sweet

Baby Cheeses for your favorite bug bites. Quench your thirst or cool down with a refreshing cup of Beetle Juice from Squeazy Lemonade or Kona Ice.

This event is free and open to the public. General and VIP parking fees for vehicles and golf carts will apply. VIP parking passes may

be purchased in advance at sholompark.org.

Keep up to date with new event details on the Sholom Park Facebook page. For more information on Fun at the Park, call (352) 873-0848 ext.7371 or visit sholompark.org.



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Let's Get Buggy & Garden Show coming up on Sunday, Oct. 24, at Sholom Park.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



The summer ice cream social was a success with 250 Candler Hills residents sampling ice cream selections and ice cream sodas as well as enjoying an afternoon of socializing. Thank you to the many volunteers who made this event possible. We really appreciate all your hard work.

The golf cart scavenger hunt and barbecue dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$22 per person and went on sale in August and will continue Thursdays, Sept. 2 and 9, at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the Candler Hills Community Cen-

ter. Brick City Barbecue will be the caterer and DJ Tim Harris will provide dance music. We look forward to seeing each ticket holder at this fun event.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 5:30 p.m. for the Mexican-themed potluck dinner at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Prepare and share your favorite dish for 10 to 15 people. Residents with last names beginning with A-I should bring a main dish; J-R a side dish or salad; and S-Z a dessert. A taco bar will be set up for your enjoyment. The cost is \$1 per person which covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, decaf coffee, and snack items. You must RSVP to Deb Keirn at (814) 571-7908 (call/text), or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net. Attendance is limited to 190 people for comfortable seating. Please label your dishes for people with dietary issues. There will be

a listing at the door of all persons who have made a reservation.

Other upcoming events are:

- Sunday, Oct. 24: Fall picnic.
- Saturday, Dec. 11: Holiday party/dance at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Some ideas that are being considered for 2022 are a casino night and an outdoor movie night.

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

The speaker series committee headed by Doug Dahlen will resume at The Lodge at Candler Hills, at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, with Brian MacNeel from the State of Florida speaking about frauds and scams. The speaker for Wednesday, Oct. 20 will be Pat Gabriel of the SR 200 Coalition.

New residents of Candler Hills, please visit candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive “The Happenings” by email to learn about events and activities. 1,350 Candler Hills residents receive “The Happenings.”

The Candler Connection Facebook group has 1,157 members. This closed Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler Hills residents

In person “new resident” presentations have resumed. Watch for future dates of this presentation in the World News and “The Happenings.”

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be at The Lodge at Candler Hills Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

See you at the above events and around the neighborhood.

Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave



The Community Emergency Response Team volunteers will have a table at the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Do stop by to introduce yourself and take handouts on disaster preparedness.

The job of our Community Emergency Response Team is to prepare for the arrival of the professional first responders when any situation (weather or otherwise) raises concern for the safety of our residents. It’s especially important when the first responders are overwhelmed by the size of the challenge.

We are trained in a system that is used all over the country. It provides a very coherent structure for responding to emergency situations by immediately setting up a chain of command and communication, prioritizing safety, identifying problems, setting up triage, and providing basic first aid of many kinds. By the time the first responders arrive, we’ve cleared the approach for them, and they already know what to expect.

Anyone can learn this system. I recently realized the importance of the “communication” aspect of our training when I read a book about my father’s experience in the Army

Signal Corps during World War II. Being able to control troops and get feedback to the leadership makes a system of communication vital. The book is “Key to Command.”

In our most recent training session, we learned how to use “skeds,” which are long plastic “sleds” really, to rescue people who are unable to walk and must be moved. We use the skeds, so the rescuers do not have to carry the injured persons; they are very effective and easy to use.

On Top of the World is growing at a much faster pace than our membership. Please consider joining our team and learning how to help your neighbors in the event of a disaster. You will receive free training from professionals of the Marion County Sheriff’s Office, Fire Rescue and Emergency Operation Center. We want to be able to help all our community members. We need your help!

If you would like to become a member of our team, please contact Beverly Case in the Marion County Sheriff’s Office at (352) 812-8185 to receive an application. The next class will begin in October.

We welcome your attendance at our Community Emergency Response Team meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room, just south of the Recreation Center and miniature golf. For more information, contact Debra Snyder at (412) 443-2930.



August's "top hat" tree in the Recreation Center.

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Indigo East

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Autumn rolls in this month and temperatures should begin to moderate. September is a nice month to enjoy our swimming pools. The pool is a great place to relax and or exercise, and a good opportunity for residents to socialize.

The facility schedules are:

- Indigo East Fitness Center: Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Indigo East Community Center: Monday through Sunday,



Birthdays – Weddings – Anniversaries



Linda & Al Rhodes – 60th Anniversary

Please email birthday, wedding or anniversary announcements to otownews@otowfl.com by the 12th of the month.

- 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Indigo East Community Center pool: Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Please note that warning signs are posted at all facilities stating, "Enter at Your Own Risk." Please take time to read the warning as you make a choice or whether to participate or not.

You are invited to take advantage of the fitness equipment and the Fitness On Demand (FOD) room. Strength training provides many benefits, including improved health, better balance, stronger bones and improved mental well-being. We have a free fitness orientation on the last Wednesday of each month. Indigo East personal trainer, Maureen McCabe, will explain all the indoor fitness equipment and outdoor Power Park equipment. Register for orientation training at the Indigo East Fitness Center office.

Mark your calendar for the annual Craft Fair Saturday, Oct. 16, at Circle Square Cultural Center and outside at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. This event is free to attend and open to the public. If you wish to display and/or sell crafts, contact Maggie Richards at (352) 387-7533.

Be advised every month we publish a monthly activity calendar. You can find the calendar on the bulletin boards at the Indigo East Community Center and Indigo East Fitness Center.

Most Indigo East events are free

with an Indigo East resident ID. Guest fees apply to anyone who does not have an Indigo East resident ID. All guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.

Social Hour

Wednesday, Sept. 8 enjoy live music with Cliff Ritchie from 5 to 7 p.m. Cliff will perform a large variety of genres including golden oldies and more recent music in the Indigo East Community Center. Light hors-d'oeuvres (while supplies last) will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite cocktail. This event is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

Trivia*

Trivia will take place Monday Sept. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. We started this game with seven tables but now we have between 14 and 16 tables. Challenge your friends and neighbors with fun questions on a broad range of topics. Make your own eight-member team and select a unique, witty name for your team. Trivia has a \$3 charge and \$5 per guest fee used for cash prizes.

August

1: Living the Dream: 2: Cunning Trivialists: 3: Smarty Pants.

Karaoke

Bring your friends, family and neighbors and sing with them in a solo, duet, or group from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. This event is great fun and will

be held Thursday, Sept. 16. You are welcome to bring your own drink and snack. This is a free event for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by resident.

Happy Hour

Enjoy Happy Hour every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Upcoming entertainers are:

- Sept. 3: Tim Hargis
- Sept. 10: Sal
- Sept. 17: Debbie Owen and Tony
- Sept. 24: Bad Kitty Band

Sassy Ladies Night*

There is a \$10 charge per resident and \$12 per guest for Sassy Ladies Night which takes Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Indigo East Community Center. Enjoy live entertainment, dancing, and light appetizers.

Community News

Puzzles are now available in the Indigo East Community Center in the cabinet under the TV in the ballroom for residents use. For everyone's benefit, please keep puzzles organized.

The Indigo East Fitness Center office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Labor Day.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6: Sassy Ladies Night*
- Oct. 11: Trivia*
- Oct. 21: Karaoke

*To register, visit the Indigo East Fitness Center office. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event.

Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss



The Community Patrol consists of a group of volunteers who commit to at least four hours a month, serving as the eyes and ears in our community. Should anything unusual be observed, we report it directly to the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). This is rare as our community is very safe.

We are not police and do not have such powers; we only report. As reported so many times in this column, MSCO does come in and patrols the community as well.

It is time once again to remind residents to be prepared for hurricanes. Please make sure you secure outdoor furniture and any items that may possibly become flying objects.

The Community Patrol always welcomes new members. Our meetings are interesting and informative. Please consider joining us! For information, contact Paul Altman at (860) 460 7632 or shelveesc@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

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

On Top of the World

FEAR FACTOR: FALLING AND INJURY!

Recreation Center
Arbor Fitness Center

Please join the OTOW Fitness Team for two comprehensive safety classes to identify how you can reduce your risk of falling and injury. We will look at safety specifics to the fitness equipment, working out, and life outside the gym. Science can help you stay safe. Learn from the experts!

- Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from 1-2 pm at the Arbor Fitness Center
- Friday, September 17, 2021, from 1-2 pm at the Recreation Fitness Center

For more information, please call 352-387-7532.

Indigo East
Social Committee

Janice Liberton



In 1963, my first heart throb, singer/songwriter Paul Anka, released a song, entitled “Summer’s Gone.” Obviously, Mr. Anka never lived in Florida, or he would have known that on average a Florida summer rarely ends in September, even though the first day of autumn will be officially ushered in Wednesday, Sept. 22. The temperatures are still warm, but the scent of pumpkin spice and apple pies baking in the oven are still most welcoming.

The name September comes from the Latin “septem,” meaning seven. Based on the Roman calendar, which began with March as the first month of the year, September was then known as the seventh month. Interestingly, there are 30 days in September which, each year, starts on the same day of the week as December, but does not end on the same day of the week.

For some unknown reason, and according to the website Spinditty, there are over 65 songs written about the month of September. The birthstone for September is sapphire and the month has three birth flowers. The forget-me-not, representing love and memories, asters, also representing love and the morning glory representing unrequited love.

So, what does the Indigo East Social Committee have in store for all of us during the month of September? A spectacular Labor Day cookout Sunday, Sept. 5. For those of us who have never attended one of these cookouts, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Tickets for this event were sold during the month August.

The ice cream social, hosted by Sandy and Phil Mercurio and Stephanie and Jerry Komar, was held in August. A full report will be given in the October issue of the World News.

There are approximately 60 days until the Sunday, Oct. 31, Indigo East Social Committee sponsored Halloween potluck costume party. The party will be held at the Indigo East Community Center and music will be provided by D.J. Frank. If you have not already done so, now would be a good time to plan your costume. Although, a costume is not necessary to attend, have fun and enjoy the party. Tickets will be sold Thursdays, Oct. 7, 14 and 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets will also be sold Thursday, Oct. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be sold at the Indigo East Community Center. Resident ID is required to purchase tickets.

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events sponsored by the Indigo East Social Committee:

- Saturday, Nov. 13: Fall craft show.
- Saturday, Nov. 20: Catered barbecue.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7: Golf cart parade.
- Saturday, Dec. 11: Christmas dessert party.


Some of these events will be by ticket only and those sales dates will be published as the events draw near.

Enjoy Florida’s less humid and sunny summer days throughout the month of September. I plan to “see you in September” ... around the neighborhood. Until next time, stay safe and healthy.

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Williamsburg
Neighbors

Ginny Nardone



When September rolls around, we expect things to change; the weather will be cooler, our snowbirds will soon return, and another season of fun and festive social activities will begin. We are planning a few things in Williamsburg as well.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m. to attend the “Getting to Know Us” social at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Jill Carel has put together a few activities to help us get to know each other better while having fun. Whether you are new to Williamsburg or have been here for 20 years, come and join the party! Bring your own beverage and a snack to share with five to six people. We will also have a 50/50 raffle and holiday party tickets will be on sale.

In December, things will be bright and sparkly at the Recreation Center Ballroom as Linda Jones once again chairs our holiday party. If past years are any indicator, we’ll be in for a lot of laughs and surprises! Save Thursday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. for the annual Williamsburg holiday party featuring a catered dinner, cash bar, and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be on sale in October.

As far as improved communication channels go, we’ve got it covered! Many thanks to Sandy Matlock for designing and launching our new Williamsburg residents only Facebook page. We will continue with email and newspaper announcements as well as event flyers to allow everyone an opportunity to access neighborhood information in their own way.

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

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Mind-body wellness is based on the concept that your thoughts influence how you feel, and how you feel influences how you think. Your mind and body are an important power couple. Therefore, it makes sense to train them together. This is the basis for mind-body practices such as yoga, tai chi, meditation, and even massage therapy. In a fast-paced, complicated, and often challenging world, it is no wonder that mind-body programs continue to grow in popularity.

The connection between your emotional and physical self is very profound. Stress can manifest itself in tight muscles, pain, stomach issues and even high blood pressure. Over, time, stress can have a very serious impact on your health. On the other hand, if you struggle with constant pain or debilitating health problems, these can undermine your emotional state. Depression

and anxiety are commonly associated with chronic pain and health complications. The good news is that by recognizing the mind-body connection, we can positively influence both physical health and state of mind.

Yoga is one of The Ranch’s most sought-after wellness programs. Yoga facilitates the mind-body connection by integrating movement with breath. The practice of yoga fuses physical movements with breathing practices and meditation. Together, these support feeling better physically and emotionally. People who practice yoga regularly often report feeling healthier, happier, and more peaceful.

This month, The Ranch will celebrate International Peace Day Tuesday, Sept. 21, by hosting a special yoga class. “Peace, Love, & Yoga” is a 90-minute class from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. under the instruction of Kathy Altum. This unique program welcomes mind-body newcomers as well as experienced practitioners.

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Summer is already winding down as we start looking forward to a new season, with festive holidays right around the corner. Overall, fall is still a warm season here in Florida, although we can still look forward to cooler weather in the evenings. The pools are very busy around this time of year so please note the following pool rules:

Pool Rules

Food and beverages in approved containers and cooler are allowed on the pool deck but must be a minimum of four feet from the edge of the pool. No glass containers or animals allowed in the fenced pool area. Guest(s) under 15 years of age may use the pool from noon to dusk and must be accompanied by parent or resident. During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guests under the age

of 15. Please keep the lap lane open for lap swimmers.

Pool rules are for your benefit and safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Holiday Hours

Please note Monday, Sept. 6, is Labor Day and The Lodge at Candler Hills office hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Happy Hour

Join us every Friday in the ballroom with live entertainment from 5 to 8 p.m. A Candler Hills resident ID will be required for entry. Guests will be permitted with a Candler Hills resident and guest fees of \$5 per person will apply. This is a bring your own beverage (BYOB) and snacks event. Entertainers are as follows:

- Sept. 3: Johnny Lobo
- Sept. 10: Rear View Mirror Band
- Sept. 17: Rock Solid
- Sept. 24: Ben Simmons

Trivia*

Join us for a night of mind-boggling questions and challenge your neighbors to a pot of gold in the

ballroom Monday, Sept. 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. (due to Labor Day). The cost is \$3 per Candler Hills resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. There are cash prizes!

August

1: Mystery Team 2: New Castle 3: Lodge-icals

Name That Tune*

Do you enjoy music? We are going to put your music knowledge to the test with "Name That Tune." Join us Monday, Sept. 20, in the ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your own beverage and snack of choice to enjoy. The cost is \$3 per Candler Hills resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Social Night

Join us Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the ballroom for two hours of easy listening music by The Mudds, while socializing with friends and neighbors! Bring your beverage of choice and enjoy light hors-d'oeuvres (while supplies last). This event is free for Candler Hills residents.

Cocktails & Karaoke

Sing your heart out the fourth

Thursday of every month with the next event Thursday, Sept. 23, with Charlie and Kathy in the ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktails and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Candler Hills residents. Guest fees are \$5 per guest and a resident must accompany all guests.

Wine Tasting & Lobby Lounge Music*

Relax and enjoy an evening of wine tasting and light hors d'oeuvres with us Monday, Sept. 27, in the lobby from 5 to 7 p.m. Mingle with friends and neighbors in a relaxing atmosphere with music provided by Preston Allen. Tickets are \$12 per resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by a resident. Tickets and resident IDs will be required at time of event.

**To register, visit The Lodge at Candler Hills office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event.*

Crescent Ridge Happenings

Lynne Salzer



On Sunday, Aug. 8, many of our Crescent Ridge neighbors attended our gathering to get to know one another. There are so many interesting people from so many walks of life. This is a truly great place to live!

Please mark your calendar. The next two gatherings will be at the Veterans Park pavilion Sunday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. Oc-

tober's gathering will be a tailgate party and the plans will be finalized when we meet next month. Bring a snack to share, your own drink, and a chair just in case the picnic tables fill up.

If you want to meet your neighbors, need information about the area, need a hand with something, or want to make new friends this is your group.

Connect via Facebook (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors) or send an email to Carol Lewis at crescentridgenhn@yahoo.com. This email address will be used exclusively for activities and reminders. You can also check the postal center bulletin board for information.

See you in September!



Photo by Valerie Ostrom

Crescent Ridge neighbors attending the August gathering.

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We are now in the peak of hurricane season, and we all need to make sure our hurricane kits are up to date along with those important contact numbers. The Marion County non-emergency hurricane hotline is (352) 369-7500

Due to the increase in the COVID-19 Delta variant, we ask that all residents are mindful of six-feet of distancing and recommend masks when indoors. Please note that all facilities have posted the “Enter at Your Own Risk” signs, and by entering, utilizing, or participating in any activity in or at the facilities, you agree to assume all risks related to the exposure of viruses.

Holiday Hours

The Recreation Center office will be closed in observance of Labor Day Monday, Sept. 6. The Recreation Center Fitness Center, Arbor Fitness Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills office and Indigo Fitness Center office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but all classes will be canceled. The pools will remain open with no change in hours. Please plan accordingly.

Line Dance Classes*

For fun and fellowship, join one of our line dance classes! It is medically proven that the best activity combining physical and mental effort at the same time is dancing!

The following classes will be taught at the Recreation Center every Monday beginning Sept. 13. The cost is \$10 per four-week class per month. Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays. Line dance tickets are on sale at the Recreation Center office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note that the Absolute Beginners class is full.

Choose your class according to your ability. The instructor is Darlene Miller, and she can be reached at darmiller222@gmail.com.

- Improver Plus (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience is required for this class. More intricate step combinations and rhythms are used in dances at this level. Current popular dances are included at this level. Improver is slightly easier than intermediate.
- Beginner Level II (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Dancers will build on their basic line dance knowledge through easier dances

with different rhythms. New step combinations and dance patterns will be taught as needed. Some prior dance experience is required.

- Beginner Level I (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): A complete season in Absolute Beginner is required with familiarity of basic line dance steps. Dancers have acquired some experience. Easy dances with some additional step patterns are introduced at this level.

Ballroom Dance Lessons*

Instructor Butch Phillips encourages anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Singles are also welcome as we will rotate partners among all willing students.

Butch welcomes suggestions from residents regarding what dances should be taught. The three-week class is held on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and the cost is \$30 per resident per three-week class.

Classes will include step descriptions for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance with an emphasis on lead and follow skills and lots of practice to music.

On the last day of class each month, video recording equipment is encouraged to record what was taught that month.

The classes are as follows: September – Cha-Cha; October – Waltz; November – Swing; and December – Two Step.

Beginner Broadway Dance Class*

Do you love musicals? “Chicago,” “A Chorus Line,” and “Grease” are just a few of the fun and exhilarating musical routines you will learn. All choreography will be inspired and styled after those foot-stomping favorites. This is a seven-week session starts Friday, Sept. 10, with no experience needed!

The cost is \$42 per person. Any comfortable shoes can be worn, but no sandals, please.

Classes are Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Dance Studio I-IV.

Tropic Trivia

We did not have Tropic Trivia in August.

TRASH COMPACTOR FULL?
Please take trash to another location. Do not place trash outside of trash compactor.

July
1: Bold & Brassy; 2: Gray Matters; 3: Wonderful Windsors.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, Sept. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Easy listening music will be performed by Stan Preston. A cash bar and hors d’oeuvres (while they last) will also be provided. This event is free for residents. Resident I.D. will be required and guest fees now apply of \$5 per person.

Happy Hour

Join us every Friday in the Recreation Center Ballroom and on the outside veranda of the Recreation Center, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The third Friday of the month will now be a “Cruise-in” Happy Hour on the Recreation Center front lawn (March through October). Join us outdoors, bring a lawn chair and enjoy live entertainment as well as viewing the showcase of cars that will be on display by many of our residents. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will have a tent onsite selling beer, wine, bratwursts, hot dogs, and hamburgers for this event. In the event of inclement weather, the car show will be cancelled and Happy Hour will move inside to the Recreation Center Ballroom.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Sept. 3: Rock Solid (Ballroom); Double Trouble (veranda).
- Sept. 10: Dave Shepard Band (Ballroom); David Beaty (veranda).
- Sept 17: Groove 41 (front

lawn); Gilly & the Girl (veranda).

- Sept. 24: George Durham Band (Ballroom); Tony Machiote (veranda).

Individual resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour. Anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that outside beverages of any kind are not permitted.

Club Fair

Join us at the bi-annual Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. If you are looking for new activities or want to meet new people, our resident clubs are a great choice. Come learn about the many exciting activity-based clubs available. The SPCA of Marion County will be selling doughnuts and coffee. All proceeds will go to SPCA of Marion County. This is a free event.

Rags to Riches Signups*

It’s that time of year to clean out your closets and garages and sell the items that you no longer need. Sign up begins Monday, Sept. 13, at the Recreation Center office. Tables are \$10 each with a maximum of two tables per person.

Rags to Riches will be Friday, Oct. 8, at the Arbor Conference Center, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Think of yourself and others and abide all safety protocols.

**To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7533 or x7498. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.*

REPLACEMENT CAR DECALS

Bring your car, resident ID, auto registration and \$10.

Resident Services

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Closes at noon for 30-50 minutes for 30 minutes of sanitizing.



BUS SCHEDULE
Monday - Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

*All times are approximate

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

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

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The Evolution of a New Home

By Elaine Morrison
World News Writer



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The Monks moved into their new home.

Final Phase

The world is still turning. Time has not stood still, and mankind is not yet an extinct species. However, an evolution of momentous proportions and great consequence has occurred. The Monks, whose

journey we have been following these many months, has ended. They have taken possession of and moved into their new home.

Oh, happy day! The endless decisions concerning major appliances, placement of furniture, what to keep and what to put into storage, window treatments and the packing, packing, packing. Oh, happy day indeed! It has arrived.

The daily watcher of the progress no longer needs to make his report. He has intimate familiarity with the project, from start to finish.

When they come up for air after taking their heads out of the dozens of boxes, the Monks express their delight. "The wait has been well worth it," says Pam Monk. "We feel quite blessed and look forward to wonderful shared happy times in our beautiful new home with family and friends."

Kestrel is the name of the neighborhood of the new home. It represents a small falcon, whose habits include keeping their nesting sites year after year. As we leave the Monks and thank them for sharing their story with us, we wish them much good luck in their new nesting site for many, many years to come.

It's All Fun & Games

By Nancy Meininger

As the fourth quarter begins, the Jewish Club is proud to announce a membership growth approaching 200. Alongside this growth has sprung a new crop of volunteers who are strengthening bonds among us and allowing us to broaden our programs.

Each meeting features a Jewish moment in time, followed by an activity. We have speakers, entertainers, fun and games, and serious discussions. We support fellowship and friendship among all members. Our mission is to provide a place to mingle; to learn about Jewish history and culture.

Weekly meetups have become a popular event – short coffee dates to see friends and share news. The group alternates between Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli and The Pub every Friday, at 10:30 a.m.

Planned events coming up are a member only bagels and lox luncheon with speaker Pat Gabriel

to unveil all the new happenings along the SR 200 corridor. The event is from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills, Sunday, Sept. 19.

In October, our membership will be entertained by Grammy Award nominee Sheba, Queen of the Blues. This meeting runs from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

November is our much-anticipated barbeque picnic at the Veterans Park from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs, beef and veggie burgers will be served up. Tickets are required.

In December, we will close the year with a Hanukkah party at The Lodge at Candler Hills from 12:30 to 3 p.m. to celebrate the season.

Membership in the Jewish Club is \$18. For daily information about the club, check our Facebook page (The New Jewish Club of On Top of the World). If you have questions, call Nancy Meininger at (352) 554-0757.



Photo by Gail Levine

Sharing fun and games with friends is what the Jewish Club is all about!

Looking Forward to the SpaceX Starship Launch

By Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, Aug. 12, in the Hobby Building Event Room. Club President Di Paolo presented information about the SpaceX Starship, the intended workhorse of the SpaceX mission in the United States. According to the SpaceX website, the huge Starship is "a fully reusable transportation

system designed to carry both crew and cargo on long-duration interplanetary flights, and help humanity return to the Moon, and travel to Mars and beyond." Club members were fascinated by the presentation about the Starship and its promise in this new age of space travel from Planet Earth. Di Paolo also announced the next NASA webcast

for club members – a presentation Thursday, Sept. 9, by NASA Project Manager Phil Dabney regarding the launch of LandSat-9 Thursday, Sept. 16. In addition, he discussed the upcoming Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 23, as plans are being made to have a table for the club in the Recreation Center that day.

At the meeting, Vice President Larry Isenberg discussed club business and news. Then John Bridges provided his customary overview of the August night sky, featuring the locations of the moon, the planets, the international space station, and several celestial objects of note throughout the month. Club members have come to rely on Bridges' information-packed monthly up-

dates, which inspire them to spend time watching for astronomical objects both at night as well as in the early morning hours before sunrise. Ed Hayes also provided members with a well-illustrated overview of astronomy charts and books to use for careful observation of deep-sky objects in the heavens. He focused on several hard-copy resources that have been published over recent decades. They provide exceptional detail about the locations and make-up of objects to be seen with telescopes and binoculars.

Di Paolo reminded club members to watch for emails announcing evening observation sessions on any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky. Members are welcome to arrive and stay as they wish throughout the evenings. All sessions are held adjacent to the R/C flying field; on some occasions they can last longer into the nighttime depending on the appearance of interesting deep sky objects to observe. The club will continue to take precautions regarding the pandemic during observing events. Updated instructions will be provided in emails announcing each session.

Regular meetings of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. All residents can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15 per year, and they include a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. Indigo East residents require a Gateway of Services pass to participate in the club. For information or club registration, please contact Moonstruck Astronomy Club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com. More information is always available on the club's website at moonstruck-astronomyclub.org.

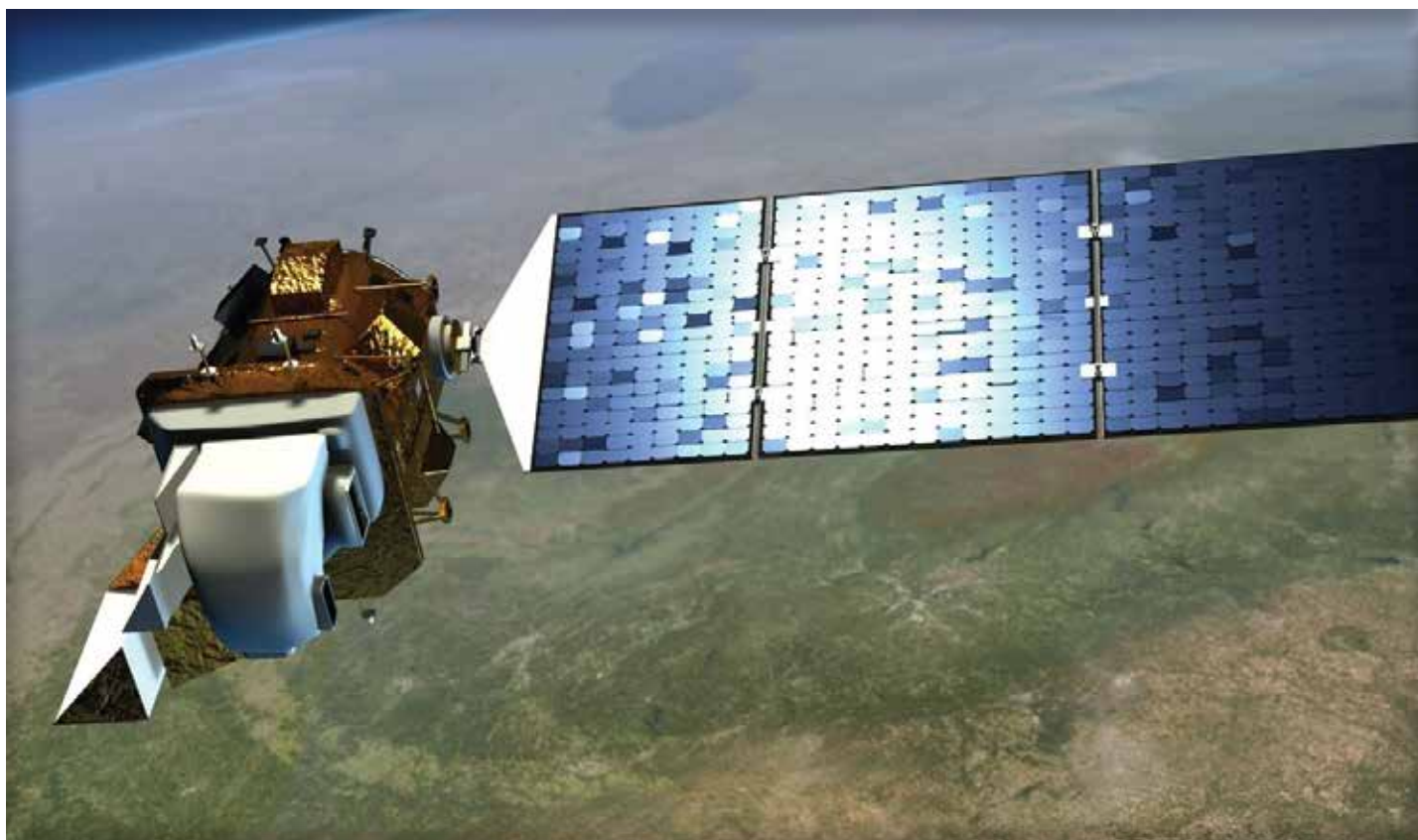


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Lions Club

Gail Morris



Members Veronica Ryan, Chelsea Nowatka, Danielle Bless, Casey DeLuca, Nora Neely and Patricia Mullis helped our Lions Club grow again in July. They are the members of the Lions Club at Ameris Bank. Welcome and thank you for the work you did gathering Stuff the Bus supplies for the Marion County School District. We were glad to assist our branch with a \$200 donation for the supplies.

We are continuing to be as active as we can be with a variety of projects. We are continuing to collect socks, stuffed animals (no button eyes) and books for the children that are seen in the emergency room at AdventHealth Ocala. Estelle, our current chapter president, is the point of contact for this on-going project at (352) 861-7358.

We want to express our thanks to the Walmart Supercenter at 9570 State Road 200 and the Walmart Neighborhood Market at 7855 SW State Road 200 for their grants of \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively. These grants help our club provide to our community.

We are also now able to assist Interfaith Emergency Services with their Food 4 Kids program as

they resume providing backpacks, through the schools, for the hungry children of Marion County. Our club is starting this school year off with \$300 worth of food for the program thanks to the generous support of Walmart through their donated gift cards.

Although our club as all others have not been able to have our usual fundraiser activities involving residents, we are hoping we will be able to schedule our “Tacky Tea” in January. Maybe you’ll have a hat that will match Tracey’s funny hat.

If you are considering a service organization to spend your time with, consider our Lions Club. We plan to be available at the Club Fair, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

John “Moses” continues his gathering of eyeglasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling from our drop off locations, one is located at Resident Services.

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

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. You can also contact Estelle Michelson, our membership chair, at (352) 861-7358 for more information.



Photo by Ron Broman

Where in the world grows this small tree?

Native Plant Group

Ron Broman



Where am I growing? You have the question; now let me tell you about myself.

For those who consider it important, I’m a rather short tree; four feet approximately. Some of my kind can reach up to 20 feet, given the right conditions. And what, you may ask, are those “right conditions?”

Well, in the Florida panhandle, open landscapes are okay if there is enough moisture. Most often though, you’ll see us in partially shaded ravines or steepheads (ravines with water percolating at the base).

Further south, where I live, we need partial to full shade during the summer and fall. I suspect, when things get warmer, more of us will need more shade.

Where my “protector” planted me about 10 years ago, other trees have grown up around me so that the sun has a real job trying to filter through. As a result, I haven’t been able to produce flowers more than once or twice.

My leaves, though, are deep green and glossy; rather beautiful, if I say so myself. When I do fashion

flowers, they are a bright crimson red and look like a spider or a star. In fact, some folks include “star” in my common name.

Now a confession “they say” is good for the soul; so here goes. When one of my leaves is crushed, the odor, to some, is not pleasant. To others it reminds them of a special herb sometimes used in cookies especially at holiday times. That word is part of my common name.

I suspect that I’ve said enough about myself to allow you to figure out who I am and where in On Top of the World I am growing.

By the way, last month’s “where in the world” candidate was my cousin, the Ocala or yellow anise, *Illicium parviflorum*.

Thanks to my “protector” for transcribing this column. (He thinks he understands plant language – sometimes.)

Oh yeah! And now allow me, the so-called “protector” to invite you to call (352) 861-4560 if you know where our tree is growing. If you know her name, common or botanic, so much the better. If you do, a small native plant is yours.

Call also if you wish to join our Native Plant Group as we maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail and arboretum, the SW 94th Street circle, and the Belleview Library native plant garden.

Remember, growing native is notably nice and natural!



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Tracey Hodge our “Tail Twister” adding a bit of laughter to the meeting.

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Tech Tips

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What is Wi-Fi? Is it Secure?

Wi-Fi is all around us. Everywhere we go the internet is just a click away, and we attribute that to the development of wireless communications. With this constantly available and always-on access to the internet, there is an ever-growing concern for what, and who has access to our most sensitive infor-

mation. Wi-Fi is the colloquial name for the wireless networks that connect our personal devices to the internet and each other. This invisible bridge is all around us and when connected, it allows us the convenience of moving through our homes and offices without the need for a physical cable to tether us. These highly convenient Wi-Fi networks are generated by many different devices such as routers, access points, and extenders. While each device varies in how it functions, they universally broadcast their wireless networks through your home and workplace, allowing devices to connect to them.

While the ease of access to this network makes it convenient in your home, it also makes it a tempting target for hackers and other online threats. To protect people and businesses from this sort of attack, wireless routers deploy security protocols that help to prevent unwanted access to your network. These protocols encrypt your information and provide a strong deterrent to hackers. With every year though, the bad guys get smarter, and so IT professionals work to adapt and thwart these unlawful attacks. To aid in that effort, our technology and security protocols are constantly evolving to help keep people safe.

These security standards have matured under many different names with many different functions, and they are more important now than ever as we become increasingly dependent on the internet. The security offered by modern routers is highly effective at protecting you from online attacks. Most routers made after 2019 utilize WPA-2 or WPA-3 standards, and they are potent shields for you and your family. If you find that you're using an older router with a security standard other than the WPA-2 and WPA-3 versions, it's advisable to look into updating your equipment to something that does.

Computer Club

Chris Kilbride



Every Saturday, at 9 a.m., the Computer Club meets for an hour via Zoom to answer both PC and Apple related questions regarding software and hardware. Our otowpcclub.org website will give lots of great information about our group. As you are quietly tucked inside

your hotel room, you would think you'd be safe using the wired or wireless internet connection after being given the password. Sorry, hotels acting as your internet service provider (ISP) have administrative access, and the right and ability to monitor any and all traffic. They can go into the router and snoop on their guest traffic which is going through their hotel network.

Depending on how the hotel network is configured, yours and surrounding rooms might be connected through a hub which sends everything it gets to everything connected to it. Neighboring guests using computers should ignore it, but it's there for the taking for anyone to "sniff" your internet traffic — just like an open Wi-Fi hotspot. What can you do to become more secure? Start by making sure your computer software firewall is enabled. When accessing sensitive websites, check that you have an

"https" (s for security) connection. Usually this is the default for most websites. The hotel could see that you are using a certain website or service, but not the information being exchanged, like buying something with your credit card.

When downloading email via POP3 or IMAP, or sending email via SMTP, make sure those connections are encrypted. Check with your email provider for the appropriate settings. Research setting up a Virtual Private Network which encrypts all your communications, even through the hotel's network. A VPN is an additional paid service so you can be secure throughout the year. It is highly recommended not to use a free VPN. Perhaps the easiest solution is to use your smartphone as a secure Wi-Fi hotspot which can perform all of your tasks using your data plan. Even if you run over your data plan during vacation, it will be a small additional fee on your phone

bill to stay secure. When going to the museums, restaurants, airports, libraries, or any public facility offering "free Wi-Fi" for their customers, remember, whoever is offering the Wi-Fi is in control. The mission for you is to be in control of your own security. Residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on otowpcclub.org or email otowpcclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us. Each Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m., members enjoy free online one-on-one instruction or in-person help sessions in the Hobby Building, discussing their PC or Apple computer, smartphone or tablet issues. Members may list on our website any computer related hardware for sale or to give away. We keep the meeting fun and offer suggestions and possible solutions to help our members. Hope to see you on Saturday!

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Genealogical Society

Peter Parisi



The Club Fair will take place Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center. If you are interested in exploring your genealogical roots but are not a member of the Genealogical Society, stop by our table, and we can explain how we help our members discover their families' ancestors.

Since March 2020, the Genealogical Society has used Zoom to share with its members some fascinating presentations that increased our knowledge of research tools for obtaining information about our ancestors.

Donna Cunningham, our education chair, presented three different webinars. One was on setting up a plan to research genealogical information available at libraries, another on using land records, and the third on using church records to further our research on our ancestors.

Thomas MacEntee, a renowned genealogist, presented two webinars. One was using Google to search for websites to obtain genealogical information on your ancestor and another was on how to obtain genealogical documents on your New York ancestors.

Donna Moughty presented a webinar on finding records on your Irish ancestors.

Why obtain information on our long-lost ancestors whom we never knew? Because it's about our family and why our ancestors would leave their parents, siblings, and their homeland to come to a new country to make a new life for themselves. Many of them did not speak English, were uneducated, and had limited job skills. It could not have been easy.

The pursuit of our family history is a study in perseverance of the human spirit. Using genealogical records, we can determine how our ancestors succeeded in making better lives for themselves and their families after they arrived in America. The hardships they overcame is what makes us who we are today. Capture those memories and stories that were passed down from your parents and grandparents and write them down. If you don't, these precious stories may be lost forever. While your children and grandchildren may not be interested now, someday they be thankful to you for preserving this family history for future generations.

If you are interested in joining the Genealogical Society, contact Wilma Kelly at otowgens@gmail.com. Annual dues are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

All of the following meetings take place at 10 a.m. Members will be notified by email by our club president, Paul Belter, whether the following meetings will be in person or via Zoom.

On Monday, Sept. 13, we will hold a board meeting.

On Monday, Sept. 20, Pat Richley-Erickson also known as "Dear Myrtle. Your Friend in Genealogy" will give an educational presentation, "Women are From Venus" on finding your female ancestors.

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Travel Toppers

Anne Parker



Travel Toppers Tours has been here to serve the residents for 30 years. We are a non-profit group administered by resident volunteers. We are willing to train new volunteers for escorting our tours or for taking trip reservations.

We are planning visits to the Suncoast Broadway Theater, formerly known as the Show Palace, to see "A Christmas Story: The Musical" Saturday, Dec. 18. A leg lamp, pink bunny pajamas, a cranky Santa, and a triple-dog dare are just a few obstacles between Ralphie and Christmas. This musical captures the seasonal wonder with heartfelt hilarious songs, show-stopping dancing, and delicious wit. The cost of \$78 per person includes the bus trip, lunch, show, dessert, and all tips. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to reserve your spot (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday). There are only 54 seats available.

We will also travel to the Sun-

Tall Tale Travelers

David Cranmer



The Tall Tale Travelers RV Club is looking forward to a new season of events starting in September. The club is open to all residents interested in the RV lifestyle. Whether you drive a motor home or a tow a camper – or you'd like to know more about RVing – please join us. Membership is free. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Club members schedule rallies throughout the year at RV resorts that are of interest to members. Rally activities may include area tours, shopping, dining, boating, hiking, and fishing as well as other

coast Broadway Theater Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, to see “Ring of Fire” featuring the music of Johnny Cash. This portrait of The Man in Black features over two dozen of his classic hits including “A Boy Named Sue,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” and “Ring of Fire.” This musical is performed by five actors, singers, and musicians who perform with 20 different instruments. The price is \$78 per person and includes the items listed above. Reservations for this trip will begin Monday, Sept. 27, and will be limited to 54 persons. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to reserve your spot (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday).

Details on an additional trip to the Suncoast Broadway Theater for "Camelot" in May 2022 will be available soon.

We have planned a 13-Day Denali Explorer cruise and tour that departs on May 22, 2022. The six-day land tour includes Fairbanks, Denali Lodge, and McKinley Lodge. The seven-day cruise begins in Whittier with visits to Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and ends with a two-day tour of Vancouver. The cabin prices per person with double occupancy

include all fees and taxes, ship-board gratuities, transfers, motor coach to/from Tampa International Airport, insurance, airfare, Vancouver hotel, Vancouver tour and Victoria's Butchart Gardens tour. Prices are MB mini-suite with balcony, \$5,963; DB deluxe balcony cabin, \$5,708; BB balcony \$5,606; and interior, \$4,661. Contact Allan Rickards at (352) 390-3075 to book.

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

Do not wait to book the Alaskan or the Columbia and Snake Rivers cruises as the cabins available are limited and cruise prices are increasing.

Visit traveltoppertours.com for more information.

Midwest Heartland Club

Elaine Sullivan



Please note that our club is no longer meeting. We had fun and I hope you will consider forming state clubs that are more manageable.

I so appreciated meeting so many people and all your help and enthusiasm for the club. If I can be helpful in forming smaller clubs, please call me at (505) 401-1257. Keep up the joy!

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Rhode Islanders to Meet Up

By Judy Parisi

What general was second only to George Washington in the Revolutionary War? It was Nathanael Greene of Rhode Island.

We enjoyed a wonderful tour of the Nathanael Greene Homestead in Coventry, Rhode Island this summer and had the opportunity to learn about his contribution in the War for Independence. Greene was born in the Potowomut section of Warwick, Rhode Island and later moved to Coventry to run the family's foundry.

Greene was somewhat of an unlikely person to achieve military success. He had asthma, walked with a pronounced limp and was a devout Quaker. Before the Revolutionary War broke out, Greene joined the Kentish Guards, a local militia. They initially felt he was not suitable for the militia due to his significant limp. He struggled to reconcile the Quaker opposition to warfare with his support and participation in the War for Independence.

After the battles of Lexington and Concord, Greene rushed to Boston to offer his assistance. The general assembly in Rhode Island ordered a

force of 1,600 men in service with Greene as their commander. This force was designated the Rhode Island Army of Observation, later integrated into the Continental Army by the Second Continental Congress in 1775.

Greene met George Washington when he took command of the patriot forces outside of Boston beginning a lifelong friendship. Greene showed himself to have excellent administrative abilities. Washington appointed him quartermaster general in 1778. In this position he made new contracts with suppliers, improved supply routes and significantly improved the feeding and clothing of troops. He retained however his right to command troops in the field. He resigned from the quarter master position in 1780 and went on to succeed General Horatio Gates as commander of the Southern Army. He remained in the military until 1783.

At the end of the war, he was deeply in debt in that he pledged his own monies during the war to feed the troops. He turned the homestead in Rhode Island over to his brother. However, due to his efforts in the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina against Cornwallis, Greene was awarded money and land from South Carolina and Georgia. He sold the South Carolina land he was awarded to pay the bills for the rations of his Southern Army. He settled with his wife and children in Georgia on an estate, Mulberry Grove, north of Savannah. He was there only briefly until his passing in 1786.

We would urge visitors to Rhode Island to take the opportunity to visit the many sites of historic significance.

As we go into fall, it's time for our Rhode Island Group to get together for a lunch to share stories and remembrances. Our luncheon will be Wednesday, Oct. 13, at noon at The Club at Candler Hills. An email will go out in mid-September to the group. If you have not attended prior lunches and would like to join us, please email judith.parsi@gmail.com so we can ensure you are on our email list.

Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger



Michigan is often referred to as the water wonderland for its endless miles of shoreline and numerous inland lakes. Standing on the shore of Lake Michigan in Glen Arbor, the tiny northern town named for grapevines hanging from trees, we were awestruck by the turquoise hue of the quiet waters at the base of the sand dunes. The beach that stretches out the length of several football fields before it turns to an indigo depth beyond. Glen Arbor is a fascinating village filled with history and charm just waiting to be discovered.

Exploring on the Leelanau Peninsula has become a favorite passion this summer. We've taken our boat though the narrows of Lake Leelanau across North Lake to the tiny seaport of Leland whose residents have lived there for many years. One marina on the inner canal houses 12 boats - 11 are woodys, highly polished mahogany crafts gleaming in the sun. The homes that line the water's edge are an eclectic mix of historic and mod-

ern, some wrapped in trees so thick it is hard to see the skeleton except for the roof and the dock out front. Others are almost all glass, so the outside lives inside no matter the weather.

22 miles in the other direction on South Lake Leelanau is a tiny pull up tiki bar where the friendly restaurateur runs out on the dock to help you tie up. Serving margaritas and Coney Island hot dogs, we knew we had made the right stop.

Further up the coast in Northport, we saw snow markers eight feet tall. Chatting with the locals, we found out the population after Labor Day drops to a mere 200 to stay the winter though. We saw harbors of sailboats and quirky yard art. We noted that this is the land where American Eagles fly freely and swoop down to fish in the fresh icy waters. We have also observed many deer crossing the highways we travel. It is nice they share this wonderland with us!

Michigan Club meets on the first Sunday of every month, at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. Bring a potluck dish to share of one of your favorite Michigan dishes.

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R/C Car Club

Gene Mangold



“Crash! Boom! Bang! Oh, this is awful.” These are the sounds of R/C truck racing (sometimes). Here is a story about a shell protecting all the delicate components of an R/C truck. Chassis parts such as a speed controller radio receiver, battery, tie rods, shocks, motor, and wiring can be damaged in a crash.

So, here’s my story about a body I don’t mean anybody, I mean me. My name is Fisher Body. I’m magical because I can talk and tell you about R/C truck racing. I am not one of those sexy, flashy bodies covering those legend cars. I am a body of substance and I protect a real R/C car. I am made of Lexan; the stuff they use to make bulletproof shields. I am vitally important to saving a truck in a crash.

Here is a short narrative of the club announcer over the PA on a recent race, “Drivers start your race at the tone (buzz), and they are off. It’s clean around turn one. Ken and Dominic are in the lead. Nice pass Fred. Oh, there’s a little bump-

ing on turn two. Dominic’s way out in front; he’s turning around three. Now he’s approaching turn four, and he stalls. Look out drivers there’s a stalled car on turn four. (Crash, crash, crash!) Careful marshalls, about picking up the cars on the track. Lookout Fred! Lookout Ed! I can’t believe you drivers can’t see that crash. Marshalls get out of the way; this could be nasty.”

So, my friends, several distracted drivers crashed into a stalled vehicle. I was in the last truck, and I did not have enough space to stop. I only got dented and scuffed, but the chassis parts underneath my body did not get damaged. The other trucks were not so lucky; there were busted tie rods, displaced batteries, and leaking shocks. It was nasty.

Racing is fun to watch! It’s entertaining with cars turning over and flipping, vaulting over the wall, and crashing. Fortunately, the marshalls quickly untangle the mess, and racing continues as if it never happened.

After a bad crash, the drivers settle down and demonstrate their awesome skill of skidding around the curves at fantastic speeds, expert passing, accelerating, and braking. There is strategy too, such as drafting, pacing, and patiently waiting for the right time to make a



Photo by Gene Mangold

Ed Sobolewski and Terry Altman both saying, “Not my fault!”

dash to the finish line.

So please come out to the R/C car track Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m., and watch me trying to protect my truck. Ask for Fisher Body and I will tell you all about cars and R/C racing.

August

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R/C Flyers Club

Dan Gaffin



Stepping up to be the president of a club is a large task at hand. Getting to know the person behind the title can prove to be very interesting and the president of the R/C Flyers, Carl Schneider, is a clear testament to this. Carl Schneider was elected president of the R/C Flyers Club in 2019.

Carl is not simply someone who loves the hobby of flying R/C planes, he devoted his entire life’s career to the pursuit of the science of flight. He has an extraordinary personal history in aviation and engineering. Carl relates that his love of this field all started one day in high school, the day that he saw Alan Shepard blast off into space on TV. From that moment one he felt he found his calling.

After completing high school, he attended the University of Ala-

bama and worked as an intern at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). While interning, he was mentored by some of the greatest minds at NASA; one individual was Wernher von Braun, director of MSFC in Huntsville, Alabama. As an intern, Carl was able to work on the latest studies in rocket engine development and testing.

Carl graduated from college with a degree in aerospace engineering and then moved to California to work on ICBM engines with Rocketdyne. He later took a position with U.S. Airforce Contract Management as chief of quality assurance of flight engines which also involved the overseeing of more than 85 employees. He remained in this position for 15 years.

Carl then took a position at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Here, he served as a senior executive and received a congressional appointment as director of quality and reliability of all 10 NASA space centers.

In 1998, Carl decided it was time to take a slower pace in his career so he left and became a consultant

for Penn State University. Penn State needed his help to set up a quality management system so that the university could meet the requirements of NASA. Carl ended his consulting career, fully retired, and then bought a farm in Pennsylvania. Retiring did not stop his love for aeronautics.

Next, he obtained his private pilot license, flew his own Cessna 210 airplane, and self-built his own private airfield and runway. His airfield was certified as an official airport which he proudly named the Schneider Air Park. Carl decided that he had enough of the cold weather and moved to On Top of the World in 2018. He continues with his love and passion of flying R/C planes, which include three jets. Carl contributes a lot to the R/C Flyers Club and he is a great asset to our community.

The Fall Fly-In is coming up Saturday, Oct. 30 (alternate Oct. 31), at the flying field and will be open to all AMA or Canadian equivalent pilots. These pilots can fly at no cost. Refreshments will be available for purchase and parking is free.



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Carl Schneider, president of the R/C Flyers Club.

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SPCA of Marion County

Melanie Vittitow



For those who are not familiar with us, let me explain who we are. The SPCA of Marion County is a group of volunteers who are committed to helping pets in need in Marion County. We do not receive support from the national ASPCA, so we rely solely on donations and fundraisers. Therefore, we ask for your help.

Last month, the SPCA asked for volunteer fosters. This month, we are asking for donations of dog and cat food for the Marion Senior Services Meals on Wheels pet program. We supply gallon-sized bags of food and a few treats to be delivered to those seniors on the Meals on Wheels program who can't afford to feed their animals.

Currently, there are over 100 animals in this program, so we use a lot of pet food. Your donation would really help. We need dry food for both dogs and cats. We put small or medium sized dog biscuits in the doggie bags and three-ounce sized

cans of cat food in the kitty bags. For safety's sake, we only use food brands made in America.

If you want to help with this request, you can drop off your donation on the porch of Evelyn Holiday at 8880-C SW 94th Street in Friendship Colony.

In September, we will resume setting up our table at the Thursday Farmers Market at Circle Square Commons. You can always drop off donations there. We thank you and the hungry animals thank you.

I am happy to report that the Spaniel we had in foster care last month has been welcomed into a very caring family in Avalon. We took in two small dogs since then, but they were adopted out before I could even advertise them. So many people our age prefer a small dog, but we just never know when we will be asked to help find one a new home.

We still have a variety of cats (no kittens). You can see them at SP-CAofMarionCounty.weebly.com or call Paula at (352) 300-0172 for an appointment to meet them in person.

Since we work out of our homes, we have a monthly meeting to discuss business and activities. The

meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. (Sept. 16). We were hoping to have secured a new meeting place by now, but we are still working on it. If you are planning to attend, please call us at (352) 362-0985 and we will call you as soon as we know.

Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell



"Friendship" was adopted as the Texas state motto in February 1930. Texas or Tejas was the Spanish pronunciation of the local Indian tribe's word Teyshas or Thecas meaning friends or allies.

"Friendship" is also the theme of our September get together of the Texas Connection Social Club. We'll spend some time getting to know each other, strengthening our Texas ties, renewing old friendships, and making new ones.

Our meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 12, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II at 6 p.m. Feel free to start moseying in after 5:30 p.m.

This will be a "bring a snack to share" type gathering, so please contribute a hearty appetizer, snack, dessert or other goody for the group and a preferred beverage for yourself.

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Meanwhile you can learn more about what we do on our Facebook page (Marion County FL SPCA) or visit SP-CAofMarionCounty.Weebly.com or call us at (352) 362-0985 if you have any questions. And remember: "Pets are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole."

We'll be collecting dues of \$10 per person for returning members and new folks who want to join. There will be a little membership form to complete. Bring your reading glasses if you use them or you'll have to get someone to take dictation!

There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Tickets for the 50/50 are \$1 each. The money from dues and the 50/50 is used for expenses such as paper products, game supplies, prizes, compensation for outside entertainers and club provided food for special occasions.

October meeting will be a salute to the largest state fair in the United States, which of course is the State Fair of Texas! For November we're working on a Texas-style Family Feud game.

If you have a connection to Texas and are looking for some Texas style fun and friendship, please contact us. We welcome the opportunity to share more information about our group and get you on the email list for club news and notifications. Contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

What's Cookin'?

Elaine Morrison



Several issues ago, I wrote about my dislike of baking. I am always on the lookout for recipes that require minimum preparation and are delicious despite that. I have found many that fit the category and am happy to share the following two outstanding candidates.

Macaroons

5-1/2 cups sweetened flaked coconut
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract

Mix ingredients together and drop by a teaspoon full on parchment paper lined baking sheets. Bake at 315 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes, until the edges brown.

Magic Cake

1 box of any cake mix
1 can of any pie filling
3 eggs, beaten

Make up your own combinations - spice cake with apple filling, chocolate cake with cherry filling, or lemon cake with peach filling. Let your creativity take over. Bake at 350 degrees in a 9- x 13-inch cake pan or bundt pan until the cake tester comes out clean, about 40 minutes.

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Women of the World


Mary Purfeerst



Women of the World is meeting again! We hope to see you Friday, Sept. 3, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The doors open at 12:30 p.m. and our meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Our September theme is “Let’s Talk Women of the World.” Our president, Amy Waller, will bring the membership up to date on all that is happening with our club and what to expect this season.

Active Singles Club

Pat Jocelyn



September was named after the Latin word “septem” which means “seven.” We know September is the ninth month in our calendar year, so why “seven?” Mystery solved when we discover September was the seventh month in the early Roman calendar.

In current times, many cultures associate September with the beginning of a new season, as a time to refocus our energies. Here in Central Florida, we’re starting to see a slight drop in temperature and the daily rains of summer have begun to diminish. That means we can “refocus our energies” to include more day trips, fall festivals and other outside activities that are scheduled over the next few months in the Ocala area.

The Active Singles Club is also taking advantage of the more moderate temperatures. We have a members-only pool party scheduled this month. Member reservation sign up must be submitted by Sunday, Sept. 5, to activesinglesotow@outlook.com or on our Facebook page.

In addition, planning continues for a kayaking trip and zip lining adventure.

We haven’t forgotten those of us who wish to continue participating in inside activities. We have our ongoing monthly game night held at the Indigo East Community Center. Bring a game or join someone else who has a game you want to play.

We also started a new “card”

We will have an ice cream social for you to enjoy and two speakers from our yearly charity, Operation Shoebox. We bring donations every month for Operation Shoebox; the other charities we support are monthly, which means we pick one for a month and bring those needed donations. The next month will have another charity. We are not asking for any donations this month, please just come, enjoy and be ready to be filled in on the club’s program for the season. We hope to see women from all neighborhoods as we restart and move forward. Every woman from every neighborhood is welcome; resident ID or Gateway of Services pass re-


quired.

We do have a very immediate need for the club – the secretary’s position. Our current secretary is moving so we need someone to be willing to take on the duties. The need is immediate, the first meeting on Sept. 3 will be her last. The secretary’s duties include taking minutes at the monthly meetings, taking minutes at the board meetings, receiving any correspondence received by the club and write a column in the World News every month.

Please come join us – and remember to bring your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. This will be needed at the door as you enter

Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone



This is truly a milestone month for our club! After more than a year of waiting and wondering, we will have our first meeting of the 2021-2022 season Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio IV. During our time apart, we have found creative ways to stay in contact with other members through small group gatherings and, of course, our March picnic in Sholom Park which many of you attended. Nothing can take the place of an in-person meeting and that we shall have!

This first meeting will be a wonderful opportunity for us to reconnect and meet new members who recently joined the club. Please take note that we have a room change for this month only. Plan to attend

as well as when you pay your dues of \$15. Some prior members still have their nametags, so please wear them. If you prefer, wear your mask; however, masks are not mandatory. Okay – so we’ll see you Friday, Sept. 3, at The Lodge at Candler Hills at 12:30 p.m.! Golf cart transportation will be available to bring you to the front door – the parking lot is quite large. We’ll have dessert ready for you and a wonderful program. Our Operation Shoebox chairperson, Sandy Selesky, will be one of our speakers and will have all the information you need for the charity and what their needs are. Operation Shoebox is truly an inspiring charity.

and share coffee, tea, and refreshments as well as plenty of time for us to meet and greet. As always, we will have a 50/50 raffle, so you might even go home with a little extra cash! We hope to see you at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio IV. For more information about the Scandinavian American Club, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine



For those of us searching for an idyllic retreat for some laid-back down time, you would be hard pressed to beat the small municipality of Nago-Torbole, Italy. It is in north-central Italy, about 50 miles north of Verona, is bounded by a lake and the Monte Baldo Mountain range. It consists of two separate villages; Torbole, a fishing village located on the north shore of Lake Garda, and Nago, situated in the hills one and a quarter mile above Torbole. These two small villages have a combined population of 2,895 people.

The history of settlement in the region goes back to prehistoric times, as well as being colonized during the Imperial Roman times. In 1440, the Venetians hauled 25 boats and six galleys from the Adriatic Sea to Lake Garda by water and overland to be able to wrest control of the lake from the Milanese. This effort cost them 250 oxen and 15,000 gold ducats, which would be a bit over \$3 million today, plus the cost of the oxen, of course. This enormous effort illustrates the value placed on the lake and the surrounding area.

One of the cross-Europe trade routes went through the region, as well as the lake itself offering an easy means of transporting trade goods all up and down the shores of the 32-mile-long lake. The lake supported a major fisheries industry, and, in the old days, the slopes of the mountains seemed to be an inexhaustible source of firewood and game. Finally, the climate and soil made the land a bountiful agricultural area.

Lake Garda has a surface area of 143 square miles, which makes it the largest lake in Italy. The geometry of the mountains in the region funnels a steady wind through the Nago-Torbole area, which makes the municipality a haven for sailors and windsurfers. The locals also have banned the use of motorboats in the northern part of the lake, which adds even more to its charm.

If you were to go to Nago-Torbole, you would be rewarded with breathtaking landscapes and views of the lake. Goethe was so charmed with the landscape's beauty that he renamed it "the land where lemons bloom." The Natural Park of the Monte Baldo Mountain range, known for its botanic richness, is called "The Garden of Europe."

One of the most popular activities in Nago-Torbole is to take a funicular (cable car) up Monte Altissimo di Nago, the highest peak in the Monte Baldo Mountain range. The funicular will take you to a landing site at 5,577 feet, where you can enjoy some awesome views. For the adventurous, you then can continue up a hiking trail to the very top of the mountain at 6,820 feet, with even better views.

Other activities could include visits to some very old churches, such as the church of Sant' Andrea, first mentioned in a document dated 1175, and San Vigilio, the parish church of Nago, dating to the late 16th century. There are lots of hiking and biking trails, wonderful restaurants, and marvelous people. Oh yes, the web also says that Nago-Torbelo is noted for its many shops selling high quality Italian ice-cream. Yummy!

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A lakeside promenade in Nago-Torbole, Italy situated on the shore of Lake Garda. If you look closely you can see the funicular that will take you to 5,577 feet, near the top of Monte Altissimo di Nago.



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POP Tennis, Anyone?

By Dave DeAngelis
World News Writer

You move to On Top of the World, have an interest in tennis, and dream of winning masters' tournaments ... this, having never played tennis here. You share your ambition with the pro who asks if you've ever heard of a guy named Walter Mitty and suggests Googling POP tennis. POP who? Not who, but what, and this is how the humble beginnings of POP tennis organizer, Jim Sullivan began in 2019; all because of a suggestion by our tennis pro, Jorge Privat.

Jim got his feet wet by play-

ing against experienced POP doubles players and he quickly fell in love with the game. He thought – hmmm, I really need to spread the word about POP tennis; and on the Facebook OTOW Chat Room page, posted an invitation for others to learn the game.

Twelve brave souls showed up the first day, and the group quickly grew to 18. One day a week became two, the club blossomed to 40 members, and Jim is now devoting much of his time to the POP Tennis Club as well as the Guitar Club.

So, what is POP tennis? Imagine tickleball ... a cross between tennis and pickleball.

The POP tennis paddle has a perforated, softer striking surface unlike the solid striking surface of a pickleball paddle. It is also larger and slightly heavier than the pickleball paddle, and shorter than a tennis racquet. The POP tennis ball is almost identical to a traditional tennis ball but has 25% less internal pressure, offering a forgiving bounce – we don't have to risk blowing out a hamstring chasing the ball!

Of course, in pickleball, the ball is constructed of a hard, perforated plastic.

POP tennis can be played on a standard tennis court, but with

smaller adjusted dimensions – 60- x 21-feet versus 78- x 36-feet for a tennis court, and the court is dual marked for singles/doubles.

The serve is underhand like pickleball, and unlike tennis, you only get one serve over a net that is the same 36-inch height as in tennis. Overall, the rules are generally the same as tennis as in scoring, with the exception that after 40 (not age) in POP tennis, the next point wins ... game!

Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8 to 10 a.m. are group times at the four courts located at The Arbors; and due to the popularity of the game, all courts remain active. A big reason the group is loving it is that, to Jim Sullivan, helping beginners learn the game of POP tennis in a non-intimidating environment is paramount; while at the same time, offering the competitiveness of advanced competition to seasoned participants.

Jim invited me to put down my camera and play for the first time and I had a blast. Loved it. And, Diane Hartman, a tennis player, echoed the same enthusiasm after her first POP tennis experience. If you've never played POP tennis, check it out! Don't want to wait to get on the court? Earn some brownie points by pretending that you are interested in Jim's bass guitar playing.

FUN FACT #1: The game surfaced at the turn of the century as an easier way to play tennis.

FUN FACT #2: West Coast POP tennis is called beach tennis.

FUN FACT #3: The ball makes a "pop" sound when it hits the paddle. Stop the madness!



Photo by Dave DeAngelis

POP tennis is gaining popularity at On Top of the World.

Building Friendships Through Ballet

By Eugenie Martin

One of the benefits of joining the Ballet Club is making new friends. Most of our members chat at the beginning of class, and some decide to see each other outside of class. One day, there was so much chattering that one of the dancers said we should all do something as a group. After class, she sent around an email suggesting a gathering, and made the arrangements for a Saturday during August. There will be more activities in the future.

In the meantime, our classes continue four times each week. The classes start with a series of standing exercises, followed by a set of traditional ballet barre exercises. After these, we stretch at the barre, and then do dances in the center of the room without any barre. All of this is done in one hour and fifteen minutes.

Ballet barres are sometimes attached to the wall, but ours are free-standing. We set them at right angles to the mirrors across the front of the room, so that dancers can see the teacher and see themselves.

The ballet classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. The class schedule is shown below:

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

Newcomers are always welcome, and no previous experience is necessary. To start, you do not need ballet clothes, but can wear exercise clothes and socks. Bring a bottle of water, also. For information on our classes, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



Photo by Suzanne Scheraga

Ballet Club members at a recent luncheon in Dunnellon, Florida.

Table Tennis for All

By Athena Drewes

Ladies! Do you enjoy playing table tennis? Are you a beginner or just interested in trying out this sport? We have something for you! We have women's group play every Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to noon. Come join us and make some new friends!

It has been fun meeting new women players and playing singles and doubles which helps to sharpen our game. You can be a beginner or at any level of play to join in the fun on women's Wednesdays!

We also have play times for beginners, general level, and advanced in singles and doubles throughout the week (see schedule below). Come check us out!

Non-members are welcome to stop by and learn about the club. If there is a table that is not in use during club times, you are welcome to use it if no additional club players come in during that time. However, if all the tables are in use, please come back after club play to enjoy in the Arbor Conference Center Table Tennis room.

Better yet, come and join the Table Tennis Club, for only \$5 between now and Dec. 31. Then you can join in the fun! Membership applications are available in the room, just fill it out, pay your dues, and

then start playing! There is no waiting! And, you don't even need your own equipment! We have paddles and balls that are available to use.

Members, check out our new Facebook page (OTOW Table Tennis Group)! See some of the new photos and use the page to set up play times with friends and arrange for lessons. Thomas Roach has generously left some DVDs in our room; "Table Tennis Coaching Lessons" from PingSkills.com. These are free to borrow and share. Hope you take advantage of these DVDs to help sharpen your skills and review the rules of play.

We look forward to seeing you soon at our Table Tennis Club table Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Club Fair in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Come meet us, learn more about our club and join! We will have applications and flyers with the hours of play available. You can become a member right there after filling out the short application and paying your dues! We cannot wait to meet you and get you playing! For further information, contact Paul Stadterman, ptstadterman@yahoo.com.

We are also looking forward to Friday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. when Jessica Pinkowski will be holding a

workout class for us. It will be designed to help table tennis players move during their play. More details to follow in next month's column!

Hours of play are:

- Advanced singles: Monday and Tuesday and Thursday to Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Beginners doubles: Tuesday,

from 1 to 3 p.m.

- Beginners singles: Thursday, from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Doubles: Monday and Tuesday, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday, from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Singles: Wednesday and Sunday, from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Women's group play: Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to noon.



Photo by Athena Drewes

Women's table tennis.

New Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen



We are ending the summer season, and Labor Day is our next big holiday event. All New Dancin' On the Top Club officers wish you and your family a wonderful beginning for the fall season. We want you and our family of dancers to be safe, healthy and enjoy dancing in our great community.

Our next dance will be Saturday, Sept 18, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m. The music will be provided by Tony G and Debbie Owens for your dancing

pleasure. Decorations will follow an "Academy Awards Movie" night theme. The dress is business casual (no shorts, T-shirts, jeans, tank tops, or costumes).

Then we dance again Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 6 to 10 p.m. The music will be provided by Automatic. Ticket sales will take place on Monday, Oct. 18, from 8 to 10 a.m. for club members in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Ticket sales for residents will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct 20. The cost of tickets is \$5 for club members, \$8 for residents, and \$12 for guests. Pizza and cookies will be served at 6:30 p.m. Decorations will follow an "Autumn Fest" theme. The dress is casual (no shorts, T-shirts, jeans tank tops, or costumes).

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

Preparations are under way for our 2021/2022 dances to be held later this year. Please watch for any future changes to our New Dancin' On the Top calendar. Our club members are anxious to do more dancing this year!

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

ticket purchase and for entry into the Recreation Center Ballroom on our dance nights. Also, please note that coolers are not allowed on our dance nights at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

For club membership, ticket information, what the club is about, or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Jack or Jean Hester (919) 291-8542, (919) 669-6919 or hestermulch@aol.com; or Donna Cottrell at (410) 591-7899. We are looking for volunteers to back-up Jack and Jean as president and Donna as secretary/communication. Please call Jean or Donna if interested. The New Dancin' On the Top Club is open to all residents. Keep on dancing.

Sidekicks Western Dance

Paula Shira



Sidekicks is excited to announce a new beginner class starting Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 3:45 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about partner dancing. The class will be led by Roger and B.J. Schwartz, Indigo East residents and longtime partner dancers. This will be followed by dancing for everyone at 5 p.m. led by David and Paula Shira.

We strongly encourage our be-

ginners dancers to stick around after their 3:45 p.m. class to meet all the club members and watch the dancing that starts at 5 p.m. We love when our newest dancers get up and give a dance a try. We make sure new members or even existing members who are not sure about a dance have people in front and behind them who know the dance so they can watch the pattern as we move around the circle. You will find we all make some mistakes, but we have a lot of fun dancing together and the bigger the circle, the more fun we have.

Our new dance season is shaping up to be an exciting mix of learning, dancing, partying, and socializing together. Workshops will be

available Tuesdays, Sept. 14, and Sept. 21, at 5 p.m. for all existing members. This includes our recently graduated beginner class, our existing 5 p.m. class and anyone who sat out the 2020-2021 dance season but is planning to come back. The workshop focuses on a single dance where we break down the steps and take as long as we need before we put it on the floor with music.

Our regular dance season will begin Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 5 p.m. We will include the dance or dances we learned in the prior two weeks' workshops.

If you are interested, or even just curious about Sidekicks and partner dancing, please stop by our table at Club Fair Thursday, Sept.

23, and meet some of our wonderful dancers.

In the meantime, line and partner dance music will be playing at The Town Square Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., so that gives us another opportunity to get out and dance.

Look for us, weather permitting, on the outside ring at The Town Square as we dance around our line dance friends. If the dance looks familiar or if you just think it looks like fun (which it is), hop in the circle or next to one of the leaders and dance with us.

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

Country Line Dancing

Judy Sullivan



Who likes country music? How about line dancing? Well, if you said yes to either question, you are in luck! Country Line Dancing with Judy takes place Sundays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

This group was originally founded by David Seay in October 2020. David posted and asked on Facebook (OTOW Chat Room), "Who wants to line dance to country

music?" There were other dance groups, but David really wanted to dance to country music. So, country line dancing with Dave was formed along with a Facebook page for members. Like him, I prefer dancing to country music, so I was the very first person to sign up after he announced it! More responses followed and membership grew to well over 50.

Our very first class was held in November 2020. Everyone had a wonderful time learning and dancing for the next three Sundays! But due to safety guidelines, we were no longer able to dance indoors.

Fast forward to May; safety restrictions began to lift, and we start-

ed dancing again! Since David is a snowbird, I offered to teach until he returned in the fall.

On May 24, I posted on two group pages and asked, "How many are interested in dancing during the summer?" Since many members are snowbirds, I wasn't sure how many dancers would be available. I was thrilled to see 50 men and women were interested!

On June 6, we had our first class. We started off with just two dances: Canadian Stomp and Mama Maria. We added two more dances the following Sunday - Billy B Bad and Ghost Train. Each week thereafter we added one new dance to teach each Sunday - Kevin's Waltz, Cucaracha, Stroll Along ChaCha, Watermelon Crawl, Baby Likes To Rock It, Waltz Across Texas, and Wild Wild West. We still have doz-

ens more to teach but periodically we will just review what we have already learned so that we do not forget!

Early July, Dave changed the Facebook group page to "Country Line Dancing with Judy." I thought he did it for the summer but that he would it change back once he returned. He later told me that he and his wife, Donna, will no longer be snowbirds and would be moving. Unfortunately, he will not be returning in October. He gave me an assignment to either continue what he started or dismantle the group; I humbly and happily accepted his challenge to continue! We are having a blast!

On July 14, I officially changed the group to Country Line Dancing with Judy. Please look for us on Facebook. See you on Sundays!

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Line Dancing

Nancy Carmack



August is typically a month of relaxation with a break from dancing. However, this year many of the dancers kept practicing even though there weren't official classes scheduled. With The Town Square now having recorded music on Tuesdays through Fridays, there has been unlimited opportunity for all dancers.

We are still very much looking forward to our new dance season. Classes begin Monday, Sept. 13, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Darlene Miller is the new professional dance teacher for Absolute Beginners, Beginner Level I, Beginner Level II, and Improver Plus classes. Please refer to Theresa Fields' column for the schedule of each class. Also, don't forget to sign up and purchase your passes before the new season begins.

Freddie Sharp continues to lead the Intermediate class which also begins Monday, Sept. 13, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios at 11:45 a.m. She also has an Intro to Intermediate at 10:45 a.m. This class is for dancers who are working on their skills so they will be able to join the Intermediate class when they feel ready. Freddie has choreographed six dances, which are now on Copperknob. The names of these dances are Rocky Jukebox, Monkey Swing, On Top of the World, One World, Raccoon Cha and My Girl. Check them out, and you will see some of our dancers demonstrating those dances!

Sheryl Bradley's classes are held Thursdays, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios, and her classes begin Sept. 2. She teaches Improver/Intermediate at 10:30 a.m., Beginner Level at 11:30 a.m. and Absolute Beginner at 12:30 p.m.

The monthly dance Thursday, Sept. 9, will be for the Absolute Beginner and Beginner I groups. Then in October, the dance will be for the Beginner II, Improver and Intermediate groups. We will continue alternating so we can share the same 5:45 p.m. time slot.

For detailed information, please contact Darlene Miller at (352) 259-3695, Freddie Sharp for the Intermediate class at (352) 387-7775 or Sheryl Bradley at sbradley057@yahoo.com.

Call of the Wild Sports Club

Roger Bonifield



Well, we finally did it. Our first official club meeting in over 18 months was held in early August with over 35 members in attendance. Despite the somewhat restricted circumstances, it was great getting back together and discussing the club's plans, including ev-

erything from our club picnic and holiday dinner to our famous fish fry next spring.

And, speaking of our club picnic, it will be Wednesday, Oct. 6 at Fort Island Trail Park in Crystal River, Florida. If you are not a member and are interested in joining, you are welcome to attend at no charge. As of this writing, final details were not yet finished so, if you would like more information, please contact me at the number below. This will double as our regular monthly meeting for October.

You can also check us out at the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We normally meet the first Wednesday of every month in the Hobby Building Event Room from 1 to 3 p.m., and the meetings are open to members and non-members alike. However, as mentioned above, our October meeting will take place at Fort Island Trail Park. And as also mentioned above, if you would like any further information about the picnic or the club in general, please feel free to contact me directly at (352) 300-3601.

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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

- Sept. 7: Three Best Ball (The Tortoise & The Hare) this team game is where at the end of each hole the three lowest net scores of the team will be recorded as the team score.
- Sept. 14: LGA-9 is invited to play with the LGA-18 for Two

- Best Ball from the black tees
- Sept. 21: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where everyone plays their normal round of golf, and we will flight you based on your handicap.
- Sept. 28: Team Scramble (The Links) is where everyone tees off, you pick the best drive, and everyone plays from there. You repeat this process until the ball is holed.

The thing that I love about golf is that you never stop learning. You always have new equipment coming out or rules that are changing, so we want to make sure that our players are always aware of these things.

The number one topic as of late has been what to do when your ball is lost, or you hit it out of bounds. The current rule for this in the USGA handbook under 18.2 “Ball Lost or Out of Bounds: Stroke-and-Distance Relief Must Be Taken.” The way this works is if a ball is lost or out of bounds, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief by adding one penalty stroke to their score and play the ball from where the previous stroke was made. This is the rule we follow for all our league days as well as all tournaments and special events.

However, the USGA did come out with several purposed alternative rules also known as local rules. It’s important to know that these local

rules are left up to the discretion of the club as to whether they will be implemented. Local rule E-5 is an alternative to stroke and distance for lost ball or ball out of bounds. Some of our players have used this local rule when playing within their own groups which is fine, because the local rule is appropriate for general play where golfers are playing casual rounds or playing their own competitions. The local rule is not appropriate for competitions, and it is the reasonability of the player to know that we do not use this local rule on league day. Always remember if you ever have a question about a rule, please come by the Golf Shop and we are always happy to help.

Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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The Tokyo 2020 Olympics have ended, and the United States was victorious in both men’s and women’s golf. Gold was won by Xander Schauffele for the men and Nelly Korda for the women. Out of the 339 medals handed out across 33 sports, Team USA was the big winner collecting one third of all the medals that were awarded. It was very exciting to see golf win the gold!

As we continue to endure hot and humid days, it sometimes can affect our focus and pace of play on the golf course. Here are some helpful tips on keeping your pace of play moving. It doesn’t matter how

good or bad you are as a player; you can still learn to keep up a good pace while playing a round of golf.

- Arrive at your ball and get your distance and select your club.
- Take only one practice swing. If you take multiple practice swings it only increases the time it takes to hit the golf shot. Rest assured that your playing partners are waiting on you and they will become frustrated with you.
- Be ready to hit when it is your turn to play. Don’t sit in the cart if you can safely go to your ball and be ready to play when it is your turn.
- If you have walked up inside the “no carts” sign and have to hit a chip shot to get onto the green, be sure to take your clubs after the shot and place them near where you are exiting the green as long as they will not interfere with

another player’s golf shot to the green. This will assist you to go directly to your golf cart after completing the hole.

- When you are all on the green, drive your golf carts to the location that will allow you to exit the green and continue to the next tee. If you park before the green, now you must walk back to the cart, thus delaying the next group the opportunity to hit to the green because you are possibly in the line of flight for their golf shot.
- Practice Continuous Putt Rule (CPR) when possible, to save time from marking the ball and then waiting.
- Now that leaving the flagstick in the hole is possible, determine on the first green who wants it in and who wants it out and try and putt accordingly so that you are not having to take it out and then

putting it back in multiple times.

- Once you have left the green, record your score when you arrive on the next tee box.

The Thursday LGA-9 play day events are as follows:

- Sept. 2: Even Holes (back nine)
- Sept. 9: Three Blind Mice (back nine)
- Sept. 16: Tee it Up Scramble (front nine)
- Sept. 23: Ribbon Tournament (back nine)
- Sept. 30: Low Net (back nine)

Don’t forget to stop by the Candler Hills Golf Shop and check out our shoe sale.

Please feel free to email or call Nick (nick.schwander@otowfl.com) or myself (denise.mullen@otowfl.com) with any and all concerns or questions you may have. Candler Hills Golf Shop can be reached at (352) 861-9712.

Candler Hills Men’s Golf

Terry Hoppes



We welcomed new members George Issac, Donald Wheeler and Randy Kajewski.

Stableford (Individual) July 13

Flight 1: 40–Paul Sepulveda. 38–David Fritz. 37–Bill Wallenstein. 34–Bill Wignall. 33–Paul Rubly.
Flight 2: 37–Robert Springmann. 35–Virgel Jajalla. 34–Michael Brajer. Tie at 33–Larry Smallwood and Don Edmond.
Flight 3: 42–Joe Wong. Tie at 38–Robert Del-

lapenna and Terry Spurlock. 36–Brad Best. 35–Gilbert Green.

Flight 4: 38–Tom Joy. 35–Dutch Schulze. 34–Paul Randles. Tie at 33–Bill Searight and Danny Ball.

Scramble (Team) July 20

Tie at -16–Jon Hill, Joe Pruss, Ken Zweiback, David Nelson and Lonnie Page, Jim Napierski, Mike Altomare, Danny Ball and Tom Presnick, Mike Kelly, Tim Beaty, Clayton Mowry and Bill Wignall, Tony Morris, Joe Wong, Philip Moherrek. -15–Tommy Lowe, Rusty Zarrell, Steven Sarkozy, Brad Best. Tie at -14–Dave Falcone, Terry Sigler, Joe Jingco, Edwin Ortiz and Paul Sepulveda, Bob Hilton, Don Edmond, Bill Searight and

Rick Brown, Billy Scholp, Virgel Jajalla, Tom Joy. Closest to the pin–Joe Jingco and Bob Hilton. Pizza and beverages were enjoyed by all after the round.

One Best Ball Gross/Net July 27

-15–Dave Falcone, Mike Altomare, Tim Beaty, Philip Moherrek. -12–David Butler, Rusty Zarrell, Joe Pruss, Edwin Ortiz. -11–Lonnie Page, Terry Sigler, James Dewey, John Sullivan. -9–Bill Wignall, Bob Hilton, Joe Jingco, Donald Wheeler. -7–Paul Rubly, Stephen Bussey, Charlie Taylor, Bill McElroy.

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Golf

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September and fall are finally here! This happens to be my favorite time of the year, not only because the temperatures begin to fall but football season swings into full effect. As most of you may already know I'm a huge Pittsburgh Steelers and Ohio State Buckeyes football fan. I'm looking forward to good seasons from both of my teams. Stop by the Golf Shop for some friendly banter about our favorite teams.

On Top of the World will host the annual World Labor Day golf event Monday, Sept. 6. The format is a four-person team scramble. Each team will be flighted based on team handicap. The event will be held on The Links and if a second course is necessary, we will utilize Candler Hills with teams randomly selected to play on each golf course. Registration is \$25 per player, which includes a \$5 donation to Folds of

Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



Mother Nature is proving to be cruel to the Men's Golf Association this summer –especially Chicken Day, which was rained out in both July and August.

But weather patterns in Florida begin to change as fall approaches and hopes are high that the MGA will be back on a regular schedule of league play soon.

It's still hurricane season, so continue to check your email for updates on cancellations.

The MGA has a total of 336 members. Please welcome George Ware, Bigelow Robinson, Dennis Dobosh, George Isaac and Bill Truby.

Mark these upcoming Wednesdays in your calendar:

- Sept. 8: 1, 2, 3 Best Balls (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Sept. 15: Quota Points (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Sept. 22: Individual Low Net (The Links)
- Sept. 29: Two Best Balls (The Tortoise & The Hare)

Low Net (Individual)
July 28/The Links

Flight 1: 71–Paul Sepulveda. 74–Russell Zile. Tie at 76–Anthony Morris, Garry Gerlach. Tie at 77–Jerry Englar, Julian Hobby, Art Lagrange.

Flight 2: 71–Ricki Plesea. 74–John Parnau. Tie at 76–Dan Goggin, Brian Wilder. Tie at 79–Don Edmond, Ken Zweiback, John English.

Flight 3: 73–Roger Sparks. Tie at 76–Gregory Dyer, Mark Beauchamp. 78–Bigelow Robinson. 79–Dennis McCourt.

Flight 4: 73–David Woitek. 76–Raymond Hendrix. 77–Joe Wong. 78–Norm Hayworth. 79–

Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



The Shuffleboard Club is now in its 35th year at On Top of the World. To our first members, elected leaders, which included Jack Huard (instrumental in forming this club) and to all our past and current members right down to our newest shuffleboard court, it has been a lot of action-packed fun!

To celebrate our club and all our members, we are going to have a celebration at the pavilion at the Veterans Park Saturday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m. We're inviting all current members to an afternoon of food, ice cream and drinks.

As far as the regular season goes, opening day will be Monday, Sept. 6, at 9 a.m. We will once again have three shifts during the week: Mondays and Thursdays, at 9 a.m. and Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. Also, we will be playing Ten-Pin Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, at 9 a.m.

Paul Hodges will once again be lending his time and expertise in helping newcomers who want to play and play better the second Saturday of the month, at 11 a.m. This month on Saturday, Sept. 11.

If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we invite you to come down to the courts at the Veterans Park. We will go over the rules, scoring, safety, and the basics of shooting the disc. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.

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1. Within two weeks of sustaining an accident or a medical condition, the member must submit paperwork describing the condition which prohibits golf activity to the director of golf.
2. The severity of the accident or medical condition must prohibit play for a minimum

Donald Wheeler.

Flight 5: 73–James McCormack. 76–David Garland. 77–James Thompson. Tie at 78–John Snyder, Vince Dellapenta.

Flight 6: Tie at 72–Bob Barbee, Ralph Solvold, Joseph Mandala. 74–Bob Gee. 79–Carl Zeiler. Flight 7: 72–Mario Grosso. 75–Alan Theusch. 76–Thomas Kujawa. 78–Paul Randles. 79–Mike Lane.

Flight 8: 72–Bill Searight. 74–Thomas Norris. 76–Philip Moherrek. Tie at 77–Douglas Coleman, John Bauer.

Quota (Team / Candler Hills Invite)
Aug. 11/The Links

Tie at -4–Dan Goggin, Dave Falcone, David Johnson and Thomas Norris; John Snyder, Joe Jingco, James Gourlay and Bob Marks. Tie at -5–Charles Crenshaw, Ricki Plesea, Joe Wilks and Thomas Kujawa; Russell Zile, Richard Deschenes, Brad Best and Marvin Brooks. -7–Julian Hobby, James Dewey, Roy Coombes and Bill Searight. Tie at -11–Loren Magsam, Bigelow Robinson, David Woitek and Jim Napierski; Larry Gibson, Mark Beauchamp, Ralph Solvold and John Bauer. Tie at -12–Dennis McCourt, Paul Rubly, Matt Raies and Bob Gee; David Garland, Bob Hilton, Bill Wallenstein and Alan Theusch; Mark Durso, Ruben Alvarez, Danny Ball and Tim Williams. Tie at -14–Neil Seaman, Vince Dellapenta, Sam Fox and Rusty Zarrell; Mike Lane, Tim Beaty, Bill McElroy and David Clune.

3. A physician's statement must be submitted stating the nature of the accident or medical condition including when treatment began and when the patient was released.
4. The director of golf will notify the member if the condition warrants a credit of membership fees towards next year's membership dues.
5. No golf or driving range use may be played during the time of membership suspension.
6. The director of golf must be notified before the member returns to any golf participation.

All requests for credit will be reviewed by the golf department and must be approved by this department before any credit for the following year will be issued. No refunds will be issued for a membership suspension, except in the event of death for a current golf member. If there is a couple membership, the remaining member will receive a credit towards the following year's membership fees.

Just like knowing the USGA rules, it can pay to know the policies and procedures in your Golf Membership Handbook. Don't miss out on the credit you deserve.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, Sept. 6: World Labor Day at The Links.
- Monday, Sept. 13 through

Thursday, Sept. 16: The Tortoise & The Hare closed for aerification.
• Saturday, Sept. 25: Beat the Pros at The Links.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Paula Lilly, eagle #1. Chris Scharar, hole-in-one #13. Tortoise & Hare: Mike McAllister, double eagle, #5.

THE LINKS: Tom Weiss, eagle #18. Len Ruble, shot 79 eight strokes under his age. Gail LaGrange, hole-in-one #5. Paul East, eagle #16. Va-Donna Hall, hole-in-one #14.

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you are good players from tee to green and then seem to three putt every other hole? Well, if this sounds like your game then more than likely, you need to work on your lag putting. Here are some tips to improve your long putts.

1. Work on the speed of the putt. Don't try to make every 30-foot putt.
2. Practice hitting putts to the edge of the putting green from 30 feet before your round. This will help your overall speed control.
3. Spend at least 30 minutes a week practicing putts from 30, 40 and 50 feet. Practice makes perfect.
4. Lastly make sure your putting stroke is a pendulum motion. Back and forth with good tempo and rhythm.



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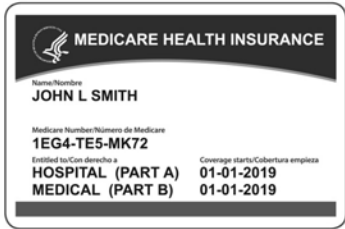
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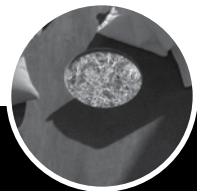
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Cornhole Club

Jim Russell & Bill Ballweg



OPEN PLAY: Taking part in outdoor activities is why many of us have re-located to the Sunshine State. Summertime in Florida provides a wide variety of weather conditions, many of them occurring all on the same day, so playing cornhole outdoors can sometimes be a challenge. We know it's going to be warm (or hot as those from the north might say) and we know there will be regularly scheduled rain accompanied by wind, thunder and maybe some lightning. Most of the time, it clears up just in time to accommodate open play Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays when we usually get started well in advance of our 7 p.m. advertised starting time. But sometimes, Mother Nature has a mind of her own and we are forced to forgo playing for another day.

Our general rule of thumb is to avoid getting our equipment wet. It mostly depends on how hard and for how long it's been raining. A little sunshine and a breeze, combined with our sandy soil will provide dry conditions very quickly once the rain stops. Check your weather forecast and if it's not raining at 6 p.m. and it looks like it might clear up, head over to the Veterans Park and sign in; chances are we will be playing shortly!

By tossing bags on a regular basis, you can work on your "airmail"



Photo by Jim Russell

The On Top of the World cornhole billboard on SR 200. A sign of how popular this activity has become!

shots, so named because they never touch anything as they fly through the hole for three points. "Airmails" are a very effective way of scoring when damp humid conditions prevent bags from sliding on the boards. Several players regularly practice these shots, and we can report that one player, Charles Lemme, recently made four of these shots in a row. Wow! Very impressive Charles! Practice does indeed pay off. To find out how you too can deliver the airmail, contact

Jim Russell (jimrussell44@outlook.com) for all the details about our club.

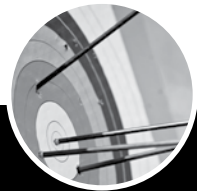
LEAGUE PLAY: Play in the men's, women's and mixed leagues resumes in September. Club members should contact Bill Ballweg (waballweg@yahoo.com) to determine if there are still spaces available in your preferred league. Coverage of all league play will begin in our October column.

CORNHOLE CLASS: New to the

game of cornhole? We offer a free one-hour basic training class to get you on the road to playing this exciting game played everywhere, including on national TV (ESPN, NBC Sports and CBS Sports). Our next class, conducted by Bill Ballweg and Jim Russell, will be meeting Friday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. at the cornhole courts located in Veterans Park. Contact Bill Ballweg (otow-cornhole@yahoo.com) to secure your spot in this class.

Archery Club

Dee Dombach



Which On Top of the World club has its origins in the Paleolithic Era? The Archery Club! People have been using bows to fling projectiles at targets for a long time. Stone arrow tips found in the Sibudu cave in South Africa have been found in layers older than 60,000 years, according to an article published by the South African Archaeological Society. Archers have been depicted on cave walls and rock faces around the world for thousands of years. Survival depended on the

ability to hunt prey efficiently and effectively. Thankfully, we no longer need to hunt to survive, but archery might be deep in our collective unconscious.

Our equipment has evolved, but archery still comes down to a bow, a string, an arrow, focused vision, and a steady hand. Our band of archers get the same thrill and satisfaction as our distant ancestors when our arrows hit their intended mark.

The Archery Club has 158 members with a wide spectrum of experience and proficiency, from novices using club equipment through experienced archers who have been shooting for many years. Our members are encouraging all participants regardless of skill level, so no one should feel inadequate or out

of place on the range. After your initial safety training and range orientation, you'll be able to develop your skills and possibly acquire a new hobby – or passion.

This month we highlight member Floyd Scott, who has been shooting since the archery range opened about a year and a half ago. He is a great example of a person who has taken up the sport and progressed quickly to become a competent archer.

Floyd started out using club equipment, but quickly felt the desire to have his own. Floyd shoots with a Diamond Infinite Edge compound bow with sight, stabilizer, and 40-pound draw weight. Floyd also shoots with a Hoyt recurve bow with 30-pound limbs and is shooting barebow – without a sight or

stabilizer. Two very different types of equipment requiring somewhat different skills but still utilizing the same basic steps of shooting.

Floyd enjoys the feeling of self-satisfaction when "hitting what I aim at and the concentration it takes." He also volunteers his time as part of the range maintenance crew, who take care of the targets and stands, and keep the range looking good.

We welcome residents to visit the range to see what we do and whether it might of interest to you. There are benches to sit on, or you can bring your own comfy chair. If you'd like more information about the club, please contact Bob Papirner at rpapirner@aol.com or Mark D'Addario at markdad06@gmail.com.

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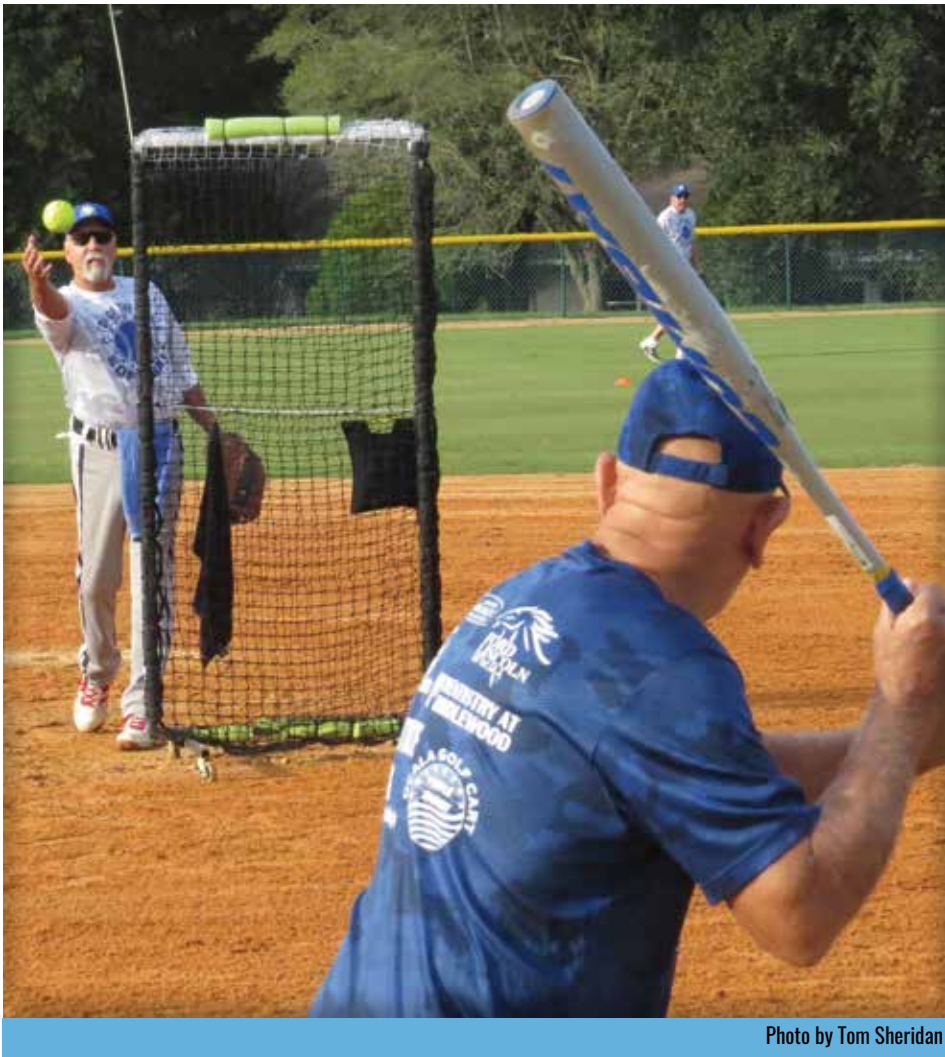


Photo by Tom Sheridan

Jeff Thomas launches a pitch toward a batter in a recent On Top of the World game.

Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



The summer is almost over, and many clubs will begin a new season. Our season begins in September and ends in May. Ladies shuffleboard began their season Wednesday Sept. 1, at 9 and 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. will be the first Monday of the season.

All women residents are invited to join us (resident ID or Gateway of Services pass is required). You need not know how to play. When you register, you will sign a Release of Hold Harmless agreement and pay \$10 in dues. You will then receive a list of basic rules with safety information (no open toed shoes).

Once all that is over, we guarantee that you will have fun, make new friends, and enjoy playing the game. Our shuffleboard courts are in the Veterans Park. We have 10

courts that can accommodate 40 players at one time.

We are looking forward to our seasonal players and new players joining us. If you have any doubt, join us for a trial game or two. After that if you decide to play, you will then become a happy shuffler.

We choose different teams of four each week and play three games. Scores are recorded for each individual player and trophies are awarded at the end of season for the members who won the most games. (Check out the bulletin board.)

We ask that all players arrive 15 minutes early so that we start to play on time.

We are hoping that our sponsor, Michael Riley will join us again this season. Michael was very generous to us by purchasing our shirts, and even hosting an awards luncheon at the end of the season.

On Top of the World supplies the basic equipment, but the clubs purchase and share other costs for things needed, such as hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Happy shuffling.

Softball

Tom Sheridan



Longtime player, Jeff Thomas, is looking forward to another feather in his softball cap.

Thomas, a resident since 2009, was nominated last year for membership in the statewide Florida Half-Century Amateur Softball Association's (FHC) prestigious hall of fame. It's now anticipated that he will be formally inducted next spring. The nomination to the hall of fame is a senior softball distinction.

"This is my 25th year of playing with the FHC," Thomas said. The association has more than 200 teams across the state and is "highly regarded in the county as a premier venue for senior softball," he said.

Thomas said, "I have played more than 50 years with some of the best players in the country. I've been very fortunate to have played in a lot of national tournaments and in seven world tournaments." He's also managed FHC teams for more than 20 years. Most recently, Thomas has been a pitcher on squads here, but for years played shortstop and other infield positions.

Thomas has been a backbone of On Top of the World softball, offering many hours of service each week and serving for two years as chair of the Softball Club's board

Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sherry Winn



The sign of a dedicated group is that they can carry on when their so-called leader is away for an extended time. This is exactly what the recreational co-ed softball group is doing while I get my family fix back in Canada.

Frank Dragos agreed to assume the equipment, Dee Polek is attending to the paperwork and Lisa Dragos is actively recruiting new players. Joe Lawson continues to coach, and Bernie Bossert ensures the field is ready for play. Sam Mester and Kevin Jensen from the men's league are also a tremendous sup-

port. My eternal thanks go to all of you.

of directors, a post he relinquished this summer. In addition to his board duties, Thomas has long served as the club's "dawn patrol," setting up for each day's games. The board named Dave Rearick to serve as chair until the club's September election.

Thomas said he looks forward to continuing playing both at FHC and here. "Softball at On Top of the World has been part of my life," he said. "I continue to be active and to work continuously to improve and promote softball here."

In league action, the club was scheduled to play its final summer season game Wednesday, Sept. 1, but work is already underway for the fall season which begins later this month. The league plays year-round, with fall, winter, and summer seasons.

Because of continuing strong interest in senior softball, the league anticipates fielding as many as eight or even 10 teams when play resumes. It's uncertain until registration is complete, but it's likely that fall league games will be played Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Opening day is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 13. The fall season goes through Wednesday, Dec. 22.

The club has scheduled several early September clinics for new and returning players.

New-player registration is always open. The league asks recruits to attend at least two practice sessions for skills assessment before team assignments are made. For information about playing softball, email tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com.

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Tennis

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It’s been a hot summer and it will continue to be probably until the end of this month. By the time we start a new “ladder cycle” around the end of September or early October, the snowbirds should be back. Until then, we will continue to play round robins with “no-ad” games while we’re dealing with the heat. Despite the heat, we have been filling most of the courts on ladder and round robin days. Eventually, we may have to figure out a way to avoid conflict with the POP tennis players.

I believe by now; most residents are aware that we have POP tennis as well as traditional tennis. We have currently more than 45 players. The lower courts are lined up properly for POP tennis, and everybody in-

volved in this activity seems to be enjoying their time on the courts. If anyone reading this column wishes to know more about it, please look for Jim Sullivan or myself.

We will consider a visit to the USTA National Campus in Lake Nona, Florida when the temperatures come down. You will be informed ahead of time to sign up for it.

Under Spin

It depends on how you slice it! More power and heavier top spin aren’t always the answers. Here is what you can do with a slice backhand.

1. Disrupt your opponent: A slice backhand can alter the tempo of a match and disrupt your opponent’s rhythm. This is the chief reason why so many top ATP tour pros use the slice. Today’s baseliners hit the ball harder than ever but don’t make many mistakes because they use so much top spin. A slice is a good way to change the pace

- and coax errors from your opponents, or to open the court for a strong forehand.
2. Buy some time: If your opponent is making you sweat, a slice is a perfect way to regain your footing and position on the court. When you hit the ball with under spin, it does not bounce as high. That combination – slower and lower – will force your opponent to lift the ball and hit a safer shot. You’ll have time to recover and get back into the rally.
3. Neutralize a net man: It’s a good idea, especially at the club level, to test your opponent’s volleys. When you lure them into the net though, you must be careful. If you hit a top spin sitter, you’ll have about as much chance of winning the point as you will of winning the lottery. Instead, use a low, short, angled slice. Your opponent will have to move for-

- ward but won’t be able to hit an offensive shot.
 4. Approach the net: The slice works well as an approach because it gives you more time to close into the net, making it more difficult for your opponent to hit a passing shot. If you can slice an approach close to the baseline, you should be rewarded with a sitter return that floats over the net like a beach ball.
 5. Blunt hard serves: The block slice backhand is a great weapon against a hard first serve. The stroke is short and quick, so you have extra time to react. It’s also easy to angle the ball with this shot, which will drive your opponent nuts. No one uses the slice better than Roger Federer.
- If you don’t have this stroke in your arsenal, please work on it, it will serve you well.
See you on the courts!

Fit Tips

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Fitness Center Safety Tips

On Top of the World’s fitness centers help keep residents active and healthy, but they can also create the potential for injury. Most injuries arise out of distracted or improper use of the equipment. Additionally, we have also seen heat-related injuries and problems arising from issues with changes in blood sugar and blood pressure. My top priority as a personal trainer is to help people exercise safely. Here are some safety fit tips for using the fitness centers.

FIT TIP #1: Pay attention when entering and exiting the exercise machines. We often see slips, trips, and falls when people are distracted by doing something in addition to getting on and off the machines (talking, putting in ear buds, or looking at their phone). The treadmills are especially tricky as the moving belt increases the risk of tripping and falling.

FIT TIP #2: Limit time in the steam room, sauna, and whirlpools to the recommended guidelines: steam room – 10 minutes; sauna – eight minutes; and whirlpool – five minutes.

FIT TIP #3: If you take medication to regulate your blood sugar and/or blood pressure, ask your health care professional how this will affect you when exercising.
Attend our “Fear Factor: Fall-

ing and Injury Prevention” classes for a more in-depth look at how to stay safe inside and outside the fitness centers. Class schedule is 1 to

2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Arbor Fitness Center and Friday, Sept. 17, in the Recreation Center Fitness Center.

Billiards Club

Phil Panzera



Early August was a slow month in the room. Since then, we’ve finished our in-house league and held an eight-ball tournament. Congratulations to the top finishers, and thanks to Rich Deschenes for organizing a nice league. A new Tuesday afternoon league should be starting soon, so check the bulletin board, if interested.

We’re grateful to Lynn Palo and Carl Spotts for the yummy casseroles we have all enjoyed on league days. Diann Devereaux and Lonnie also bring in goodies occasionally. Thanks very much to these good souls, and the others who have generously contributed!

Pro Advice: World Champion Johnny Archer has great advice for Scotch doubles. “Every player has strengths and weaknesses. Knowing how your partner plays position, and the shots he likes and dislikes, will greatly improve your chance of winning.”

Anecdote of the Month: Five-time National Three-Cushion Champion Allen Gilbert was a colorful character, and a good friend and mentor as I learned the game. He told me dozens of anecdotes from his billiard travels around the world, but this one is my favorite.

He recounted once how he was playing the top regional player in the finals of a big tournament in Mexico. There were hundreds of locals in the bleachers, all cheering on their compadre. The tournament had a time-limit format: whoever was ahead at precisely the 45minute mark won the match.

With only about a minute to go, Allen was up by only one point. He had an incredibly difficult shot and could see he’d leave an easy position if he missed. He had only seconds left on his 40second shot clock. What to do?

With the shrewdness that made him a renowned champion, he played a very savvy shot. He hit the object ball extremely hard, with a maximum sidespin stop shot, leaving the cue ball spinning furiously in place like a top. His Mexican opponent jumped out of his chair, raced to the table, and knew he had a good layout to win.

But ... three-cushion cloth is perhaps 30% faster than pool cloth, and the cue ball spun, and spun, and spun, perhaps for almost a minute. His opponent stood there, unable to shoot, glaring fiercely at Allen, while the time limit expired. The crowd was yelling, stomping the bleachers, and waving fists in dismay at how their local champion had been played.

Allen said he grabbed his cue, without even time to put it away, and ran out of the room, fearing for his life. He never did get his prize money (and if you knew Allen’s well-deserved reputation for stinginess, that makes the story double smile-worthy!).

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Meet the New Trainer

John "Gib" Gibson is the newest member of the On Top of the World fitness team. He is a full-time personal trainer at the Arbor Fitness Center. Gib is an A.C.E. certified personal trainer with over 20 years of experience in the fitness industry. He enjoys working with the active aging community and his vast experience includes wellness and nutrition coaching, Pilates training, and corrective exercise. In addition, he is also a Live Strong Cancer Survivor trainer.

Gib's passion for wellness is derived from watching people improve the quality of their lives. He believes that living well is rooted in simple lifestyle changes that everyone can achieve. I recently sat down with Gib to learn more about his optimal aging expertise.

Q: Why do you enjoy personal training the older adult population?

A: I love interacting with people and being able to witness the progress they make towards their health and wellness goals. Years ago, I had a client who was very overweight. He was eager to improve his health, but he was very nervous about starting to exercise. We started simple; we started where he could achieve success. We walked. I also helped him to improve his nutrition, and, in a year, he lost 100 pounds. When he became fitter, he started taking group fitness classes and eventually became a sprint triathlete! Partnering with older adults to help them transform the quality of their life and see them succeed in things they never thought possible is what I love about being a personal trainer.

Q: What advice do you have for residents who are hesitant or lacking the motivation to exercise?

A: Find something that you enjoy! I often ask my clients, "What activities did you enjoy as a child?" It's time to bring that feeling back with exercise. Connecting movement and enjoyment is the secret to exercise adherence. Exercise should energize and empower you. If you haven't found what does that, come see me! I can help.

Q: Do you have a particular fitness expertise and passion?

A: Twenty years in this industry has afforded me the opportunity to learn many different aspects of fitness, and I enjoy them all. But there is one type of training that I have a great deal of experience with, and I am very passionate about, that is Pilates. The first fitness facility I worked at had a Pilates reformer (traditional piece of Pilates equipment) and I was immediately drawn to this practice. I soon started teaching Mat Pilates classes. Pilates is core driven movement, which helps to decompress the spine and improve strength and flexibility. Pilates is the perfect fit for active agers. I am excited to bring Pilates classes to On Top of the World! Stop by the Arbor Fitness Cen-

Horseshoe League

Joe Lawson



September is the start of a new season of competition for the league and our travel teams. We are looking for new residents (both men and women) to join in our friendly and competitive horseshoe league.

Our new season starts Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m. We play a little different than from the old backyard scoring to 21. We score three points for each ringer and one point for each shoe within six inches from the stake. Each player gets his or her score. (No canceling.) We throw 40 shoes each game. All games are handicapped at a rate of the differences between your score and 60, with your handicap being 90% of the differences.

We play this way because that coincides with the tri-county travel league.

We need help! In the 2018-2019 season, we won first place. In 2019-2020, we came in second and in 2020-2021 we came in third. (Nothing for third). If you have not played in the last 20 to 30 years, join the rest of us, who only started after moving here.

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SEPTEMBER 2021 FITNESS

RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Dance Party DENISE	S.O.S. INGRID	Warrior MAUREEN	S.O.S. INGRID	Dance Party JESSICA
9:00 am	S.O.S. DENISE	Warrior JOHN	S.O.S. LARRY	Warrior JOHN	S.O.S. GIB
10:00 am	Balanced Body JESSICA	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body KITTI	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body INGRID
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI	Brain Power CARRY	Move To Improve MAUREEN	Brain Power JESSICA	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI
11:00 am Recreation Ballroom	Dance Aerobics LINDA		Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics DENISE
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
4:00 pm				Guided Meditation SANDRA	
5:00 pm		Intro Hatha Yoga KATHY		Yoga SANDRA	

Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM

*Fitness Orientations and Balance Assessments are free. Space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534.

ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am	Yoga SANDRA	Boomer Beat JESSICA	Yoga MAUREEN	Boomer Beat CARRY	Yoga INGRID
10:00 am	STRONG MAUREEN	Yoga SANDRA	STRONG JOHN	Yoga MAUREEN	STRONG JOHN
11:00 am	Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga TISH		
1:00 pm		Posture Assessments*		Fitness Orientation*	

Arbor Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 7 PM

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ARBOR FITNESS CENTER INDOOR POOL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 am	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 am	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
8:00 - 9:00 am	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
9:00 - 10:00 am	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**
10:00 - 11:00 am	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Closed for Cleaning 10:30 - 12:30 pm	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming		Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 pm	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:00 pm			Summer Splash (outdoor pool)		
1:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm	Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**				Deep Water Fitness Class**
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
6:00 - 8:15 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim

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John "Gib" Gibson.

ter to meet Gib or give him a call at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7638.

If you have not yet had an orientation to the Arbor Fitness Center, Gib leads these, free of charge every Thursday, at 1 p.m. Please call to reserve your spot at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7638.

Think you are too old? Not at all! Join us and rekindle your love of horseshoes!

All games are played at the horseshoe and cornhole pavilion at the Veterans Park. The pavilion has benches and ceiling fans. Come join us!

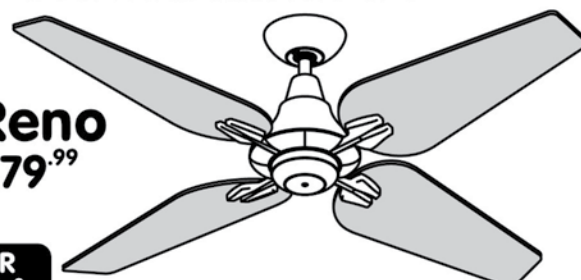
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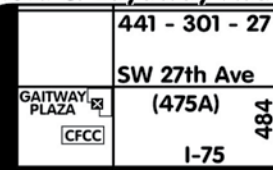
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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



The summer season has seen quite a bit of rain so far and Candler Hills has felt the effects. Between the heat and the storms, golf has been somewhat of a challenge, but we endured and kept smiling.

We have three new members who joined the league – Callie Allison, Donna Isaac, and Sandy Randles.

Please give them a warm welcome!

It's so enjoyable to watch the LPGA and the talented young golfers who participate in it. Historically, the first golf tournament for women was held at the Old Course in Musselburgh, Scotland in 1811. The winner received a fishing basket. The second and third place winners each received a silk scarf from Barcelona. These prizes were considered exceptional for the times.

There are several exciting happenings coming up in September so please mark your calendar. On

Thursday, Sept. 9, our last Solheim Cup Summer Survivor event will take place. On Top of the World LGA-18 has been invited to Candler Hills Thursday, Sept. 16, followed with a catered lunch at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The President's Cup will occur Thursdays, Sept. 23 and 30. There will be a catered lunch at the Candler Hills Community Center following golf. We look forward to a large turnout for these fun events.

The Candler Hill LGA-18 is open to all women residents. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com

Finally, be careful out there. Don't forget to hydrate and believe, achieve and enjoy golf.

Low Gross/Low Net (Individual)
June 24
Gross

Flight 1: 75-Sandy Snyder. 77-Shelly Karsnitz.
Flight 2: 84-Sara Nunn. 90-Maria Fournier.
Flight 3: 81-Lisa Free. Tie at 95-Jean Hsu, An-
gelita Jingco.
Flight 4: 94-Pam Brown. Tie at 99-Gloria Col-
lins, Peggy Shanfelt.

Net

Flight 1: 69-Donna Smith. 72-Beverly Ovrebo.
Flight 2: 76-Toni Stevenson. Tie at 78-Joann
Dellapenna, Pamela Jones, Paula Lilly, Iro Lisin-
ski.
Flight 3: Tie at 76-Rosann Ross, Jonell Wash-
burn. 78-Beth Wolinsky.
Flight 4: 69-Cynthia Gersten. 77-Gail Banavige.

Odds on Front/Evens on Back (Individual) July 1

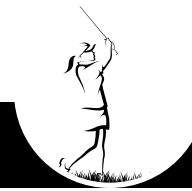
Flight 1: 38-Christine Giza. Tie at 41-Shelly Karsnitz, Beverly Ovrebo.
Flight 2: 38-Paula Lilly. Tie at 40-Pamela Jones, Joy Benson.
Flight 3: 41-Pam Brown. Tie at 43-Kate Beaty, Angelita Jingco.
Flight 4: 40-Cynthia Gersten. 42-Peggy Shanfelt. 43-Kathy Zunica.

Lucky 4s (Individual)
July 15

Flight 1: 42—Christine Giza. 43—Donna Smith.
44—Shelly Karsnitz.
Flight 2: 39—Lisa Free. 41—Kate Beaty. Tie at
42—Iro Lisinski, Virginia Combs.
Flight 3: 43—Vickie Foster. Tie at 44—Gloria
Cullins, Pam Brown.
Flight 4: Tie at 41—Cynthia Gersten, Sue Fierce.
43—Jan Christ.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Susan Yenne



Welcome to our new members, who bring our total to 109 ladies. The league plays by USGA rules and etiquette in our Tuesday events. We have a league constitution and by-laws, including a code of conduct. These are on our website that all new members are invited to join.

Our goal is to provide an enjoyable round for all players regardless of their skill level. We use Golf Genius for scoring our playdays. All members should be familiar with the application.

We ask that you respect the course. Please drive carts in the rough as much as possible. Avoid wet areas, rake bunkers, fill divots with sand and repair ball marks on the green. Keep carts on the path at the tee and the green.

Play ready golf when possible. If you lose sight of the group ahead of you, please pick up the pace.

If you sign up to play, and for some reason can't, please call the Golf Shop to cancel. Our pairings are done on Monday afternoons.

In October, the LGA-18 holds a league championship, with one round played on each course. In November, we have a Veterans Day tournament with lunch and general meeting. Our awards luncheon will be in December at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

If you are interested in serving on the board, contact Deborah Martin, our nominating chairwoman. We will hold elections in November, and officers will be installed at our awards luncheon.

Stableford / Two Best Ball (Team Net)
July 13/The Tortoise & The Hare

84—Diane Boston, Marte Dobosh, Pamela Jones, Carolyn Cummings. 83—Debbie Wilson, Virginia Madura, Debbie Zile. 82—VaDonna Hall, Virginia Combs, Kathleen Mansfield, Suzanne Wierick. 81—Jill Strey, Kathy Zunica, Vickie Noltensmeyer. 79—Christine McIntire, Mary Ann Livingston, Jane Hall, Jeanne Newman. 78—May Chin, Peggy Borro, Iro Linsinski, Lynn Christi.

Low Gross/Low Net
July 20/The Links
Gross

Flight 1: 75—Christine Giza. 79—Sandy Snyder.
Flight 2: 81—Lisa Free. 87—Lilly Gee.
Flight 3: 86—Christine McIntire. 93—Jill Strey.
Flight 4: 92—Pam Brown. 94—Sandy Chase.
Flight 5: 100—Debbie Zile. 109—Linda Ryan.

Net

Flight 1: 73-Lynne Dickson. Tie at 75-VaDonna Hall, Mary Ann Livingston.
Flight 2: 71-Donna Isaac. 75-Vickie Noltensmeyer.
Flight 3: 74-Jean Hsu. 76-Pamela Jones.
Flight 4: Tie at 76-May Chin, Jane Hall.
Flight 5: 81-Lynn Christi. 82-Jeanne Newman

ONES (Individual Net)

July 27/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: Tie at 36—Lynne Dickson, Gail Lagrange.
37—Marja Fournier. Tie at 38—Yullian Cho, Linda Taylor, Connie Norris, Diane Boston.
Flight 2: Tie at 36—Christine McIntire, Donna Isaac. Tie at 37—Debby Wilson, Lilly Gee. 39—Joyce Jones. 40—Jill Strey.
Flight 3: Tie at 34—May Chin, Nancy Zielinski.
Tie at 36—Jean Hsu, Kathleen Mansfield. Tie at 38—Sharon Johnson, Peggy Wiechmann, Molly Lucier.

Flight 4: 35-Suzanne Wierick. 37-Debbie Zile. 39-Elena Sumpter. 40-Linda Ryan. 41-Pam Brown. 42-Sandra Dechambeau.

Blind Mice (Individual Net)
Aug. 10/The Links

Flight 1: Tie at 56—Diane Boston, Linda Taylor. Tie at 58—VaDonna Hall, Gail Lagrange, Deborah Martin.

Flight 2: 53—Kathleen Goodwin. Tie at 57—Debby Wilson, Linda Blewitt. Tie at 60—Joann Delapenna, Donna Isaac.

Flight 3: 53—Peggy Ellenberger. 54—Ellen Brin. Tie at 58—Joyce Jones, Bonnie Bunce. 59—Mary Ruffner.

Flight 4: 52—Vickie Foster. 58—Pam Jones. Tie at 60—May Chin, Kathleen Mansfield. Tie at 63—Susan Yenne, Sandy Chase.

Flight 5: 58—Gloria Cullins. 59—Pam Brown. 61—Donna Brunell. 62—Suzanne Weirick. Tie at 63—Carolyn Cummings, Linda Ryan.

Women's Softball

Annette Bunck

The Diamond Divas will play softball Fridays, at 8:30 a.m. beginning Friday, Sept. 10. Hope all of you had a great summer and are ready for some fun and exercise. All women are invited to join us! If you have any questions, please call Annette at (352) 615-2882.

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Top Pickleball Club

Bill Bender & Herb Katz

Pickleball is a game that can best be described as a cross between ping pong, badminton, and tennis. It is like tennis but played on a court that is one-fourth the size of a tennis court. The game is played either as doubles or singles (two players or one player per team). Doubles is more popular and is used most by our club players. The ball is like a whiffle ball.

For inquiring minds, the strange name came from the founder's dog, Pickles, that loved to chase after the ball.

The game's origin dates to 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Washington. To provide their bored families with something to do, two successful men devised the game by using a badminton court. They could not find any rackets, so they improvised using some ping pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball. At first,



they placed the net at 60 inches, but found that the ball bounced well on the asphalt surface and soon lowered the net to 36 inches. The following weekend, a third friend joined the first two and they started creating rules, relying heavily on badminton. They kept in mind the original purpose, which was to provide a game that the whole family could play together.

In 1972, a corporation was formed to protect the creation of the sport.

In 1975, the National Observer published an article about pickleball followed by a 1976 article in Tennis magazine about America's newest racquet sport.

In subsequent years, tournaments were organized, and in 1984, the United States Pickleball Association (U.S.A.P.A.) was founded. In 2020, it was rebranded as USA Pickleball, aligning it more consistently with other U.S. sports governing bodies.

Much of the sport's growth can be attributed to seniors as we boom-

ers continue to discover it. But it is not just for us, as younger athletes are finding it attractive also.

The game is one that many of us describe as "addictive." This is understandable as one can find it fun early in their playing experience. It is also known as a most social game, which we certainly can attest to since we have been described as behaving like "seniors on spring break."

As the Top Pickleball Club membership now surpasses 380 members, the popularity and growth are synonymous with that around the world.

If you look out behind the Recreation Center, you will see heavy construction taking place as the pickleball courts expansion takes place. There will be 11 new courts added to the existing 12. As we continue to add members, there is no doubt that these courts will be well used.

We encourage you to come out any Monday, at 10:30 a.m. to join us for a one-hour orientation to the

sport. We have equipment to loan, so you don't need to bring anything special other than wearing sneakers and an ample supply of water for hydration. This is offered as a community service by Top Pickleball Club. There is no cost or obligation involved. If you're curious, you're always welcome to come to the courts during club hours (7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday). Have a seat inside the court fence and watch the action.



Photo by Bill Bender

Construction of new pickleball courts.

Bocce Club

Michelle Malsch

This is how we roll! Open bocce continues to be one of the hottest games in town. As of late, all six courts are being utilized and are at full capacity. Open bocce is played Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Teams are decided by the luck of the draw. Masks or face coverings are recommended, but not required at this time. Social distancing guidelines may affect the number of players per court.

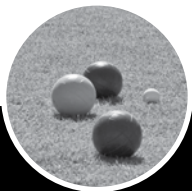
Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Anyone who shows up can play. This is your chance to watch and learn or play. However, as a new player, once you have played with the league on three occasions you will be expected to join the league, pay dues, and sign a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form.

The new season for league play begins Tuesday, Oct. 5. League play will remain Tuesdays at 9 and 11 a.m. As of this writing, masks or face coverings remain mandatory for league players. If you are interested in playing league bocce and play on a team, please call Terry Connolly.

Dues for the 2021/2022 season have not yet been determined but will be decided upon later at this month's board meeting. Dues cover the cost of liability insurance and the annual banquet. All members are expected to pay dues and sign a release form, whether you play in the league, or play open bocce. If joining after the season begins, dues will be prorated.

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

For further information, please contact President Terry Connolly at (352) 362-7284. All are welcome! Until we roll again ...



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Cruise-in Happy Hour

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

The entertainment venues in our community just keep getting bigger and better. The Cruise-in Happy Hour on the Recreation Center front lawn in July is proof-positive.

The Cruise-in Happy Hour will take place again on the third Friday in September and October, from 5 to 8 p.m. Due to the heat, the one scheduled in August was cancelled.

We can now look forward to September and October for the next “cool” Cruise-in Happy Hour.

The Recreation Center front lawn will still be the venue; so, park your golf cart or car – vintage or otherwise – in the parking lot. Then grab your chair or blanket and make yourself comfortable ... relax and listen to some good live music or

get up and show off your best dance moves. Strolling the lawn is also a great way to meet old friends and make new ones. No coolers will be allowed, but remember, there will be plenty of food and drink.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Friday, Sept. 17: Groove 41.
- Friday, Oct. 15: Crossfire.

Entertainment will also be available on the Recreation Center veranda with Gilly and the Girl in September and Ben Simmons in October.

Along with live entertainment, Chef Ralph will be serving up his “world-famous” bratwursts, burgers, and hot dogs. Beer, wine, and soda will also be available for purchase.

Of course, what’s a lovely evening out without ice cream, eh? No problem! An ice cream truck will be onsite in October with all your favorite flavors.

So, mark your calendar to come out and join neighbors and friends for a great evening on the lawn.

Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom (except for the Cruise-in Happy Hour) and veranda takes place weekly on Fridays, from 5 to 8 p.m. Happy Hour is free for residents.



Photo by Ray Cech

The Cruise-in Happy Hour will take place again on the third Friday in September and October on the Recreation Center front lawn, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The 30-Day Challenge

By Joanie Ford

The idea came from an email I received. If you want to get better at your art, get out of an artistic rut, or explore your creativity, the email said, paint every day for 30 days.

I’ve seen things like this before. Isn’t it 28 days to learn a new habit?

Was I ready to bite the bullet and accept the challenge? Is this what I really want to do now in my life? My mind pondered the thought and vision of me sitting here every day at a set time to do my daily challenge painting.

Okay, I’m in. So, what do I have to do next?

Get ready.

This column applies to my painting challenge, but you can make this about your life and your challenge. You can challenge yourself to a certain exercise, to smiling more, to more practice at the driving range, to cooking healthier food, whatever your heart yearns for you to challenge yourself with.

I am going to paint.

For this challenge I am going to pick a theme and for 30 days, I will focus on this theme and paint a different style or color combination each day.

I must get ready, so I don’t fail. How are you going to get ready for your challenge? Maybe you need to try something new or put your sneakers by the door so you’re ready to walk?

For my painting challenge, I am going to paint the same size paint-

ing each day with the same paints.

Knowing me, I must be a little flexible with my timeframe.

I must determine how much of my time I am able to commit to my challenge. Maybe one day I will paint for two hours and do a few paintings and the next day I will rest.

Rules are made to be broken, and so I will change things a little if they aren’t working. For you that might mean you eat healthy for three days and then give yourself a small piece of chocolate cake the next day. The day you have the chocolate cake doesn’t count as one of your 30 days. Or you may want to explore your creativity and find out how to make that chocolate cake healthier.

I need to be accountable to someone other than myself. You may find that important also. I will tell a few of my friends about my challenge. I may even post it on the Art Group Facebook page.

A while back I started reading a good book about change – “Atomic Habits, Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results” by James Clear. A very good read for those of you who have anything you would like to change about yourself, the things you do daily and even your golf game!

The Art Group meets Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in the Hobby Building. Skill or no skill, you are welcome to join us.

I challenge you!



Photo by Joanie Ford

The 30-day challenge.

Karaoke Friends Sing with Props

By Kathy Petrosky

It was great to have our first prop night. Singers wear something or bring someone or something to enhance a song.

We ended the night with Lucy using all of us as her prop as she sang “On Top of the World.” Nancy and Laura dressed hippy style as they sang “The 59th Street Bridge.” Later Nancy had her psychedelic outfit and sang, “Karma Chameleon.” Laura had a picnic set up. She was just missing the ants. She sang “Lazy Hazy Days of Summer.”

Charlie and I had star hats, glasses, and vests to sing, “You Don’t Have to Be a Star.” Russ had a big heart and a ball and chain as he sang, “It’s a Heartache” and “Unchained Melody.” Wearing her boots and cowboy hat, Cicily warned us “These Boots are Made for Walking.”

The Dancing Jewels entertained us with “Tiny Bubbles” and “Waikiki Cowboy.” Norma had a timer telling Bob he had five Minutes. Bob had a manikin head on his shoulder as he sang “Put Your Head on My

Shoulder.” Donnie and Rose were a hit in their native American outfits. Rose acted out “Kaw Liga” while Donnie sang.

Holding a picture of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, Rick Nelson sang, “Key Largo.” Patty had a large, darkened window with pairs of eyes as she sang, “The Night Has

a Thousand Eyes.” John had his white sport coat and pink carnation singing that song. Vicky donned her leather vest and glasses to sing, “You’re the One That I Want.” She also sang “Do Ya” wearing a sign asking her husband, “Do ya still love me?” Hmm ... he did not answer!

Jeff had his cell phone checking his messages for “Return to Sender.” Diane had her pink rose on as she sang, “The Rose.” Yeong wore a great big heart to tell us “Love’s a Many Splendid Thing.” Everyone left smiling and laughing.

This is a tip for this month. Some

people tap or blow into the microphone to test it. The loud tap can cause a speaker or microphone problem. The suggested way to do a microphone check is to speak into it by saying, “check or one, two, three.” You can simply greet the people to ensure the microphone is on. We are still asking singers to bring a microphone cover. It is an extra layer of safety for all singers.

This month, we will not meet Monday, Sept. 6, since it is Labor Day. We will meet Monday, Sept. 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Come join the fun.



Photo by Steve Warren

July prop night.

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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



There's no business like show business" and The New Pretenders are back in business again! It is so exciting to once again plan, perfect and present a new program to our audience. Even practices are fun as we work on executing each selection.

You will be able to see the results of our hard work Friday, Feb. 4, and Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at 7 p.m. The Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, performance is at 2 p.m. Naturally, tickets are needed for entrance to any of the productions, which take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Ticket sales will commence Jan. 5, 2022, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 8:15 to 10 a.m. We will return each Monday, Wednes-

day, and Friday thereafter to continue the sales. Reserved seats are \$10 each and general admission seats are \$8 each. After our expenses are met, the proceeds will be donated to local charities within Marion County.

The New Pretenders will be introducing some terrific new talent to the viewers. You will spot our rookies, male and female, in the band and in the singers. We are impressed with their efforts that espouse the troupe work ethics. And like Jello, there's always room for more!

If you are thinking, "I can't do that!" Oh yes, you can! We can bring out those talents you've been hiding. If you've ever considered picking up an instrument, now's your chance. Don't hesitate! Come and join the fun! If you are wondering, how it is done, contact any member of The New Pretenders or Nancy Grabowski at (352) 209-4699 for more information.



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Bill Tupper of The New Pretenders.



Photo by Linda Lohr

An adorable crop top and capri outfit for a young girl.

Sewing Bees

Linda Lohr



All through these hot, sticky, and rainy days, a good place to hang out is in the Hobby Building Art Room!

The Sewing Bees are working on adorable outfits for girls who are serviced by our agencies. Several ladies are busy making sundresses and short outfits. Next on the agenda will be outfits for the boys! We are still making quilts, tote bags and cute animal pillows.

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

Please contact Kathy Nardone at (352) 300-3063 or Marsha Schmeer at (813) 920-3487 with any questions or concerns.

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Bingo



Nancy Grabowski

Bingo has been amazingly successful! Our volunteers are so pleased to welcome our faithful players as well as the newer members. Purses have held steady at \$50 for each of the regular games. After an early win by Pete Sanford, the cover-all jackpot has continued to grow. Any Wednesday night now, someone is going to get lucky!

Speaking of luck, Andy Rocafort had a spectacular night in July; he claimed three raffle ticket prizes and won another game. What a great time for him. That luck could rub off on you. Raffle tickets can be purchased from 4 to 5:30 p.m.; the lucky tickets are pulled beginning at 5:45 p.m. Each ticket equals a \$20 pay-off which is quite a return for the investment. Ticket prices are three for \$1 or 10 for \$3. Maybe the next time will be your turn to cash in.

Playing cards are sold from 4:30 to 5:40 p.m. for \$1 per card. You must show your resident ID card. This card can also be used to sign in guests and open the fitness center doors to access the restrooms during intermission.

Time to mark your calendar for super bingo – Wednesday, Nov. 17 – with the traditional times remaining the same. Cards, however, are sold in increments of three with each group selling for \$5. Prizes for 16 games are \$75 each and there are four games for \$250 apiece. No guests are permitted to attend super bingo.

At any bingo session, each person is allowed to save only one seat and there are no assigned seats. However, you might notice a “volunteer” sign at some seats; those are the places of our volunteers who are working that evening prior to the start of the games.

We continue to stress the safety of our players which is of utmost

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importance. Please don’t tip chairs forward while you are away from your seat. When exiting the building, please use the sidewalks and handrails where available. The middle of the roadway is not a safe spot in which to walk, and caution is urged in the parking lot, too. A gentle reminder, especially to the golf cart drivers, to watch for pedestrians as well as other vehicles.

We look forward to hearing you shout “bingo” some Wednesday night in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Come and join in the fun!

Bunco Babes Social Group



Michelle Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group is back! The group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio IV on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Sept. 28. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. You do not have to call to register. You need only to show up - and you may bring a guest or two.

If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play. New players are always welcome.

The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. Cash prizes are awarded for the holder of the last player who yelled “bunco,” the most number of buncos, the most number of mini buncos, the most number of wins, and the most number of losses. All ties result in a roll off with the highest roll declared the winner. There are also two drawings for door prizes for those who did not win any of the cash prizes. Please bring your own beverage and snack if you wish.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. Stay safe and be healthy until we meet again!

Bridge



Monday Afternoon
By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

July 12
1: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 2: Phyllis & Herb Silverman; 3: Judy Mackowiak & Rick Saffol; 4: Rosie Ross & Carol Johnson; 5: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown.

July 19
1: Phyllis & Herb Silverman; 2: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 4: Pam Jones & Gayle Taylor; 5: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown.

July 26
1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Bernie Kelly & Rad D.; 3: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown; 4: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; Tie at 5: Pat & Debbie Quinn and Sharon Davis & Marilyn.

Aug. 2
1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Betty Morris & Brent Powell.

Wednesday Afternoon
By Debbie Quinn

July 14
1: Joe McKeown; 2: Nancy Lustenberger; 3: Craig Ford; 4: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Steve O'Brien.

July 21
1: Joe McKeown; 2: Rick Saffol; Tie at 3: Lucy Malloy & Shirley Stolly; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

Thursday Afternoon
By Marlene Floeckher

July 1
1: Craig Ford; 2: Joe McKeown; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

July 8
1: Gayle Taylor; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: John Ryan; Cons: Al Kramer.

July 15
1: Judy MacKowiak; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Mary Bloch.

July 22
1: Craig Ford; 2: Gayle Taylor; 3: Rad D.; Cons: Ric Saffol.

July 29
1: Gayle Taylor; 2: Bernie Kelly; 3: Joan Lord; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Thursday Night
By Jeff and Pam Bell

Our group is known for friendly and relaxed play. If you have taken the “Beginning Bridge” class through Master the Possibilities, or are returning to bridge after many years, or you are great player and just want a relaxing evening of bridge with some nice people, this is the group for you.

We meet every Thursday in the Recreation Center Event Room at 6 p.m. The cost to play is \$0.25 per person per evening. Top three winners bring home all proceeds.

You do not need to bring a partner; we partner up and play by drawing cards.

Partners rotate throughout the evening based on scoring. We have been running three to four tables but have room for several more.

July 14
1: Marilyn Valchin; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Bob Kraus.

July 21
1: Patsy Claremont; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Liane Anthony.

July 28
1: Jean Krueger; 2: Brent Powell; 3: Dan Hall.

Aug. 5
1: Pam Bell; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Marilyn Valchin.

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Walt Lamp

First, a look back to the beginning. The history of chess can be traced back 1,500 years. The first chess tournament and championship took place in 1866, when Wilhelm Steinitz became the first official world chess champion. However, chess goes back even further to places like northern India or China, depending on your source.

In America, the father and aficionado of chess was Benjamin Franklin, who authored “The Morals of Chess” in 1750. He was known to spend hours facing an opponent across a chess board. Paul Murphy, born in 1837 in New Orleans, was hailed as the first American chess legend. He played Europe’s best and was quite successful.

The first U.S. chess championship was in 1845, while the women’s first championship was in 1937. The National Chess Federation, later became the current United States Chess Federation, founded in 1939. Bobby Fisher gave chess a much-needed boost by defeating Boris Spassky in 1972, at the world championship. Experts say the attention and interest doubled the membership of the United States Chess Federation, after the match.

Most recently, the Netflix series, “Queen’s Gambit,” helped stimulate an interest by the younger generation.

So, after about two months, our club has seen membership grown very fast. In June, we had every table occupied with a game in progress. I was asked, “Are woman allowed?” We seek all chess players who enjoy the game to join us. I was surprised by the question for this game is meant for the pleasure and enjoyment of all residents.

Chess has many competitive venues in Florida and across America. The two-day Florida Senior Open Chess Championship took place in The Villages in June. Member, Tim Stanley, competed and was successful in three of his four challenges. He is also on the Florida Chess Association board.

We look forward to playing with Tim and all chess players on Thursdays, in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room II at 4 p.m.

If you would like to join us, call Walt Lamp at (352) 854-9378.

Pinochle



Tuesday Night
By Herb Katz

July 13
1: Jackie Nuccio; 2: Lee Freehaut; 3: Kathie Dushary.

July 20
1: Lee Freehaut; 2: Mary Crouch; 3: Ilene Casper

July 27
1: Jim Recor; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: James Tomaszek.

Friday Morning
By Mary Hannon

July 16
1: Bernard DeGregorio; 2: Judy Wagnitz; 3: Charlie Budd.

July 23
1: Jim Recor; 2: Kathy Schmidt; 3: Jim Magoon.

July 30
1: Herb Katz; 2: Ed Casper; Tie at 3: Ilene Casper & Mike Scheerer.

Aug. 6
1: Kathy Pinto; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Bernard DiGregorio.

Samba



Penny Wagener

Bring six decks of shuffled cards and a tray for a fun afternoon of samba. We start at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Poker Room every Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Penny Wagener at (301) 326-5279.

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Poetry

Linda Toner



Fall

Fall, glorious fall
What can I say?
Daily rains are gone
And the heat is away.

The oaks shed their leaves,
What a bother
But they kept my house cool
In summer, I remember.

The myrtles change color,
Their seed pods pop
The birds are happy
To clean them up.

With fewer leaves
The trees show their wood
Standing tall and strong
As trunks and branches should.

The temperature is pleasant,
The humidity gone
The evenings are cooler
The crickets sing on.

We sit outside
On our porch
Our metal chairs
Are not like a torch.

That burned our skin
On contact in summer
Is pleasantly warm
A comfort to remember.

There is a slight chill
To the night air
Preceding the end
Of the year.

Fall, glorious fall
What can I say?
Enjoy it now
Before it goes away.

Poetry

John Kinser Hall



Immature Love

In this age of betterment, so many come to say
That marriage really isn't the game they want
to play
Their thoughts in the beginning, were that of
fun and games.
Playing house to have a spouse, to change by
changing names.
Now while living, they find this "work not fun."
The case, no longer he or she, now married,
"they are one."
Single friends, who they once knew, have all
become a threat.
Mistrust, deceit, and jealousy soon changed
love to regret.
The gifts, they gave each other, that neither
could afford.
With hope to buy the others love would reap a
poor reward.
What did he want, a "house-mouse," a servant,
or a naive?
Was her wish a "daddy," her champion, or
maybe slave?
Will this marriage sadly end, for neither is
mature?
If so, we hope "the next time," these lessons
learned endure.

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View from
the Library

B.J. Leckbee



Our library has six shelves of biographies. They are located near the door and are filed alphabetically by the subject's last name, so it isn't necessary to know who wrote the book to find it.

In Sam Walton's case, the name's the same. He titled his autobiography "Sam Walton, Made in America - My Story."

The man who changed the world of marketing tells how he took his

experience managing one Ben Franklin store in Newport, Arkansas and used it to create the marketing behemoth we all know as Walmart. From the start he focused on small towns instead of big cities.

Much of the book is devoted to formation of the business and all the roadblocks along the way; but also, with lessons learned. He believed that the folks on the front lines are the only ones who know what's going on; he personally visited almost 2,000 stores in 40 years. And he listened.

Walton lived in the small town of Bentonville, Arkansas, thanks to his wife, Helen, announcing when they married that she would not live in

any town with more than 10,000 residents. Vacation to him meant camping with the family and his hunting dogs; although once they reached their destination, he'd drive to the nearest town to check out the local Walmart store.

This is a unique story of a life lived by a remarkable man.

Sports fans might want to read the biography of Joe Montana, who led the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl championships. It's filed under M, of course.

There's also a lengthy biography of the late Princess Diana, which is filed under D, as the biographer didn't use her last name in the title.

And, thanks to our residents, many more.

Happy
Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



As always, the summer Olympics were great to watch. Congratulations to all medalists! One item of particular interest was learning that Tom Daly, a British diver, also knits and crochets. He took social media by storm with his cardigan created with Olympic and team Great Britain symbols and a small pouch he created to hold his gold medal in synchronized 10-meter platform diving. He has shared that he has a love for knitting, crocheting and all

things stitching. The Happy Hookers shares that same love as well. Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late, or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back.

What we do have is a group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidery, and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring what-

ever 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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Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride



The Artistic Crafts & Gifts’ craft show has resumed and takes place weekly on Tuesdays, at the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon and will continue weekly through May.

Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of our very talented crafters and artisans. The group started back in the early 1990s, and the show has grown from seven crafters to now over 45, with close to 50 online and more gearing up to go virtual. All resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

This month, we feature the background of Paula Houle who never considered herself a crafty, artsy person. Her new hobby was inspired by her sister who is a craft guru and can knit and crochet anything.

Having moved here seven years ago from New Hampshire, although her sister keeps in contact, Paula hasn’t seen her since. Missing her sister who is also her best friend, Paula wanted to give her something personal that would remind her of their bond every day. So, that’s when she decided to surprise her



Photo by Chris Kilbride

Colorful fabric florals by Paula Houle adorn multi-sized pillows and framed art.

by making an original creation.

Eyeing some beautifully crafted fabric flowered pillows and framed button art on Pinterest she thought, “I can do that”... and sew (pun intended), it began.

Not knowing where to start, it became her obsessive-compulsive mission to find just the right scraps, pillows, fabric, buttons, and anything else that might inspire her creativity.

It turns out, to her surprise, that she really enjoys the hunt, zipping through hobby and fabric stores and even thrift shops in the area

to find just the right elements that could be joined together into something that would amaze her sister.

Now after working for five years at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, she decided it was time to fully retire. With all her newly realized free hours, Paula decided to pursue making more pillows and button art to fill the void.

After a while, she ran out of places to showcase her art around the house, and much to her husband’s delight, it was time to sell some of these colorful distractions that were created. We welcome our new

member Paula and her inspired designs into our crafts show.

For those who have never visited on Tuesday, please take an hour, and go by and see the wide variety of quality items for sale. All vendors are now part of our virtual website also, so you can see everyone’s crafts even if you can’t get to the weekly show. Any vendor can make arrangements with you to purchase items throughout the week.

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

Original Karaoke

Sindy & Richie O'Brien



A star is born! Come see Bill Scaringe and his backup singers, Rosemary Scaringe and Vicky Smith; they were such a blast. Several visiting family members also attended and sang and danced together; they really entertained the crowd and made it such a memorable evening. We even had residents come in just to listen.

It’s a nice night out so if you’d like to join the fun, we meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday at the Arbor Activity Center Event Room and the fourth Monday at the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome in both places. For more information, call Sindy at (352)362-4810.



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Rosemary Scaringe, Bill Scaringe and Vicky Smith.

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Photo by ShutterBug Linda Uhley

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ShutterBugs
Photography

Connie Filip



Here’s your chance to learn a bit about Linda Uhley, our club’s classy photographer, current secretary, and treasurer.

Linda and Gary Uhley have lived in On Top of the World for 18 years and have been either members or officers in ShutterBugs for over 15 years.

I asked Linda what got her interested in photography. She said, “When Gary got involved in the club, by joining with him, we’d have something to do together. Plus, an interest in photography gives you a reason to go places.”

Linda began shooting using the camera’s automatic setting. She gained confidence about using the shutter and aperture priority settings from watching tips in our educational movies. Now she puts those tips into practice by shooting three or four photos in each of these settings. She’s thoroughly enjoyed her photographic journey – “it’s been quite the learning experience.”

It’s her belief that photos should be edited as little as possible. She might use photo editing, but only to lighten, darken or crop her best shots.

Her favorite subject is to capture children playing and having a good time. This photo was taken at ZooTampa at Lowry Park on a ShutterBugs field trip. She’d just sat down to rest (after several hours of walking!) and spied these two chil-

dren having too much fun in the water fountains.

Linda, thanks for all you’ve contributed to the ShutterBugs Club ... including your time, energy, and welcoming smiles!

In the Master the Possibilities’ lobby in September, Harry Boyajian is displaying an amazing smorgasbord of what he calls “fun and creative photography.”

He’s chosen his favorite photos of birds, flowers, and landscapes. Plus, he’s used several kinds of software to artistically simulate other mediums. To top it all off, the photo frames have been made from wood that Harry has reclaimed. Come see what’s possible using creative photo editing.

Now’s the time to gear up and shoot those photos for our annual photo contest. As in past years, members can submit up to three digital photographs by September, with a fourth in our special category –unique mailboxes.

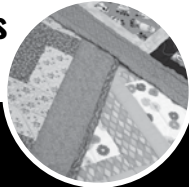
Club members’ digital photos will be submitted to independent judges. The winners will be displayed here in November for you to vote for your favorite in the people’s choice award.

ShutterBugs has resumed our Tuesday meetings and field trips. Look for up-to-date schedule information on our club website at otow-spc.com.

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

Sunshine Quilters

Donna Boyajian



Strip piecing is a quick and easy method that packs a powerful punch. It allows the quilter to create eye-catching blocks with fabric strips instead of small individual pieces. Sewn in “strip sets” the block looks like part of a block. When four of these strip sets are assembled, it creates a mind-boggling diamond shape. Sewn together with others in a quilt top, it looks like diamonds galore!

Strip piecing is one of Doris Gallagher’s favorite quilting projects. She loves the creativity and the sense of freedom by choosing each strip randomly. No need to match a color or pattern and there is no definitive strip width. A quilter is only limited by their imagination and of course by size of the scrap stash. There are no rules and there is no right or wrong with this method. Just be careful. Watch out that the corner pieces are large enough to cover the point! We’ve all made that mistake more than once.

Doris and husband of 47 years, Ronald (a retired chief of police), purchased a home in On Top of the World in 2009. They spent the next six years as snowbirds returning to their home in Pennsylvania for the summers. Though moving permanently here in 2015, she is a new-

comer to the Sunshine Quilters. She remembers her mother belonging to a church quilting group and complaining of her finger being sore! This, however, did not dampen Doris’ interest in learning the craft. She decided that having worked over 33 years in banking at Jim Thorpe National Bank and Mauch Chunk Trust Company, it was time to learn about what her mother loved, and she sews her magic on a Euro Pro Denim machine.

Doris does not profess to any special skill, though her work is beautiful. She says, “For now I just enjoy learning from seasoned members.” What does she like most about being a part of the Sunshine Quilters? “The friendliness; the group is welcoming and eager to help. You are never made to feel small.” Doris is learning a lot of techniques and skills and we look forward to seeing what she does next!

Come learn with Doris and be a part of an amazing group. Stop by the Hobby Building Art Room Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to check us out and to meet Doris.

Alpha Center and Marion Senior Services received 10 donated quilts in June and 26 in July. Our machines sure have been busy!

We also welcome new members Sue and Kim. Our Tuesday activities include our monthly meeting Sept 7; block of the month Sept. 14 with Peggy (subject to change); and free motion classes one and two Sept. 21 and 28, respectively with Pat.

For more information, please call Lisa at (610) 304-1273.



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Model
Railroaders

Paul Lewandowski



The Club Fair will take place Thursday, Sept. 23, in Recreation Center Ballroom. The Model Railroaders will have a table with displays of various scales of trains and scenic materials.

When we were in the previous train room, we were limited by space to a single scale – HO. While it is a very common scale to work with and has a vast number of available resources for rolling stock, buildings, vehicles, and so forth, there are people who prefer to work in different scales.

With the new room, we are now able to offer layout possibilities for two additional scales – G scale (garden scale) and Lionel three-rail (O scale). If you have interest in any of the three scales, now is the time to come and see us. The G scale is up and running, but the Lionel is still under construction. We would like to give special thanks to Athena Drewes for her generous donation of top-condition Lionel rolling stock and accessories.

If you have any HO (DCC only) or G scale engines and want to run them, bring them along for a test run. Lionel (three-rail) will have to wait a while longer until that layout



Photo by Paul Lewandowski

Hobby Building Model Train Room.

is finished.

Although we have been in the room for over a year now, the actual working time has been less due to safety restrictions. We are still working on new construction, so we still consider it our “new” room. Our new layout is in the Hobby Building Model Train Room.

After visiting our table at the fair, we encourage participants to mosey over to the Hobby Building where we have the layout. We will have several members running

trains who will be ready, willing and able to discuss the how’s and why’s of layout design, construction and train operation.

What kind of experience is required to be an active member of the club? None. For most of us, our railroading experience has been as a passenger only. All that is required is a desire to be involved with the hobby. If you want to learn, come on out. Our members are more than willing to show you what they know and share tips and tricks with

everyone interested.

For information on joining our club, call Jim Lynam at (352) 861-2822.

Our club schedules run sessions every Friday (except holidays) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Model Train Room. Club business meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (except holidays) at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.



Photo by Janis Holte-Pavlatos

Molly cheering on parade participants.

Fun with
Golf Carts

Janis Holte-Pavlatos



Club administrators, George and Valerie Ostrom, with moderators, Charlie and Fran Calhoun, are busy planning our up-coming golf cart parade. The parade is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, Sept. 4, followed by a potluck get-together that same afternoon.

Donations are appreciated for Stuff the Bus, Operation Shoebox, Interfaith Emergency Services, and various animal shelters. Donations can also be dropped off at George’s or Charlie’s houses. Check out our Facebook page (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) for more information.

There will be a special collection

of stuffed animals and children’s blankets at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, until the parade departs the Recreation Center parking lot. You can also drop off donations at Mary Beth Bell’s house; call her at (585) 943-4227 to coordinate. More details are available on our Facebook page.

We are also collecting plastic bags that pillows and blankets come in for the Marion County Sheriff’s Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Golf carts need to line up Saturday, Sept. 4, in the Recreation Center parking lot by 9:45 a.m. with departure at 10 a.m. Feel free to decorate your golf cart with this month’s themes – Labor Day and 9/11. Costumes are optional.

As we all know, dogs love a parade! Well behaved dogs may ride in the golf cart with you or watch and cheer us on from the sidelines.

We will have a potluck for club members the same day, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion. Please bring a beverage, ice (if needed) and a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-D, please bring meat; E-I a vegetable dish; J-M a pasta dish; N-Q a dessert; R-U a potato dish; and V-Z fruit. Thank you for the great suggestion Nancy! Please note that there are plug-ins for crockpots. If you are able, please bring a table for the food.

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Theatre Group

Richard Rosen



“Musical Comedy Tonight - The Best of Times” is the title of the Theatre Group’s spring production. We will be presenting a program of musical theater classics with the emphasis on humor and upbeat fun, while at the same time enriching our audiences with the sophistication, charm, and wit of the Broadway show tune. Our show will feature songs and scenes from “Bye Bye Birdie,” “Sweet Charity,” “South Pacific,” “The Fantasticks,” “La Cage Aux Folles,” “Oklahoma,” “Guys and Dolls,”

“Anything Goes,” “Damn Yankees,” “Little Shop of Horrors,” “Mame,” and much more. Also on the docket will be the British all-time favorite, “Me and My Girl” complete with audience participation as we all dance to the delightful “Lambeth Walk.”

Feel free to join us Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room to work on the show’s production numbers. Our first full official meeting for new and existing members will be 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. At this meeting, we will be collecting \$10 dues for the year, and announcing the narrations, solos, duets, and small group numbers up for auditions, which will commence Monday, Oct. 18.

Everyone attending this first

meeting can join us on stage as we rehearse the production numbers for our spring show. Any person who wants to perform will be in the cast of the show, whether you can sing or not. No one gets cut! If backstage is your passion, there will be plenty to plan for and execute as we go through the rehearsal process.

The Theatre Group is a very inclusive performance ensemble. Each member’s creativity, input and participation is welcome. All participants onstage and offstage are important to the success of our shows. Everyone in our community is welcome to be a part of our dynamic performance ensemble. For further information, contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com.

Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



By now members have been contacted by our new coordinator, Penny Douphinet. We are happy to welcome Penny into our great group of crafters. Be sure to make note of her information for any questions or concerns. Let the stamping begin again!

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.

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

For class or general information, contact Penny at the email below. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Penny Douphinet at pennydough@gmail.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin’!



Photo by Linda Lohr

Great idea for a guy card!

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Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



Oh boy! I can hardly wait. Our first meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room. We are really starting rehearsals for our holiday program!

The holiday program is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. Director Michael Nagy is selecting the music right now for our holiday program.

For our September meeting, current members should bring their resident ID or Gateway of Services pass; water to sooth your dry throat as we will be doing a lot of singing; and a pencil (not a pen) to mark your music.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents.

Every member must register, and the dues are \$10 for the fall performance season. This fee goes to pro-

vide music and occasional props for our performances.

The future is looking bright for the Concert Chorus. What a great time to sing. If you are a member, or want to be a member, start vibrating your tonsils and exercising your voice. If you love listening to good music, sharpen your ears and get ready for some great holiday music.

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