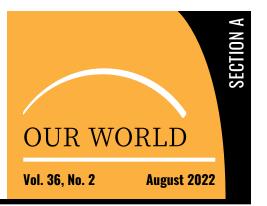
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Community News

Kenneth D. Colen

Thanks for Saying

It's been great to get so many positive notes and comments from residents about the Red, White & Boom celebration and fireworks display. This was our 11th year of hosting fireworks, and I'm proud to say that they went off on time, without a hitch. This year's display was more spectacular than last. (It gets better every year!) We appreciate hearing all the positive comments that all of you shared with us. We are already in the planning stages for year 12!

Storm Season

August puts us near the peak of the storm season and is a strong reminder to all residents to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your home and contents is adequate. If you feel "lucky" and go without insurance or believe you can self-insure, please reconsider because the cost of repair or reconstruction (especially from fire) may well put you into debt.

If you live in Candler Hills, Weybourne Landing, or Indigo East, now is a good time to review your homeowner's insurance with your agent. Make sure you are insured under an HO3 form of coverage.

In the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, you will want to be covered under the HO6 form, as the residential structures as originally conveyed are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The event deductible remains at \$10,000 per occurrence for any event including wind/hail related damage. Named storm deductible remains at 3% of the loss. Named storm events are subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence such as a named storm. With respect to flood, earthquake, and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association does have coverage in the event of damage to buildings from sinkholes. This coverage has a \$10,000 deductible. It is worth noting that sinkhole activity may occur in storm water retention ponds. This is not remarkable given the volume of water received and the concentrated weight imposed on the ponds in a very short period. The repair of such damage is a common expense of the Association and is not an insurable event since no structures were involved. Fortunately, repairs and recovery are very straightforward.

Direct your agent to write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls in losses. It is never a bad idea to see if that "loss assessment coverage" component can be increased.

Content coverage may vary greatly depending on what it is you wish to insure. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances, fenestration (windows and doors) and cabinetry.

There may be a possibility that your carrier will offer a product called "extended protection" that in effect offers another layer to loss assessment coverage. It was pointed out to me by a local insurance agent that the carrier may require a letter from the Association stating that there are "no losses, unreported losses, and ongoing repairs" currently pending. We have drafted such a generic letter and posted it to OTOWInfo.com (click on Associations, OTOW Central then scroll down until you come to "Association No Loss Letter"). You may print this letter and provide it to your local agent.

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On Top of the Moon

By Dave DeAngelis World News Writer

It will never get old for me until I can no longer do it; looking up at a crystal-clear full moon and trying to comprehend what I can't – the fact that 12 guys loped around up there. One guy even hit golf balls. Heck, they drove buggies around.

July 20 marked the 53rd anniversary of man introducing the moon to his boots for the first time. Two guys went out for a walk, one guy ready in the taxi on this Apollo 11 mission. No matter what our age at the time, we all were in awe. I had the good fortune to interview three contributors to the history of NASA, with two of them living here in On Top of the World.

A resident since 2017, Sandy Dickinson grew up in Titusville because of her father's work with NASA; notably the Gemini and Apollo programs. She graduated from the University of Central Florida (UCF) in 1987 with a degree in computer science. At UCF, she was a co-op student with NASA which gave her a "leg up" in securing a full-time job there in 1989.

Sandy worked as a computer

Sandy worked as a computer engineer for 10 years on the space shuttle program in the operations and checkout division. This team ensured the performance certification, "a long process," for experiments prior to their installation on the shuttle. Even though that technology wasn't the newest then, she showed me one of her father's complex calculation tools from way back when – a slide rule.

She recalled as a teenager watching the launch of the Saturn V rocket, the beast that generated 7.6 million pounds of thrust that "shook the house" and sent those guys to the moon. Her favorite memory is that of her front row VIP experience witnessing her first shuttle night launch that "turned night into day and set off car alarms."

After NASA, Sandy worked for the Department of Defense (DOD) until retirement in 2015 and keeps herself busy with activities in our community, especially pickleball.

James DeRosa graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from West Virginia University, then attended law school until he "found an alternate direction in life" ... he went to work in his father's Jersey City consulting and distribution company that supplied electronic production supplies. James was at the ground floor of computer technology back then, bringing his new Apple IIe to work because at that time, company records were kept on clipboards and calculations performed on ... his father's slide rule.

After 10 years of working for the company his father said, "It's all yours, I'm moving to Florida!" James took over leadership of the business and earned contracts with major companies that worked with NASA, such as a developer of guidance systems; and with independent clients such as a large submarine base. He believes that some of their products were incorporated into NASA guidance systems for the Apollo and shuttle programs.

Having moved here from New Jersey almost three years ago, he belongs to the Marion County Cor-

vette Club as well as our own On Top of the Wheels Car Club. His passion is flying, as he once owned a Cessna and, not surprisingly, he

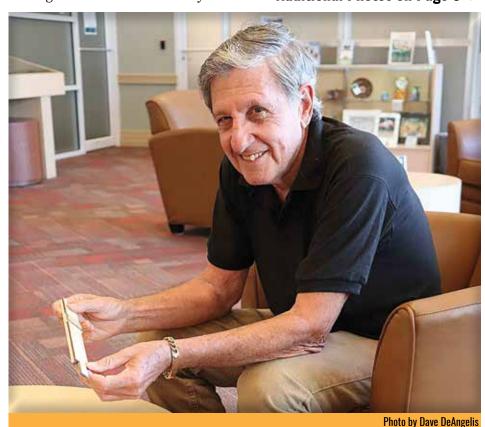
enjoys tinkering on old cars.

Beginning his NASA career in 1985, Greg Clements is currently chief of the Exploration Systems and Development office in the Exploration Research and Technology Programs Directorate at the John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC). A resident of Mims, Florida, he kindly granted me a video conference in which he detailed not only the evolution of NASA, but also the historymaking events that occurred at KSC and exciting current projects.

When I related the contributions of Sandy and James, Greg told me that when President Kennedy issued his moon directive, NASA went into overdrive to find the "best companies and best people" nationwide to make it, along with future momentum, happen. Kudos to Sandy and James. Slide rules rule!

Greg will be presenting Friday, July 29 – "The History of the Founding of NASA" – in Live Oak Hall. To register, visit MasterThePossibilities.org.

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mes DeRosa with a slide rule.

Every Dig Calls for an 811 Phone Call

By Shane Bobson

Installing a fence or new landscaping, starting a garden project, or building a deck, all require a call to Sunshine 811 at least two full business days before you, or your licensed contractor, begins digging to get public facilities marked and located. In fact, it's the law.

Sunshine 811 notifies its member utility companies to mark their underground facilities where you plan to dig.

Safe digging is everyone's responsibility. Failure to dig safely can result in costly damages, fines, repairs, loss of essential utility services, and even serious injuries to you or your neighbors. Underground infrastructure, when struck, can have a variety of effects.

For many homeowners, taking a shovel to the front yard is not a big deal. But, if they knew the risk of striking infrastructure under their property, or if they knew the actual societal costs of damages to underground infrastructure – \$30 billion in the U.S. in 2019 alone, according to the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) – they'd stop viewing the 811 calls before you dig process as optional.

You should call 811 (Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or visit sunshine811.com at least two full business days before you begin any digging. The specific amount of advance notice that you are required to provide varies by state. You will need to know the address of where you are doing the work, including the county and nearest

cross street, as well as the type of project you're completing and the exact area on the property where you're planning to dig.

You must wait a few days before breaking ground to ensure that all utilities have responded to your request. Once all utilities have marked their buried lines, make sure to carefully dig around any utility marks and consider relocating projects that are close to buried utilities.

Follow these steps for safe digging:

STEP #1: Plan your project. Before contacting Sunshine 811, gather specific information about your digging project such as the street address, type of project, timeline of the project and more.

STEP #2: Contact Sunshine 811. Once you have all project information on hand, it's time to contact Sunshine 811; it's free and easy. You will receive a ticket number and a list of member utility companies that will be notified of your planned digging project.

STEP #3: Wait the required time. After you submit a ticket, member utility operators have two full business days to mark the approximate location of underground facilities on your property. Legal holidays and weekends do not count toward those two days.

STEP #4: Confirm positive responses. Follow the progress of each member utility by viewing the positive response codes they use to

explain your dig site. You can find a helpful video online at sunshine811. com/6-steps-to-safe-digging.

STEP #5: Confirm the marks. Once the two full business days have passed, you must confirm that all member utility companies have responded to your ticket. Compare the various colors of the marks and flags on your property to the list of member utility companies listed on your ticket. If the marks do not match the response codes, contact the appropriate member utility using the information on the ticket. If any members did not respond, contact that member using the information on the ticket.

STEP #6: Dig with care. Now that the buried facilities on your property have been marked or cleared, it's time to start digging! According to Florida law, there is a tolerance zone that runs 24 inches from each facility's outside edge. If you're digging within the tolerance zone, use increased caution to protect the underground facilities.

Remember to dig responsibly – it's the law.



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Is It Legal?



Our upcoming Tuesday lecture schedule at Master the Possibilities is as follows:

- Sept. 20: Constitution DaySept. 27: Homestead Laws in
- Florida
 Oct. 25: Let's Talk About
- Your Children
 Nov. 8: Annuities A Differ-

ent Look at Them Please register at MasterthePossibilities.org.

SCAM ALERT: A homeowner received a postcard size piece of mail from some company with the name "Land Trust" in it. The card seemed to indicate that it was about the sale of the homeowner's home. Kinda scary for the homeowner, right? The card said to turn it over to the other side and there was a phone number to call and then a message to hear. However, when the phone number on the back is called, the message is that the company involved wanted to buy the resident's home. In my opinion, the purpose of this scam is to intimidate you into calling the number on the back of the card so they can then try to get you to sell your home to them - probably well below its market value. They'll tell you that they'll pay all the costs. They probably will so long as you take 40% or 50% less than your property is worth. Don't call the number. Throw this piece of junk in the garbage where it deserves to be. If you want to sell your home, go to a reputable realtor. There are plenty of them. They'll want your business, and they will work to conclude a sale at a reasonable price. Please be cautious.

Q. Where do you get the questions for your column?

A. Interesting question. I used to



get them from letters folks would send – they call it "snail mail" now. I can't remember the last time I got one. Then, I would get emails. I still do, but not too many. I get a lot of questions from clients. I get some from the two elder law internet listservs I am on – the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. One of my law partners, Rachel Wagoner or John Beck sometimes pose questions for me.

As for the scam alerts, well, scams are found everywhere, aren't they? I write the questions in the "Q and A" format because so far, it seems to work well with my readers. My partner, Rachel Wagoner, uses the "paragraph" format, which seems to work well for her. John Beck hasn't written a column yet, but when he does, he'll try to select a format that is helpful to the reader.

Q. What is your opinion about annuities for people who are retired and don't want to, or don't know how to manage their money?

A. I think annuities can be a valid estate planning tool for the folks who need them, who understand all the costs and fees involved, and who are fully aware of the pitfalls involved in owning them. My main concern with annuities has to do with the way they are marketed to senior citizens, most of whom are well past the stage when they should purchase one as their own estate planning method. It's one thing to buy an annuity when you are much younger, and you can get through the penalty period and maybe even earn some decent return on your money. It's quite another to buy one when you are retired.

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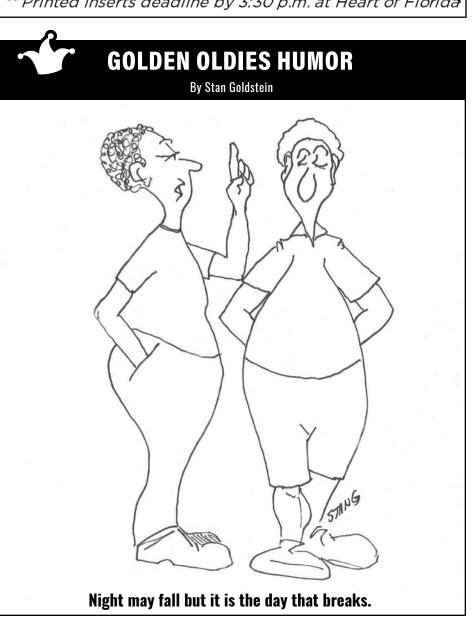
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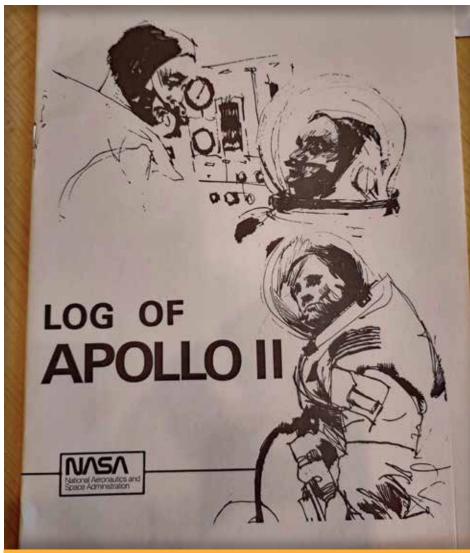


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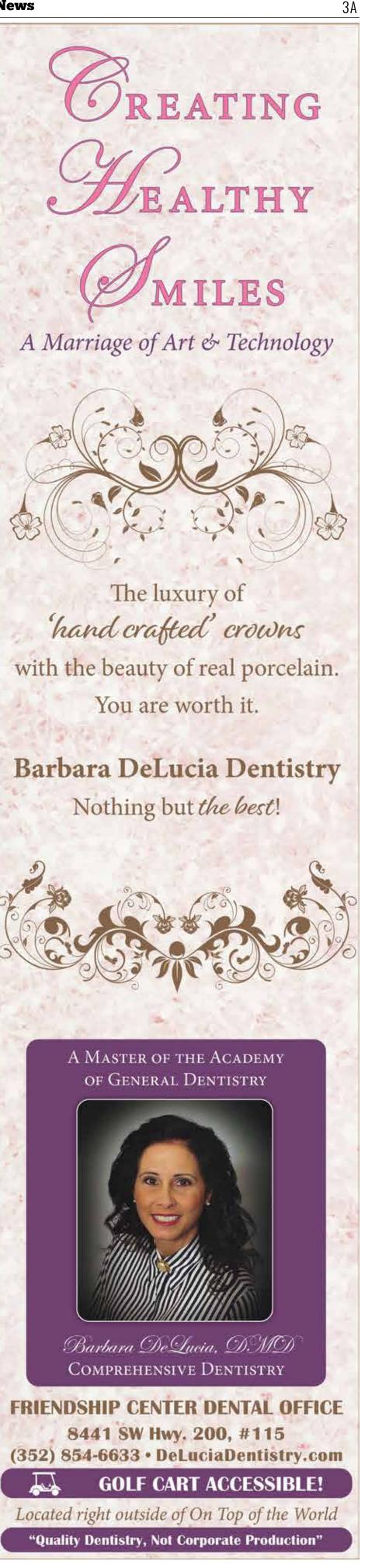
Sandy Dickenson with shuttle launch team photo.



Apollo II log from Sandy Dickenson's dad..

Photo by Dave DeAngelis





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Retirement

It's official, after 16 years as general manager for On Top of the World Communities, Lynette Vermillion is handing off the reigns of the many operational entities that she successfully managed.

Lynette retired from Duke Energy after 28 years of service and fortunately for us, she couldn't stay retired for long before considering our offer to join On Top of the World. Lynette brought with her a laser focus that would ultimately improve our customer service, customer engagement, and service delivery procedures, along with a positive community minded mentality that enabled her to deliver results that would benefit our residents. A dedicated leader, Lynette jumped in with both feet implementing performance standards and intensive employee training for the teams she managed, concentrating everyone's efforts on improving the customer engagement process in all the areas she was challenged to

As an intensive problem solver, Lynette has always displayed a readiness to engage with management, employees, and residents alike to uncover problems, determine action plans, and proceed quickly to a resolution in many areas, always with a plan to provide better service for our residents.

When Lynette first told me she

wanted to retire, we had a conversation about her timeframe and succession planning. When we mapped out all the areas that Lynette was responsible for, it was extremely wide-reaching. This speaks to Lynette's superb organizational capability and management style. I now believe it would be better to divide out many of the functions and accountabilities rather than load up all on one person.

To this end, we are very fortunate to bring on Director of Resident Experience Mary Anne Lynum. Mary Anne has a recognized background in community management. Her new role encompasses oversight of all recreational amenities, golf operations, as well as grounds and property maintenance.

Resident Services will be in the capable hands of Cindy Smith. Cindy is passionate about managing her staff around the consistent delivery service and resolution of individual resident matters.

Additionally, Parkway Maintenance and Management has been reorganized to better focus on that company's traditional mission, as well as adding the focus of managing landscape contractor performance. There are millions of dollars of landscaping throughout all the many common areas of the communities that require professional oversight.

Golf Course Superintendent Andy Jorgenson is taking on additional personnel management responsibility as well, to ensure the recurring grounds maintenance delivery is up to standards.

I am confident that the management staff will assist in making this transition seamless for all resi-

dents. The path of delivery service remains unchanged: everything about customer service begins with a visit to or contact with Resident Services

Lynette leaves us with a stellar legacy of excellence. I have every confidence that her people will carry on delivering excellent service to the communities.

Be Mindful and Safe

Summer is a great time to get out and visit family and travel around. Whether you go a great distance or stay local, please be always mindful and aware of your surroundings. The greatest protector of your personal safety is you. If you are planning a trip, please make sure you have storm-proofed your home by removing anything on or around the exterior of your home that could become an object of destruction during a high wind event. This of course includes umbrellas, lawn furnishings together with chairs and potted plants to name just a small sampling of the hazards that are easy to overlook (we may see them every day and these items just "blend in").

Remember, that school resumes in mid-August in most counties throughout Florida. Be especially careful when driving near school zones. Have a safe summer!





It is officially the month of August, which means it is time to get back into the classroom for fun and education. Not only do school-aged students return to the classroom this month, but lifelong learners who enjoy learning, do as well. School shopping, here we come.

Since August is known as a month to celebrate the harvest of the summer, it is a great time to experience the harvest of amazing learning moments, idea sharing, and new skillsets. How does one become involved with learning as an adult? By visiting Master the Possibilities and attending courses at our Education Center, of course. This month alone, there are more than 140 different course topics to explore. Opportunities from learning how to use an iPhone to attending an event on National Parks Day are there as the bounty.

Starting Monday, Aug. 8, and lasting 12 weeks, "The Two Great Revolutions in Science" will be facilitated by Bob Zannelli. This course will focus on "loose ends" in science that changed our understanding of reality, which were Einstein's theory of relativity and Quantum Mechanics. Come explore these revolutionary ideas with fellow classmates. Cost to attend this 12-week event is \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members.

Want to learn more about our local springs in Florida? Join the University of Florida IFAS extension on August 11 to learn more about our local springs and some of the "natives" you just may run in to while enjoying a swim, hike, or kayak. Cost to attend this presentation is \$0 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Join Master the Possibilities on National Parks Day for a showing of National Geographic's "Yellowstone: America's National Park," and learn more about the world's first national park. There is no cost to attend this viewing, but registration is required.

Interested in astronomy? On Wednesday, Aug. 17, in Live Oak Hall, Dean Regas will be taking his class on an adventure to explore amazing archeoastronomy sites and discover more of what the ancients knew about our universe in his lecture entitled, "Archeoastronomy." Regas is the astronomer for the Cincinnati Observatory and was recently featured in the New York Times for his achievements in astronomy. Cost to attend his presentation is \$8 for members and \$13 for non-members. Seating is limited.

There are too many learning moments happening this month to list them all. I highly recommend visiting masterthepossibilities.org for a complete list of upcoming events, and to view our new Learning That Lasts a Lifetime catalog. Check out the "new" category for courses that have been added since the catalog has been published or register for our email blast to stay up-to-date on the latest and greatest educational opportunities right here in your own backyard.

For assistance with class registrations, feel free to visit or call our office at 352-861-9751 Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.





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Keeping It Green

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July has been hot thus far and we hope the rains will be consistent through the remainder of the summer months. We are hopeful hurricane season is mild for us and we receive the needed rains without the destructive winds.

When making pesticide applications, you are required to read the label and apply accordingly. In the pest control industry, there is a saying "the label is the law." This saying is also true for homeowners when making applications as this is not a recommendation but is le-

gally enforceable. Believe it or not, moth balls fall into the category of pesticides and when used correctly can be effective in repelling insects. That said, because they are used in the home and many myths surround this product it can often be misused.

One of the biggest misuses of moth balls is the application in and around the landscape to repel snakes and other nuisance wildlife. There are products that can be purchased for specific use for snakes and other nuisance wildlife; however moth balls are not labeled for such use and therefore illegal and enforceable by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In fact, the use of moth balls is limited to airtight spaces, such as a garment bag or other sealable containers.

Finding Zen

Christina Shearer



Fall-ward Thinking

As the Florida heat and humidity continue through the summer months, we decided it is time for some fall-ward thinking in anticipation of the cooler weather and special events coming to Sholom Park.

Park After Dark is an exclusive cultural concert series featuring live music, virtual views, and food from around the world. We have an intriguing lineup of musical entertainment and participating food vendors representing the countries of Turkey, Jamaica, and Spain. Think fall-ward and make your plans to experience the world with Sholom Park.

It all begins Thursday, Oct. 20, as we explore the diverse country of Turkey and the Gypsy Trail with Kafkasso & Moonspell. From the streets of Istanbul, virtuoso guitarist Daryal Kafkasso Erdem leads you through the ancient cities of Europe with his original and traditional compositions. Experience the music through the art of dance with a true Mediterranean-style dance performance that will engage your soul! Savor the flavors of the Mediterranean with K&S 7-Spice Food Truck serving a flavorful menu of gyros, falafel, hummus, baklava, and more.

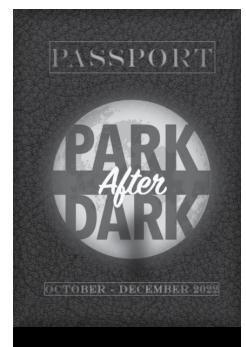
On Thursday, Nov. 17, experience the vibrant musical culture of the Caribbean with The Craig Thompson Project. A native of Kingston Jamaica, Craig's love for music is evident from the moment he starts performing. Listen to the rhythmic beats of reggae and feel the Island vibes as we virtually visit Jamaica "mon." Experience a taste of the islands with Impact Island Café serving authentic Caribbean classics, delicious vegan options, and refreshing island fruit smoothies.

Feliz Navidad from Spain! Celebrate the holidays, on Thursday, Dec. 15, with the sophisticated and soulful sounds of flamenco guitarist Don Soledad. Don's solo Christmas album entitled "December

Lullaby" will ignite your holiday spirit. Enjoy the sounds of the season with a musical trio featuring flamenco guitar, violin, and vocals. Don't miss a unique culinary experience by Chef Pablo with Paella Anywhere. Chef Pablo will be preparing onsite, colorful, and tasteful paella created with the highest quality imported products and the freshest ingredients providing you with an authentic taste of Spain.

A Park After Dark Passport is \$75 and includes guaranteed entry to all three World Tour stops. Passport holders also receive a special customized sample menu providing them a taste of each country from participating food vendors. You may also register for each concert individually for \$15 per person excluding food and beverage. Space is limited for all after-hours events at Sholom Park so secure your passport and register today!

Please visit SholomPark.org for more event information and the link to register with our event partners at Master the Possibilities.



Purchase a Park After Dark passport at MasterThePossibilities.org.

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Here are a few things to consider when using moth balls:

· Outside use of these products is prohibited.

· Applications are limited to an airtight space or well-sealed container such as a garment bag.

Application locations not listed on the label, and therefore not allowed, include attics, walls, voids, crawl spaces, gardens, closets, and plastic garbage bags.

garbage bags.
Read here for more information:
https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/washing-tonco/2014/11/18/mothballs-are-a-pesticide/.

Hiring a quality landscape and irrigation contractor can often be one of the hardest decisions made by a homeowner, and a costly mistake if the contractor is not qualified

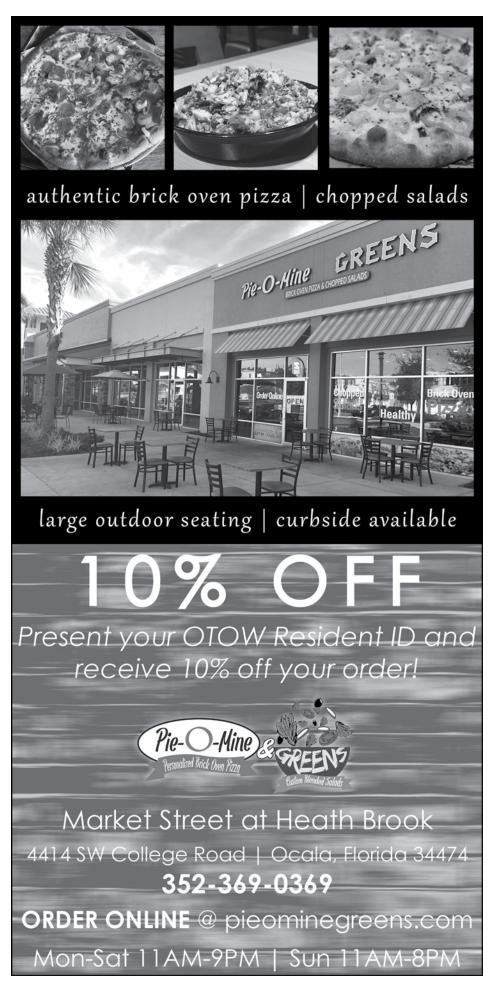
In my opinion, the most important item when looking to hire a landscape and irrigation contractor is how well does the contractor know the industry? Do they have industry certifications? The Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) has several industry certifications for landscape professionals ranging from Certified Landscape Contractors to

Certified Irrigation Technicians to Certified Horticulture Professionals. These certifications are not mandated by state regulatory agencies but are things to look for as consumers to see if the contractor knows what he or she is doing.

Irrigation contractors also have certification agencies to certify contractors based on knowledge. The Irrigation Association (IA) is nationally recognized for the certifications it offers. The Florida Irrigation Society (FIS) is a local Florida association of irrigation contractors. Both landscape and irrigation certifications are a start to picking your contractor.

Lastly, whether you are putting in landscape or installing a water softener, a professional contractor will provide a written proposal. Every aspect of the job should be described in detail, have a dollar amount attached to it, and include a warranty. The more detailed the proposal, the better. It is recommended to get at least three quotes and note that the lowest price isn't always the best. Please remember to fill out a modification form in Resident Services and receive approval prior to any work commencing





Williamsburg Neighbors

Carmel Kessler

Hello neighbors! As you read this column, the Hawaiian luau will be just two days away, Saturday, July 30, hosted by Dan Weigand. The luau is from 5 to 8 p.m. If you have made reservations don't forget to bring a side dish, chair, drinks (beer and a frozen drink will be available for a donation) and a few dollars for a 50/50 raffle. Remember that the raffle helps defray costs for our holiday party. Linda Jones has been busy getting everything ready for a wonderful party. Thanks, Linda!

There are other activities in the works for the upcoming months for the Williamsburg neighborhood. A sock hop is being planned at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. A sports day picnic in the fall will be a wonderful way to show off some hidden (or unused) talent in a variety of lightly competitive sporting events, as well as enjoying a delicious meal. There is talk of a once-a-month dining out night for all neighbors.

You could be the first person to host a driveway gathering. The only thing you need to do is set a date and provide your driveway for an impromptu get together. An email will let neighbors know when and where to come. If you are interested in hosting, or have any other ideas or questions, please let Nancy Meininger know at nancy@nancymeininger.com.

Save the date for the annual Wil-

liamsburg holiday party. Celebrate the meaning of the season with an evening of friendship, games, live music, dancing, catered buffet, and a very special holiday guest! The party will be Saturday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. at Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. The cost is \$25 per person. The event is BYOB (bring your own beverage). Royal Oaks Catering is under contract. The very talented, Linda Sisco, vocalist, will be performing.

Volunteers are needed! Volunteering is a great way to contribute ideas as well as an opportunity to meet new people and expand friendships. Please contact Gwen Fabian at gwen.fabian@gmail.com or 330-207-6954, or contact Vicki Enderby at venderby@aol.com or 312-351-3355. Volunteer opportunities include guiding decisions on the program and buffet, soliciting ticket sales, helping with decorating, staging the entertainment program, planning, and managing the dessert table, and supporting special needs of our neighbors. Please contact Gwen or Vicki. Meetings will begin in September.

Many thanks to Jill Carel for taking care of the Williamsburg electronic database. She oversaw sending email notices about Williamsburg events, and any other pertinent information that affected our neighborhood. Jill is moving to the Crescent Ridge neighborhood. We will miss you, Jill. Enjoy your new home!

Vicki Enderby will take over the database. If you have just moved in and are not on the email list, or you need to make any changes, please contact Vicki at venderby@aol.com.



Joe Josephson



Another beautiful day here in our community! The rain gods smiled on our day and kept the rain away while we were gathering.

A great turnout, probably the most Crescent Ridge residents we have had attend. And this occasion there were people from all corners of Crescent Ridge. There were some real newbies having moved here in June and still getting adjusted to the flow and opportunities available in On Top of the World.

Your columnist asked folks where did you live before Crescent Ridge? And it's always interesting to see the wide range of places. Bob, West Palm Beach; Randy and Sharma, Indianapolis via Titusville; Bud and Vicki, Philadelphia; Mike and Sheri, Palm Beach County; Carol and Rich, Otathe, Kansas; Charlie and Fran, Maryland. And lastly Missi, the Shih Tzu, lives wherever dad calls home.

Next time there will be a door prize for the longest Crescent Ridge resident so plan to attend.

Mark your calendar now. The



Missi, the Shih Tzu from Crescent Ridge.

next gathering will be the Sunday, Aug. 14, again at the Veterans Park, from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring a side dish of your choice. Information is always updated on our Facebook page (Crescent Ridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors).

Questions can be forwarded to Carol Lewis at crescentridgenhn@ yahoo.com Email Carol to be included in the Crescent Ridge mailings.

Avalon **Social Group**

Karen Volpe & Sharon Hall



Our next event is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. The event will be catered by Sonny's BBQ with a menu of pulled pork, barbecue chicken, tossed salad, potato salad, green beans as well as bread and beverages. We will also have a magician, Greg Solomon, who will perform table-side magic, as well as an after dinner show. The cost for this event will be \$15 to cover the cost of the food and paper goods. The magic show will be covered by club funds.

Paid reservations must be made in advance, no later than Monday, Aug. 1. Reservations and payments may be made at the following homes; please call or text to confirm they are home: Sharon Hall, 8808 SW 104th Circle, 270-855-1354; Ruth Cerio, 10121 SW 89th Loop, 315-870-4304; or Liz Pruss, 10000

SW 90th Loop, 404-433-4219.

Our planning committee is still in need of representatives from other Avalon sections. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or volunteering to help on the night of the event, please let us know. Men and women are needed in both areas.

There are three ways to keep informed of upcoming events: email, our Facebook group, or posting at the postal center. If you would like to be added to our email list or to verify that you are on the list so that you can be notified of future events, please email your request to avalonsocialclub@gmail.com.

For up-to-date Avalon news and upcoming events, we also encourage you to join our Facebook Group (Avalon Social Club). This is a private group, and you will be asked for your address to verify that you are an Avalon resident. If you have trouble finding the group or getting in, please email to the email address above and we'll send you the link to the group. Activities and events will also be posted at the postal center.



Williamsburg residents gathered for a golf cart poker run.



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New neighbors enjoying Fourth of July fireworks.

Longleaf Ridge Friends

Michelle Migdal, Debra Vitale & Kathleen Taylor



Longleaf Ridge residents are taking it easy this summer as various sections are completed, new models are available for viewing, and new neighbors are moving in. Donna and Rich Leonte have already hosted three "driveway chatter" gatherings for neighbors. The fun events even included live entertain-

ment and sing-alongs.
A group of new Longleaf residents met to view the fireworks at R/C flying field.

Longleaf Ridge resident Larry Levin's in- training service dog received extra practice remaining calm around his canine friends. Longleaf Ridge dogs were welcome to a group lesson with Larry's service dog trainer.

If you are a Longleaf Ridge resident and are interested in participating, in neighborhood activities, please check our private Face-book page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends). We look forward to welcoming you to the Longleaf Ridge neighborhood. When joining our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends), please provide your phase and lot number/address. Please send questions to otowlongleafridge@gmail.com.

Newcastle Social Committee

Sherry Bright



Newcastle neighbors enjoyed dinner and drinks at the Juniper General Store in July. Upcoming events to be on the lookout for are a cornhole tournament and chili cook-off in September; Halloween progressive walk; and holiday party Saturday, Dec. 4. More information to come soon!

An email has been sent to all

about a new event for 2024 - a Newcastle Fun Group cruise through the Panama Canal. It's a 15-day sail on the Norwegian Bliss, Jan. 12 through Jan. 27, 2024, leaving from Los Angeles and finishing in Miami. If you have interest in joining the group on this cruise, please contact the travel agent by Saturday, Aug. 20.

Don't forget to attend the monthly Newcastle Social Committee meeting to find out what's happening in the neighborhood and to share your ideas. Meetings are held the first Friday of the month at The Lodge at Candler Hills pavilion at 5 p.m. Next meeting will be Aug. 5; hope to see you there!

I'm sure you have all noticed the beautiful Dodge house in our neighborhood! Linda and Charles live there with their four pets. Alex is a miniature American Eskimo, and he is 17 years young. Alex's real-life job would be a retired mouse catcher. In his younger years, he kept the farmhouse mouse free. Alex's most

favorite thing to do is sleep, sleep, and more sleep. Alex's superpower in his younger years was speed racing. He was once clocked at 25-plus mph!

Rusty, the newest addition to the family, is a teddy bear bernie doodle and is nine months old. Rusty's real-life job would be a stand-up comedian. His trainers have said he has a great sense of humor. Rusty's favorite thing to do is play fetch with anything. He loves all people and dogs. Rusty's superpower would be flying like wonder dog. He also has supersonic hearing.
Alex and Rusty share their home

with two cats. Bo and Luke that are both nine years old. Bo's real-life job would be a food taster; he loves everyone's food. Bo loves to eat and sleep. Bo's superpower is lap hopping. He loves everyone - unlike Luke whose superpower is invisibility. Luke's real-life job would be a spy; he hides like no one else. Luke loves to watch everything from his condo on the lanai.

Contact our sunshine lady to acknowledge special occasions like birthdays or to send a cheery note or get-well card when needed. To reach Nancy Monaghan, sunshine lady, call/text at 352-572-7281 or email nancylea55@gmail.com.

Newcastle residents, if you would like to be included in our email list or to verify that you are on the list, please call Sherry Bright at 860-287-9232 or Meg Kajewski at 540-272-2247. For up-to-date Newcastle news and upcoming events, we encourage you to join our Facebook group (OTOW Newcastle Neighbors).









Alex (top left), Bo (top right), Luke (bottom left), and Rusty (bottom right).

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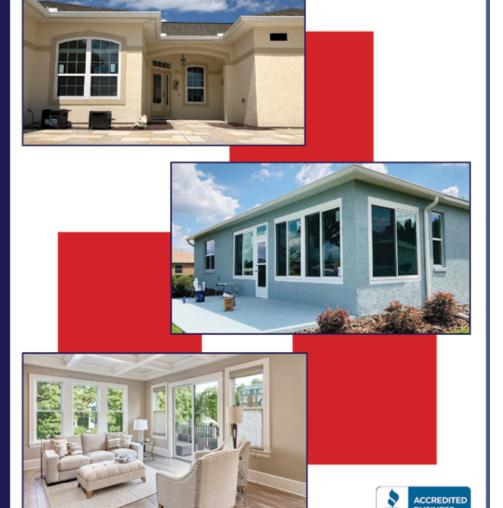
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The last month of summer has arrived. Although it will still be hot and humid, we can look forward to cooler weather right around the

Happy Hour is every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Ballroom. A Candler Hills resident ID is required at the door. Candler Hills residents without their resident ID will be charged a \$5 guest fee to attend.

The entertainment lineup is as

Aug. 5: 3 For the Road+1 Aug. 12: Joe Jarrell Aug. 19: Crossfire

Aug. 26: Kathleen Kane Due to low attendance, effective January 2023, Happy Hour will be held once a month on the third Saturday of every month.

Girls Night Out*

Ladies get ready to dance the night away at our next Girls Night Out! Join us in the Ballroom, Thursday, Aug. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Automatic. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy light appetizers (while supplies last). Tickets are \$12 per Candler Hills resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by a resident. Ticket sales will be cut off a week in advance (Aug. 4) to get the correct count for Fresh Plates Creative Ca-

tering. Chef's Stir Fry Demo*

Learn how to make the perfect stir fry! Join us Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Ballroom with Fresh Plates Creative Catering. Enjoy food sampling paired with chef's beverage selection. The cost will be \$17 per resident and \$19 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Singers and dancers join us Thursday, Aug. 25, for our monthly Kocktails & Karaoke from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Ballroom with Kathy and Charlie. Guest fees are \$5 and guests must be accompanied by a resident. This event takes place the fourth Thursday of every month.

*To register, visit The Lodge at Candler Hills office Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Payment is required at time of registration. Resident IDs must be presented at all events and when purchasing tickets. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any events.

Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

Over 200 Candler Hills residents celebrated Independence Day together at The Lodge at Candler Hills. We enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, potluck dishes, ice cream, socializing and dancing. Thank you to the grillers, ticket takers, setup crew and cleanup crew. This event was a success because of all the wonderful volunteers we have in Candler Hills.

The Sunday, Aug. 14, ice cream social will be from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Ice cream will be served from 3 to 5 p.m. The \$4 tickets can be purchased from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Candler Hills Community Center and on Thursday, Aug. 4, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Cool down on this hot day by creating your ice cream sundae or float.

The next potluck dinner will be held Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 5:30 pm at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Back by popular request is ethnic night. Please prepare a dish from your ethnic background for 12 to 15 people and label your dishes for those with allergies. Last names beginning with A-I bring salads or sides; J-Q bring desserts; and R-Z bring main dishes. Please make a reservation by contacting Deb Keirn at 814-

571-7908 or arthurkipdeb@verizon. net. \$1 per person at the door covers eating utensils, napkins, tablecloths, cups, and decaf coffee.

Saturday, Sept. 17, is the selfie scavenger hunt with dinner and games. The hunt will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Dinner and games from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be catered by Hills BBQ and will include a pig roast, chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Any mode of transportation is welcome (automobile, bicycle, or golf cart). Before and after dinner, there will be various board games for your enjoyment. Tickets are \$24 per person and are being sold from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Aug. 23, 30, and Sept. 6, at Candler Hills Community Center and Thursdays, Aug. 25, Sept. 1 and 8, at The Lodge at Can-dler Hills. Please contact Karen and Russ Gemberling at 440-487-6328 if

you have any questions.

Trivia night is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 15, at 5:30 p.m., at The Lodge at Candler Hills at \$5 per person with teams of eight.

The annual barbecue at the pavilion is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 23, and the holiday dinner dance will be Saturday, Dec. 10. More information to come.

New residents of Candler Hills can receive "The Happenings" by email at candlerconnection.org; log in and fill out the form. 1,550 residents receive this publication to keep informed of Candler Hills activities.

Keep informed by joining 1,405 Candler Hills residents who are members of the Candler Connection Facebook group.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood and at future events.



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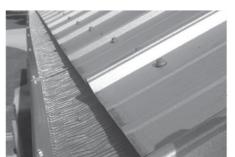
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Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



Happy August everyone! As you know, this is our hottest month of the year, so why not cool off with us in the Recreation Center at "Hawaii Dreaming?" This luau-themed event takes place Saturday, Aug. 13, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m. Hopefully you have already bought your ticket. If not, the absolute final day for ticket purchase is Thursday, July 28, 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs hallway of the Recreation Center in front of the large urn. Cost is \$20 per person. Any questions please call Linda Hansen at 352-509-4967.

The menu has changed from my last writing. Currently the menu will include salad with chunk pineapple and sunflower seeds on the side, macaroni salad, sweet and sour pork, bone-in chicken with Polynesian sauce, white rice, sweet potato casserole with marshmal-

potato casserole with marshmal-low topping, squash medley, sweet rolls, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. As always, The Pub will be open to purchase other drinks. Kathy and Charlie Petrosky will once again provide entertainment. Did you ever want to try to dance the hula? Here's your chance! Along with games, there will also be our usual door prizes and 50/50. Face masks are optional.

Face masks are optional.

On Thursday, Sept. 8, please stop
by our table and say hello at the Club Fair. Then, our next and final event for 2022 will be Saturday, Oct. 8, when we will celebrate autumn and have a Halloween party. Please remember that starting in 2023 we will hold our events once every quarter instead of bi-monthly. Friendship Connection is open to

all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship Village only. Our events are cur-rently scheduled on the second Saturday of every other month from 4

to 6 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, setup, cleanup, or serve please contact Carron Janssen at 847-529-6183, email us at info@otowfriendshipconnection. com, or visit our website at otow-friendshipconnection.com or our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

Indigo East





August is the month to stay cool, hydrate and relax in our pools! Don't stop there. Come and enjoy a summer cocktail and dance at Happy Hour! Or join us for trivia and Name That Tune. Jog your memory and compete with fellow teams for prizes. Karaoke night is a fun time to let your hair down and sing your favorite tunes.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour is held weekly on Fridays. During the summer, Happy Hour will be inside the Indigo East Community Contor from 5 to 8 n m

Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a free event for the residents and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident. Bring your own beverages

The upcoming entertainment is

Aug. 5: Nathan LeslieAug. 12: Dave and Kenny Duo

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· Aug. 26: Alan Ross

Trivia*

Trivia is held the second Monday of each month, falling on Aug. 8 this month, at the Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$3 per residents and \$5 per guest attending with resident. Bring beverages and snacks to share with your team.

Summer Pool Bash*

It's time to chill out and party through the hot days of summer! Join us for a Summer Pool Bash Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Indigo East Fitness Center. Cost is \$12 per resident and \$14 per guest accompanied by an Indigo East resident.

Karaoke

Karaoke is held the third Thursday of each month, falling on Aug. 18 this month, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Indigo East Community Center. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks. Due to low attendance, this event will be cancelled in 2023.

Name That Tune*

Name That Tune is held the fourth Monday of each month, falling on Aug. 22 this month, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident. Bring your favorite drinks and snacks.

Sassy Ladies Night Out*

Join us Wednesday, Aug. 24, from chasing tickets.

honor of the Roman emperor Au-

gust are as follows: Aug. 1 – Nation-

al Girlfriends Day; Aug. 2 – National

Ice Cream Sandwich Day and Na-

tional Sisters Day; Aug. 3 – National

Watermelon Day; Aug. 5 – Work Like a Dog Day; Aug. 9 – National Woman's Day and Book Lovers Day; Aug. 10 – Spoil Your Dog Day;

Aug. 13 - International Left Hand-

ers Day; Aug. 16 – Tell a Joke Day;

Aug. 18 – National Couple's Day

and National Fajita Day; Aug. 19 -

Orville Wright's Birthday; Aug. 20

– National Radio Day and National

Lemonade Day; Aug. 22 - National

A few, some silly, holidays in Au-

5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Cost is \$10 per resident and \$12 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.

Stir Fry Chef's Demo*

Do you like to cook and learn new recipes? Come to join us in for a Stir Fry Chef's Demo Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Cost is \$17 per resident and \$19 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East Resident.

Community Information

Starting Aug. 1, the Indigo East Fitness Center office hours are Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to

*To register, visit the Indigo East Fitness Center office. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident IDs must be presented at all events and when purchasing tickets.

National Sponge Cake Day; Aug.
24 - National Waffle Day; Aug.
25 - National Banana Split Day and National Kiss and Make Up Day; Aug.
26 - National Dog Day and National Cherry Popsicle Day; Aug.
27 - Just Because Day; Aug.
30 - National Beach Day; Aug.
31 - National Matchmaker Day and National Trail Mix Day.

There are many more holidays during the month of August than just those listed above. However you choose to celebrate the month of August, or which silly holiday you observe, do it safely and have fun celebrating. As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Indigo East Social Committee Janice Liberton

On Tuesday, July 5, the Indigo East Social Committee monthly bingo added a super jackpot bingo game, which requires the purchase of a separate bingo card for that

The Indigo East Social Committee will hold their annual ice cream social Sunday, Aug. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased Monday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; and Monday, Aug. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. All ticket sales are at the Indigo East Community Center and tickets are limited solely to Indigo East residents.

A fall craft show will be held at stayed the same ever since. In 8 BC, the Indigo East Community Center the month was named Augustus in

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Resident Services

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday No decals issued during inclement weather.

Resident Services is closed daily for 30 minutes between noon and 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. More information will follow.

Lynn West has resigned as chair

of the Social Committee and Beth Griner has accepted the position as her replacement.

On the Roman Calendar, August was the sixth month of the year. August went by the name Sextilis, which meant exactly the sixth month of the year. Around 700 BC, the months of January and February were added to the calendar by King Numa Pompilius and August became the eighth month of the year.

The number of days in the month of August fluctuated between 30 and 31 days. Not only did Pompilius add the months of January and February, but he also reduced the number of days in August to 29 days. It wasn't until Julius Caesar that August was left with 31 days, and it stayed the same ever since. In 8 BC,





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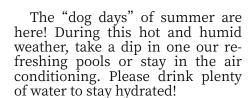
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Recreation & Wellness Connections

The Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog is out! Be sure to check out all the exciting new events and fitness activities through the end of the year. Please note all events will require payment at time of signup. No refunds will be issued two weeks or less prior to the event or trip. If you did not receive a copy of Recreation & Wellness Connections (July through December 2022) there are plenty of copies available

at the Recreation Center or online

at OTOWInfo.com. **Pool Monitoring**

Summer is in full force and what better way to cool off than by dipping in one of our beautiful pools? This is a busy time of year for families to visit. We have monitors onsite randomly checking the pools and resident IDs to ensure all guests are accompanied by a resident. An adult must accompany children and the swim time for children under 15 is from noon to dusk during the week and no time restrictions on the weekends at the Recreation Center, Candler Hills Community Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills, The Landing, Indigo East Community Center, and Indigo East Fitness

Please note that the pool rules are posted at all pool and spa areas. Room Request, Club Guest Notifications, Deposits & Room Set-ups

Clubs planning events or meetings that will be hosting food, requiring special set-ups, and having guest participation must submit the proper paperwork two weeks prior to the event. Paperwork submitted after the two-week deadline is subject to non-approval.

Insider's Tour of Ocala's Horse Country*

Join us on Fridays, Aug. 5 and Aug. 19, as we tour the beautiful Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association Museum. You will also get a "behind the gates" tour of two local horse farms. The cost is \$38 per person and includes transportation, museum, and farm tours. This trip requires a lot of walking (rain or shine). Itinerary is subject to change. Lunch is on your own at the World Equestrian Center.

Social Hour

Enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, Aug. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Joe Beddia will provide easy listening music. A cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided (while they last). This is a free event.

Poolside Entertainment

Poolside entertainment will be provided at the Recreation Center pool pavilion Sunday, Aug. 21 with Debbie Owen & Tony T. from 1 to 4 p.m. This is a free event.

Chili Bar*

Add some spice to your afternoon! Join us for chili at the Recreation Center Ballroom Thursday, Aug. 25, at 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 per resident and \$17 per guest accompanied by a resident. Enjoy live music as you visit with friends and enjoy an afternoon with a bowl of chili with all the toppings, and one well beverage (beer, wine, or soda).

Zubrick Magic Theatre*

Join us for an unforgettable visit to Zubrick Magic Theatre in St. Petersburg, Florida Thursday, Aug. 25. This is an exhilarating blend of sleight-of-hand, family-friendly comedy, and breathtaking grand-scale illusions. The cost is \$70 per person, and includes transportation and the show.

Singing River Cruise*

Take a 20-passenger river cruise on the spring-fed Rainbow River and the dark, swamp-fed Withlacoochee River Friday, Aug. 26. The captain will share his knowledge of Florida's ecology and history through story and song. After the cruise, you will board the bus and head to Swampy's Bar & Grille for lunch on your own. The cost is \$31 per person and includes transportation and the cruise.

Open Mic Night

Please welcome Nick and Fred for Open Mic Night, which occurs in any month with a fifth Tuesday. Bring your instrument and play your favorite song with the entertainers or, if you can carry a tune, sing with the band. It's a lot of fun socializing and dancing. The event will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30. Please note beverages and coolers are not permitted. The Pub will be open for beverage purchases. This is a free event.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

In August, Happy Hour at the Recreation Center pool pavilion will now take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Should inclement weather be predicted the outdoor entertainment will be cancelled.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Aug. 5: George Durham (Ballroom); Fred Campbell (Pool Pavilion).
- · Aug. 12: One Flite Up (Ballroom); Palomino Blonde (Pool Pavilion).
- Aug. 19: Rear View Mirror (Ballroom); dynamic Duo (Pool Pavilion).

· Aug. 26: Groove 41 (Ball-room); Jo Jo (Pool Pavilion). On Saturday, Aug. 20, we will offer a "make-up" Happy Hour with

the Bootleggers from 5 to 8 p.m. in

the Recreation Center Ballroom.
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 no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed.

Tropic Trivia*

Tropic Trivia has exploded with everyone ready for mind-boggling challenges that take place the first Thursday of every month in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will not have trivia in August.

This event has become very popular! To give everyone an opportunity to participate in future Tropic Trivia nights, we will be selling only two months at a time at \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest.

You may sign up for only two months at a time! The next sign-up dates will be Monday, Sept. 19, for October/November trivia and Monday, Nov. 21 for December/January trivia.

Don't miss out on your teams' opportunity to participate. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. Please note that coolers, cups, or beverages of any kind are not permitted. A water station will be provided for all residents at no cost.

Cell phones are not permitted. Anyone found with a cell phone or using any type of electronic equipment including watches at their table during trivia will automatically disqualify the entire team (no exceptions).

June 1: The Firm; 2: Smart Alec's; 3: Smartini's.

July

1: Bold & Brassy; 2: Paw Patrol; Tie at 3: Tequila Mockingbirds & Factoids.

Line Dance Classes*

For fun and fellowship, join one of our dance classes. The following classes will be taught at the Recreation Center every Monday starting Sept. 12. The cost is \$10 per fourweek class each month or \$30 per four-week class for three months. Line dance passes include practice sessions on Wednesdays. (Refunds will no longer be available for line dance tickets.)

Dance tickets go on sale starting Monday, Aug. 15, at the Recreation Center office. Darlene Miller is the instructor and can be reached at darmiller222@gmail.com. After November, Darlene will not be accepting any new students for the remainder of the line dance season.

- · Absolute Beginner (noon to 1 p.m.): This class is an introduction to line dance. Basic line dance steps and simple step patterns are used in dances at this level.
- 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. Current popular dances are included at this level.
- 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 different step patterns are introduced at this level.

Ballroom Dance Classes*

Butch Phillips teaches social ballroom dancing in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Singles are also welcome as we will rotate partners among all willing students. The three-week class is held on the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$30 per resident per three-week class.

Classes include step description for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance with an emphasis on lead and follow skills and lots of practice to music. Butch will be teaching the Two Step in August.

Tap Dance Classes*

Have some fun with tap instructor Penny Berton. No experience necessary. She will start with the basics, and you'll find yourself progressing quickly. Join the class, bring tap shoes (or hard-sole shoes), and awaken your love for tap.

There are currently two classes available on Tuesdays in the Recreation Center Ballroom: Intermediate (2:15 p.m.) and Advanced (1 p.m.). Classes are \$20 per person for a four-week class (monthly).

Broadway Dance Classes*

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 footstomping favorites. No experience

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needed. The cost is \$42 per person. The next seven-week session is scheduled for September and October and is held at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV every Friday, at 1:30 p.m.

Community Pavilions

Please keep in mind that to guarantee your use of the following pavilions: Veterans Park, Recreation Center pool, softball, The Landing, The Lodge at Candler Hills or Indigo East, you will need to complete a Room Request Form. Booking of the pavilions and the forms can be obtained by contacting the facility offices.

Community News

The R/C flying field and car track are an amenity for all residents and Indigo East residents holding a Gateway of Services pass. Please note that when utilizing these facilities, all pets must be on a leash, and you must pick up after them. The pavilion located at the flying field and car track is members use only; no private parties permitted. Alcohol is prohibited in this area due to the insurance that is carried by these clubs.

Please note all resident clubs and organizations requiring printed flyers and tickets will now be charged \$5 per request. This fee includes professionally designed artwork and a maximum of 200 printed flyers and tickets (if needed).

Stay in the Know

Additional event/trip details are available at OTOWInfo.com by clicking "Activity Info" then "Virtual Bulletin Board" (or scan the QR code above), the Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog, or pick up a printed flyer at the Recreation Center. Please also refer to the monthly event calendar (home delivered with every issue of the World News).

Stay safe and hydrated!

*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.

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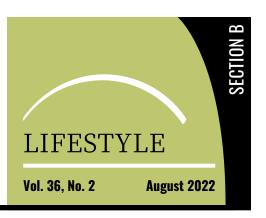
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RV There Yet?

By David Cranmer

The Tall Tale Travelers RV Club is open to all residents interested in the recreation vehicle (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; we always welcome new members. Membership is free. Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event

We are planning an informal meetup Sunday, Aug. 7, at 4 p.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion (weather permitting).

Club members are planning for our fall trips to Savannah, Georgia starting Sunday, Sept. 25, and Ft. Myers Beach, Florida starting Sun-day, Oct. 23. On these trips there are fun-filled activities at the resort as well as opportunities to enjoy local attractions. Throughout the year we enjoy informal camping trips to area campgrounds usually around special events such as festivals and fairs.

For more information, contact club president, David Cranmer, at talltaletravelers@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook (Tall Tale Travel-



Spring rally in Brooksville, Florida.

A Lions Salute

By Gail Morris

The business of the Lions Club including being the district goverthis past month was helping chilthis past month was helping children get started in the new school year. Yes, the school year here starts in August. Our club donated 50 backpacks to the children at Dunnellon Elementary filled with the necessary supplies to start the school year. We also were approached to purchase underwear for children. We try to assist Dunfor children. We try to assist Dunnellon Elementary school with their needs, and this was a request we were able to meet.

Our club also participated in the Lions Club's "quarter" challenge for Special Olympics in May and support those special athletes. This year, the event was held in Orlando and the total donated by District 35L was \$22,418.33.

The Lions Club members concluded their season with a well-deserved salute and thank you to Lion Estelle Michelson, the outgoing president. Estelle has been active in this Lions Club since its beginning. She has served the Lions Club in many capacities over the years, nor. These past two years she has served as president and membership chair.

Lion Ken Vaudo, our new president, presented Estelle with the club's appreciation plaque for service over the years; and Lion Lorna Falthzik presented Lion Estelle with a bouquet of flowers.

Lion Stacey Hodge, our "tail twister," added fun to the event and gave Lion Estelle a salute as a "Star Wars" stormtrooper. She also was the baker of the beautiful and tasty cake; a hidden talent discovered.

Lion Ken has hit the ground rundonated an additional \$1,000 to ning requesting members to consider what committees they would like to participate in this coming season. Membership participation in the committees make a club successful.

Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. If you would like further information, please contact Estelle Michelson, membership chair, at 352-861-7358.



Outgoing president award presentation with Estelle Michelson and Ken Vaudo.

Learn Your **Nordic Roots**

By David P. Wesenberg

On Thursday, June 28, the Scandinavian American Club met for lunch at the new restaurant, Elevation 89. We had a great lunch and lots of opportunities to share experiences and make new friends.

The Scandinavian American Club is doing something different the next few months. In May, we had a presentation from club members on Norway, its shared history, culture, lifestyle, and wonderful traditional food.

We will have a presentation of Sweden at our Tuesday, Sept. 27, meeting and Denmark at our Tues-

day, Oct. 25, meeting. We will not meet in August while members enjoy the summer.

Every meeting is an opportunity to learn more about our Scandinavian heritage and to share a meal and fellowship. The presentations about different Scandinavian countries have been particularly popular among members. Contact Linda Pinney at luckypinney@gmail.com or 831-431-0525 about joining us.



Club members enjoying a Norway presentation at the May meeting.

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Astronomy Club members – John Bridges, Carron Janssen, Mark McEvers, Kathie McDonald, and Carolyn Bridges – investigate high powered binoculars.

Moonstruck Astronomy Club

Jim Shuman



of the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium in Gainesville, provided his talk about

Isenberg also announced the next NASA webinar for club mem-bers on July 14, in which NASA's Bill Knopf planned to discuss the NASA Psyche Mission to an asteroid between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. What makes the asteroid named Psyche unique is what appears to be the exposed nickel-iron core of an early planet, one of the building blocks of our solar system. NASA has spent years developing a satellite capable of detecting the chemical composition of the asteroid from pearly space. oid from nearby space.

Barbara Cobb also covered the minutes from the last club meeting, and Claudia McEvers provided the club's current financial standing.

Highlights of July's meeting included a video presentation by Vice President John Bridges about telescopes, a discussion of the club's "telescope lending library," and a demonstration by Claudia and John McEvers of their large, highpowered binoculars mounted on a tripod for observing the heavens.

Bridges also presented his customary monthly update on the night sky featuring locations of the moon, planets, constellations, deep-sky objects, and fly-bys of the international space station throughout the month of July.

Before the meeting ended, Kathy McDonald conducted a 50/50 drawing to help the club raise money for guest speakers and outings. Is-enberg concluded the meeting by reminding members to watch for more emails announcing other ob-servation sessions and telescope operation clinics in the coming weeks and months. Observation sessions could be held on any evening that weather conditions allow for an open sky and club members are willing to set up their telescopes

to share observations. Members are welcome to arrive and stay as long as they wish throughout the evenings. All sessions are held in the R/C flying field adjacent to the car track.

Regular meetings of the Moon-struck 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 club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15 per year, and they in-

clude 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 Larry Isenberg at moonastroclub@gmail. com. More information is always available at moonstruckastronomyclub.org.

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Genealogical Society

Ron Niebo

Friends helping friends ... at the Monday, July 18 meeting Education Chair Sid Levine led members in resolving troublesome genealogy and "brick wall" questions. Using the members' collective expertise ... helpful suggestions were offered. Questions included:

How to choose genealogy software? Available software programs offer many useful features. Select those that best fit your research needs and budget. What countries are you researching? What are you hoping to do? Build a family tree? Store documents and photographs? Research vital documents and newspapers? Programs member use include free ones such as FamilySearch, Gramps, Roots Magic Essentials, and paid ones such as Ancestry, Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, My Heritage, Roots Magic. For more information see: namecensus.com/blog/ best-genealogy-software/, and cyndislist.com/software/ genealogy/.

How to archive and restore family photos? We all have albums and shoeboxes of documents and photographs recording our family's journey. First, secure them using archival methods recommended by libraries and museums. Next, digitize them using a scanner or a smartphone (last resort). Then, transfer those digital images to your genealogy software. To restore a digitized image, use free or fee editing software to remove dust, repair scratches/creases/tears, adjust brightness or contrast, crop, etc. For more information visit fixthephoto.com/photorestoration-software.html.

3. Where can I get genealogy guidance and support? The purpose of our Genealogical Society is to support members via helpful discussions and monthly educational meetings. Members can also obtain help from genealogy software providers, online genealogy articles, YouTube, and Facebook. Some Face-

book groups are unique to specific countries and can help with translations, understanding cultures, and investigating foreign vital record databases. For more information visit familytreemagazine.com/websites/best-freegenealogy-websites/.

Is there a recommended record naming convention? No standard exists, but several suggestions are offered online. You must determine a convention that best fits your needs ... but the key is to use your convention consistently. A member suggested convention: 1917JFK.1961. photo presidential inauguration address. It begins with the subject individual's birth year and initials, the year associated with this record, and includes the record type and an event description. For more information visit familytreemagazine.com/organization/organizing-digital-genealogy-files/.

So, what is the special interest

topic for our Monday, Aug. 15, educational meeting? Organizing genealogy materials! All genealogists accumulate hundreds of documents, photographs, digital files, etc. Our guest genealogist (contract in final stages) will guide us in developing conventions that will help in organizing all our information.

Interested? The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings focused on assisting genealogical investigations. Meetings are both in-person and via Zoom on the second and third Monday every month (no meeting Monday, Aug. 15) in the Hobby Building Event Room from 10 a.m. to noon. During these meetings, there are open discussions, special interest group sessions, and a designated timeslot reserved for a guest genealogist to review a specific area of interest.

All residents can join. New members are welcome – beginners as well as experienced genealogists. Yearly dues are \$20 for an individual or \$35 for a couple. For membership information, contact Membership Chair Wilma Kelley at wkelleymt@

outlook.com.

Computer Club

Chris Kilbride



Every Saturday at 9 a.m. the Computer Club meets for an hour via Zoom. We discuss PC and Apple issues regarding software and hardware. Our otowpcclub.org website will give lots of great information about our group.

People usually do yearly medical checkups, but how about a password checkup? Just think, compromised passwords can lead to lots of stress! Do you use the same password for everything, just so you can remember it? That makes your password easy for hackers to guess on a variety of your accounts, apps, media, and other things where passwords are needed.

One place to start is at haveibeenpwned.com, which sounds ominous, but is one of the good guys. This will check for data breaches where your email(s) or phone number might have been involved. It lists the companies that were hacked and what kinds of compromised data was at risk.

When apps, companies or services ask you to enable two factor

authentication (2FA), you give them your cell phone number. When you try to log on, they will text you a six-digit number for you to type into a box on the screen. Since no one else would have your cell phone in hand, they can be assured that it is truly you.

For Google and Chrome, log on to your account, and go to passwords.google.com. Then select Go to Passwords. Google also has a security checkup tool to remove your account from old devices, set up 2FA and more. On an Android device, tap the three-dot icon, Settings, Passwords and Check Passwords.

On an Apple computer, go to System Preferences and click Passwords. Enter the password to your computer and then all your security recommendations appear. You can even change your password now directly on the company in question's website. Similarly on an iPhone or iPad, go to Settings, Passwords and Security Recommendations.

A complex password includes upper- and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters. A password using a combination of just 12 of these will take 200 years to crack!

Websites usually won't tell you they've been hacked or breached, it's often bad for business. It's up to you to always be vigilant. Properly store new passwords noting today's date, delete old ones, and keep with your important papers. Make sure everyone asking for a password gets a unique new one just for them!

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

sale or to give away.

We keep the meeting fun and offer suggestions and possible solutions to help our members.

100 Grandparents

Janet Fragapane



The 100 Grandparents have not yet been invited back to Romeo Elementary school to read to the children. We are ready whenever we get that call.

For new residents, the 100 Grandparents read to the students at Romeo Elementary in Dunnellon, Florida.

School starts in August. We are collecting school supplies for the students (kindergarten through sixth grade). Donations may be left on the front porch at 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge).

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Women of the World

Betty Thayer



statement, we have some interesting speakers lined up this year. How does a bootlegger, self-defense for seniors, and memory or what, sound interesting? These are just a few topics speakers will be talking about. We have a full program of speakers lined up to entertain and inspire you. We are finalizing our program as of this writing.

In addition to our lineup of speakers, we are working with local charities for donations. So far, we have Dunnellon Elementary School, Believe in Santa, and our standing charity Operation Shoebox. The board of directors are enthusiastic about this year. We're already planning the fashion show for Hospice of Marion County, which will be in March 2023. As you can see, we

have been very busy this summer. We want to introduce you to Second Vice President Jan Lindell. Jan moved to On Top of the World from Illinois in 2020. She became involved with Women of the World in 2021 to meet new friends and to help those in need in the local community. Jan had the best time shopping for our December charity and made a little girl's dream "yes,

there is a Santa" come true. We are actively looking for a new secretary. If you are interested, call Betty Thayer at 352-361-1313.

Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month beginning Sept. 15, which will be our first meeting of the season in the Recreation Center Ballroom at noon. Dues remain the same at \$15 per

Women of the World is open to all women residents, including Indigo East with a Gateway of Services pass.

Looking forward to seeing our returning members and welcoming new members.

SWANS

Sandi Dickerson



The Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) was established for single women at On Top of the World in 2006. Our motto has always been "SWANS are never alone." We actively support each other during times of need and enjoy life through our many social events. The friendships made during these events are long-lasting and wonderful!

We continue to meet Saturdays at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room to play Samba. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. and bring six decks of shuffled cards. We start playing at 10 a.m. In July, Lois, March, and I taught nine new SWANS how to play Samba. They were all very enthusiastic and look forward to joining us. We will continue with this activity through 2023 as the room has been reserved already.

Breakfast out in July was at Mimi's Café with Lois Nix and Cel Adams hosting. Everyone enjoyed the company and the fellowship! An intricate part of the SWANS is our active networking. This networking is one of the most important parts of the SWANS.

The appetizer and dinner-in groups as well as the outings for breakfast, lunch, and dinner are a major part of our networking. Lunch out in July was at Carrabba's and hosted by CJ Daane and Marge

Dinner out was at the Stone Creek Grille. Bonnie Herrick and Marsha Lau were the hosts. We just started dinner out again and are limiting each outing to 15 ladies. Thanks go to the ladies who were our hosts in

These outings would not be possible without our ladies who volunteer to host. When we have our September meeting we need as many ladies as possible to sign up for hosting positions. We will continue to schedule the outings two weeks in a row each month. This gives more women an opportunity to participate and make new friends. We had 17 new SWANS in just the past few months and managed to place nine of them in appetizer groups. Remember these groups last through September when you will go into new groups for another six months. By doing this we are continually meeting new members and making new friends!

The same holds true for our dinner-in groups which are going strong also. It is so much fun to try other people's recipes and to have them try yours. We also have the most interesting conversations! Our group's sole purpose is to make sure the single women in On Top of the World are never alone in this journey. Lois continues to lead us all through these unusual times! If you are interested in joining us, give Lois a call. New members are always welcome! Remember, SWANS are never alone and never

forgotten!

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Silver Rainbow Club

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey

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We held a wonderful Memorial Day barbecue at the Veterans Park pavilion. We had about 35 in attendance. In July, we had a fabulous ice cream sundae social. Fun was had by all!

We are planning a holiday party Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6 to 9 p.m. Check out our website for more details and upcoming events!

To follow our events and find out more, visit SilverRainbowClub. com, or our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

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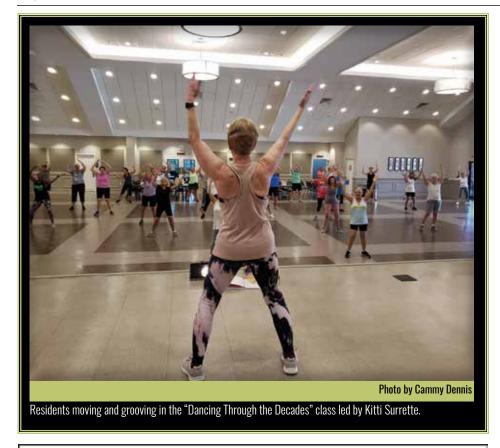
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Native Plant



very long this plant will again be in flower. I can hardly wait." You can see why.

As I compose this epistle on the Fourth of July, it's hard not to be reminded, as we observe her image, of fireworks. She's not a tree, as you can readily guess. She is considered an understory shrub. Her

This plant was featured in this column in January 2021. It wasn't blooming then, as I stated, "Before

six or seven stark white, windmilllike petals, seem to explode. Although her common name includes "lily," she is not a lily, but an amaryllis. She is the only member of her species that is native to Flor-

stamens and pistols, backed up by

Her preferred habitats are areas that are seasonally flooded, although she is somewhat adaptable and relatively drought tolerant. The area where the ones shown here live is watered twice a week. She and her siblings are flourishing.

This species spreads slowly over time by divisions in bulbs. You can imagine how attractive they can be in small clumps. Mixed in with other wetland wildflowers they make quite an impact.

Should you be interested in having one or more in your yard they are available in many commercial nurseries.

Last month's entry in our "where in the world" game was a real winner. (Sorry, nobody came up with the answer.) She is a Viburnum, as I wrote, but her species is dentatum. Her common name is southern arrowwood.

Now it's your turn. When you have considered all the hints and decided where our "lady" is living in On Top of the World, give us a call at 352-861-4560. And, if correct, a native plant will be yours. You might even persuade someone to give you one of this month's species

Join us if you desire some native planting fun. Call the same number for details. What a joy it is to grow native!

Lilly



An aerial view of Mont-Saint Michel, France during a period of high tide.

World Traveler

Bill Shampine



Mont-Saint Michel, located in Normandy, is a small island off the northwestern coast of France. As one of the most popular and iconic sites in France, it was put on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1979. The history of how the island came to be a Christian pilgrimage site dates to the year 708. At that time, Aubert, Bishop of Avranches, claimed that Archangel Michael himself had pressured him into having a church built atop the island just offshore. Aubert decided to build an oratory (a small chapel used for private worship) on the island in honor of Saint Michael.

Over the centuries, the primary objective of the island has waxed and waned and changed dramatically. Beginning in 966, the dukes of Normandy and the French kings, supported the development of a major Benedictine Abbey on Mont-Saint Michael. The Abbey became a renowned center of learning and attracted vast numbers of scholars as well as pilgrims. The English tried to capture the island during the Hundred Years War (1337 to 1453) but were unable to do so because of its fortifications and unique geographic location. Its location also supported the Abbey being used as a prison for 64 years after the French Revolution ended in 1799.

Benedictine monks lived in the Abbey on the island for centuries, but they all were driven out in 1791 by the French Revolution. Monks didn't return until 1966. Since 2001, two bodies of monks and nuns from the Monastic Fraternities of Jerusalem live in Mont-Saint Michel and deal with the running of the Abbey and daily services.

What about the famous tides? The island is about 0.6 miles from land and is connected by a walking bridge, newly built in 2014, that is designed to be inundated with water. The tidal range here is about 49

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feet, so when the tide goes out or comes in, there is a major change. The water may recede as much as 15 miles at low tide. As the tide changes, the water can come back in at a speed of about 3.8 miles per hour, a brisk walking speed.

You can get to the island on a shuttle bus, or you can walk; cars are not allowed. To walk, you can use the bridge, or you can walk on the bay bottom. If you choose the latter, you must be careful of occasional quicksand deposits and the always present danger of the returning tide water.

Mont-Saint Michel gets about 2.5 million visitors a year, second only to Paris, which means it typically is very crowded. Not surprisingly, there are problems trying to move such large numbers of people when you are on a fixed timetable dictated by the tide schedules. I think their management staff needs to have a chat with the Disney management

The crowds and expensive tourist support features such as restaurants, souvenirs, and some of the small museums may turn some people off, but it truly is a sight to behold!





SPCA of Marion County

Kathy Tilghman Kluge



The SPCA of Marion County has a table at the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market every Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., where monetary and other pet supply donations can be dropped off. The table is there every Thursday except the third one of each month when we have our meetings. Our table will not be there July and August but will resume in September. Our meetings are held at 1 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street.

If you have a pet in need, please contact us. For more information, visit www.spcaofmarioncounty. weebly.com to learn more about us.

For more information about being a foster or adopting a pet, call the SPCA at 352-362-0985. Also, we get daily requests to accept large dogs. If you're interested in adopting one, contact Dawn at 703-932-2701 to be added to our request list and we can be on the lookout for what large breed you are seeking!

The Jewish Club

Gail Levine



The Jewish Club is a cultural, educational, and social club that meets on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. The club has over 140 members and has annual dues of \$18 per person payable every January.

Our Sunday, June 19, meeting had 60 attendees participating in Jewish trivia led by member Dan Lack. Dan is a pro at hosting trivia contests and entertained us with old TV and movie clips containing the answers to questions regarding Jewish entertainers. What an enjoyable and fun way to enjoy a hot steamy, rainy Sunday.

To cool things off, members enjoyed a make-it-yourself ice cream sundae buffet with various toppings and a host of other goodies.

The club is taking off the months of July and August to allow our board to regroup, recharge and prepare for the upcoming fall meetings

ings.
Sunday, Sept. 18, will be our welcome back bagel and lox lunch

meeting for paid up members only. It will be held at The Lodge at Candler Hills

As part of giving back to the Marion County, we are asking our members attending the September meeting to provide non-perishable food items for Interfaith Emergency Services (IES). IES helps Marion County residents lacking basic needs such as food, shelter,

hygiene, medication, advocacy, and counseling. This is a worthy organization, and we are hoping that our membership can make a small difference to those less fortunate.

If you are a new resident or have general questions about the club contact First Vice President Gail Levine at 954-881-4010 or gl4010@gmail.com.

R/C LadyBirds

Linda Lohr



The LadyBirds do not hold regular meetings over the summer, but we do eat lunch! Our most recent luncheon was at Bonefish Grill in May. Be on alert for an email regarding future luncheons!

Our club is open to all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers. We meet the second Friday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Please come, bring your choice of beverage, and join us! Our dues are \$10 per year. We are working on setting up adventures and guests for the coming year!

What's Cookin'?

Nancy Grabowski



Easy, Versatile Shrimp

1 pound shrimp
2 teaspoons coriander seeds
1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon + 1 pinch sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 garlic clove, minced
Red pepper flakes, to taste
2 teaspoons canola oil
Fresh lime juice
Fresh parsley

Clean one pound shrimp, rinse, toss with one teaspoon salt and set aside.

Grind coriander seeds with whole black peppercorns. Add paprika, one teaspoon sugar, salt, garlic, and red pepper flakes (to taste). Set aside

Dry shrimp and toss with one teaspoon canola oil and pinch of sugar. Place in a cold non-stick, frying pan. Turn heat to high and cook shrimp for three minutes. Take off heat and turn shrimp: return to heat and cook for two minutes longer; transfer to a platter.

Add one teaspoon canola oil to same pan, add spice mixture. Stir for 30 seconds to bloom spices and cook garlic, take off heat, toss shrimp with spices. Squeeze lime juice onto shrimp; garnish with chopped, fresh parsley.

Shrimp may be served as appetizer instead of shrimp cocktail; as a main dish, serve with grits, noodles, or potatoes; serve in taco shells with shredded lettuce, salsa, sour cream, and chopped cilantro to replace parsley.

Book of the Bible

Pam Bell



Come join us Tuesdays, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room as we explore the Bible. Fred Thompson is our teacher. We are currently going through the book of

The second Tuesday of each month we meet at the Veterans Park pavilion for a social picnic at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and make some new friends with a common interest.

Christian Women's Potluck

Sandi Kemp



We meet on the fourth Saturday of the month for a delicious potluck, fun and fellowship with likeminded Christian women. We enjoy meeting new friends in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere with soft music, inspirational talks, door prizes and sometimes, entertainment!

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. I hope that you will be able to join us Saturday, Aug. 27, at 11:30 a.m. No reservation is needed but please call Sandi Kemp at 352-237-9073 and leave a message with your first name so that I can have a name tag ready for you. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

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Travel **Toppers**

Janet Wiles



Make Travel Toppers reservations Mondays through Fridays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Since the community is growing and many residents wish to participate in our tours, reservations may be made for only four people at a time. Note that all tickets for plays are non-refundable unless we have a wait list.

This club has a status as a notfor-profit corporation. It is not a commercial enterprise. Parking for all trips is in a secure area.

An overnight trip is planned for Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5 to the Navy SEAL Museum and the Manatee Observation and Education Center in Fort Pierce, Florida.

The United States Navy Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) teams, commonly known as Navy SEALs, are the U.S. Navy's primary special operations force and a component of the Naval Special Warfare Command. Navy SEALs, established by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, combined several groups that no longer exist but were crucial to the Allied Victory in World War II and the conflict in Korea.

Did you know that the Navy Seal Museum has a K-9 project? The museum in Fort Pierce is partnered with Baden K-9 in Ontario, Canada. They donate many working dogs to deserving veterans of the special operations community. Learn more about this project on our trip.

At the Manatee Observation and Education Center, you will learn about manatees and other wild animals, Florida's diverse habitats, and much more. Explore handson exhibits and informational displays. There is a covered observa-

tion walkway. Those who wish to climb to the second story observation tower may see bottlenose dolphins, mullet, brown pelicans, and terns. The center's gardens have a variety of colorful flowers as well as exotic plants and native plants.

The cost per person for double occupancy is \$166. The cost per person for a single room is \$305. The trip includes hotel, breakfast, both museums, transportation, and the tip for the driver. To make reservations, contact Linda Hein at 352-861-9880. Please note that all tickets are non-refundable unless we have a wait list.

"White Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater is sold out. Contact Diane Knox at 352-390-2386 to get on the wait list. The cost, \$88 per person, includes lunch, show, transportation, and all tips.

The "Best of Panama" Jan. 26 through Jan. 31, 2023 includes the tour, airfare, travel protection insurance, and the bus to and from Tampa airport. A deposit of \$250 per person is required to book the trip. The final payment is due by Tuesday, Nov. 22. Look on our website for details. Contact Linda Hein for more information at 352-861-9880.

Visit traveltopperstours.com for information about current or new

Trips are open only to residents. Any non-resident who participates in trips must be a guest of a resident club member. Note that Indigo East residents need to have the Gateway of Services pass to participate.

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Around the World Vacation Club

Ina Kline



Around the World Vacation Club is growing fast! We now have over 330 members. Our club was created with the ideas of going on vacations, speaker presentations, travel trivia, travel tips, potlucks and more. There is no cost to join our club.

At our last meeting we discussed Ina and Shelley's trip in May to New Orleans. It was so much fun. They visited the National WWII Museum, the Mardi Gras Museum of Costumes and Culture, and walked down famous Bourbon Street. Our club will be planning a group bus trip to New Orleans. Please let Ina Kline know if you would like to join the trip.

Get ready for a cruise with your friends and neighbors. Many people are signing up for a Western Caribbean cruise from Sunday, Nov. 27 to Sunday, Dec. 4 on Carnival's

Celebration. Ports will be Miami, Cozumel, Costa Maya, and Mahogany Bay. Enjoy a seaside breakfast, visit the Mayan ruins, eat lots of food and shop until you drop. Call Ina Kline for more information.

Cross off five bucket list items on one trip to five epic national parks in early June 2023. We will spend nine days in old western splendor from the peaks of Grand Tetons, bubbling mud pots on a Yellowstone National Park tour, and spires of Bryce and Zion Canyons. Cap it off with a relaxing float down the Snake River and a train ride into the heart of the Grand Canyon. Call Ina Kline to get more details.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 8. Meetings are every month (except August) on the second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Please contact Ina Kline at 301-728-9541 for club and trip information.

Trips, meetings, and member-ship are open to residents. Indigo East residents must have a Gateway of Services pass to participate. Travel agents are not permitted to be members or attend meetings.

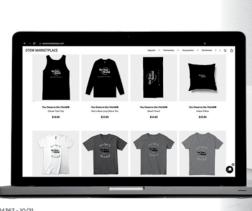
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Making Michigan summertime memories at the Cherry Festival.



Nancy Meininger

It is obvious George Washington did not grow up in Traverse City, Michigan. If he had, he would have known better than to chop down that cherry tree.

Traverse City is the Cherry Capital of the World! Of the 12 or more varieties of cherries grown in the area, tart cherries are the most popular. In fact, in the five counties which make up the Grand Traverse region, 100 to 120 million pounds of tart cherries are produced each year or about 50% of the entire U.S.

Cherry trees were first planted in the Traverse City area on Old Mis-

sion Peninsula in the late 1850s. According to the Northern Express Weekly paper, growing factors in this area are quite favorable. Proximity to Lake Michigan moderates temperatures good for growing by insulating farms from quick spring warm ups, scorching summer days and early fall frosts, all of which can damage blossoms or fruit on the trees. Also, the sandy soils take water to the tree roots without saturating them. Lastly, the rolling hill topography keeps cooler temperatures closer to sea level and allows a warmer climate at the hill-top cherry orchards.

In 1920, locals decided to give

this unique industry a great shoutout by initiating the first Cherry Festival which has become an annual event bringing visitors from around the world to celebrate everything cherry. The event begins with a roar July 2 when the Navy's renown Blue Angel precision flying team does their flyover practices for their main air show, July 4 to 6. Tourists and residents alike line the banks of Grand Traverse West Bay to watch the squadron fly.

The small trendy town brings in generations of vacationers, locals who work from home and love the easy access to all water sports, and families who migrated to the area to raise children; all join this massive celebration for the love of cherries! There is a full-blown carnival, rock concert, beauty contest, pie eating contest, and availability of all things cherry – art, ice cream, soda, wines, salsa, jellies and cake. There are also multiple parades, including drive-by porch parades, ending with a grand finale parade of over 111 floats.

This final parade is heralded by a low fly-over squadron of helicopters, a police motorcycle brigade with siren's blaring, first grade kings and queens riding on floats representing cherry blossoms, cherries, and lighthouses, of which there are many in this water wonderland state.

Traverse City visitors and residents park cars blocks away to walk to the parade route.

Join us at the Michigan Club to celebrate our heritage and share in memories like these. Our first potluck meet and greet will be Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III at 5 p.m. Linda Sisco will entertain us with a vocal concert that evening. Please put it on your calendar. More details next month.

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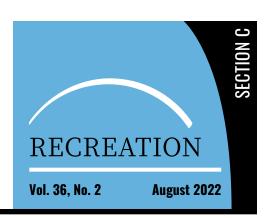
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Ballet Club Celebrating 16 Years

By Eugenie Martin

ebrates its 16th birthday. Yes, we started in 2006, in a studio overlooking the indoor pool, with four dancers holding onto the backs of chairs for ballet barres, doing only two classes each week. In the intervening years, we have expanded to several dozen dancers, using proper ballet barres, and participating annual Health & Wellness Expo. In

This month, the Ballet Club cel- in one or more classes out of five classes given each week. In the beginning, we all danced at the same level. Now, we have beginner classes and more advanced ones.

In addition to offering ballet classes for 16 years, the Ballet Club has participated in most Club Fairs, and given demonstrations at the

fact, the Ballet Club first participated in the Expo in 2008, when management closed off part of Circle Square Cultural Center to make a private venue for our demonstra-tion, along with dances choreo-graphed by teacher Kitty Surette. Now, we do our demonstrations on the stage at Circle Square Cultural Center, where all the attendees can

Except for a one-time \$5 registration fee, we provide all our classes free of charge. Today, most ballet studios charge \$20 or more for each class. We follow a traditional classical ballet class format, with additional stretching at the start of class

and after the barre. The additional stretching is done because our dancers are older than most ballet dancers, and we want to avoid any problems or injuries.

Our classes are held at the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room as follows:

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

For information on our classes, please call me. Happy birthday to us and happy dancing to all!



The ballerinas of On Top of the World.

The Ladies of the R/C **Car Club**

By Gene Mangold

"Don't touch my R/C car!" Becky Queen told her husband, George. "You can use my tools, but I want you to leave that car for me. I want to learn and do my own maintenance.

Many visitors have asked what it takes to get into this hobby. It is more than just buying a car and a battery. Usually, a new vehicle will come with an R/C transmitter and a detailed manual. (R/C stands for radio control in that the transmitter sends digital electronic signals through the air to the car from the inputs the driver initiates.)

So what else? Crashes are com- her maintenance and race.

mon in racing, so the repairs must be done by ordering new parts to replace the broken ones. In addition, it takes specialized tools, for example, a series of small one-point-five to four-millimeter hex tools and sockets. Sometimes it is beneficial to have assortments of flat and button head machine screws.

Some drivers say building and maintaining cars is what they like the most about the hobby. Others prefer to race and let someone do their maintenance. Becky is one of the more typical members of the R/C Car Club in that she wants to do

member of the R/C Car Club; there are nine other female members little three-millimeter springs and who attend every race. Some are lock rings that are hard to see undrivers, while others are adminis- der a magnifying glass. "Thank you trative types who maintain the race so very much for saving me \$25. schedule, post the race results, and enter each car and driver's names in the computer for each race.

Others are marshalls; their job is to pick up the race cars after a crash and put them back on the track. One such person is Roseanne Kaulfersch, who does an extraordinarily great job by watching the race and anticipating crashes before they happen. Not only does she correctly place the car on the correct lane, but she also inspects the car for damage and keeps track of the parts that have fallen off and their location. She later notifies the driver of where the tiny screws are hiding on the asphalt. (Amazing.)

Another member, Sheree John-

Becky is not the only female son, searches the asphalt track with a magnet. For me, she found several

June

Novice–Jill Bingle. Two-wheel drive truggy–Paul Beyer. Two-wheel drive buggy–Terrry Altman. Four-wheel drive buggy_Ron Kaulfersch. Two-wheel drive truck-Larry Ericksmoen. Four-wheel drive truck-Bob Metzer. Touring-Terry Altman, Pan car-Dominic Papa. Traxxas-Dave Johnson.

R/C car races start at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the R/C car track. Slot car races are on Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Club Conference Center Music Rooms I-II; and legend races are on Thursdays, at 10 a.m. at the R/C car track.

Monthly meetings take place the first Monday of the month. Call President Fred Penichet at (914) 588-7293 for information.



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Richie More, center, and Mark Reynolds back/left enjoy a moment with their teammates.

Softball



"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." – William James

One of the more notable aspects of living in a community like ours is the caliber of people you meet and the quality of the friends that you make. It takes effort to meet people, extend a hand, start a conversation, get out of our comfort zones, and begin investing ourselves in the lives of others. The quote above gives us all the more reason to try so that we, too, might create a life that outlasts us.

The Softball Club offers an opportunity to check off all of these boxes through spirited friendly head-tohead competition with other teams building camaraderie and friendships that can enrich your life on many levels. And, through a funny story, a compliment, an encouraging word, or a selfless act, you may very well leave fingerprints that will outlast you all over the hearts and minds of others.

During a recent military honor guard ceremony for Richie More, recipient of the Silver Star and veteran member of the Softball Club, I had the opportunity to speak with Mark Reynolds about the enviable relationship he shared with Richie. 'Richie was intense, hated to lose, and loved to win. He wasn't real smooth at the plate and had a swing that looked like he was chopping down trees but managed to hit everything hard. Above all, he never criticized anyone and did not tolerate anyone who did. There wasn't anything that he wouldn't do for others.'

Most of us will hang up our cleats one day, as Richie did, but that never stopped him from coming out to the games. He loved being around the guys, and guys loved being around him. As we pondered Richie's story, one of my teammates came up to me and said, "It's so much more than just softball, isn't it?" I couldn't agree more.

I invite you to check out our club. We accommodate all skill levels as long as you can play safely. Our fall season starts in early September; so if you want to play, now is the time you connected.

to contact our club and inquire about our new player orientation program.

Also, we are in the planning stages for our inaugural Veterans Day softball tournament Friday, Nov. 11, open to all veteran residents and any veteran in the Softball Club. Visit our bulletin board at the softball field for more information.

As our former writer Tom Sheridan said, "Softball is the greatest sport. Step onto the field, and you're 11 years old again." That is one of the reasons we still play and why so many are attracted to this

For more information, check out our new bulletin board at the softball field or email Ernie Sersen at esersen@yahoo.com, and I'll get

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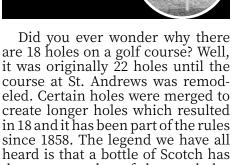
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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



create longer holes which resulted in 18 and it has been part of the rules since 1858. The legend we have all heard is that a bottle of Scotch has the same number of shots as holes on a golf course and that is why the number of holes on the course is 18. However, this doesn't appear to be true but there can be some truth in legend.

The second Summer Survivor event was held Thursday, July 14. This was also an On Top of the World LGA-18 league invite to play at Candler Hills. Better Ball of Partners was the game and, once again, the combined event was great fun.

The Candler Hills LGA-18 league has a new member on the board as tournament director – Lynn Colomb. Thank you, Lynn.

We welcome three new members to the league – Terri Bloom, Mary Cunningham, and Lori Pizzini. We look forward to playing golf with you.

Please remember to hydrate during the summer. It's important to be aware of this all year but it has been exceptionally hot so stay safe. Don't forget the sunscreen and snacks, too.

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The Candler Hills LGA-18 league is open to any woman resident. Please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz at karsnitz1@gmail.com if you wish to join.

Finally, have fun, believe, achieve, and enjoy golf.

Tee to Green (Individual) May 26

Flight 1: Tie at 38-Lisa Free, Beverly Ovrebo, Lynn Colomb. 39-Linda Taylor.

Flight 2: 33–Virginia Combs. 39–Peggy Ellenberger. 45–Lori Pizzini. Tie at 46–Donna Isaac, Eileen Gustavus.

Flight 3: 36-Angelita Jingco. Tie at 38-Ellen Brin, Judi McGuinness. 41-MJ Strelec. Tie at 43-Paula Lilly, Mary Dawson.

Flight 4: 35–Janette Sheil. Tie at 38–Susan Martin, Toni Stevenson, Mary A. Cunningham. 41–Rosann Ross.

Flight 5: Tie at 38–Jane Hall, Vickie Foster. 41–Anne Dahlen. 42–Pam Brown. 43–Joann Delmar.

Cha-Cha-Cha (Team) June 2

Tie at 115–Judie Anderson, Lori Pizzini, Virginia Madura, Vickie Foster and Lilly, Maria Fournier, Rosann Ross, Sue Fierce. 117–Sara Nunn, Page Falconer, Susan Martin, Anne Dahlen. 118–Karen Curtis, Linda Taylor, Janette Sheil, Gloria Cullins. 120–MJ Strelec, Lisa Free, Jonell Washburn, Jana McElroy.

Summer Survivor Two-Person Scramble (Team) June 16

65-Lynn Colomb, Lisa Free. 66-Mary Ann Livingston, Maria Fournier. Tie at 68-Gail Lagrange, Joy Benson. Chris MnIntire, Sandy Snyder. MJ Strelec, Judie Anderson. Tie at 70-Linda Taylor, Jane Hall. Eileen Gustavus, Donna Isaac. Tie at 72-Christine Giza, Pamela Jones. Jan Christ, Janette Sheil. Paula Lilly, Peggy Ellenberger. Tie at 74-Jean Czachor, Mary A. Cunningham. Sara Nunn, Judie Anderson.



Marte Dobosh

"Hot fun in the summertime!" – Sly and the Family Stone

Members must keep repeating those lyrics as we sweat our way around the golf course for league play! These summer months make us highly appreciative of our course rangers who swing by to make sure we have an ample supply of ice and water. We also appreciate a "summer breeze" when it shows up to provide some relief!

We welcome some hearty souls who have joined our ranks during these months: Bonnie Bunce, Jean Czachor and Mary Dawson. Our ranks continue to swell as our community continues to grow.

If you have news of interest regarding our league (hole-in-ones, eagles, etc.), please feel free to submit to mgdobosh@yahoo.com. Word of mouth doesn't always travel far enough!

For up-to-date information visit ladiesgolfotow.com.

Florida Scramble June 14/The Links

58–Kathy Goodwin, Donna Isaac, Marilyn Davsko, Gloria Cullins. 59–Eileen Gustavus, Peggy Weichmann, Jeanne Newman. 60–Mary Ann Livingston, Susan Rhodes, Liz Lang, Jean Czachor. Tie at 61–Marcela Nunez, Katie Schriewer, Mary Dawson, Debbie Zile and Mollv Lucieer. Lynne Dickson, Janette Sheil,

Sandra Randles and Vickie Noltensmeyer, Liz Pruss, Susan Yenne, and Lynn Colomb. Peggy Ellenberger, Pam Brown, Tammy Shultz and Chris McIntire, Chris Giza, Jane Hall, and Re-

Stableford Net (Individual) June 21/The Links

Flight 1: 38–Chris Giza. Tie at 36–Vadonna Hall, Maria Fournier. 35–Kathleen Goodwin. Tie at 34–Lisa Free, Gail Lagrange.

Flight 2: 38–Chris McIntire. Tie at 35–Peggy Ellenberger, Donna Isaac. 33– Marcela Nunez. Tie at 32– Jill Strey, MJ Strelec.

Flight 3: 36-Peggy Weichmann. 35-Liz Pruss. 33-Katie Schriewer. 32-Eileen Gustavus. 30-Molly Lucieer.

Flight 4: 40–Elena Sumpter. 38–Terry Wilks. Tie at 37–Jeanne Newman, Debbie Zile. 35–

Jean Czachor. Blind Mice Two Best Ball Net (Team)

June 28/The Tortoise & The Hare 87–Joyce Jones, Linda Taylor, Linda Blewitt, Sandra Randles. 88–Marcela Nunez, Lori Pizzini, Liz Pruss, Geri Trepa. Tie at 89–Mary Ruffner, Chris Giza, Debbie Zile and Lynn Colomb, Eileen Gustavus, Virginia Madura, Donna Brunell. 90–Gail Lagrange, Jill Strey, Diane Recton

Red, White, Blue Three Best Ball Net (Team) July 5/The Tortoise & The Hare

165–Marcela Nunez, Donna Brunell, Eileen Gustavus, Sandy Chase. Tie at 166–MJ Strelec, Gail Lagrange, Linda Blewitt, Ronda Richley and Connie Norris, Diane Boston, Liz Pruss, Jean Czachor. 170–Chris McIntire, Mary Ann Livingston, Virginia Madura, Carolyn Cummings. 171–May Chin, Lori Pizzini, Joann Dellapenna, Debbie Zile.



Sherry Winn

On Saturdays at 9 a.m. residents and guests of varying backgrounds gather at the softball field to try to regain our youth that has been interrupted by adulthood.

Carrying on from last month's column, let's explore some other professions that helped mold us into who we are in our current stage of life.

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We still have some participants who are young enough to be blessed by today's advantage of being able to work from home. Some sell; some maintain that through varying stages of sales support or product management; some utilize their computers to do IT support; some do project management; while an-

other is a podcaster.
Police officers kept our families, roads, and communities safe either on the front lines, investigations or verifying proof of crimes.

Former government employees ensured our food was safe for consumption, that air traffic was controlled, taxes were paid, or that we had vertice entities.

had voting options.

Most branches of the Armed Forces are represented by war time veterans or career military retirees who attempt to keep our recreational softball ranks started in a timely manner and in an organized direc-

In the end, we are all just people who enjoy the camaraderie, nurturing, team atmosphere with quasicompetitive individuals who wish to remain active and social.

If this interests you, come check out our group (whether you have equipment or not, but wear running shoes).

Experience our supportive atmosphere then stick around afterwards for more social time to get better acquainted.

Again, we meet Saturdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. If it's actively raining or heavy rain has inadvertently affected the field, we redirect to plan B (whatever you choose).

For further information, contact Sherry Winn at 315-528-8499, speak with one of our current players, or just show up.

HANDICAP EQUIPMENT

Handicap equipment is loaned free to residents during their convalescent term – walkers, crutches, canes or wheelchairs. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 x7534.







Golf

Matt Hibbs (352) 854-2765 matt_hibbs@otowfl.com

We are in the dead heat of the summer. Afternoon thunderstorms and high humidity are the norms for central Florida. This doesn't

necessarily bode well for our afternoon golfers. If you like to play in the afternoon when the course is less crowded, please make sure to follow all inclement weather safety precautions. Here are some tips if you are caught on the golf course during a storm.

Avoid open high ground and large trees.

Avoid bodies of water.

Seek shelter inside a building

immediately.

Remember that if you hear thunder, lightning is nearby. As everyone is aware, pace of play and course difficulty are two main

reasons for decline in new golfers.

I'm sure you have all appreciated the "While We're Young" commercials produced by the USGA. This public campaign was created to address slow play on the golf course and create a more enjoyable game.

Please make sure you are monitoring your pace of play while on the course. A foursome should complete nine holes in no longer than two hours and 18 holes in no longer than four hours. Please help your fellow golfers and make sure your group is keeping track of their pace play.

Watch our latest YouTube.com video (OTOW Golf) for more tips on

The Links will host the Beat the Pro Saturday, Aug. 27. The game is One Best Ball of Two Net versus the Pro's One Best Ball of Two Gross. Registration is \$15 per player with the deadline being Wednesday, Aug. 24. Good luck.

Upcoming Events

9-Hole Golf

Nick Schwander 352-861-9712

- Friday, Aug. 5: Dogs Days of Summer at Candler Hills Golf
- Monday, Aug. 8 through

Thursday, Aug. 11: The Links closed for aerification.

Monday, Aug. 15 through Thursday, Aug. 18: Candler Hills closed for aerification. Saturday, Aug. 27: Beat the

Pro on The Links.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Linne Rollins, eagle #4. Paul Modica, hole-in-one #17. Doug Dahlen, eagle #16. Jim Shipley, shot 70 one stroke under age. David Clune, eagle #15.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Dale Budd, hole-in-one #15. Joe Wilks, eagle #3.

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you find yourself hitting a huge slice with a driver in your hands? A slice is when your shot curves hard from left to right for the right-handed golfer. Most times the slice will take you to places you do not want to be. You ask yourself, "why can't I get rid of this darn slice?" Well, here are some tips to rid yourself of the dreaded

Check your grip. Each hand should form a V with your index finger and thumb. Each of the Vs formed should then point to your right shoulder (right-handed golfer).

Make sure your ball position is off the heel of the front foot. This will help catch the ball on the upswing.

Focus on a bigger turn back and through. Make sure you get about 80 to 90% of your weight on the back foot on your backswing and follow through all the way onto your forward foot on the downswing. You must finish your golf swing completely to help eliminate the slice.

Focus on releasing the club head prior to impact. Feel the wrists of both hands turn over as you swing through the ball.

Work on these four tips at the driving range first to help develop the muscle memory needed to improve your slice.

Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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As we skid towards the month of August, the LGA-9 schedule will be on the following Tuesdays:

- Aug. 2: Four Clubs & a Putter – Individual Net (The Links) is where each player will choose four clubs from their bag to play the entire round of golf with plus their putter (total of five clubs). All ladies will be flighted based on the current handicap index as
- Aug. 9: Team Stableford -Three Best Ball Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where every player plays their normal round of golf, but we use points, instead of the usual score at the end of each hole. Points are given for each player's net score on each hole, with the team score being the three best ball out of the four.
- Aug. 16: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where players play their normal round of golf with all ladies flighted according to
- their current handicap index. Aug. 23: Team Scramble (The Links) is where every player tees off, then the team of four picks the best drive and each player hits their second shot from that location. The process is then repeated until the ball is holed out. Each player will also get one mulligan (second chance) to use
- anywhere on the golf course. Aug. 30: Three, Two, One -Team Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) players play their own ball for the entire round, but it is still considered a team game based on how many best balls" count as your team score. So, on the par fives you are playing Three Best Ball Net, on the par fours you are playing Two Best Ball Net and on the par threes you are playing One Best Ball Net.

When playing competitively either with friends or in a league and/or tournament, I often get the question of "What is the difference between course handicap and playing handicap?" Under the Rules of Handicapping FAQs from the USGA website, "To receive a course handicap, or a playing handicap, you must have first established a handicap index by posting at least 54 holes comprised of nine- and/or

enjoyed regardless of age, gender,

or skill level. It is a game that can

be enjoyed individually, or with a

group of people. Whether you're

an avid golfer or a weekend warrior,

18-hole rounds." A handicap index is "the measure of a player's demonstrated ability calculated against the slope rating of a golf course of standard playing difficulty (that is, a course with a slope rating of 113)." "A Course Handicap represents the number of strokes needed to play to par of the tees being played. This is the number used to adjust hole scores for net double bogey or net

"A playing handicap is the actual number of strokes you receive or give during a round and is the number used for the purposes of the game or competition. This number is often the same as a course handicap, however; if a handicap allowance is applied, if the format is match play, or if players are competing from tees with different pars, it may be different.

have fun while on the golf course **Candler Hills Ladies** is by making sure you're playing the appropriate length tees based on your ability or skill level. Candler Hills is now offering a new set of tees, bringing the number of tee options to six. nick_schwander@otowfl.com Golf is a game that is meant to be

The new orange/white tee combo gives golfers yet another option to test their ability and enjoy the game of golf. Find the set of tees that fits your game the best, and to ensure

you have as much fun as possible! Here is a list of tee options and vardages that are offered to test all

skill levels: Orange: 4,785 yards

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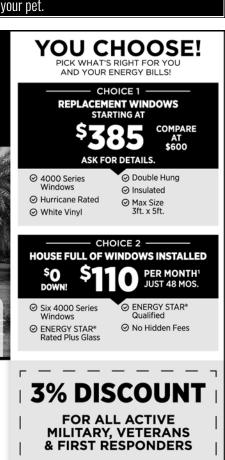








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Top Pickleball Club

Bill Bender



Pickleball got its start at On Top of the World in 2015 when Bill Daugherty visited The Villages to see how the game was played. He immediately realized what a great sport it was and got together a small core group of three players; sometimes there would only be two; sometimes only one.

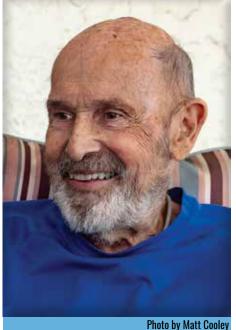
Bill submitted an article to the World News that two people were coming from The Villages to show how pickleball was played; our first introductory class. Bill appealed to On Top of the World to provide a tennis court to the pioneer picklers

for their use.
"P-ball Bill's" game training started with the help of The Villages, George Brewer. The sport was very popular in The Villages, so Bill went there to participate in one of their orientation classes. Mr. Brewer and his wife came to On Top of the World to teach a class. 15 to 20 residents attended out of curiosity. The game didn't catch on immediately and the club started on a very small scale.

One tennis court was given for pickleball at specific times. Bill would stripe the court with blue painter's tape which didn't stand up under foot traffic, so the lines had to be regularly re-taped. When the court was resurfaced it was striped for both tennis and pickleball, so there were lines every-

To generate interest in the sport, Bill regularly wrote columns for the World News. Pickleball participation grew slowly. A few people would watch, and some would take an interest. They would be encouraged to just "pick up a paddle and give it a try.

On Top of the World required a player safety class so Bill devel-



Bill Daugherty reminisces about pickleball.

oped a program for new players. His 27-years as an instructor in the Marine Corps, was a tremendous benefit. Among the many who he introduced to the game, was Herb Katz, who is currently our director

of training for the club. Courts were being shared with tennis activities and it has only been in the past few years that the popularity of pickleball outpaced

In the early days, play was very much social. Regardless of where Bill has played, he has found laughter to be an integral part of the game, whether at one's self or at others. The first On Top of the World tournament was hosted November 2016.

Bill is astounded at the fact that we have over 500 Top Pickleball Club members, as he recalls the days when they had a challenge just getting three players. He is very happy to know that the sport and the club is thriving in On Top of the World. Bill said, "If you're not having fun, there's something wrong. He's most pleased that the club is in such good hands.

Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



This month features Director Treasurer Jim Swift.

When did you first start to play

table tennis? I started playing in my mid-20s, and I've been playing sporadically

off and on for over 40 years. Why do you love table tennis?

I really developed my love of playing over the years but developed a real passion for it while working at a distribution center. We thought it would be a good idea to purchase a table for recreation for staff and crew for lunch times.

Our work schedule was every day and a half day on Friday, but we found most everyone would spend the afternoon playing instead of going home. We all enjoyed it so



Photo by Jim Swift

How long have you been a mem-

Jim Swift, director treasurer.

ber of our club?

It will be six years this Aug. 25. I joined very soon after we arrived at On Top of the World in July 2016. Where did you live before mov-

ing here, and what did you do? We lived in northern Vermont, in the town of Glover. We were briefly snowbirds and lived in Bushnell, Florida. I retired from Ethan Allen where I served as corporate transportation manager.

What is your favorite time: dou-

bles, singles? I enjoy them both! Singles is a real challenge. Many times while playing advanced singles, we all left exhausted and exhilarated, as well as sweaty! Doubles play is all about playing to your partner's strengths and weaknesses, while they play to yours. It is so much fun, as you are challenged by the other players to play a unique game to that session.

Any favorite stories you can relay?

After I had joined the Table Tennis Club, my wife suggested that I go to some of the fitness classes. At first, I resisted. Eventually, I tried a couple and quickly learned how much it helped me with my foot

I have been doing them ever since. Cammy Dennis and Jessica Pinkowski, and other instructors, helped me achieve my goals! I highly recommend everyone try some of the classes at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa.

Any favorite tips for newcomers? I suggest everyone try all the different styles of play we have.

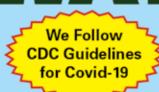
Any other information you would like to share?

As a director of the Table Tennis Club board, serving with Paul Stadterman and Athena Drewes, it has been rewarding and a joy, as well as an honor, to watch our club continually evolve, and to make each player's time at the club enjoyable.

We all share a passion for the

Come play! Beginners (doubles, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; singles, Thursday 3 to 5 p.m.), ladies play (doubles, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; singles, Friday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.). Open doubles: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (6 to 8 p.m.) and Saturday (1 to 3 p.m.) and open singles (Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.). Advanced: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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Volunteers are the lifeblood of any organization, and the Cornhole Club has some of the best. Melinda and Charles Lemme, and Marie and Bill Reape are open play volunteer hosts who set up and manage our open play sessions.

Hosting an open play session is no small task, as responsibilities include opening up and positioning all equipment, maintaining player records, assigning playing positions and partners, ensuring all equipment is properly stored when play is completed, and anything else that arises during a session. They are the heart and soul of our club, and are indeed, very valuable.

Our next "Introduction to Cornhole" class will be Friday, Aug. 19, at noon. Our resident cornologist, Bill Ballweg, conducts the class with a mixture of technical expertise and humor, which makes for a fun and productive afternoon. To minimize climate issues (mainly afternoon heat) at least half of the class is conducted under a shaded and ceiling fan equipped portico. To provide attendees personal attention, class size will be limited, and registration is required. To register for this class email names and contact information of attendees to otowcornhole@ yahoo.com.

OPEN PLAY: July was a relatively slow month for the Cornhole Club's open play sessions. Daily temperatures exceeding the 90-degree mark on a daily basis with "feels like" temperatures often topping 100 degrees, and thunderstorm predictions at 50% or more on most afternoons, have deterred a good number of our members, except the hardest of the hardcore, from outdoor physical activities. De-



Very valuable volunteers.

spite weather concerns, Monday's open play continued to draw a capacity crowd, with Wednesdays and Thursdays drawing fewer club members.

If you have played before, are familiar with cornhole rules and protocols, and would like to play again, feel free to join us at our open play sessions Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, at 6 p.m. Cornhole

is a fun game/sport, and we maintain a "no judgement zone."

LEAGUE PLAY: Cornhole league play remains on hold for the summer, but team formation and scheduling will begin soon. A mixed league, and ladies league are currently forming, and a men's league, one-on-one league, and possibly others may also be established dependent on the level of interest. All league play is generally scheduled for one match weekly and will run for eight to 10 weeks depending on the number of teams participating.

For information regarding the mixed league, email Brenda Andrews at bandrews2461@yahoo. com For the ladies league, contact Vickie Foster at poo2dog@verizon. net.

Bocce Club



Come one, come all and join us for some bocce fun. Playing bocce ball is a fun, friendly, competitive game of skill to play, and comes with its own set of health benefits for anyone participating. Some of the health benefits are; it sharpens your mind, improves coordination, improves flexibility and light cardio.

The most popular game is open bocce on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, at 8:30 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. Anyone who shows up can play. Once you have played on three occasions you are expected to join, pay dues, and sign a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form. Dues are \$12 and entitles you to play as many times as you want. The dues will be prorated for anyone joining at different times throughout the year.

A directory is in the storage unit which contains an alphabetical list with us ...

of all members. Please make sure you have entered your name and contact information.

We want to remind all residents if you are interested in league play, representatives are needed for Tuesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. The new season will begin Tuesday, Oct. 4, and runs through April 27, 2023. If you are interested, please call Terry Connolly at 352-895-3866. Come roll

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John Yenne



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In addition to carrying an additional towel for wiping your hands dry, you might consider a "sticky" towel that conforms with the USGA Rules of Golf. You can wipe your hands, gloves, or grips with these towels that have a glue-like tacki-

Other products you can find include sprays, lotions, and powders. And our Golf Shop sells golf gloves specifically designed to combat humid conditions.

However, your solution doesn't have to be expensive. Just Google home remedies for sweaty hands, and you can find recipes including common household items like apple cider vinegar, baking soda, after-shave lotion, etc.

The Men's Golf Association has 274 members, including our newest member, Ralph Norton.

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Mark these upcoming events on your calendar:

- Wednesday, Aug. 3: Chicken Day Scramble (The Links)
- Tuesday, Aug. 9: On Top of the World invited to Candler
- Wednesday, Aug. 17: Team Two Best Balls (Candler Hills invited to On Top of the World)
- Wednesday, Aug. 24: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Wednesday, Aug. 31: Team Stableford, Three Best Balls (The Links)

As always, games may vary at the discretion of the tournament direc-

Three Best Ball – Black Tees (Team) **June 29/The Links**

Tie at 202-David Clune, Rusty Zarrell, Donald Wheeler, Joseph Dunnack; David Garland, Joe Moenter, Fred Strelec, Doyce Mathis. 203-Larry Manion, William (Bill) Truby, David Hannasch, Charles Regini. Tie at 204-Brian Wilder, Dennis McCourt, Philip Petrozella, Thomas Kujawa; Dwight Weirich, Charlie Taylor, Tom Nutt, Loren Magsam. Tie at 205– Rusty Rhodes, Anthony Morris, Roy Coombes, Bob Lang: Brad Weirick, Art Lagrange, Mike Madura, Barry Barringer. Tie at 208-Greg McDowell, Garfield Gray, Dennis Dobosh, John

Bauer; John Yenne, Matt Raies, Ronald Grob, Tim Williams; Joe Polizzotti, Irl Flanagan, Bigelow Robinson, Thomas Martinetto. Tie at 210–Roger Sparks, Don Edmond, Joseph Mandala, Mario Grosso; Joe Wilks, Richard Deschenes, John Sutherland, Philip Moherek; Ruben Alvarez, John Evans, John Owen, Leonard Ruble: Jerry Englar, Russell Zile, Jack Pozsik, Thomas Norris.

Chicken Day July 6/The Links

53-James McCormack, David Clune, Jim Kurlapski, Leonard Ruble. Tie at 55-Larry Manion, Ricki Plesea, Jerry Chase, Thomas

Kujawa: Paul Snyder, Kevin Thompson, Bob Janssen, Raymond Hendrix; Terry Hubbartt, John Spielvogel, Norm Hayworth, Tom Nicholl; Rusty Zarrell, Philip Petrozella, John Evans, Bob Lang: Charlie Taylor, John Snyder, Joseph Mandala, Mike Benes. Tie at 56-John Parnau, Greg McDowell, Donald Wheeler, Lance Davsko; Matt Raies, Rick Pettit, David Garland, Charles Regini; Rick Schriewer, Mike Madura, Carl Zeiler, Larry Chase; Mario Grosso, James Gourlay, John Yenne, John Johnson: Dale Budd, Garfield Gray, John Owen, Paul Silliman: Brad Weirick, Ralph Norton, Dwight Weirich, William York.

Tennis

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With these high temperatures, continue to try to eat healthy and stay properly hydrated when you come to the courts.

By the time you read this col-umn, we should have a group of players signed up to play at USTA National Campus in Lake Nona, Florida, approximately an hour and a half from here. Also, as soon as the temperatures drop a little, we will organize another barbecue at the Veterans Park pavilion.

POP tennis continues to thrive, and if you haven't tried playing it yet, perhaps you should. İt is a fun way to get some exercise and meet some nice people. POP tennis meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

What Is Your Job in Doubles?

THE SERVER: Be responsible, hold serve is the first rule of good tennis. In singles, it's all up to you. In doubles, you should have a great deal of help from your partner, but it is your responsibility to win your service game. Remember that if you lose it, your opponents don't feel they broke the team, they know they broke you.

Ğet your first serve in! Find a nice consistent serve, about 75% of the pace you have available to you. Your partner needs a rhythm to poach effectively. There's nothing more discouraging to a poacher than a string of false starts.

Approach the net shading toward the alley, no matter where you serve. If you serve down the center, your partner will take the return

coming straight back through the center, but don't expect his help on low or hard balls angling away from him. If you serve down the center, you and your partner have 80% of the court covered leaving only your partner's alley unprotected. If you serve wide, your partner must protect the alley and the center ball is

Never relax your racquet. Get the first serve in, hope your partner can put the ball away for you, but don't expect it. Be prepared to hit all balls, never allowing yourself to be distracted by your opponent's movement. Never hurry for first volley! Hit a good low crosscourt on a wide service return, and a solid reply up the middle on a return aimed up the middle. There's no value in rushing your volley to prevent a ball from bouncing when prudence dictates a half volley.

THE SERVER'S PARTNER: Be active! This is not the time to rest and pray that the ball doesn't come to you, but a time to play an active role in winning the game. Watch carefully where the serve lands, remembering to mirror that spot on the court. If it is a wide serve, protect the alley; if it's down the middle, move to the center. Remember that the height of a ball changes your targets. If it's high enough for you to hit down, angle it short.

Distract the receiver and make him hit the shot you want him to play. Draw the ball down your line by faking to the middle; encourage a crosscourt by hugging your alley and then poach it away. Call "out" balls for your team if your partner is rushing to net, unable to determine if the ball is going out.

Be verbal with you partner! Suggest a service placement which may elicit a predictable response. Maybe the server is having problems playing low volleys, maybe the use of the Australian formation, etc. Remember that movement and courage are the keys to playing this court position effectively. More service games are lost because of this player's inactivity than by his activ-

ity.

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Make it a Water Workout!

Swimming is a great way to exercise but doing laps is not for everyone. There are many ways to exercise the pool with no laps required! Here are three fit tips to help you get a great workout in the pool.

FIT TIP #1: Go deep! When you put on a buoyancy belt (we have some you can borrow at the Arbor Fitness Center indoor pool) and get in ness Center indoor pool) and get in the deep end you are working lots of muscles. The key is to stay verti-cal, which is a great way to train for core strength and stability. You can jog, or move your arms and legs in large, dynamic patterns like jump-ing jacks or a cross-country skiing action.

FIT TIP #2: Go low! The shallow end of the pool is perfect for lowimpact exercise. Water walking is great exercise because of the drag effect that the water's resistance provides. If you enjoy high-energy exercise, you can jump and jog in the shallow end without the joint stress you would experience on

FIT TIP #3: Try a water aerobics class! The Arbor Fitness Center indoor pool has both shallow and deep-water classes. I have been teaching deep water aerobics classes for years, it is a great workout. The water aerobics classes are fee based; with the purchase of a \$25 Fitness Pass you are entitled to attend 13 classes. However, if you have never taken a water aerobics class, try one on us for free! We want to ensure that you like the classes before you purchase a Fitness Pass. Jump in the pool and get fit while having fun.

Please check the fitness schedule

included here in the World News to see all the pool activity times.



Dianne Masterson swimming laps to save lives!

Fitness Happenings





Swimming to Save Lives

This July, resident Dianne Masterson decided to take on the American Cancer Society's 15-mile swim challenge. She is fiercely determined to help combat cancer.

Dianne shared with me, "I wanted to give back to the American Cancer Society, but I also wanted to take on this challenge for myself! I have been doing water aerobics for over 40 years, so I am very comfortable in the water. I started doing more lap swimming over the last two years when things were shut down, now I am going to take this opportunity to push myself a bit."

Dianne did her homework in preparing for this challenge. She reached out to me to get the exact measurements of the pools at the Arbor Fitness Center, Candler Hills Community Center and The Lodge at Candler Hills. Dianne then planned the days, times, and distances she would need to swim to log 15 miles by the end of July. At the time I spoke with her, she was one week into the challenge, very motivated and on track! Dianne's commitment and determination is very impressive.

When something is important, we can find the time to do it. After many years of interacting with residents, I can state with certainty that health is a priority for our community. Just as Dianne has done, it is very important that you make time for your health and wellbe-

On Top of the World

AUGUST 2022 FITNESS

RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Dance Aerobics DENISE P.	Strength & Stretch DENISE B.	Warrior MAUREEN	Strength & Stretch DENISE B.	Dance Aerobics
9:00 am	S.O.S. DENISE P.	Dance Aerobics NICHOLE	S.O.S.	Dance Aerobics DENISE P.	S.O.S.
10:00 am	Balance Body LINDA	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body INGRID
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit	Brain Power CAMMY & SUE	Get Fit While You Sit	Move to Improve Parkinson's	Get Fit While You Sit
11:00 am Recreation Ballroom	Zumba* Gold JOSIE		Zumba* Gold		Dance Aerobics DENISE P.
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
2:00 pm				Tai Chi ART	
3:00 pm	Blended Yoga		Chair Yoga TRISH	Qi Gong ART	
5:00 pm		Intro Hatha Yoga		Yoga SANDRA	

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

ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am	Yoga SANDRA	Pilates Fusion	Yoga JOE	Pilates Fusion BRENDA	Yoga MELANIE
10:00 am	STRONG MAUREEN	Yoga sandra	STRONG LINDA	Yoga MAUREEN	STRONG JOHN
11:00 am	Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga TRISH		
1:00 pm				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

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	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	10:30 - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 pm	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**	1:30 - 3:30 pm			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

ing. Making your health a priority is not selfish; it is the foundation for living a good life. A life where you have the energy and strength to live independently and engage in all the

things you love to do. Even if you ers you should make time to exerare not swimming laps to help oth- cise to help yourself.

Cycling Club

Dennis Baker



The Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club invites and welcomes all residents and their guests interested in cycling regardless of cycling ability. Beginner, intermediate, advanced, or pro? All are welcome and will find cyclists of simi-

each week usually at the Power Park on SW 90th Street across from the Dog Park near the four-way stop. Special rides or excursions are often scheduled by group members. The Santos Trail here in Ocala, and the Withlacoochee Trail in Dunnellon, Hernando, and Inverness are favorite haunts for members. Schedules are published regularly on our Facebook page (Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club). Grab your bike or trike and your

helmet and join the fun. For information, contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net or 352-

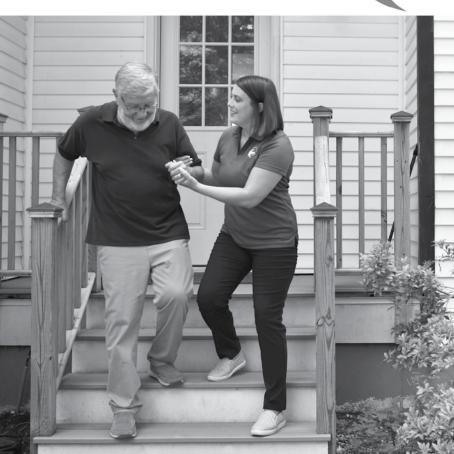


- (first aid kit, water, canned food supply, etc.)
- Compile a list of medications, including dosage and frequency. Have a 7-day supply on hand, particularly special needs items like oxygen tanks
- Those with special needs should register with the Marion County Special Needs Program to receive assistance 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

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera



It's been another quiet summer month, with little to report. The members voted not to have a summer league, but we are having three club tournaments in the three months before we start up the fall

In June, we had our annual Nine-Ball Tournament, decisively won by Gary Schroeder. In July, just a few days before this is published, we'll have had a Ladies Choice Mixed Doubles Tournament. Congratulations in advance to the top finishers in that event. In August, we will also have our annual Eight-Ball Tourna-

Throughout August, we should also be hosting Spruce Creek in a series of weekly tournaments. More details on that will follow.

Until we crank the league back up again in the fall, your officers wish you a safe, healthy, and happy summer. Safe travels and enjoy all that life has to offer. You deserve it!

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Call of the Wild Sports Club

Jeff Wiita



warmer by the time you read this

The seagrass out of Homosassa is patchy. I would call it poor conditions. The seagrass from Crystal River to Cedar Key is still in good condition, but the water quality is poor, maybe from all the rain. The spotted seatrout fishing has slowed down, and so have the red drums. The snook are still active around the mangrove islands of Homosassa and Crystal River. So, what is there to do?

It is scallop season! The recreational bay scallop season from Fenholloway River through Suwannee River, which includes Steinhatchee, opened June 15, and will remain open through Labor Day (Sept. 5) and the initial catch is excellent. From July 1 through Labor Day in this area, and for the duration of the open season in other areas, regular bag and vessel limits apply. Regular season limits are two gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or one pint of bay scallop meat per person, with a maximum

of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or half gallon (four pints) shucked bay scallop meat per vessel.

Two years ago, the scallop harvest was poor. Last year, the harvest was fair. This year, the harvest has been fair to good out of Crystal

All you need is a saltwater license, and the vessel must display a diver down flag at its highest point.

What else is happening? Well, the offshore fishing has been excellent. However, the red snappers have not started their migration to shallower water. This is unusual for this time of the year. The catch is 73 miles offshore in 100 feet of water. Most red snappers caught have been around 29 inches. This is exceptional. Traveling out further to

Florida Middle Grounds (FMG), the red groupers are also biting. The FMG are 100 miles offshore and the depth is 100 to 110 feet.

In related club business, the Call of the Wild Sports Club has a new vice president - Stephen Sekac. Welcome aboard, Steve!

Finally, on Wednesday, Aug. 3, Rachel Sams will be talking to the club about fishing the inner and outer waters of the Gulf. Don't miss her presentation.

If you would like further information or have any questions about our club, please visit Call of the Wild Sports Club Wednesdays, Aug. 3, and Sept. 7, in the Hobby Building Event Room from 1 to 3 p.m. Also, feel free to contact Scott Bloch, our president, at 614-806-6738.

Western Stars Bowling

Susan Knorr



The league strikes up the fun and spares no one. On Saturday, April 30, prize money was handed out to each bowler.

1: The Cowboys & Foreman. 2: The Deplorables. 3: The Cowhands. 4: The Rolling Stars. 5: The Straight Shooters. 6: The Mustangs. 7: Brave and 3 Squaws. 8: Blazing Saddles. 9: Windsor West. 10: Oh Crap. 11: Gunslingers. 12: A Boy Named Sue. 13: The Amigos. 14: The Alamo. 15: The Wranglers. 16: The Straight Ar-

Debby Wilson had the high average among women, and Neal Davis had the high average among men.

The league starts again with a meeting Thursday, Aug. 18, at AMF Galaxy West Lanes at 3 p.m. We will

go over new bowling issues, sign up new members, and make any changes to existing teams. Our first day of bowling is Thursday, Aug. 25. Practice begins at 2:45 p.m. and bowling begins at 3 p.m.

Once again, we are recruiting new members. So, if you are looking to meet new friends while enjoying a few hours each week of bowling, then don't miss out on this opportunity. The coming season promises to bring more fun and excitement while you compete with old and new friends.

League play takes place weekly at 2:45 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on Aug. 25, at AMF Galaxy West Lanes (1818 SW 17th Street, Ocala).

If you are interested in joining or becoming a substitute, please contact Susan Knorr at 352-304-8025. If you would like more information regarding the league or directions, please visit amf.com.

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Line Dancing

Tamara Stanford



Starting in September, new dances will be taught Mondays in the Recreation Center Ballroom, but not during the summer. Line dance instructor Darlene Miller will return Monday, Sept.12, for the start of the 2022–2023 line dance season.

While new dances are not taught in July nor August, there are still opportunities for dancing. Organized line dancing to recorded music continues at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Checking the weather report and advisories is a good idea before beginning any outdoor activity. The dance leaders at The Town Square may abbreviate their schedule or take more rest breaks due to the heat. However, the recorded music will continue as normally scheduled and dancing will remain available to those who wish to dance.

The dance leaders will advise their classes of the plan for August.

Last year, was busy for everyone. Each class was taught approximately 30 new dances. There are also many dances from past years that are popular and remain in rotation. The summer practice sessions are an opportunity to review old dances and practice the dances taught last year. Line dancers will never run out of dances.

Another popular line dance activity is the dance events held several times each year in the Recreation Center Ballroom. As reported last month, the Absolute Beginners and Beginner I classes gathered in June for a dance.

There are many opportunities to dance in our community. We hope that you will join us. World Line Dancing encourages residents to kick up their heels and dance. Listening to music is also an enjoyable way to relax and before you know it, you'll be tapping your foot to the

beat of the music.
For detailed information regarding line dancing, contact Darlene Miller at 352-259-3695. For information about Sheryl Bradley's classes, send an email to sbradley057@yahoo.com.

Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



It was hot and humid in July welcome to summer in Florida! The weather has not stopped the ladies from shuffling at our regular scheduled times of Mondays, at 5:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. We had a summer record of players on both days. Thanks to Mother Nature for the nice breeze and On Top of the World for the fans, the combination makes it comfortable to shuffle.

During the summer, we do not record scores, however we do keep scores to see which team wins the game. Many of our regular shufflers use the summer to practice as we emphasize skill and strategy rather than knock out all the time.
Our club season will start

Wednesday, Sept. 7, and will run through May 31, 2023. Pre-registration will take place the first week in September; watch for flyers with the date. You need not know how to shuffle and is open to all women residents. Come on down, make new friends and have some fun. Happy shuffling and be safe.



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R/C Flyers Club

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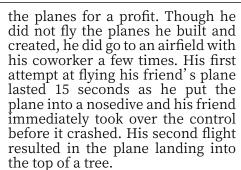


When the heat is on and it is on here in Central Florida, R/C pilots stick to early morning and early evening flying. Rich Wozniak is one of those pilots.

Rich and his wife, Deb, moved to On Top of the World from Michigan two years ago. Rich immediately became a member of the R/C Flyers Club and though he had never really flown before he was quite fa-

miliar with the hobby. Rich became familiar with R/C planes in 1995, after one of his coworkers introduced him to building the planes as a hobby. He had a desire to learn to fly R/C aircraft and to do so was on his radar. He admits that he chose the location of his home in Avalon because his lanai gives him a great vantage point to see the flying field and watch fly-ing as he relaxes at home.

Rich graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1975, as an electrical engineer and soon after graduation started working for General Motors (GM) in the Cadillac division. The Michigan winters can be long and boring and Rich always enjoyed working with wood so when his coworker introduced him to building R/C planes, it soon became a hobby he thoroughly en-joyed. This hobby then turned into a side business as he began to sell



After 25 years as an engineer, he retired from GM and decided to try something new and different. He purchased a boat marina and started selling Donzi racing boats. After five years, he sold the marina and then purchased a The UPS Store franchise. He successfully built up that business and after three years sold it for a profit. At this point, Deb was able to retire from her job, so they were both ready for full retirement. They bought a motorhome, traveled around the country, and then found their new retirement home in Avalon.

Rich is now a successful R/C pilot and currently has nine planes in his fleet and flies five to six days out of the week. He absolutely loves this

Free entry.

hobby. Rich is a great asset to many of the other pilots because of his knowledge as an electrical engineer and his experience of building the planes and his eagerness and willingness to help others in need of his expertise.

The R/C Flyers Club is hosting

another great fly-in Saturday, Oct. 22. Watch great flying skills, purchase lunch from the grill and take your chances on the 50/50 raffle.

amateur men's, and amateur la-

This year, the tournament was hosted by Hawthorne at Leesburg. Each of the shuffleboard players played two full games against the seven other competitors in their respective divisions. Darryl Kenyon managed to win 10 of the 14 games and take first place. Darryl's name will be engraved on the trophy and will be presented to next year's winner in 2023.

In other results, Paul Hodges came in second place in the pro men's division, losing to Rex Galu-



Rich Wozniak.



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Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



During the summer months, we play both of our regular sessions, that being regular play and Ten-Pin. Ten-Pin has been popular this summer with a good turnout. We are averaging between 20 to 25 players. The sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, at 9 a.m.

Why is Ten-Pin so popular this summer? It has something that regular shuffleboard doesn't - a bowling pin. Players can shoot a more accurate shot. The courts are the same as regular shuffleboard with point boxes of 10, eight and seven as well as the dreaded "kitch-

The bowling pin is placed at the very tip and above the 10-point box, which forms a smaller pyramid within the larger one. The idea is to shoot the disc past the bowling oin to the opposite box and score points totaling 65 or more. Then, to gain the final 10 points (75 is the winning score) you must shoot the disc to the base of the bowling pin, without touching or knocking it over. Anytime you knock the bowling pin over, it's minus 10 points for your team. As you can see, it's a game of fun and skill.

Well, our 36th season begins on Monday, Sept. 5. Our schedule remains the same as last season: Monday, at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, at 1 p.m.; and Thursday, at 9 a.m. Ten-Pin will follow the same schedule.

If you have any questions, call Walt Lamp at 352-852-9378 or Jane Boyer at 352-509-7142.

Congratulations to Paul Hodges and Darryl Kenyon for their participation in the recent National Senior Games. Paul finished with a silver medal and Darryl finished with a bronze medal in their respective age groups. Both have a record of participation and medals in past games.

Paul Hodges will be running the shuffleboard class on the second Saturday of the month beginning Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m.

Each year the top eight qualifiers from the Northern District of the Florida Shuffleboard Association (FSA) gather for a two-day shuffleboard competition in four different categories: pro men's, pro ladies,



Darryl Kenyon wins the Stan Williamson trophy at the annual Amateur Men's Masters Shuffleboard Tournament.



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Photo Contest Begins

By Connie Filip

Start looking at your past two years of photos.

The date for members to submit their photos to ShutterBugs' Photography Exhibit begins Sunday, Aug. 21 and runs through Saturday, Sept. 10. Residents who'd like to join and enter up to four photos will find the information on our website below.

To get started on your entry, here's an easy way to edit your photos on your laptop – for free! Look at Microsoft Photo Editor which comes installed on any Microsoft computer. And if you don't have it, you can download it from Microsoft for free. It has easy navigation for beginners.

You can see by these before/after photos that editing can make a big difference. The after photo has more color and clarity, plus the balloon looks like it's going to escape the photo!

To start your adventure in photo editing, find a photo on your laptop using Internet Explorer. Double click, and by default, your photo will be opened by Microsoft Photo.

Using your mouse, left click on "Edit Image." (First icon at top on the left.) Opening on the right is a box labeled "Crop & Rotate." Now just move your mouse pointer to a corner of your photo until you see a double-headed arrow. Then hold your left mouse button down while sliding to crop your photo; release when the crop looks good.

PRO TIP: Pay attention to the lines that appear while cropping your

photo (called "The Rule of Thirds"). For pleasing composition, your horizon should be at one of the lines. The object of interest could be at the

intersection of two of these lines. Next, move to the right of the "Crop & Rotate" icon and click on "Filters" icon. Find your favorite filter, then adjust "Filter" and "Filter Intensity" for even more dramatic effects.

Last, move to right of "Filter," and click on "Adjustments." Use the four toggle switches to make changes, or click on the arrow [>] before "Light" or "Color" for even more mind-boggling options!

You should always use "Save a

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see what you, too, can create.

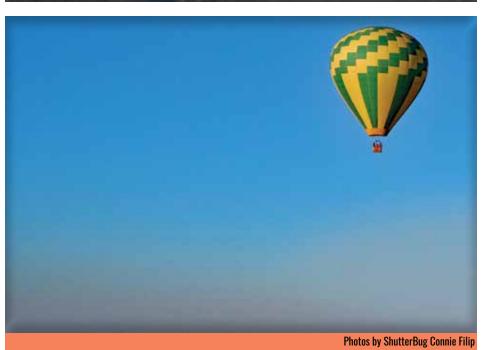
ShutterBugs' monthly field trips and most of our weekly meetings are being suspended in August. We look forward to getting back together on a regular basis in September.

ShutterBugs president, Harry Boyajian continues to facilitate our sharing of photography tips to improve our skills in camera use and editing.

Want to learn more about digital? While there are limited meetings in August, you can find our photos, forms, and our club calendar at otowspc.com.

For more information, contact Harry at 239-336-4804.





Hot air ballooning – before (top) and after (bottom).

Parading for a Cause

By Susan Pulling Robinson

On Saturday, July 2, over 40 carts is now well over 300, so it is no wonjoined for a joyous, patriotic Fun with Golf Carts Club parade in celebration of our nation's independence. Cheering spectators lined the parade route, including the residents at both Bridgewater Park and Brookdale senior living facilities. After the parade, club members enjoyed a potluck picnic at the Veterans Park. The designated charities for this event included Interfaith Emergency Services, Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL), veterans, and Operation Shoebox.

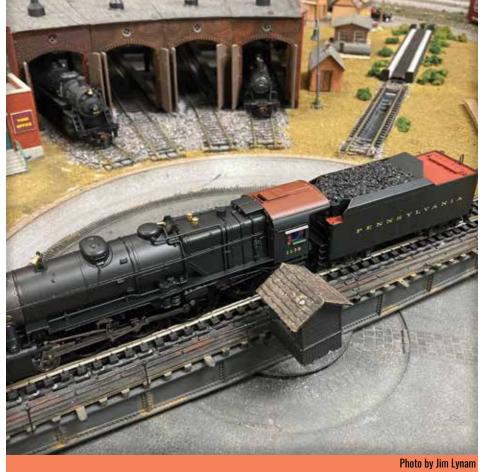
Our next parade will be Saturday, Sept. 3, in celebration of Labor Day. Club members love to decorate their carts in celebration of a wide variety of job categories, so don't miss this fun event!

Membership in our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts)

der that the parades are getting bigger and better! If you have a golf cart, please consider jazzing it up (or not) and joining in as we "parade for a cause." Each parade benefits one or more local charities.

For more information and to receive emails about our club, please email otowfunwithgolfcarts@

All parades start at the Recreation Center, with lineup and charitable donations at 9:45 a.m., and pullout at 10 a.m. The route for a given parade is posted on Facebook (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts and OTOW Chat Room). If the parade is not coming by your house, please come see the action as we leave the Recreation Center promptly at 10



Railroad roundhouse in the Hobby Building Model Train Room.

Railroad Roundhouse

By Jim Lynam

railroad roundhouse is round? In the heyday of steam locomotives, the roundhouse was the major feature of every destination yard. The steam engines required major maintenance, routine lubrication, replacement of parts, and sometimes a complete overhaul. Most roundhouses had stalls for four to 10 locomotives with the largest holding 24 stalls, thus making the building nearly circular. The size was dependent upon the rail activity at the location.

The most efficient method to get the engines into the roundhouse was by a turntable. A turntable provided the solution to two major problems related to steam engines. The first is to provide entry into the roundhouse for service; and the second is to turn the engine, or passenger cars, 180 degrees to return to service.

The turntable was typically large enough to handle the longest steam engine with its tender, as well as the longer "observation" passenger cars. The turntable was designed to pivot on the center point of a circle

Have you ever wondered why a and rotate to match with diverging tracks at specific angles leading to the roundhouse or utility tracks. Therefore, the roundhouse had to be round because of the turntable!

As the steam era came to end and steam engines were replaced with diesel electro-motives, which required far less maintenance, the need for turntables and roundhouses also came to an end. Today there are many operating turntables for public viewing at various railroad museums throughout the United States.

However, the easiest place to see a turntable in operation is in the Hobby Building Train Room. (It's just a smaller version.) You are invited to tour the room and observe the club members' work and operate the layout on Fridays, from 2 to

4 p.m.
The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. Our next club meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.



Debbie Rostiser and Linda Massey all decked out Saturday, July 2.

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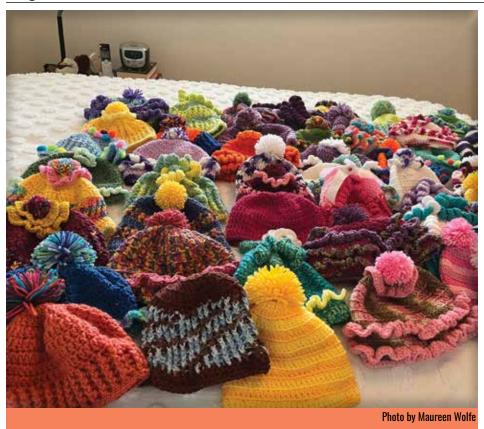






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Maureen's hats.

Sunshine Quilters

Arliss Day

Our Sunshine Quilter of the month is Donna Silberhorn. Donna is an extraordinary quilter. She comes up with some amazing designs and her work is fabulous. A lot of Donna's quilts are part embroidery and part quilt pattern.

Donna lived most all her life in Rockford, Illinois only leaving there to move to here in 2015. Donna completed two years of college and technical school to be a medical assistant. As she studied, she found a need to help others with their physical issues and owned her own electrolysis and reflexology business for 14 years. She later went into medical assisting at a large institution.

Donna got married young and married her high school sweetheart DeWayne and they are approaching their 50th anniversary this year.

There came a time in her life when she could no longer work so she decided to look into embroidery. Donna loved the look of machine embroidery and then she decided to add that to quilt blocks and her quilt passion took off. Her

Happy **Hookers**

Jan Spielvogel



It is no secret that we have very talented and creative ladies in our group. One of those ladies is Maureen Wolfe. Maureen loves making children's hats. She takes a basic hat pattern and as she makes the hat, she decides what kind of embellishment or "personality" the hat should have. Does it need a pompom or curlicues on the top? Should there be ruffles or simply a wide band around the bottom? Does it need both? Each hat then becomes a unique one-of-a-kind

When she has made several hats, they are then donated to either Romeo or Dunnellon Elementary Schools. Can you imagine the smile on the face of the child who gets a Maureen Wolfe creation?

Happy Hookers is open to all

residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late, or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a group of ladies busy crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering, and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at 352-873-4328. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact either Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 or Kathleen Frost at 925-960-5945 to arrange for pickup.



Donna Silberhorn and her king size wedding ring quilt.

Hobby Building Art Room from 9:30 Schultz at 352-304-9159 for more ina.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call Gail formation.

Come Meet Your Neighborhood Mortgage Team

favorite machine (right now) is a

Janome Horizon 15000, which does both. She has had many different machines over the years including Viking and Brother.

Her special skills include em-

broidery and quilting combination quilts that she designs. Her favorite website is Missouri Star Quilt Com-

Her favorite thing about Sunshine Quilters Club is the camara-

derie and the ability to learn from

each other, whether through class-

es or one on one. Each of us takes

home something new we have

learned after our club gatherings.

The women are all wonderful to

work with and we have a lot of fun. Our upcoming Tuesday club ac-

make a project bag.

Aug. 2: Monthly meeting and

Aug. 9: Kay will teach how to

Aug. 14: All day club sewing

Aug. 16: Part two of the proj-

Aug. 23: Gillie will teach us

how to measure yourself for

We welcome new members who

are interested in learning how to

make quilts and other items. Our

club meets every Tuesday in the

ect bag and sit and sew.

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CARDS & GAMES



Bingo

Nancy Grabowski



Need a place to cool off? Why not come to bingo on Wednesdays? We play in the Recreation Center Ballroom every week, all summer long, and it is very comfortably air-conditioned! We play straight through until Nov. 16, which is another super bingo event, then take a break for the holidays. Super bingo has four games at \$250 each!

We begin each session with our 70/30 raffle with individual prizes of \$20. The raffle tickets are sold from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Amazingly, our prices have remained constant: three for \$1 or 10 for \$5. The more tickets you have in the spinner, the more chances to pad your wallet!

Playing card prices hold steady at \$1 each and cards are used for all 20 games. Winners have been garnering \$40 for some time now except for game 10 which is always \$75 and game 20 which can reach the maximum payment of \$250.

Volunteers purchase their playing cards before the general sales. Then, sales continue from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. to the players after a resident ID card is shown. Games begin shortly after the raffle tickets have been called which is typically around 6 p.m. Guests accompanied by a resident are welcomed. There are no reserved seats although each person may save one chair for someone. Please respect the volunteer signs at seats as they indicate a volunteer is working before the games and will return shortly.

Bingo is looking for additional volunteers! There are many areas to be serviced and a volunteer can be assigned a team or work as a substitute. Each team works for a month at a time, rotating among three teams. We need helpers before, during, and after each session. If you're willing to be a part of this amazing group, see Carl, Nancy, or one of the other volunteers any Wednesday. We look forward to

having you join! Safety remains a priority to each of us. We cannot enter the room until the maintenance personnel have set up the tables and chairs. Don't tip chairs forward as it poses a tripping hazard. Watch for spilled water particularly near the entrance to The Pub where water is provided for all players. When exiting at the end of the evening, be aware of the cars and carts or better yet, use the sidewalks.





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Bridge



Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

June 13

1: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson: 3: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillett: 4: Darlene Clark & Linda Curtiss; 5: Jack & Barbara Heller.

June 20

1: Pat & Deb Quinn; 2: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick; 3: Jack & Barbara Heller; 4: Bettv Morris & Steve Sekac.

June 27

1: Pat & Deb Quinn; 2: Judy Mackowick & Rik Saffol; 3: Linda Curtiss & Darlene Clark; 4: Jack and Barbara Heller; 5: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillett.

July 4

1: Bill & Linda Ryan; 2: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly: 3: Jack & Barbara Heller: 4: Betty Morris & Steve Sekac; 5: Joan Lord & Craig Ford.

Tuesday Clinic

By Jean Krueger-Travis

Have you completed several of the beginning bridge classes here at On Top of the World? Are you returning to bridge after many years away from the game? There will be a bridge clinic offered Tuesdays to help you get back into regular games here in the community. For most of the time we will be playing to give everyone practice and experience with different players and situations. There will be occasional topics discussed in some detail. We will occasionally "replay" hands to demonstrate what might have happened in a different situation. Occasionally, we will have so-called "experts" describe their most notable bidding or playing disasters!

There is no charge nor sign-up. Food and drinks (except water) are not permitted.

The bridge clinic will meet Tuesdays, in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information, please call Jean Krueger-Travis at 352-414-5907 or Sophie Redman at 352-237-5083.

Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor

Due to summer travel, there will be a two-week hiatus in August, with no bridge on Aug. 16 nor 23. There will be a game on Aug. 9, and we resume on Aug. 30.

We meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in. Bring a partner and \$0.50 per person. The boards are scored after the game, the results sent to all our group, and the prizes distributed the following week to the top teams.

You can also play occasionally as a substitute if that's what you prefer. Contact us and we'll you put you on our list. For more information, you can contact Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525 or Gayle Taylor at 352-387-9571.

June 14

1: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; 2: Dan Lack & Ed

Bodnar; 3: Jean Krueger & Sophie Redman; 4: Brent Powell & Bob Durst.

June 21 North/South

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Connie Campbell & Billie Anderson; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger.

East/West

1: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 2: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 3: Barbara Heller & Jack Heller.

June 28

1: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; 2: Billie Anderson & Connie Campbell; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; Tie at 4: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan and Jean Krueger & Pam Bell.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Debbie Quinn

June 1

1: Craig Ford; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Mar Valchin; Cons: Lucy Malloy.

June 8

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Marlene Floeckher; 4: Craig Ford; Cons: Mary

June 15

1: Mar Valchin; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Joe McKeown; 4: Billie Andersen; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

June 22

1: Dean Samuel; 2: Billie Andersen; 3: Mary Bloch; 4: Marlene Floeckher; 5: Linda Curtis; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

June 29

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Debbie Quinn; 3: Shirley Stolly; 4: Linda Curtis; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

June 2

1: Linda Curtiss; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Bruce Gillett; 4: Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

June 9 1: Pat Quinn; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Mary Bloch; Cons: Joseph McKeown.

June 16

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Rik Saffol; Cons: Judy MacKowiak.

June 23

1: Joseph McKeown; 2: Steve Sekac; 3: Dean Samuel: Cons: Dianne Robinson.

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Al Kremer; 4: Steve Sekac; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Thursday Night

By Jeff & Pam Bell

days in the Recreation Center Lounge. No need to bring a partner; we will pair up by luck of the draw and rotate partners through the evening.

We have added a little fun to the game - the second prize. Throughout the evening, anyone who takes a trick using the two of the trump suit takes possession of the week's "prize." The prize can subsequently be taken away by any other player who takes a trick with the two of trump. Whoever has possession at the end of the evening must take the prize home. The weekly prizes vary, and each prize is of questionable value.

Bring \$0.25 and a smile. All levels are welcome.

June 16

1: Sara Anderson; 2: Al Whitford; 3: Jean Krueger.

June 23

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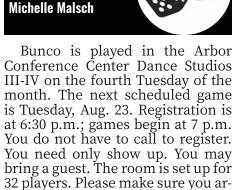
1: Al Whitford; 2: Brent Powell; 3: Lucy Malloy. 2nd prize: Brent Powell.

June 30

1: Larry Bernier; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Jean Krueger. 2nd prize: Karen Bernier.

Bunco Babes Social Group

Michelle Malsch



latest updates for our group.
If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling the 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

rive on time to reserve your spot. It

will be first come, first served. Al-

ways check the World News for the

always welcome. The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. 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. There is a short intermission after the first three sets have been played.

Cleaning out the closets? If you have any small gift bags or items we could use for the door prizes, it would be greatly appreciated.

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!

Euchre



Friday Night By Mary Bloch

June 3

Come join us at 6 p.m. on Thurs- 1: Edith Kolb; 2: Lawrence Remer; 3: Carol Condino.

June 10

1: Joan Sigafoos; 2: Mary Bloch; Tie at 3: Nancy Kowsky and Carol Condino.

June 17

1: Joan Sigafoos; 2: Doug Hines; Tie at 3: Lawrence Remer and Jean Gillette.

June 24 1: Mary Bloch; 2: Carol Condino.

Pinochle



Tuesday Night By Herb Katz

June 21

1: Rick Carroll; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Bruce Gillett.

June 28

1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Audrey Stark.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

June 17

1: Al Whitford; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Debbie Martello.

June 24 1: Charlie Budd; 2: Al Whitford; 3: Ed Casper.

July 1 1: Ilene Casper; 2: Cheryl Adams; 3: Charlie

July 8 1: Debbie Martello; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Herb

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Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride



Artistic Crafts & Gifts will begin meeting again Tuesdays in the Recreation Center Ballroom Sept. 6.

Our website ArtisticCrafts. org will give you a glimpse of our very talented crafters and artisans. All resident crafters are welcome to

display virtually on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday craft show in the fall.

We are still going strong even though we are not selling in person on Tuesdays. Each vendor on our website has provided contact information, and you still have access to all the wonderful things they have for sale.

Is crafting a thing of the past? Hardly. Here's just a few of the wide scope of artistry which includes glass, sculpture, mixed me-

quilting, sewn crafts and more. In the Middle Ages, small merchant-craftsmen formed craft guilds with levels of accomplishment ranging from apprentices, then journeymen, to masters. A workman's personal skill determined his quality and quantity of items produced. After years of learning, he would produce a "masterpiece" which would be judged by the guild, thereby gaining membership into the guild.

dia, jewelry, 2D art, functional art,

fiber art, woodwork, metal, clay,

furniture, toys, basketry, leather,

There are still guilds around like louisianacrafts.org and carolinadesignercraftsmen.com, where your products will be judged before entering. They also teach classes in a variety of disciplines through workshops. Even in Florida, for example, the ftwg.org guild website promotes hand weaving and related fiber arts throughout the state.

It's fun to find guilds through-out the country and the world, seeing what others are using in terms of supplies and products designed. Sometimes it only takes a spark to light your way onto a different path and ignite your creativity.

Plan your traveling to guild or crafts shows around Florida or the country. You can also just stay home because of the talent we have right here. So many of our local crafters have been improving their skills for 30 years or more, sometimes having been taught in their youth, and now passing their knowledge on to family members or teaching locally. You can feel the excitement of the sale when purchasing from our accom-

plished residents, which is not felt

from a box store. Some of the most exciting and creative pieces you could purchase for yourself, or your home are done by skilled artisans. You are encouraged to consider that the price of the item includes the time, talent, supplies and creativity that went into making that unique piece. Purchase with pride knowing the story

thanking the artisan! All our crafters are now part of our website, displaying a wide variety of handicrafts. Any crafter can make individual arrangements for

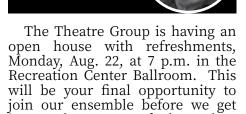
of how it was made, and the joy of

anyone to purchase throughout the week using cash, check, or credit

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

Theatre Group

Richard Rosen



into our later stages of rehearsals.
Our show "S Wonderful" is scheduled for Jan. 14 and 15, 2023. It will feature the theatrical music and scenes from the pens of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, and Jerry Herman. This is not a traditional audition as such.

one for a role. Our theatrical and musical professionals will find a place for you in the show where you can be comfortable and shine in front of our appreciative audiences.

You will not be competing with any-

There are opportunities for singers, actors, and dancers as well as backstage help. For those of you attending just to see what we are about, our company will be rehearsing "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" from "Hello Dolly" at the open house! You can join us on stage if you'd like, or just enjoy watching what we do. We will be kicking off our tickets sales as well! For further information contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com., or Wayne at wdilts@hotmail.com.

Theatre Arts Group



gressing at a nice pace. Although we have only been up and running for three months, we have accomplished a great deal. Our membership has grown, and more importantly, interest in the group has been growing.

We are the first theater group here at On Top of the World to offer such a unique theater experience. Members learn how to express emotions, learn facial expression and physical movement skills, learn to communicate and get rid of stage fright, learn how to speak distinctly, learn stage presence and timing of saying lines, learn how to interact with others, script reading, and more. Although we have learned and trained with all these skills, there is still so much more we will be doing in this group related to musicals and comedy.

On top of singing, acting, and dancing skills, some members also are getting an education in writing a playscript. This is a very exciting opportunity. Members Tammy Cole and Michael Paris, for the first time, tried their hand at writing a comedic script; and both have done a great job. Our members have really enjoyed reading and acting out the parts that were in their scripts. Laughter filled the room each time. This not only was a great opportunity to train with performance skills, but it truly built our friendships and camaraderie.

During the summer, more members will be joining them in creating and writing an original script; which could be performed by the Theatre Arts Group for the community. All the skills that are being taught currently will continue to be taught to any new member who joins the group at any time.

All these performance skills are leading up to a performance of a musical/comedy for our community, spring of 2023.

Although we will not be having any group meetings in August; we look forward to welcoming new members at our September meeting, when we officially launch the Theatre Arts Group. Anyone interested in theater arts, including set designers, seamstresses, prop masters and tech experts, are welcomed to attend our meetings. Also in September, we will announce an audition schedule, if you would like to try out for our show.

Follow news on Facebook (OTOW Chatroom) and this column. Our contact information is otowtheatreartsgroup@gmail.com, Nancy at 410-935-2625 or Claudia at 805-630-2777.



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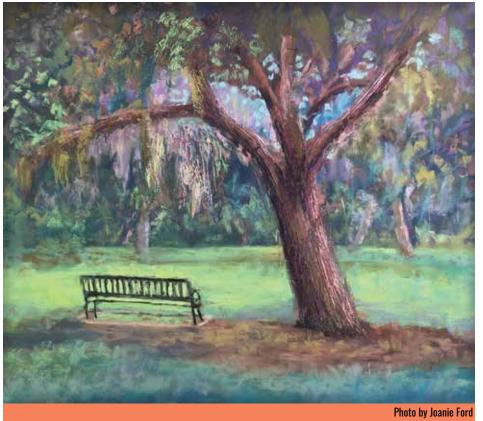
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Art Group

Joanie Ford



The Art Group is inviting you to a very special event – an art exhibit – in the Master the Possibilities lobby throughout the month of August.

Why should I attend an art exhibit? You might ask. There are many excellent reasons and here are a few

It is good for your health. Viewing art is therapeutic, it helps to relax you and reduce your stress.

Viewing art allows you to see different views or ways of thinking. Let's say, it expands your mind. Edgar Degas said, "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." You can take this phrase a few different ways. To me it means that art opens our eyes to something another human being saw in the subject. It was something beautiful, interesting and worthy of expression

esting, and worthy of expression.

Looking at others' art inspires

you. Whether you are a painter, another creative or don't do anything creative, there is something about viewing others' art that causes you to dream and be inspired.

It's free. It's a great date activity, doesn't cost much gas to get there, and there is no admission fee. Besides that, it is a great bonding activity for you to do with a friend or someone you care about. Imagine walking through the exhibit and your friend remarks about a certain work, you may discover you have another thing in common with them, or it might make for a lively discussion.

Another benefit as a visitor to an art exhibit, is that you are going to see each artist's very best work. An artist works throughout the year. Some pieces are better than others. Artists have carefully looked through their collection and picked their very best work to be presented to the public.

You are invited to stop by the Master the Possibilities lobby throughout the month of August to see the display and reduce some stress!

Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



satisfy our creative juices!
Our presenter for the July 7, class was Dawn Winblad, a longtime member of the club.

Dawn offered a card with a fancy fold, which is always so much fun to make. The second card was a great golf guy card, which will help us with our "what to make for the golfer" issue. The third card was an all-occasion card easily repurposed by changing the sentiment to fit one's needs.

We thank Dawn for her creative cards and for bringing all the stamps, inks, and know-how for the rest of us!

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 information on any class or for 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 Douphinett at pennydouph@gmail. com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



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The New **Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski



We bid welcome to the dog days of August as well as the many new residents in our community. We hope these new arrivals will be enticed to become part of our audience when The New Pretenders present their show Feb. 3, 4, and 5, 2023. The show takes place in the Recreation Center Ballroom at 7 p.m. on Friday or Saturday, or at 2 p.m. on Sunday with your tickets in

Tickets will be pre-sold every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. and remain constant throughout the selling campaign. Our sellers will be in the Recreation Center Ballroom armed with seating charts for \$10 reserved tickets and plenty of \$8 general admission tickets, too! Unfortunately,

no tickets are sold at the door. Looking ahead to March 2023, we will interview candidates for available positions within our organization. You most likely have just the talents for which we will be searching. Before then, however, meet

some of our current members!

Linda Meyer is a singer who has energy to rival the famous bunny! She started her tap-dancing career but was forced to abandon it when her four siblings appeared on the scene. Linda waited patiently to resume her tapping and now standouts with the Dancing Jewels! Linda is a transplant from New Jersey where she taught elementary school. Jenny is the fur-baby that has resided with Linda and Randy for 15 years; Jenny will "talk" if given enough encouragement.

Rita Miller holds dual roles. She brings her talents to the band, playing a wide range of instruments. Rita is the creative mind behind the splendid scenery which enhances our shows beyond belief! Rita, a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, holds the heart of her husband, Tom. Rita has had a varied career as a home economics teacher, bank teller, and assistant to an eye surgeon in her home state of Pennsylvania.

Judy Singer is a talented saxophonist who has lived here since 2005 with her husband, Jack. From Wisconsin, she loves to take advantage of the outdoor pool when she isn't busy with shopping, bingo, bunco, and other fun activities. Judy loves Ike, her standard poodle,



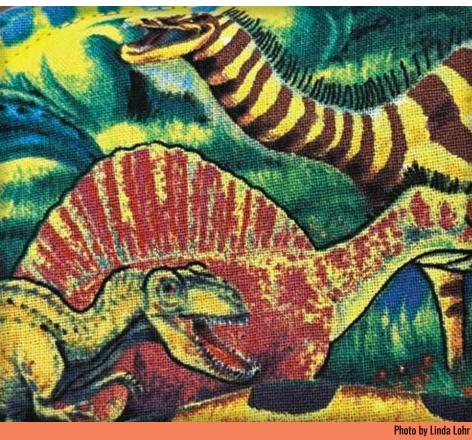
Rita Miller and Judy Singer.

and works closely with the SPCA of

Marion County. Kathie McDonald is another new addition to the band. She is a very busy gal who volunteers at Master the Possiblities, Labrador Rescue Retrievers of Florida, and reiki as a master! Kathie's energy comes from a registered nursing career of 48 years, serving in the ER and infection control units. She is no

slouch when it comes to music, either; she has played piano since age nine and acoustic guitar since age 18. Not enough? She is currently taking ukulele lessons, too, unless she is practicing tai chi, qi gong, swimming or walking throughout the community.

For further information, contact any member or the director, Nancy Grabowski, at 352-209-4699.



Detail of a donated quilt.

Sewing Bees





The hive is buzzin' with our new Facebook page (OTOW Sewing Bees). Check us out and see even more of the items we are making for local children's agencies.

Several of the snowbirds are gone, but we have many ladies (and two gents) who are here all year long. There is plenty of room for everyone and we provide the machines and the material.

Our mission is to provide com-

fort for the disadvantaged children of Marion County. We make quilts, small stuffed pillow friends and totes for storage.

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

We currently have a need for small stuffed animals, such as Beanie Babies or small teddy bears. If you are cleaning out your closets, these items are donated to the preschoolers at Head Start along with

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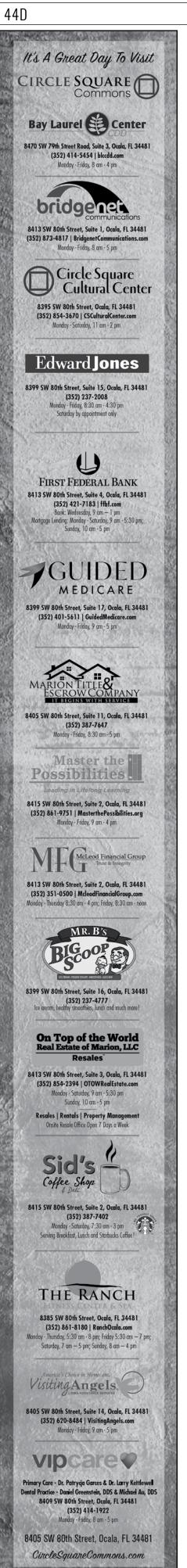
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View from the Library

Linda Barilli



Charles G. West is a prolific writer of westerns. We are honored to have him as a neighbor in our community. Mr. West has made generous donations of westerns to our library over the years. His latest contribution is "Mark of the Hunter" which can be found in the softcover western section.

Love is in the air for Don Tillman. He has initiated the "wife project." He has posted a questionnaire for women to fill out to see if

they fit his criteria. You see, Don lived for 40 years not knowing he has Asperger's Syndrome. This has Asperger's Syndrome. This caused him to have problems with social interaction, a lack of empathy and an addiction to scheduling, which regulates his entire day, every day.

Since Don is a genetic professor, big on brains, but hindered by his lack of social skills, he decides to channel his energy into becoming "normal" and winning the woman he loves despite all her "faults." So, he starts studying the lines in romantic movies, such as "When Harry Met Sally," and he uses these lines to win over Rosie, the woman he knows he can't live without.

Don's logical way of presenting

himself can be extremely humorous. This is a must read love story! "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion can be found in softcover

Another shy guy is Harry Ambrewster, the accountant at a Las Vegas casino. Harry is attracted to Laini, one of the dancers in the show. She never knew a guy like Harry and does not think she stands a chance with him. He, in turn, is head over heels in love with her, but doesn't think she sees him as a love interest. Fate steps in and as the saying goes, all's well that ends well. "The Nerd Who Loved Me" by Vicki Lewis Thompson is in softcover fiction.

Community **Patrol**

Erwin Fluss



The Community Patrol, a strictly volunteer organization, is sponsored by the Marion County Sheriff's Office. We are concerned your safety in our community and surrounding shopping centers.

Much has been written about the need to obey all traffic rules and laws as applied to autos and golf carts. One of these rules is traffic must stay out of construction areas. To do so is considered trespassing and could result in a ticket. More of immediate danger is you can get a flat tire, since these streets have not yet been cleaned of nails, or other debris. On Top of the World has not yet taken control of these roads and residents do not have permission to use them.

For information about the Community Patrol, please contact Paul Altman at 860-460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.



Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



The Concert Chorus is looking forward to our winter concert Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4. It will be directed by Mike Nagy and should be full of holiday cheer and goodwill. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

The countdown has begun to start our next holiday concert and we can't wait to get started! If you sing, we need your beautiful voice to make our concert a success. More importantly, we need your voice and your commitment to 13 rigorous rehearsals. As Ken Goodman of Dancing with the Stars says, "If you want to shine, you've got to polish.

For our wonderful audiences, just wait. The concert will be great.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents and Indigo East residents with a Gateway of Services pass. Please be sure to bring your resident ID card to the first rehearsal you attend and every rehearsal thereafter.

If you plan to join us, contact Mary Ann Majni at flmam68@aol. com for further information.

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Donna Gordon



Recently, more than 60 volunteers with the Marion County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program met for the annual CERT rodeo. It was an opportunity for our members to review and practice our basic training and to get up to date on what is new. We were divided into four teams of about 15 countywide CERT members and sent off to one of four stations.

The first station was search and rescue. The room was filled with pictures of damage done because of a disaster. We discussed each picture, figuring out what we as CERT members could do (and what not to do) to help. Our main motto is 'safety first.'

The second station was first aid and triage. We practiced how to use splints and bandaging. We also practiced how to determine the severity of injuries. One thing CERT members can do in an emergency is triage patients so when the professional first responders arrive, they are able to treat the most severely injured victims first.

The third station was hazmat. The trainer had simulated a traffic accident involving a truck towing a tank of chlorine. The drill was to teach us how to determine what was in the tank and what we could safely do.

The final station was fire suppression. We reviewed the different types of fire extinguishers and then we practiced putting out a fire.

After training we enjoyed lunch supplied by Southern Pig & Cattle

It should be noted that our Community Emergency Response Team members are trained by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, in accordance with federal guidelines.

We have three goals:

- 1. Help as many people as possible until the first responders arrive.
- Be the eyes and ears of the first responders so that they have a preliminary understanding of the situation as soon as they arrive.
- Be trained to help our friends, family, and neighbors in basic ways in the event of a di-

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Republican Club



On Friday, July 8, the Republican Club president Liz Woodard called the meeting to order and thanked all fellow patriots for their attendance and ongoing support of the club. An opening prayer was given by Fiona Bowling. Everyone was invited to sing the "Star-Spangled" Banner" after all veterans were asked to stand to a round of applause for their service to our great country. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all.

Liz welcomed six new members to the club. Club membership continues to grow each month. People are taking advantage of the opportunity to meet and learn about candidates running for office this year.

Several candidates were introduced: County Commissioner Keith Pool, Emma Sams and Carl Zalak. School board Dr. Sarah James. Also in attendance was State Committeewoman Kearsten Angel.

President Liz shared very exciting news about an upcoming event featuring Florida Congresswoman Kat Cammack. The political rally will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 3 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center. This event is sponsored by the 200 Corridor Republican clubs and is open to the members of approximately seven 55+ community Republican Clubs.

The next monthly meeting is Friday, Aug. 12, at 6:30 p.m. and will be a greet and meet the candidates night. This meeting will afford the members their last opportunity to get to know the candidates before

the Tuesday, Aug. 23, primary elec-

Vice President Charles Dodge presented the third part of his Know Your Constitution" series, which focused on the oath of office. He began by thanking the candidates for making the decision to run for office and reminded them to ask themselves the following question: are the decisions I will be making while in office ones that I would make for my family? Additionally, he recited the oath which consists of 51 words and indicated that just like the Constitution, it has no shelf life.

Our featured speaker of the evening was Senator Keith Perry of the Florida State Senate. He discussed in detail the Parental Rights in Education Bill that was passed during the last session. Additionally, he reiterated that the most important local election is for school board members. Senator Perry advised that as taxpayers, we need to know how our money is being spent and make board members accountable for their decisions regarding the students of Marion County. Senator Perry's presentation was interrupted many times with applause, and he fielded many questions and comments.

The Republican Club meets the second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. (Upcoming meeting dates: Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9). For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at 518-534-0201; your call will be answered as soon as possible. Come join in the political conversation with likeminded, positive, friendly people.

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Democratic Club





Our usual club meeting on the fourth Thursday of August is cancelled because two days later Saturday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m., we are celebrating our 10th birthday in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We are inviting Democrat and Independent voters from all over Marion County to help us celebrate. It's not too late to purchase your ticket. You may use the contact information at the end of this column to arrange for me to pick up your \$50 check and deliver your ticket or you may register online at https://secure.actblue.com/donate/otow-dem-club-10th-anniversary-dinner. The dead-line is Thursday, Aug. 11.

The event will be catered by

Fresh Plates Creative Catering so you know the food will be delicious. There will be free prizes, a silent auction, voter registration and an opportunity to meet local candidates including the keynote speaker, Florida State Senate District 9 Democratic candidate Rodney Long. All of Marion County is located inside District 9 so all the guests will be interested in Rodney Long's presentation.

We are celebrating our birthday in conjunction with the Marion County Democratic Party. Half of the proceeds will go to the fall campaign expenses and half of the proceeds will go for outreach to On Top of the World Democratic voters.

Our club supports the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, a former Ritz hotel that was converted into a facility for formerly homeless veterans. The Ritz provides a safe environment for these brave men and women to learn to become productive members of our community and to live on their own once again. The Ritz needs pillows, pillowcases, twin size sheets, towels and washcloths, toiletries, laundry pods, paper goods and canned and dry food. They do not need clothing except for shoes. Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

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Sara Sommer

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Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun



The Red, White & Boom celebration was jam-packed with patriotic decorations and displays of respect and honor for our flag and country at The Town Square, Friday, July 1. The music, food trucks and fireworks were spectacular – in my

opinion, the best in the history. Command Sergeant Ma Charles Dodge gave a moving and inspirational speech about our Founding Fathers and the oath all our service people took to defend and support the United States of

The Reilly Arts Center treated over 100 community veterans to a complementary performance of patriotic music. Stuff the Bus was on hand collecting donations for their program so we could deliver over 1,000 backpacks to Marion County schools; there will be more as soon as we can fill them.

We also visited Soldiers Freedom Outdoors, a camp that offers a four-day retreat for veterans to help with post-traumatic stress and heal the hidden wounds of war. This is a free service for all veterans, and I strongly suggest a visit to Melrose, Florida to check out this outstanding program. Once you see the 750 acres of outdoor activities available, including fishing and an equestrian center. you will want to participate and support this group.

Our July meeting paid tribute to three of our veterans with a presentation of Quilts of Valor.

The club meets the third Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV at 3 p.m.

If you join our club, you will have access to our fantastic newsletter produced by Phil Panzera.

Thanks to all our veterans and volunteers who make this the greatest group of veterans.



Charlie and Kathy Petrosky.

Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie

We were asked, "What got you into karaoke?" It was fun to think about how it all started. One Christmas in the 1990s started it all. Charlie bought me a karaoke machine. He knew I like singing. That machine was one box with a screen and a cassette player combined. Back then, the songs were all on cassette tapes. He gave me a Patsy Cline tape and a tape of Irish American songs. I loved singing "Harrigan" and "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen."

I never realized how many peopopular first song for female singers. I sang that at a family gathering. All this was happening in New Jersey. Charlie never sang. He just

We started the snowbird experi-

ence in 2003. The karaoke machine did not come with us. In 2006 we moved to On Top of the World and were introduced to karaoke. At this time, CDs were being used. Charlie got a karaoke player for home. I found a woman in Kentucky who made karaoke disks. I started singing at home. Charlie was still just listening. We went to karaoke for a

while and remained clappers.
One night at karaoke I decided to sing, "Rose Garden." There were ladies there who were in the Swinging Singing Seniors. They invited me to come and see a practice and see if I would like to join. That began the singing for fun. It has been fun ever since.

Now finally Charlie enters the singing scene. He was helping play music for the woman running Kaple did not know that song. My debut song was "Crazy." That is a and began playing the music. After a couple of years he said, "I think I want to try a song." He sang country and lately is liking Rod Stewart's remake of the oldies. After a few karaoke setups, he fell in love with the Bose system and purchased one.

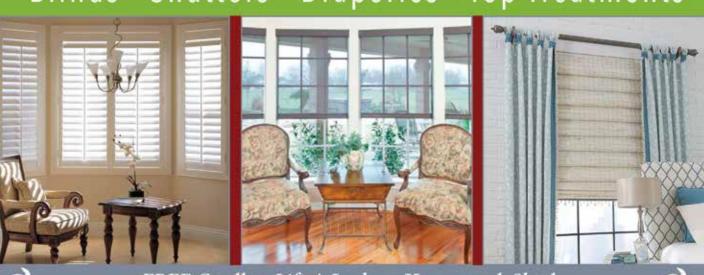
We do karaoke three times a month in On Top of the World. We have also subbed in other karaoke venues. We have done private parties and clubs.

We find karaoke to be a fun time. If it is not fun, we would not do it. It is great seeing others join as singers or clappers.

We meet the first and third Mondays of the month. Aug. 1 and 15 this month. Singing starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Music Room. Hope to see you then.

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Donations: Dog or cat food [SPCA of Marion County 352-362-0985] · Electric golf carts in full working condition for use by volunteers for local park. [Barbara btsprigg@ gmail.com] · Non-perishable food for food bank, empty ink/laser cartridges and cards for veterans [Anne 843- 504-0032] · Personal hygiene, school/craft supplies & small appliances for homeless; pet food/supplies for animal shelters; used cell phones, computers & musical instruments for troops/veterans; theatrical costumes & props; socks, underwear & men's clothing [Donna 352-237-3062] · Yarn for VA hospitals, children, and newborns [352-843-6519].

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

Pet Foster Parents: Temporarily open your home to a pet in need. Call SPCA of Marion County at 352-362-0985.

Pittsburgh Steelers Fans: If you are interested in watching games with other black and gold lovers, please contact Micki Malsch at mckigfy35@ aol.com or 352-615-2790 (text).

EMERGENCY AFTER-HOURS PHONE NUMBER 352-236-0TOW (236-6869)





