

Community News

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July is shaping up to be a great month! We are looking forward to wonderful Patriotic Celebration on Thursday, July 4, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. There will be no access to Circle Square Commons until 4 p.m. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Patriotic Celebration will be open to the public with a \$10 parking fee, however residents of On Top of the World, Stone Creek, and Calesa Township may park for free with valid identification. Please see article to the right.

The fireworks will be launched from the Candler Hills driving range at 9 p.m. Please be safe and remember to protect your pets if loud noises upset them! Have a safe holiday!

Common Courtesies

With school out, families are on the move to visit grandparents. A favorite destination are the community pools. For the safety of all swimmers, please make sure the toddlers and babies have on ample sunscreen of at least 50 SPF, reapply every 90 minutes as needed. Toddlers and babies must be in protective swim diapers to enter the pool. This is a common courtesy to our residents and swimmers. This is the best way to prevent accidents that require 24-hour pool closure for additional disinfection measures.

Keep any children's play toys under control and off the deck, where they may become fall hazards for our residents. Your guests must also obey the posted pool rules.

Development Update

By now, you should be enjoying the newly renovated Candler Hills Community Center. The renovations were made to the restrooms, kitchen, card room, and some minor exterior improvements.

As you may have noticed, the construction of The Summit in Longleaf Ridge is going well. The utilities have been installed and the first lift of paving will be in place. We are planning to start construction of the building in July which is ahead of the proposed schedule. The Summit will have a large, dividable ballroom, card room and modest kitchen facilities. Outdoors there will be a large pool with shade areas plus a resistance pool for water walking.

The new fitness center located in the Balfour neighborhood of Candler Hills has progressed through the design process so construction documents are now in the works. The fitness center will be over 8,000 square feet. This will include a state-of-the-art fitness center and a 4,900 square foot pool that will also focus on fitness and water sports.

The SW 80th Street gatehouse has been turned over to architecture for completion of working drawings. Once completed, this gatehouse will replace the existing construction guard house, giving residents another access point into the community. We are hopeful to be able to start this project this fall.

Drought Relief

All the rain in June is certainly welcome to bring relief from high irrigation watering and is beneficial for the newly planted sod and seeded areas around the community.

Speaking of rain, June through September is the peak of the rainy season. If you are new to Florida, storms come with a fury, and I'm just talking about normal summer showers. Tropical storms and hurricanes usually miss us or are losing strength if they come near, but we may still get large rain and wind events.

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

After particularly heavy storm events, water may rest in the shallow back yard swales for up to 24 to 48 hours as it per-

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Fourth of July Spectacular

By **Dave DeAngelis**
World News Writer

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Nope, it has nothing to do with parrots or calibration. You're getting warmer. You'd like to solve the puzzle. Patriotic Celebration! Yes, that's it! Here are your prizes:

A night of live music, dancing, feasts at the food trucks, beverages at the kiosk, memories of the event from the photo kiosk and yes ... f_r_w_r_s! Big ones. Bright ones. Glittery ones. Ones that prove and do justice to the word boom. If they are anything like last year ... well, you get it. And the entertainment? Holy mackerel, the scheduled bands would have made Ed Sullivan envious.

All of this will take place on The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. Gates open at 4 p.m. and kicking it all off from

4:30 to 5 p.m. will be Kathleen Kane who will be singing our National Anthem as well as a medley of patriotic songs. The Veterans Club will also participate in the patriotic opening ceremonies.

From 5 to 6 p.m., the high energy band Rocky and the Rollers will take the stage. This popular band has almost 40 years of experience touring around the world in a wide range of musical situations, from fairs and festivals to conventions and black-tie affairs, concert halls and solo hotel and club dates.

Next up from 6 to 7:30 p.m. will be Slickwood, a central Florida based jam grass, folk rock, roots music band comprised of true spirited, high-energy songs and players. To wrap up the music portion of the evening, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. will be Blonde Ambition. By the

time they finish, you will have run out of words of amazement. Top 40, '70s, '80s, '90s, crossover, salsa, reggaeton, American standards, big band, Motown and everything in between. This year's entertainment lineup promises to be one dandy of a dandy. Then! From 9 to 9:30 p.m. ... f_r_w_r_s, I mean fireworks! Yeah baby!

This year's event is open to the public. There is no parking fee for On Top of the World, and Stone Creek residents with a valid resident ID and Calesa Township residents with an event pass. However, there is a \$10 cash only parking fee for non-residents. Be sure to bring your own lawn chairs. Saving of tables is not permitted but having a fabulous time is!

Who? You. What? Patriotic Celebration. Where? The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. When? July 4 with gates opening at 4 p.m. Why? Because you solved the puzzle.

Stay in the know by following Circle Square Commons on Facebook (@cscetownsquare) and/or Instagram (@csccommonsfl). There you'll find the latest information!

A New Way to Stay Connected

By **Marie Arroyo**

Introducing the On Top of the World mobile app developed in collaboration with Alosant, the leading developer of mobile apps designed explicitly for master-planned communities. With a late summer launch, this new app promises to redefine how residents engage, connect, and thrive within our community.

The On Top of the World app will put the power of community management and connectivity directly into the hands of our residents. With an array of features tailored to enhance everyday living and foster community involvement, this app is set to revolutionize the residential experience in our community.

Here are just a few of the exciting features residents will now have access to via the community app:

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY: Easily access contact information for homeowner associations, community activities and clubs, community amenities, onsite restaurants, golf shops, and so much more!

COMMUNITY NAVIGATION & TRAILS: Navigate the community with immersive mapping and augmented reality, guiding you to nearby amenity centers, dog parks, power parks, trails, and more. You can even view waypoints and locate landmarks such as dog waste stations.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES: Stay up to date with community events, from social and neighborhood gatherings and fitness classes to educational workshops and community-wide celebrations, ensuring you never miss out on the vibrant life On Top of the World offers through push no-

tifications, newsletters, and more. Plan your day, week, or month with the app's interactive calendar.

CLUBS: Resident-led clubs will also have their own pages within the On Top of the World app. Connect with other residents who share similar interests and stay up to date on clubs' latest happenings.

RESIDENT SERVICES: Access a wealth of resources and information, including

community guidelines, FAQs, service providers, and more. Learn about community policies, submit maintenance requests, and report community issues without visiting our onsite location.

SAFETY & SECURITY ALERTS: Receive real-time alerts and updates impacting the overall community such as construction activity, roadway repairs, maintenance issues and other matters occurring within On Top of the World, empowering residents to stay informed and vigilant.

The On Top of the World app is more than just a tool for residents; it is a testament to On Top of the World's commitment to fostering a vibrant, connected community where residents can thrive and build lasting relationships. The app will be free on all Apple and Android smartphones and tablets.

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Is It Legal?



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text message with a link to click, fix, or whatever.

SCAM ALERT #4: My client got a message from Amazon that his account had been compromised and, in the message, he was given a phone number to call at Amazon. He called that number (Mistake #1). He got a very nice man who explained to him that he needed to verify that his account was not compromised by buying a gift card and providing the card's numbers. My client didn't have a gift card. The very nice man told him how very important this was, and he'd stay on the line while my client went and got one. He'd already told the very nice man, there was a Target 10 minutes away. He would go there. (Mistake #2.) Then he got lucky. As he was going to get in his car, he saw a neighbor and he told him what he was doing. The neighbor grabbed my client's cell phone, told the scammer to "xxxx off" and disconnected. Then, he explained what was happening. Hopefully, the next time it happens, my client will be more aware.

Q. A longtime client who lives in Clearwater had my newspaper column and asked me about my scam alerts. He wanted to know why I kept publishing them when I could be providing more "legal stuff." After all, isn't the column named "Is It Legal?"

A. Scam alerts are legal stuff. I am aware that many folks already know about the scams I discuss. But some folks may not and anyway, it is important to continue to bring up these scams if for no other reason than maybe, one person who might know about scams, might still be taken in.

Q. Okay. You won't answer this, but it's important. What's the best way to hide assets to get on Medicaid?

A. You're right. I won't answer this. *Jerry Colen, Rachel Wagoner, and John Beck are law partners at the Law Office of Colen & Wagoner, P.A. Jerry Colen and Rachel Wagoner are members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. John Beck has a degree in finance and master's degrees in accounting and taxation. The law firm practices in the areas of wills, trusts, probate, real estate, elder law, business litigation, Medicaid planning and business/professional advice. This column does not, nor is it intended to provide legal advice. You should always consult your own attorney for legal advice. The Law Office of Colen & Wagoner, P.A. is located at 1756 North Belcher Road, Clearwater, Florida 33765 and in Suite 11 at Circle Square Commons in Ocala, Florida. Contact us at 727-545-8114, info@colenwagoner.com or visit colenwagoner.com.*

SCAM ALERT #1: I am increasingly worried about artificial intelligence (AI). We have yet another scam approach and it is in the use of AI to fool us into providing personal and private information, such as credit card numbers, bank account information, passwords, etc. What can we do? It's obvious, isn't it? We can simply refuse to provide any personal or private information over the telephone, with the only exception being if you, yourself have placed a phone call to a company on a phone number that you did not get from an email or text. If a caller says you must provide such stuff, hang up!

Verify. Verify. Verify. Also, AI is just another reason to avoid engaging in discussions with scammers. Example: AI can mimic your voice. The more you think you are "playing games" with a scammer, the more they are obtaining information about you or about your voice, even your tone or inflections. If you don't recognize a phone number, don't answer. If you do answer, and there is no response to your "hello," don't keep saying "hello." Just hang up.

I have a five second rule: I say "hello," but if I have no answer within five seconds, I hang up. The reason there is almost always a delay is either the call is being transferred to some scammer in a foreign country, or the scammer wants you to call back. Use an "answer-or-you-hang-up" rule, be it after five seconds, or something similar. If there's no response, just hang up.

SCAM ALERT #2: For those of you who still have landlines (and I am one), another scam is where your voice message system shows your own phone number on it. It's as though you were calling yourself. Well, don't answer the call and let yourself leave a message.

SCAM ALERT #3: My wife showed me a text, that stated there was an issue with her iPhone and as a result her internet was cancelled. Then there was a "convenient link" to "fix problem." Couldn't be easier. Just click and fix. Uh huh. Of course, my wife knew it was a scam. Why? Because neither your cell phone carrier nor anyone else will ever send you a message by text or email, that there's an issue with your phone and that your internet was suspended. My rule: I don't ever click on an email or

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



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Memorial Day Ceremonies

By Phil Panzera
World News Writer

While Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, Memorial Day instead remembers and honors those who gave all in service to their country. Each Memorial Day our community's Veterans Club hosts two remembrance ceremonies.

In the early morning, a flag ceremony was performed at the Veterans Park Memorial. The Marion County Memorial Honor Guard performed the service, which principally involved lowering the U.S. flag. The only time the American flag is ever lowered to half-mast is as a sign of respect and mourning.

Later in the morning a ceremony was held at the Recreation Center. A highlight of the ceremony was a special presentation of the Missing Man Table, which honors our fallen along with those held as Prisoners of War, or who are Missing in Action. The ceremony was conducted by U.S. Navy MCPO Dexter Vance and PO1 Charlie Calhoun, who both led the morning ceremony as well.

The Marion County Memorial Honor Guard led a precise flag-folding, and the Colors were beautifully handled by an Honor Guard from West Port High School, led by LTC Irick, U.S. Army.

The National Anthem was sung by Laura DeAngelo, and Donna Smalley sang "God Bless America." There was also a patriotic dance performance by the Dancing Jewels.

The invocation was led by MSG Carlos Erasquin, U.S. Army, and a special prayer for fallen Israeli service members was led by AT1 Michael Baron, U.S. Navy. I thought it might be especially appropriate during these difficult times for us all to reflect on these apt and poignant words, or to include them in your own prayers: "May the memory of our fallen brothers and sisters serve as an inspiration to us. Hasten the day when peace and security shall prevail, when 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and there shall be no need to prepare for war.' May the day come when the world will stand together as one."



Photo by Phil Panzera

Marion County Honor Guard presenting arms during the playing of "Taps."

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colates into the soil (and eventually recharges the Florida Aquifer). This is a good thing. While it may be alarming to folks unfamiliar with Florida conditions, but rest assured, it is perfectly normal and storm water conveyance systems are executed in accordance with regulations from the pertinent agencies having jurisdiction and the civil engineering design.

Property Insurance Check-up

While Florida insurance markets are pretty much a mess, we are not alone. California, Texas, the Gulf Coast, and pretty much the rest of the country are right along with us. That said, policies are still available, albeit pricier than last year.

Residents of Roan Hills and Sorrel Glen in Calesa Township, Candler Hills,

Indigo East, and Weybourne Landing are encouraged to review their HO-3 policies with their insurance agent. Each owner association carries coverage for the association operations. Each homeowner is responsible for their own property and casualty coverage in these named communities.

In the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, June is the time the association's master insurance policy renews. In the past number of years, the association has benefitted from very competitive insurance markets, with annual policy cost increases in the single percentage points. This current renewal pointed out we are in a return to a very hard insurance market. This will be the last year of moderate insurance pricing. That said, the association is no stranger to difficult insurance markets. It is part of a market cycle that oscillates between limited and excess capacity over time.

The deductible per event continues the same as in the prior year's policy: \$10,000 per non-windstorm occurrence; however, the wind storm deductible continues at three percent of the stated

value subject to \$250,000 minimum for named wind storm. For more information on this topic, visit OTOWInfo.com > Associations and select your community and scroll to the bottom of the page to review the document entitled Insurance Responsibility of the individual unit owner.

The On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association property policy covers property from the interior drywall out, but does not cover finished surfaces, fixtures, cabinetry or other installations within a condo unit, nor the A/C unit attached to or within the limits of the home. Owners are directed to purchase a personal policy for their home and belongings "HO-6" policy. In the case of a destroyed building due to a fire, the HO-6 policy pays the unit owner for new flooring, kitchen appliances, furniture, and it may even pay for living somewhere else while the unit is being repaired. The HO-6 should have personal liability, loss of use, and loss assessment coverage bundled in with it.

Storm Preparedness

If you missed the message in June's World News, it is not too late to start seriously planning how you will deal with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a major storm. Your association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and association-related assets, and making sure we have

an updated recovery plan. Please refer to the articles in the World News dealing with storm preparedness.

NOAA forecasts for the current hurricane season predicts near normal activity in the Atlantic in 2024. Predictions include 12 to 17 named storms; five to nine being hurricanes; and one to four being major hurricanes.

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

Golf Cart Safety

Do not let children under the age of 15 operate golf carts. It is easy to underestimate the weight of a golf cart and the damage they can inflict.

Residents of this community love their pets! So much so they like to take them just about everywhere. If they travel by golf cart (and what pet doesn't like to be with their human pack), please keep them safely tethered in the cart when in motion. Also, resist the temptation to operate the cart with them on your lap. This can be distracting and unsafe to the operator, the pet, and anyone unfortunate enough to cross paths.

Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July. We thank the great visionaries who had the foresight to found this nation 248 years ago, the greatest nation on earth!

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Lifelong Learning

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The drones are being charged, smaller golf clubs are being brought out, and paper-mâché materials are arriving at the studio in preparation for a week-long intergenerational event filled with learning, fun, and excitement. During the week of July 8, the Education Center at Master the Possibilities will welcome students of almost all ages for a journey of discovery and adventure. It is Ageless Adventures week, a highly anticipated time of the year for our staff.

What is the Ageless Adventures program? It is a week packed with four or five events per day, where an adult and

child pair up to share unique learning experiences. This year's schedule is particularly exciting, featuring activities such as golf, stained glass, horticulture, robotics, dancing, music, rocket launches, radio-controlled airplanes, inventing, and much more. The week will culminate in a celebration at the carnival, where the young at heart can try their luck at winning prizes, snack on cotton candy and popcorn, and enjoy each other's company.

So, bring a grandchild, niece, nephew, or any young student and join in the intergenerational learning fun with Master the Possibilities. Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity to learn something new while making memories with a younger partner. For a full list of events, visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org and click on Special Presentations. The complete lineup of Ageless Adventures classes can be found under the Ageless Adventures category, or you can pick up our new Fall 2024 print catalog at our Education Center.

Regular classes begin the week of July 15, as the Education Center returns to its usual schedule with more than 120 learning moments in the second part of the month. There is plenty to experience indoors and out of the heat this summer right here at Circle Square Commons. For example, consider this fun-filled class designed to improve your interpersonal communication skills. Instructors Norman and Michael Crouse will use entertaining video clips, lively discussions, and engaging exercises in this workshop to help participants see themselves in a different light. Join the conversation and laugh while learning and practicing tools to make life easier and relationships more rewarding in "I Never Said That ... Did I?" The class meets on Mondays, July 22 through Sept. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Classroom 1, and costs \$7 for members and \$12 for the general public. Don't miss out, as there are only a few spots remaining.

Our visiting speaker this month is Amira Sims, who will provide an enlightened discussion on "Sixty Years Later: What Have We Learned About Civility?" Sims will delve into the 1964 Civil Rights Act as part of her presentation. Participants will engage in conversations about the historical and contemporary consequences stemming from the Act and have a chance to share their personal stories. Cost to participate in this presentation on Friday, July 26, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Live Oak Hall is \$8 for members and \$13 for the general public.

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is passed back through the Community Service Fee.

Please contact your local charities and donate those large items to Interfaith Emergency Services Thrift Store at 352-351-3541; Hospice of Marion County Thrift Store at 352-237-7707; or Goodwill of Ocala at 352-629-4202.

For old paint disposal, dry it out first. You can do this by pouring cat litter into the can or get paint hardeners at your local hardware store. Once it has dried, transport it to Marion County Recycling Center at 6800 West Hwy 40, Ocala (352-237-0248).

To assist and encourage recycling, we will offer an additional opportunity to bring regular recyclables and white goods on Thursday, Aug. 1, and Friday, Aug. 2, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The location will be adjacent to the flying field. Additional information will be provided via OTOWInfo.com > Resident Information > Resident Alerts.

Vaccination Clinic

Walgreens is offering a vaccination clinic for interested residents on Wednesday, July 11, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional information available at OTOWInfo.com > Resident Information > Resident Alerts.

Multi-Modal Path

There is a lot of traffic moving on the multi-modal paths throughout the community, and courtesy is as important as safety on the paths. Please care about your own safety as well as others and let people know your intentions. If you are coming up behind a walker, jogger, bicycle or golf cart and your intention is to pass them on the left, please let your intention be known. Calling out "left" alerts the person in front of you that you are passing them, and they are then aware that you are behind them. Imagine coming up behind a golf cart on your bicycle? If the golf cart is unaware that you are behind them and they suddenly turn left in front of you as you are attempting to pass them, you may not be able to avoid an accident that could result in injury. So, if you are in front of someone on the path and your intention is to turn left or right, please let your intention also be known for the people behind you. Blinkers or hand signals for golf carts, and hand signals for bicyclists, joggers and walkers.

Resident Services

Resident Services may be reached at

352-236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 500, in Friendship Commons, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Resident Services is closed daily from noon to 1 p.m.

You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. If you accessed the AppFolio Owners Portal, you may enter your work order request(s). For those of you who do not utilize the AppFolio Owners Portal, you may continue to call, email or come into the Resident Services office.

When you closed on your home, you became eligible to obtain up to two resident ID card(s). These ID cards expire every five years after date of issuance for records update. Non-owner resident ID cards expire every three years. Every third or fourth resident residing in a household is required to pay an annual guest fee. The first decal is free to owners. The second decal is \$15. Any additional gate decals issued per household

are \$75 each. Tenants may obtain a free monthly gate pass or purchase a \$75 vehicle decal.

After Hours Non-Medical Emergencies

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association members, please notify Resident Services first before contacting an outside contractor for repairs such as roots in water lines, sewer backups, sprinklers damaged by mowers, etc. If it is after normal business hours and you experience some manner of a non-medical emergency, we ask that you please call 352-236-OTOW (6869) for assistance. Even though Resident Services is closed, the number is answered 24 hours a day and you will be able to speak with an after-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours person.

Something to Take with You

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you figure out why." – Mark Twain

Okay, it's hot! July is here. Something you may not know about July is that it was named in honor of Julius Caesar. Quintilis, the fifth month in the Roman calendar was his birth month but was renamed "July" after his passing. Fun facts: Around 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. When the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, 2.5 million new people lived in the U.S. Now, 247 years later, there are 339,996,563 million people (per Google 2023).

July marks the midway point of the year and is considered the month of fun. July 4, Independence Day, is the most celebrated day. This is the day we celebrate our independence from Great Britain. Other days are National I Forgot Day (we get a pass for not remembering stuff) on July 2; National Disobedience Day on July 3 (we can go back to not remembering stuff and have attitude); National Fried Chicken Day on July 6; and National Tell the Truth Day on July 7, to name a few. There are so many more fun days!

School's Out

Youngsters are free and mostly on the loose. Please drive carefully and pay full attention for the children oftentimes do not.

Power Outages

Please keep in mind that when we have power outages it is a good idea to check your irrigation clock to make sure that it is still on the correct setting. Often, a power surge or outage may cause the clock to revert to its original settings. If the settings are not checked, you may be watering too much or not enough.

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Democratic Club

Mark Miller



The Democratic Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV at 6 p.m.

The second annual ice cream social was a success even with 90-degree temperatures. Fifty members and candidates enjoyed great ice cream and good discussions. A third annual social is planned for next spring as of now!

Our Thursday, June 27 meeting will feature Judy Johnson – an educator, attorney, former member of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and past president of the League of Women Voters. Her presentation will be regarding the amendments on the November ballot. Many of these amendments will affect our members and ALL residents of our state. We will have a short postcard mailing effort after her presentation.

Our Thursday, July 25 meeting speaker will be Eric Cummings. He joined the Marion County School Board in 2018 and was re-elected to a term ending in 2026. He will address the state of our county schools and the influences affecting school policies.

Upcoming meetings will feature Dr. Sylvain Dore, candidate for Florida State Senate District 9, and Robert Shaw, running for Florida House District 24.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is Thursday, Aug. 8, by 5 p.m.

As always, we will be supporting the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with much needed donations. Priority for donations is laundry detergent. The following are the next most-needed items: pillowcases, twin size sheets, twin com-



Photo by Leslie Miller

Fifty Democratic Club members and local candidates attended the annual ice cream social at Mr. B's Big Scoop on Monday, June 10.

forters, 1.7 cubic ft. refrigerators, small microwaves, men's razors, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, shaving cream, and toilet paper. Food items needed include canned meats, canned chili, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, microwaveable rice, boxed milk, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, individual snacks, and coffee. They do not need clothing except for shoes. Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

If you can't come to the meeting, let

us know and we'll do our best to get your donations to the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, or you can drop them off before the meeting starts.

If you need a ride to the meeting, please call/email the club to arrange that at least three days before the meeting.

For more information, contact Mark Miller at 443-848-8549 or demclubotow@gmail.com. Hope to see you at our next meetings on June 27 and July 25.

Republican Club

Walt Lamp



Election Day is getting closer, but first we have the primary on Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting takes place from Saturday, Aug. 10 through Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The local early voting locations are the Marion County Sheriff's Office Southwest District Office, 9048 SW SR 200 and Freedom Library, 5870 SW 95th Street. If you vote by mail, your ballot must be received by 7 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8. Please remember only party members can vote in the primary.

Please visit votemarion.gov to see who will be on the ballot.

All vote-by-mail requests expired in 2022. To request a vote-by-mail ballot, please visit votemarion.gov/mbrs.

If you attended our May meeting, then you already met and heard what some of the candidates had to say. Sheriff Billy Woods was the featured speaker in June.

We meet the second Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. Look for our banner. The upcoming dates for our 2024 schedule are July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8. Please remember to bring donations for Operation Shoebox.

Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun



The Veterans Club was privileged and honored to host the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard's first of seven ceremonies performed on Memorial Day this year. A total of nine ceremonies included a full equestrian mounted team at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, and Memorial Day Tribute featuring Travis Mills at Circle Square Cultural Center that raised over \$12,000 for the Travis Mills Foundation.

We received national and international news coverage with our efforts to honor our soldiers and sailors who have paid the ultimate price for freedom and liberty.

Please join us at the Patriotic Celebration on Thursday, July 4, at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate freedom! The Marion County Memorial Honor Guard will present the colors and lead the pledge of allegiance. Local bands and food trucks will pack The Town Square leading up to the best fireworks display in the south.

The Veterans Club meets monthly and hosts speakers who bring awareness to veterans' issues and opportunities for benefits and volunteer efforts to keep our community the best place to live.

Next meeting is Thursday, July 18, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. Come enjoy some coffee and the company of fellow veterans. Please bring donations for Operation Shoebox.

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

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

On Top of the World

*Please refer to the Association Rule as to when hurricane shutters may be closed. #10703 - 7/23



Photo by Debbie Snyder

Help/okay sign.

Community Emergency Response Team



Debbie Snyder

AdventHealth, in partnership with the Marion County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management, provided us with more help/okay signs. These 11x17 inch, two-sided (red on one side and green on other side) signs offer helpful information for disaster preparedness but more importantly allow first responders to know you need help in the event of a disaster.

If you require assistance, display the red "help" side on your front door or on a first-floor window closest to the door. If emergency services are not needed, show the green "okay" side. This system helps emergency responders quickly identify those who need aid, avoiding the delay of checking each house. Residents interested in obtaining one of these signs can find them at Resident Services or the Recreation Center.

Please consider becoming a member of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). On Top of the World is growing at a faster pace than our CERT membership. Volunteers gain skills to help themselves, their family, and their closest neighbors in a disaster. CERT training is a comprehensive program developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to educate

and train community members in basic disaster response skills.

Members undergo a series of courses at the Marion County Sheriff's Office that cover essential disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. When professional responders are overwhelmed or delayed, CERT members can step in to provide immediate assistance.

If you would like to become a CERT volunteer, you are welcome to come to one of our meetings and see what we do. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Our next meeting is July 9. There will be applications on hand if you would like to join our program and attend the CERT training course. Call Debbie Snyder at 412-443-2930 if you would like additional information.

Community ham radio operators can assist us from home by tuning into Simplex frequency 146.565. When deployed during a disaster event, we need neighborhood reports on building damage, blocked roads, medical emergencies, and other vital information. Our designated command center is in the Hobby Building Art Room where ham radio operators establish contact with Marion County Emergency Management. For information regarding ham radio operations, contact Bruce Twiss at brucetwiss@yahoo.com.

Community Patrol



Rocky Pizzarello

Due to the Memorial Day weekend, our May meeting was held a week early and took place at the Marion County Sheriff's Southwest District Office. Lt. Robbins gave a rundown of the past month's statistics for On Top of the World: 177 calls for service (such as wellness checks); 37 traffic stops; and 31 911-hangups. There were no reports of any criminal nature.

The Florida Department of Emergency Management has released its 2024 hurricane preparedness guide. Allen Abbott, our group trainer, used it as the subject for his talk. He reviewed the checklists found in the book and what we need to do to prepare ourselves and our families for weather challenges. He mentioned that, for this year, predictions are for a very active hurricane season, with an estimated 25% increase in named storms. Whether you are a seasoned Florida veteran or new arrival, the guide has very thorough information and checklists to help you prepare yourself, your pets, and your properties in the event of a hurricane, evacuation, or other weather emergency. The handbook can be downloaded at floridadisaster.org/globalassets/fdem-hurricane-guide-2024.pdf.

Residents with special needs, such as mobility limitations or health conditions requiring extra care, are encouraged to

register for the state's Special Needs Registry at <https://snr.flhealthresponse.com/>. The registry makes first responders and emergency management officials aware of residents who have special needs during the time of a weather emergency. When you sign up, you'll receive important information from local emergency management officials about evacuation and sheltering options available to you.

Also, be aware that Florida has a Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday from Aug. 24 through Sept. 6, during which time you can purchase disaster preparedness supplies tax free. More information is available at floridadisaster.org.

Geoff Oldberg, a regular attendee from Colen Built Development, thanked the Community Patrol for monitoring On Top of The World neighborhoods and construction sites and for keeping his office informed of anomalies such as unusual traffic, open gates, etc. Some of the neighborhoods in our community are larger than others and have different sections which are not easily distinguished. There was a discussion with Mr. Oldberg about getting maps to guide the Community Patrol to ensure that all neighborhoods and sections are covered during the patrols.

If you'd like to join the Community Patrol, visit marionso.com for an application. Or, if you'd like to check us out before deciding, please join us at our monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information, please contact Allison Cranmer at otowcommunitypatrol@gmail.com.



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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



Tickets can be purchased on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from July 2 through July 18, for \$6 per person. Let's cool down on this hot Florida day and have a fun afternoon of socializing while you create your own delicious sundaes.

The island party on Saturday, Sept. 14 is a new event for Candler Connection which will be catered by Cody's with Kokomo Chris as entertainment. There will be chicken skewered with pineapple and peppers, pork skewered with onions and mushrooms, vegetable stir fry, island rice pilaf and pineapple upside down cake. Dress for the islands or not. It's your choice. Tickets go on sale on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Aug. 6 through Aug. 22, at a cost of \$30 per person.

Mark your calendar for the following future events:

- Oct. 20: Oktoberfest fall picnic at the softball field pavilion.
- Dec. 13: Holiday party with Pasta Faire as caterer and Kathleen Kane with the music.

All events and ticket sales take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills (unless otherwise noted). Ticket sales take place 10 a.m. to noon.

Please note that the Candler Hills events should not be confused with the events that the recreation department organizes.

Sign up at candlerconnection.org to receive the Happenings and/or join our Candler Hills closed Facebook group to learn about our activities.

The next regular board meeting will be on July 2, at 4 p.m. in Meeting Room 1. Candler Hills residents are welcome.

See you around the neighborhood and at future events.

Avalon Social Group

Laura Gavey & Sharon Hall



We are looking forward to a great crowd for our annual ice cream social on Monday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. Come and enjoy a cool, sweet treat! It will be welcomed during the heat of the summer!

Our presentation will be given by a representative from Marion County Sheriff's Office who will be talking about personal safety, including scam prevention and personal awareness while out shopping.

There will be no charge for this event, however, we do need to know how many to plan for. Please let us know you are coming by Monday, July 1, on our Facebook page or via email to Sharon at skhall.sharon@gmail.com so we can plan properly.

Are you new to Avalon or our social events? 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 the email address above and we'll send you the link to the group.

Kestrel Knowings

Elaine Morrison



With the summer upon us, it seems logical to take time to wind down and relax.

While we are enjoying this much needed break, we can focus attention on September, with hopefully cooler weather, and a cool event. On Friday, Sept. 6, Kestrel residents and their favorite friends will participate in a murder mystery dinner. The name of the entertainment is "The Golf Father." The concept, developed by Liz Lieberman, will be held at The Lodge at Candler Hills speakeasy, aka the ballroom. The roaring '20s decor should prompt participants to dress accordingly, and there will be a prize for the best outfit. Otherwise, the dress code is optional.

The event will begin with appetizers at 5 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner catered by Cody's. It is a bring your own beverage event. Guests are invited to solve a mystery created by a murder in Candler Hills.

This promises to be a unique, exciting and entertaining event, one you will not want to miss. Flyers with further details will be distributed throughout the neighborhood at the end of this month.

Tickets, which are \$30, will be on sale starting Aug. 5, 10, and 12, from 10 a.m. to noon, in The Lodge at Candler Hills lobby.

For more information, please contact Jan Eaton at jeaton1000@comcast.com. Have a wonderful summer.

Friendship Connection

Ellen Lee



signed to a themed table. During the event, a game of "musical beach balls" allowed everyone to get to know each other by answering some fun questions and sharing stories with their table.

Ice cream was provided by Scoops. In addition, four tables of toppings ensured that guests were able to customize ice cream to their taste.

Raffle winners included Ann Marie

Cosme (Colony) - summer tote; Ellen Lee (Village) - pineapple tote; Patrick Richel (Colony) - small wreath with citronella candle; Vicki Brown (Colony) large wreath; Maria Escobar (Village) - pineapple wax burner; Paul and Barbara Belter (Colony) - wine basket; and Sally Pisano (Village) - lottery ticket basket. The 50/50 winner was Colleen Rocafort (Village) who took home \$75! Along with

the tasty ice cream, Scoops offered four gift certificates that were given out as door prizes. Winners of the door prizes were Bucky Brown (Colony), Carron Janssen (Colony), Mike Hanson (Village), and James Graf (Village).

The committee is going to take a few days to rest, then get right back to work planning for the big Halloween event! Be sure to watch this column or Facebook for information to come.

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Park, and Village. If you are interested in volunteering for the committee, please contact Denise Sherman at 704-650-7066 or otowfriendshipconnection@gmail.com.

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Williamsburg Neighbors

Nancy Meininger



held Thursday, July 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Card Room 1. This group of active residents also plays weekly bocce and cornhole under the guidance of Dave and Carmel Kessler.

Brian and Linda McDonald have shepherded many from the neighborhood to dinner at Gator's Dockside and breakfast at Stone Creek Grille.

Participation in all Williamsburg events is always open and, if you haven't tried an activity, please come and see what you've been missing! For more information, see our website, overseen by Earl Cook, at WilliamsburgNeighborsOTOW.com; our Facebook page (Welcome to Williamsburg); or contact Nancy Meininger at 352-554-0757.



Photo by Linda McDonald

Todd Fazekas faces off with Dave and Edi Piasecki at a rousing game of Aggravation.

A monthly game night at the Arbor Activity Center Card Room 1 does wonders to relieve stress and help friends chill while they face off to a thrilling round of rummikub, Mexican train, Chinese checkers or numerous other mental challenges of the evening. Armed with snacks and drinks, the neighbors came, played, and conquered, while under the watchful eye of the very capable Lynn Staples Phelps, who stands at the helm of a very popular weekly exercise class, as well. The next game night will be



Photo by Carol Lewis

Crescent Ridge neighbors fishing for rubber duckies.

Crescent Ridge Happenings

Carol Lewis



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Just in time before the predicted close to three-digit temperatures for June 9, our coordinator, George Ostrom, secured an indoor facility for our social. I don't think the temperature hit 100 but it sure felt like it. And we had a very good attendance indicating residents' pleasure in being able to socialize indoors. As always, good food including several cool summer salads, watermelon and ice cream were brought for sharing.

So, going forward, at least until after the September social, our Crescent Ridge/Crescent Green gatherings will be held indoors at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room on the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. We ask that you bring a dish to share and your drink of choice. We provide plates, napkins and utensils. We have a 50/50 raffle drawing, and we always welcome ideas for entertainment and other activities to be included at our socials.

To keep up on Crescent Ridge/Green news, you may join our Facebook page (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors) or send an email to crneighbors@yahoo.com to be on our email list. You will only receive emails regarding Crescent Ridge. You will be asked in which of our neighborhoods you live to be sure you are within Crescent Ridge or Crescent Green.

When out and about, give a wave, smile or a "hello" to others. It makes your day better and theirs as well. Until next month.

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Newcomers enjoying music of R&R Trio at the picnic.

Active Newcomers Club

Lori Lund



Hot, hot, hot ... summer is upon us. Last month we had our annual picnic at the Veterans Park pavilion. Even with the hot temperatures, we had a good representation of current and potential new members. Entertainment was provided by R&R Trio and food was offered by Curbside Cuisine food truck. We also had a Grouper representative in attendance to answer any questions about the benefits our members can gain from partnering with them.

Our next open event for current and potential new members will be Satur-

day, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. Doing donuts at the Veterans Park pavilion will be a time to check out what the Active Newcomers Club has to offer residents who have lived here for less than four years. Just bring your favorite morning beverage, grab a donut, and make some new friends. Visit activenewcomers.org for more information.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, we will hold our next members only chili cook-off at The Lodge at Candler Hills. More details for our members will follow via social media and email. Our small groups continue to be busy during the summer despite more people traveling and snowbirds being away. If at any time, there are questions about the Active Newcomers Club an email to: activenewcomers34481@gmail.com is all it takes to get an answer.



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Pie eating contest.

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Newcastle Social Committee

Nancy Monaghan



Newcastle residents have been busy for the past few months with many activities. Several have taken to the road, skies or seas (or a combination thereof) to attend graduations, weddings and family events. Others have traveled to sightsee, to visit old friends, and to make new friends along the way. So, whether it's time spent on vacation, lounging poolside with a margarita, cooking on the grill or watching baseball, it all spells fun!

On Memorial Day, Newcastle residents and friends gathered at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Members of the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard, a 100% volunteer organization, led us in remembering our country's heroes. After an opening prayer by neighbor Ed Almers, the Honor Guard presented the colors, performed the Missing Man Table ceremony and their bugler played "Taps." The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem were also important parts of the ceremony.

Knowledge of our country's history was put to the test with a patriotic trivia game. The game's winners were Team Isaac and Randles. Newcastle never disappoints when it comes to enjoying good food. Thanks to Jim Gilleland, John Stephanos and Roger Bentley for preparing the delicious brisket and pulled pork entrees. The rest of Newcastle contributed salads, sides and desserts that were out of this world. After the feast (don't know how they did it), six neighbors then stepped up for an All-American pie eating contest, which was won by Mike McCauley.

Special thanks to the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard, and to the Memorial Day event coordinators, Al and Alexis Reisinger, Mike and Deb Bianchi and Charles and Linda Dodge for a memorable and fun time.

Newcastle's fluffy white neighbor, Olivia, would like to thank all her friends for casting their votes for the Pets of OTOW calendar. She is thrilled that she was chosen as one of the 12 pets to be photographed for the 2025 calendar. She has been to her photo shoot and was very excited by the wonderful job the Colen Built Development Marketing team did to prepare for beautiful shots. Pre-sale of the calendars is scheduled for July and Olivia would like to remind everyone that proceeds will benefit Patriot Service Dogs. Olivia thinks a calendar would make a nice Christmas gift for anyone - one size fits all!

Have a fun rest of the summer!

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Large crowd enjoying R & R Trio driveway concert.

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that objective, Terri and Mark Michlig hosted a gathering of new neighbors with "drinks in the driveway" in one of our newer phases.

The R&R Trio held a driveway concert that was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Rich and Donna Leonte for hosting.

The monthly dinner group brought their appetites to O'Callaghan's Pub and Eatery. The food was tasty and fun. The crowd enjoyed meeting neighbors and dancing the conga. Great job, as always, and thanks to Lisa and Eric Anderson.

Thanks to Marilyn Capanec and Sherry Ott for organizing a delightful ladies lunch at Mimi's Cafe. Neighbors were randomly assigned seats at tables of four so that ladies could get better acquainted and expand their circle of new friends.

As our community continues to grow, we look forward to welcoming all the many new residents to our neighborhood. Please remember to join our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends) and provide your phase and lot number /address. Please send questions to otowlongleafridge@gmail.com.

Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



Having planned and implemented many successful events for the Indigo East neighborhood, the Indigo East Social Committee will be taking their second month's sabbatical during the month of July. The reason for the sabbatical this month is due to the fact many residents, want to spend time with family members.

The Indigo East Social Committee is planning an ice cream social for Saturday, Aug. 24. More information will follow next month.

The ladies luncheon committee is planning a luau luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 19 in the Indigo East Community Center. Information regarding the meal, cost of the event and the dates of ticket sales are still in the planning stages.

Ladies who purchase tickets will be asked to dress in the style of a luau in Hawaii. That could be anything from floral patterns, sundresses, and, if you dare, moomoo housecoats/dresses. The dress code is not mandatory but participating could be fun. As with the other luncheons, this event is guaranteed to be a great event.

July is known for the birth of our country and is celebrated on the fourth in a big way with grandeur fireworks displays, picnics, contests, and so much more. Then there is the fact July marks the midway point of the year and let us

not forget, Christmas in July. The northern states cherish the dog days of summer in the months of July and August as they become sun worshipers, a contrast from their frozen days of winter.

July is the seventh month of the year based on the Gregorian calendar. The original name for July was Quinctilis. After the passing of Julius Caesar, in 44 BC, the month was renamed to July. There are 31 days in July and the birthday zodiac is split between Cancer for days one through 22. Days 23 through 31 fall under the Leo zodiac sign. Cancer, the crab, represents July on the zodiac calendar.

The July flowers are larkspur and water lily. The larkspur, especially the white forms, generally indicate lightheartedness, happiness and youth. The water lily symbolizes enlightenment, purity, joy and innocence. However, the wedding flower of choice during the month of July is the rose.

July's birthstone is commonly the ruby. Followed by the onyx and turquoise. The sunrise ruby is the rarest ruby. Because of their value and price, this is the only ruby that can go head-to-head with diamonds. The sunrise ruby is mined in Myanmar, formerly Burma. The second most rare ruby is the Pigeon blood ruby and is also mined in Myanmar. There was once a ban on rubies from Myanmar in the United States due to human rights abuse. The ban was lifted on Oct. 7, 2016.

Whatever you plan to do during the month of July, have a fun time and be safe. As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

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Great Florida Pollinator Census

By Phil Karcheski

Mother Nature needs your help! Mother Nature is in great need to protect some of her most important creatures for all of mankind. Native insects, including pollinators, are critical components of native ecosystems. It is widely recognized that insect populations are in decline. In particular, the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) a charismatic insect. The Eco Gardeners propagate many types of flowering plants in the garden, primarily native milkweed for the monarchs to lay their eggs on. When the eggs become caterpillars, native milkweed is the caterpillar's food source.

A few monarch caterpillars can devour an enormous number of leaves in just a few days so it is important to have the food source available for them as they pass through our community on their migration north and as they return on their migration south to Mexico. The journey is very long, and it may require four or more generations to complete. While here they play an important role in making our gardens successful. The pollinator populations are declining rap-

idly. Habitat loss continues to increase with urban development and pesticides applied on their food sources are fatal.

But all hope is not lost! Want to help? Here is how ... you can participate in the pollinator count.

UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners are excited to announce the Great Florida Pollinator Census! We will be participating in sustaining our pollinators, one count at a time.

With much of our state's year-round tropical climate, we can potentially sustain, if not increase, pollinator populations.

Why are pollinators important? We can't live without them! It's estimated that one out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of animal pollinators. Right now, there aren't enough pollinator-friendly plantings to support them.

How can you help? Create and maintain pollinator plant habitats, participate in the count, and spread the word. Since the program started in 2019, over 2,500 sustainable pollinator habitats have been planted!

Great Florida Pollinator Census will take place Friday, Aug. 23, and Saturday, Aug. 24. Volunteers sit in front of a blooming pollinator plant for 15 minutes and observe the type and number of pollinators that land on the plant.

This information is recorded on an easy-to-use counting page, and then uploaded into the official Great Southeast Pollinator Census database. For more

information, visit gsepc.org or call the Marion County Extension at 352-671-8400.

For information about the Eco Gardeners visit eco-gardeners.org. For more information on gardening tips, planting calendars, solutions to plant problems and more visit us on Facebook (OTOW Eco Gardeners).



Photo courtesy of UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners

Monarch butterfly.

Honoring Native Plant Enthusiast

By Margitta Claterbos

On Friday, May 31, Native Plant Group members visited Ron Broman to reminisce and honor him for his efforts to encourage people to learn about Florida native plants and grow them in their flower gardens. After he and his wife Betty had moved to On Top of the World in 2000 from South Florida, where Ron had been an elementary school princi-

pal and science supervisor, he founded the Native Plant Group and wrote monthly World News columns about native plants - a task he continued for some 20 years.

In the fall of 2001, I joined the Native Plant Group and quickly found myself running the monthly meetings at the Arbor Conference Center. At some point,

we thought - wouldn't it be beneficial to create a walking path through the adjacent sandhill habitat with its beautiful longleaf pines? That way, residents and their visitors could see what the original habitat was like before construction took place everywhere.

We asked Mr. Kenneth D. Colen for permission to blaze a trail next to the Arbor Conference Center. In 2002, we received his generous go-ahead. A few members blazed a half-mile circular path. We placed benches and longleaf pine needles on the path, delineated it with fallen branches and pine cones. Renowned botanists helped us identify almost 80 native plants, and we created

signs showing their common and botanical names along with the plant family. Ron wrote texts for certain Longleaf Pine Trail areas of, what he called, the "outdoor classroom." On Feb. 7, 2003, a prescribed burn took place.

Marketing Director Bonnie Walters scheduled a Nov. 12, 2003, opening and dedication of what we named, the Longleaf Pine Trail. Ron invited Mr. Colen to walk the trail with him. We learned that we had gone too far west - into an area that, many years later, would become the Longleaf Ridge neighborhood. To build part of it, that western Longleaf Pine Trail area was bulldozed in 2019 and, in exchange, the trail was elongated toward SW 94th Street. Longleaf Pine Trail was now accessible from across the entrance to Avalon.

In 2005, we asked Mr. Colen for, and received permission to be, in charge of the traffic circle at SW 94th Street and 89th Court Road. We wanted to show residents what native plants look like. We repositioned the boulders; selected, and purchased, native plants from Taylor Gardens Nursery (courtesy of On Top of the World) and - after the ground was tilled - planted them. That summer, we entered both Longleaf Pine Trail and the traffic circle in the Ocala Pride in Bloom contest. In June, we were awarded a \$100 certificate (environmental awareness category). We bought a dahoon holly which Phillip Hisey - explaining the process - planted during the December meeting at the traffic circle.

So, we would like to take this opportunity to publicly honor the man who had the vision to imagine these projects that teach us about the beauty and value of native plants that can survive the hot environment we live in. Thank you, Ron!

Several volunteers continue to spend an hour twice a month working to maintain these projects and help keep them beautiful for all to see.



Photo by Eric Broman

Native Plant Group members honor Ron Broman.

Finding Solace in Cypress Circle

By Robert Colen

Amidst the peaceful beauty of Sholom Park lies a unique and sacred space known as the Cypress Circle. This serene area is composed of 11 cypress trees encircling a central cypress tree and a large rock, making a total of 12 bald cypress trees. Positioned at one of the park's lowest points, the Cypress Circle serves as a natural drainage basin, where the surrounding land converges to nourish these resilient trees. Cypress trees, known for thriving in swampy conditions, symbolize nature's adaptability and strength.

The Cypress Circle is not only ecologically significant for the park, but also rich in symbolism. The number 12 holds deep spiritual significance across various religions, including Christianity,

Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism, often representing completeness and sacredness. The circle itself is a powerful symbol of unity, eternity, and the interconnectedness of life.

Among these trees, one stands out for its extraordinary history. The smallest tree on the north side is a clone of the Senator Tree, once the oldest cypress tree in the western hemisphere, estimated to be around 3,500 years old. A clone in this context means it was grown from a cutting of the original tree, genetically identical to its predecessor. Though tragically destroyed, the Senator Tree's legacy lives on through this clone, generously donated by the University of Florida. This living piece of history adds a profound layer of meaning to the Cy-

press Circle.

During a particularly stressful period in my life, I found myself drawn to the Cypress Circle. Seeking solace, I sat on the large rock next to the central tree. As a cool breeze rustled through the trees, the warm glow of the sun glistened off their needle-shaped leaves. I absorbed

the profound quiet of the space and felt embraced by nature.

The Cypress Circle at Sholom Park offers more than just a visual retreat; it provides a sanctuary of meaning and symbolism for the soul. Sholom Park is located at 7110 SW 80th Avenue, just north of Circle Square Cultural Center and is daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Colen Built Development

Sholom Park's Cypress Circle

Women of the World

Colleen Rocafort



Women of the World is a social and charitable organization. Our mission is to entertain, inform, educate, and inspire our members through our monthly meetings and contribute to the local community by providing much needed goods to those in need in Marion County. Our current membership is 156 members.

Women of the World does not meet over the summer months, but the new board of directors is already hard at work creating a plan for the causes we plan to support throughout the 2024-2025 club year and are focused on developing programs based on member interests and needs.

The new board of directors for the 2024-2025 club year are President Mi-

chele Croud; First Vice President Doloros Burke; Second Vice President Marcia Meloni; Treasurer Anita Martinetto; and Secretary Lois Rowland.

When I think about what we as a club are most proud of this past year, I am delighted to share these highlights with you.

Strong monthly programming connected our mission, development, and networking activities with enthusiastic engagement from our members such as:

- Dementia education and support presented by Lanie Shirey, executive director for the Nancy Renyhart Center for Dementia Education, a program of Hospice of Marion County and DJ Ryan, a community education registered nurse.
- Dee Collier, historical character actor and dramatist.
- Kerry Elkins, overview of the Appleton Museum of Art and its programs.
- Gwen Templeton, comedian.

- Linda Letcher, Ocala Historical Society overview.
 - Holiday sing along celebration.
 - Penny Barton, Broadway and tap dancing.
 - Linda Norman, VOCAL.
 - Yvonne Phillips, a Feng Shui color and design consultant and author.
- Sixteen non-profit organizations were provided with needed goods or monetary cash donations!

- Hospice of Marion County and the Nancy Renyhart Center for Dementia Education received \$10,500 from the proceeds of the annual Fashion Show Luncheon.
- Eight local non-profit organizations received a year-end monetary donation of \$1,000: Nancy Renyhart Center for Dementia Education, VOCAL, Marion Senior Services, Marion County Sheriff's Foundation for Kevlar Vests, Patriot Service Dogs, Pace Center for Girls, Kimberly's Center for Child Protection, and Interfaith Emer-

gency Services. Nine local organizations were provided much needed goods from our monthly membership meetings: Operation Shoebox, The ROCK, H.U.G.S., Pace Center for Girls, Project Hope, Center for Independent Living (CIL), VOCAL, Share the Love, and Pay It Forward.

We thank all our members for their support this past year, the outpouring of donations was truly outstanding!

We look forward to having you join us for the 2024-2025 club year beginning in September!

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the month at the Recreation Center Ballroom starting at noon. The club is open to all women residents with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. Our first meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 19. If you require additional information, please give Michele Croud, club president, a call at 586-872-1966.

SPCA of Marion County

Heather Tahan



The SPCA of Marion County is an all-volunteer organization always looking for volunteers to support our many initiatives and keep the organization running smoothly. Examples of help needed are greeters at our table at the weekly Circle Square Commons Farmers Market, administrative support in fundraising, accounting/bookkeeping, computer skills (Word/Excel) and coordinating speakers and activities. If you'd like to learn more about us, please join us (and bring a friend) at our monthly meeting every third Thursday at 1 p.m., at the Friendship Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 9510 SW 105th Street, Ocala, FL 34481. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 18.

With the advent of summer in our wonderful Sunshine State, hazards to people and pets are exacerbated. Just as humans take precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses, pets need to be protected from the scorching Florida summer heat. Main heat dangers to pets are heat stroke, dehydration, and paw burns from hot asphalt/sand. The ASPCA offers

some helpful reminders to safely navigate summer's dangers for your pet.

- Never leave your pet in a parked car in any season, even on a mild day. The American Veterinary Medical Association warns that even on a 70-degree day, the heat inside a car can quickly rise to a dangerous 110 degrees in less than an hour. Parking in the shade or cracking your windows has no effect on reducing heat to safer levels. Not only is it a bad idea to leave a pet unattended in a hot car, but it is also illegal in 31 states (including Florida).
- Hydration is especially important when the heat rises. Always make sure your pet has access to fresh, clean water, regardless of the season. Pets overheat faster than humans and need to replenish their fluids more frequently. Also, try walking your dog in the early morning or in the evening when the temperature is at its lowest.
- An animal's paws can easily burn walking on hot pavement. If it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for your pet.
- Protect yourself and your pet against pests such as fleas, ticks and mosquitos by using a preventative medication for your pet.

While fleas and ticks carry many diseases, mosquitos can cause heartworm which is fatal to pets if left untreated. Pests are not only a nuisance for your pets, but also can cause pest-related diseases to humans such as Lyme disease.

Donations of pet food and supplies will be accepted on the porch of Evelyn Sarns Holiday at 8880-C SW 94th St, Ocala, Florida 34481. To avoid acciden-

tal ingestion by a pet, please do not use staples to close open bags. SPCA donates to local Marion County shelters. By giving items to the SPCA of Marion County, you also support local shelters. To learn more about our organization, please go to our web page SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com, follow us on Facebook (Marion County FL SPCA) or email us at spca.marion.county@gmail.com.

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Technology Club

Chris Kilbride



Let's consider all the devices that need to pick up this signal to get on the internet. First, your computer, unless you directly plug in an ethernet cable to get your connection. Then there's your smartphone or tablet as priority items. There are also, what is termed, smart devices since they need a Wi-Fi connection: TV, light bulbs, plugs, security systems, cameras, thermostats, smoke and carbon monoxide sensors, speakers, locks, doorbells, displays and more. For example, with a smart home security camera, you could be on vacation and check any livestream footage anytime from your smartphone app.

When in restaurants, hotels, airports, or other buildings, they talk about giving you free Wi-Fi access. Think first that your security is highly at risk, even if they give you a password. That company still has access to all internet traffic, including you doing your personal banking online — hopefully you don't do that! Banking or other private online tasks outside of your home, should be done on cellular and not Wi-Fi mode.

Routers have a disadvantage with the wireless signal having a limited range

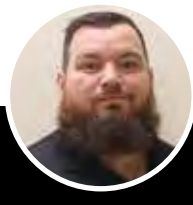
inside the home or building, and you should think about replacing any router over five years old. When you walk outside, Wi-Fi no longer works, but now your smartphone is connected to the nearby cell tower, so all is well.

You also pay for a smartphone cellular data plan, and going over your limit is more costly. So, when at home, switch to the Wi-Fi unlimited data setting, and use the cellular setting only when away from home.

Residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues

Tech Tips

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Electricity & Electronics

With it being hurricane season, with proper diligence, you can save your devices from damage due to lightning and power surges caused by damage to electrical infrastructure.

First, not all surge protectors live up to their name; some are little more than glorified extension cords. Second, a surge will follow any wire into a house — phone and cable lines included — and threaten fax and answering machines, televisions, satellite systems, computers, and modems. Third, delicate electronic circuitry has proliferated throughout our homes, leaving common appliances as vulnerable as computers to the effects of surges.

A whole-house surge protector is hard-wired to your electrical system to provide power surge protection for your entire home. The best whole-house surge protection systems can stop surges of 40,000 amps and more when electrical voltage spikes or surges. The whole-house surge protector blocks it or grounds it, so your appliances and electronics aren't damaged. Proper grounding is key to successful surge protection. Without grounding, the surge protector will not work correctly.

Most people see lightning danger as a bolt of electricity coming from the sky and directly striking a person or object. This type of lightning called a direct strike, only accounts for three to five percent of all lightning-related injuries. Two of the most common indirect

or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on OcalaTechClub.org 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 Windows or Apple computer, smartphone, or tablet issues. On our website, members may list any computer-related hardware for sale or to give away.

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

strike dangers include ground current or step potential and side flashes. Ground current/step potential occurs when lightning strikes the ground near a person or object. The current passes from the strike point, through the ground, and into that person or object.

Lightning-induced surges are the most powerful and feared: A 200,000-amp jolt crashing through a power line will burn standard 20-amp wiring like a lightbulb filament. But a lightning strike must be less than a mile from the house to cause harm, and in fact, most surge-related damage is not caused by lightning. Where a more common type of power surge may last for only a few millionths of a second, but at its worst, it carries tens of thousands of volts, enough to fry circuit boards, crash hard drives, and ruin home-entertainment systems.

Most plug-in models fall into three basic categories: the familiar multi-outlet power strip; the multi-tasking surge station that can handle phone and cable jacks as well as power cords; and the UPS (uninterruptible power supply), which thoroughly cleanses electric power of random fluctuations and provides a short-term battery backup in case the power dips or goes out entirely.

A combination of whole home surge protection and proper plug-in protection per device is the best way to guard your equipment in addition to unplugging your most important/expensive devices during a thunderstorm.

What's Cookin'?

Nancy Grabowski



To keep things "popping" for the Fourth of July party, here are some edible fireworks to enjoy!

Spicy Jalapeño Popper Egg Rolls

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 jalapeños, seeded and diced
- 12 egg roll wrappers
- 1/2 cup cooked bacon bits, freshly made or packaged
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Vegetable oil for frying

In a large mixing bowl, combine the softened cream cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, diced jalapeños, cooked bacon bits, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and black pepper. Mix until well combined.

Lay an egg roll wrapper on a clean surface. Place about two tablespoons of the jalapeño mixture in the center of the wrapper.

Fold the bottom corner of the wrapper over the filling; then fold in the sides and roll up tightly. Seal the edges with a bit of water. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling.

Heat the vegetable oil in a deep fryer or large skillet to 350°F (175°C).

Fry the egg rolls in batches, turning occasionally, until they are golden brown and crispy, about three to four minutes per batch.

Remove the egg rolls from the oil and drain on paper towels.

Serve hot, with your favorite dipping sauce.

Joy in the Mourning

Deb Thompson



Joy in the Mourning is a group where widows and widowers come together to combat grief and learn to grow through what they are going through. Encouragement and compassion are available to any resident desiring to discover hope and enjoy life once again. We meet every Tuesday, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information, contact Deb at 352-445-4860.

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Active Singles Club

Jan Lindell



Are you a new resident and single? Do you want to meet new friends and have fun? If you answered yes, then you need to join Active Singles Club.

All our regular weekly or monthly activities are in full swing. Be sure to register to join in: lunch at Cody's, darts, bocce, golf scramble, bowling, trivia, Mexican train, bunko, pickleball, and miniature golf.

Our club was busy in May and June. We celebrated Memorial Day with a picnic filled with yummy foods and fun games. It was a little hot, but water balloons cooled us off.

yummy dinner. On Tuesday, June 18, the club took a tour of the Ma Barker House learning about the longest gun battle in FBI history. This was a very interesting tour and we then had a great lunch.

Don't forget to sign up for future events. On Saturday, July 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. there will be a dance party at the Indigo East Community Center. Dance and listen to music by Denny and The Jets. Pizza will be provided.

Sign up early for our upcoming pool party at The Lodge at Candler Hills pavilion on Sunday, Sept. 15, from noon to 5 p.m. There will be a boxed lunch and pool games. There is limited space for only 70 members and no guests will be allowed.



Photo by Gloria Buck

Active Singles Memorial Day picnic.

SWANS

Lois Nix



During the summer, many of the clubs do not meet. The SWANS meet all 12 months of the year. The heart of the SWANS are the women who volunteer, participate in our social events, and are supportive to other SWANS as we continue our journey of life as a single woman.

ing and just enjoying life. The common bond is that we all are single, some for the first time ever, some always single.

You have heard about our social activities; we would now like to share comments from the hearts of the SWANS and why they joined.

"After settling in to my new village, I felt like an orphan until I joined the SWANS. The friends I made, will last a lifetime."

"I have been a SWAN for four years; I am enjoying the friends I have made who share good times with me."

"SWANS have provided me with a sense of belonging and community. SWANS was a lifeline for me."

"The SWANS are a wonderful group of ladies. I joined a couple of months

ago and they always make me feel welcome. I enjoy going out to dinner and on trips where I always feel as I belong. SWANS are truly a blessing."

"SWANS give me a sense of belonging to know that I am not alone."

"SWANS has literally been a lifesaver for me. The SWANS were so welcoming and open to help me on my new journey. Without knowing it, they gave me confidence to function on my own, to walk into a room by myself, and to strike up a conversation easily. I've made lifetime friends who accept me for who I am and who want to do things with me. There are so many opportunities to meet and enjoy the company of others."

"Soon after I moved to On Top of the World, I found myself alone. I needed to

have a sense of belonging. A small group of single women was just starting out with social activities and support. That was 2006! Thanks for the memories, support, friendships, and lots of social activities. Most of all - 18 years of knowing I belong."

"It has been my joy and pleasure to be the coordinator for the SWANS for 16 years. For 18 years the SWANS have provided support and a social life for single women. I have shared in so much fun, laughter, joy, and love. With each other, we can overcome anything. Friendship is a blessing."

SWANS are never alone and never forgotten.

Southern Club

Patsy Dooley



Members and guests of the Southern Club gathered on a beautiful May evening to celebrate the conclusion of another successful year of great fellowship, outstanding meals, and stellar entertainment. Attendees were treated to a club funded pizza party with accompanying salad, dessert, and drinks.

Providing great entertainment is a hallmark of the Southern Club as exemplified by the Toppers Banjo Band when they performed in April. The Toppers had the club toe tapping and humming to the strumming of favorites including "Danny Boy," "Blowing in the Wind," "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," "My Little Runaway," "Rocky Top," and "When the Saints Go Marching In." Thank you, Toppers Banjo Band!

The membership recognized the following retiring officers who have guided the club's activities for several years and are the architects of its success: Bob Czopek, president; Phyllis Richards, vice president; Bill Lomerson, treasurer; and Melanie Vittlow, membership, newspaper, and correspondence. The election of a new slate of officers was conducted during the business meeting with the following individuals installed as officers for the upcoming year: Dar-

lene Stevens, president; Terry Webb, vice president; Bill Lomerson, treasurer; Patsy Dooley, secretary/columnist; and Bob Czopek, membership.

The group was reminded that May marks the end of the club year with activities scheduled to resume Tuesday, Sept. 3. The upcoming meeting details will appear in our September World News column. All residents with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass are cordially invited to join our social

potluck gathering as we kickoff a new year of good food, fun, and fellowship. There's no prior notice required - just show up at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III, bring a dish to share (meat, casserole, salad, vegetable, or dessert), and an appetite. Should you

opt to join our merry band of diners, annual dues are \$10 per person and cover expenses including, paper plates, napkins, utensils, and beverages. Members are welcome to bring their own dining paraphernalia if they so choose. Have a happy, safe July and August!

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Global Diversity Asian Social Club

Judy Sullivan



eat desserts first!
Next month, Leonard Rivkin will do a presentation of the history of the American flag. If you are interested in learning more about this or wish to come and mingle with other members while sharing food, please come to the Hobby Building Event Room on Friday, July 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and a choice of your drink.

Our club is also in the process of getting a group charter together for a cruise next year with either, Icon of the Seas, Star of the Seas, or Utopia of the Seas (shorter trip) with Royal Caribbean. You do not have to be a member of the Asian Club to get in on this group trip. If you are interested or have any questions about this trip or about the club, please reach out to Rosalina Norita at 352-414-0323 or globaldiversityotow@gmail.com.

Two of our members, John and Stella, did a video presentation of their trip to Taiwan and it was very informative. The tropical locations, both touristy areas and local spots, were beautiful and night time street vendors selling all kinds of food were plentiful and looked so delicious. Food prices are very reasonable and airfare only costs about \$750 round trip! You can't beat that.

We had several new members attend and we all shared delicious ethnic foods such as dumplings, wantons, fried rice, meatballs, pasta dish and more and a slew of different desserts. Some opted to



Photo by Judy Sullivan

Club members enjoying delicious food at the June meeting.



Photo by Gail Levine

Three of the volunteer grillers, Shelly Kline, Joel Kafir and Gene Wolotsky, brave the smoke at the Jewish Club annual barbeque in May.

The Jewish Club

Bruce Kanner



Thanks to dozens of volunteers, more than 100 attendees and a big nod to Mother Nature the annual Jewish Club barbeque was flawless on Sunday, May 19, at the Veterans Park. Our volunteers handled everything from preparing and manning the grills, to setting up the food line and serving, and then cleaning the site after the event. Shout-outs to Second Vice President Lois Trepper, hospitality co-chairs Harriet Pinchouck and Sue Miller, special projects chair Mal Press, master griller Shelly Kline, and all the workers who made this another successful event.

Food offerings included hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, all the fixings and condiments, coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, New York pickles,

sauerkraut, pasta salad, and the desserts our members brought.

In response to member requests for an area for those who have trouble walking or carrying, for the first time we had tables and chairs set up on level pavement, just outside the pavilion.

Second Vice President Lois Trepper reported the lunch bunch on Wednesday, May 22, at Olive Garden was "Nice and everyone seemed to have had a good time." Lunch bunch will resume in September.

You do not have to be Jewish to belong to the Jewish Club. The club promotes understanding and respect for Jewish people and their history, customs and culture through social and educational activities. Annual dues are \$18 per person. The Jewish Club holds meetings in both The Lodge at Candler Hills and the Arbor Conference Center.

For more information about the Jewish Club or for membership inquiries please contact Gail Levine at 954-881-4010 or gl4010@gmail.com.

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Freethinkers

J. Ashi Olshan



The Freethinkers Club is still going strong, recruiting new members every month, of all ages. As I always say, "I am never as right as we are," which is precisely what our club is about; a collective of respectful, intelligent, independent thinkers, open to hearing and civilly discussing various points of view on a variety of important topics which mean something to our contemporary lives. Via our group discussion together, we always seek to create, "Peace Through Understanding" - 1964 New York World's Fair slogan.

Some weeks we have a guest speaker for the first half hour or so, followed by break-out groups of six to discuss the topic and other topics as well. Then we share what each table had to say with the rest of our 50 or so members present. Other weeks, there are no guest speakers, and we decide which topics to discuss, with each break-out group choosing which topic(s) they care to discuss and enlighten each other on.

On Sunday, June 23, Gene Goergen gave a show and tell presentation entitled, "Expedition to Remote Gems of South Atlantic." On Monday, June 10, we showed the documentary "God and Country." On Monday, June 24, we had conversations about things that matter.

In addition, we have events for recreation with each other outside our club's regularly scheduled meetings: ladies' lunches, bocce - our own (non-league) Unholy Rollers, and when weather permits, hikes, picnics, movies, etc.

We meet twice a month on alternate Sundays, July 7 and July 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Come check us out and learn why many of us celebrate the many advantages of sharing our diversity together.

Silver Rainbow Club

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey



We are a welcoming and affirming social group open to all. We are LGBTQ+ allies providing a space to gather, socialize, and enjoy each other's company. We meet the third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. This year, our monthly meetings will be held at the Candler Hills Community Center. Our annual club fee is \$10 per person.

We have a monthly bowling outing on the third Friday of each month. We also have a monthly lunch outing.

To get the latest information about all our events, visit SilverRainbowClub.com or our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

We hope to see you soon!

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine



I suspect most of us have heard of the race of people called the Māoris. They are the indigenous Polynesian people who originally populated mainland New Zealand in the 13th century. Contact between the Māori and Europeans, beginning in the 18th century, ranged from beneficial trade to lethal violence. In the late 1800s, disputes over shady land deals led to fierce battles between the two groups. Between these battles and the deadly impact of European diseases, the Māori population plummeted. Today, however, the Māori population is recovering somewhat. The census in 2023, showed that almost 20% of the New Zealand population are Māori descendants.

Before European contact, the Māori did not have a written language. Instead, important information was memorized and passed down verbally through the generations. Consequently, many Māori people are wonderful storytellers. Beginning about 1890, the local government decided to ban the Māori language, and insisted that only English would be spoken in the school system. In 1970, however, the government finally relented, and the teaching of Māori culture and language are now options that are available in the school system.

Traditionally, the Māori people on New Zealand perform a haka (a dance) to display a tribe's pride, strength, and unity. The haka is commonly known as a war dance, used to fire up warriors on the battlefield, but it also is a customary way to celebrate, entertain, welcome, and challenge visiting tribes. For example, just prior to the start of an athletic competition, many New Zealand sports



Photo by David Molloy

The New Zealand rugby team performing a haka prior to a game in the 2017 rugby championship tournament.

teams will line up in front of the opposing team and perform a haka that consists of lots of foot stomping, wild-eyed looks, sticking out of the tongue, and a loud chant in the Māori language. It can be intimidating.

New Zealand has 13 incredible national parks, the largest of which is Fiordland National Park. It covers 4,868 square miles in the southwest corner of South Island, and is resplendent with multitudes of fiords, lakes, waterfalls, snow-capped mountains, and heavily forested hills and valleys.

New Zealand's geographic isolation has caused biological isolation as well. This resulted in much of the archipelago's flora and fauna being unique to New Zealand. One of the best-known examples is the kiwi, a weird-looking, flightless bird. I also think it is inter-

esting that 13 of the world's 18 penguin species are found in New Zealand, which is more than any other country in the world. I just don't think of New Zealand as penguin country.

If you want to visit New Zealand, winter is the best time to go there. Remember, the country is in the Southern Hemisphere, so their seasons are the opposite of ours. Their warmest month is January, and their coldest month is July. In Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, the mean daily high temperature is 68 degrees in January and 52 degrees in July.

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Tickets for each of these productions will cost \$94. This includes the show, dinner and dessert, transportation and tips for the servers and the driver. All our trips are to be paid by check only and are non-refundable unless there is a wait list.

We are planning a trip to see "Lion King" at the Straz in Tampa in April 2025. Tickets are not yet available for purchase so we don't have the date or price yet, but more information will follow as soon as it is available.

Linda Hein is taking reservations for our Celebrity Cruise from Feb. 9 to 16, 2025. If interested, call her at 352-861-9880.

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ting everyone in a joyful mood.

We will next formally meet Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Plans will be announced over the summer.

At every meeting we share food, fellowship and conversation and enjoy a presentation about the Scandinavian lands and other fascinating topics of interest to the Scandinavian American community. This includes personal stories, Scandinavian travels and subjects of general interest.

What a great opportunity to meet new people, share stories and experiences, and have a great time.

Whether you have a Scandinavian background or not, if you feel Scandinavian, join us for the fun. For more information, contact Arlene Chilcott at chilcottarlene21@gmail.com.

Scandinavian American Club



David Wesenberg

The Scandinavian American Club met on Tuesday, May 28, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. The purpose of the meeting was to celebrate Scandinavians coming to the USA and the contributions they have made in art, science, literature, business and architecture.

We also focused on Scandinavian summers, especially holidays including St. Hans Day, Constitution Day and Mid-Summer Festival. Helping us with that celebration was the Dancing Jewels, put-



Photo by Judy Parisi

Rhode Island Group luncheon.

Rhode Island Group



Judy Parisi

The Rhode Island Group met for lunch at Stone Creek Grille on Friday, May 31. As always, the conversation was great as we were able to share stories of our Rhode Island experiences and talk about interesting places we've visited here in Florida, as well as how we found our way to On Top of the World.

When we think of units of measurement we generally think of feet, miles, pounds and more. However, an interesting "unit" of measurement is Rhode Island itself. We often hear it said that a certain place is the same size or larger than Rhode Island. When years back we visited Yellowstone National Park and were wondering how long it might take to drive through the whole park we learned that Yellowstone was three times the size of Rhode Island. And Yosemite National Park is roughly the same size as Rhode Island.

Little Rhody is some 1,214 square miles, some 48 miles long and 37 miles wide. Marion County by comparison is 1,663 square miles - somewhat larger. However, Rhode Island's population is over 1 million whereas Marion County's population is about 410,000. Rhode Island is the second most densely populated state after New Jersey. Interestingly over 60% of the land is forested in Rhode

Island, so the population is quite concentrated in certain cities and towns. It is nicknamed the Ocean State due to its 400 miles of coastline and islands.

Though small it looms large in stature being known as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution. It was the first colony to renounce allegiance to England, and the first colony to declare religious freedom for everyone. While its motto is "hope," the character is one of independence.

Many famous people have claimed Rhode Island as home either full time or on a part time basis. Some names you may recall include James Woods, Debra Messing, the Farrelly brothers, Viola Davis, and Richard Jenkins, who represent just a small sampling of the celebrities.

And a little item of trivia - in case you find yourself on Jeopardy and the answer is "the person for whom the sideburn was named." The question would be, "Who was General Ambrose Burnside?" Burnside was a Union general and former senator and governor of Rhode Island. You can view a bronze sculpture of him in Burnside Park in Downtown Providence.

The Rhode Island Group meets for lunch several times during the year at different restaurants where we can enjoy a meal and reminisce on our time in Rhode Island. We hope that those who have lived, worked, studied or served in Rhode Island will join us at our lunches. Please contact judith.parisi@gmail.com to have your name added to our email list.



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Buckeye Social Club



Amy Ingram

On Wednesday, May 22, the Buckeye Social Club held our first picnic at the Veterans Park pavilion. Over 40 members as well as many new members enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. Friendships were formed and teams worked together to compete in an Ohio trivia contest. Winners were given a goodie bag full of items invented or made in Ohio. A big thank you goes out to the many volunteers who helped setup, grill and clean up.

Additionally, sample t-shirts were available in different colors and styles for members to place their orders. If you would like to place an order or have questions about the shirts, please contact Chris Moretto at wayne72buck@ya-

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Our next event will be an ice cream social scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Additional information can be found on our Facebook page (Residents of On Top of the World Buckeye Social Club).

Get ready for the big football kickoff season with our first watch party on Saturday, Aug. 31, as the Buckeyes take on Akron. Watch parties will be held every week that the Buckeyes are playing. Most watch parties are held in The Derby Room inside the Recreation Center adjacent to the ballroom and start approximately 30 minutes prior to kickoff. The Pub provides us with excellent game day food and drink specials. Stay for all or part of the games.

Membership to the Buckeye Social Club is open to residents with a valid resident ID. Membership is \$15 per person annually. To request information or to join our club, please email us at buckeyefans34481@gmail.com.



Photo by Ron Labbe

Amy Ingram (secretary), and Chris Moretto (vice president) modeling club t-shirts.

Michigan Club



Nancy Meininger

Take a moment and think back to simpler times when you were growing up. If you were raised in Michigan, you will remember the meaning of "going up north." It meant a long time on mostly two-lane roads going by miles and miles of trees along both sides of the road, like a long tunnel through a dense forest. Indeed, that is Michigan from the base of the Mitton to Lake Superior. Yes, of course, there are big cities like Detroit, Grand Rapids, Saginaw and Lansing carved out. But outside of the suburbs it is still to this day, just lush, green hardwood and pine trees with a patchwork of farm fields, planted with crops.

It is very settling to see that some things in our busy bustling world have not changed. It is good to know that you can still walk miles and miles of beaches and pick up rocks from other eras. You

can climb high on the sand dunes and overlook majestic Lake Michigan, stay awhile and watch the waves roll in. Or kayak along the Pictured Rock coast of Lake Superior and realize what a small part of this world we are.

You can wander back into one of the roadside forests and if you stand very still, you will be greeted by a friendly squirrel peeking around a towering birch, chasing his buddy from branch to branch. Linger there and listen for the blue jays taking command of the soaring pine. Look up at the stand of hardwoods. See the brilliant red cardinal peeking out?

Walk on into the meadow with stands of milkweed waiting for a monarch to be born into a world surrounded by Queen Anne lace, clover and wildflowers. Don't be surprised when a doe steps out of the tall grass, followed by her newborn. You may not see her at first as her color blends so well with her surroundings. Watch for the flick of her white tale. She's only there for an instant, then gone.

It's good to revisit all that Michigan offered us as we grew to be who we are today. It was our maker, before teachers taught us and colleges polished us to be consumers, automotive magnates, movie stars, race car drivers, jockeys, pilots, air traffic controllers, realtors or astronauts. It was the land that made us - Michigan land!

The Michigan Club is on a summer hiatus. We are looking forward to gathering to hear about your summer adventures and Michigan memories on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Dance Studios I-III. For more information, call or text Nancy Meininger at 352-554-0757.



Photo by Nancy Meininger

Such a gift to be able to observe this gentle deer up close!

R/C LadyBirds



Linda Lohr

Keep an eye out for emails regarding outings and more luncheons that will be set up in the future. Please note that there are no meetings in the summer, but we do go for lunch!

Our club is open to all wives and sig-

nificant others of the R/C Flyers. We will meet, for the 2024-2025 season, the second Friday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room (unless otherwise notified). 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!

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Moonstruck Astronomy Club

Jim Di Paolo



Doug talked about Comet C/2023 A3, discovered by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS) in January 2023. The comet is expected to shine around ninth magnitude and is in the Virgo constellation and will be moving into southern Leo at month end.

Club member Shari Schopp, gave a presentation titled "Astrology Through the Ages." She pointed out that originally astrology and astronomy were one subject, with the primary concern being planetary observation. Her presentation included information about Claudius Ptolemy, Nicolaus Copernicus, Galileo Galilei and Johanne Kepler, astronomers, mathematicians, and astrologers that made major contributions to the field of astronomy.

Larry Isenberg, club vice president, talked about amazing Moon facts in his presentation titled "Moon Minute." He also updated members on AR3664, a large sunspot that has been causing spectacular auroras. The aurora seen across the world on May 10 was the strongest geomagnetic storm in 21 years, with northern lights seen as far south as Arizona and Florida.

Club members are reminded to watch for emails announcing more evening observation sessions in the coming weeks and months. Sessions will be announced on any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky and club members are



Photo by Jim Di Paolo

Larry Isenberg explaining his homemade solar viewer.

willing to set up their telescopes to share observations. Members are welcome to arrive and stay if they wish throughout the evenings. All sessions are held adjacent to the R/C flying field.

Regular meetings of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. All residents and Gateway of Services

pass holders can join the club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$20 per year, and they include a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. For information or club registration, please contact club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com. More information is always available at moonstruckastronomyclub.org.

Lions Club

Gail Morris



your phone and the schools earn money. The Box Tops website just announced that "now when you buy participating products at Walmart in-store or online, you'll earn Box Tops for your school - no scanning required."

Lion Duane is continuing to collect eye glasses from our area recycled eye glass boxes in a variety of locations, including On Top of the World Resident Services. We have purchased some new boxes that will provide more space for those recycled glasses, lens, and frames. He reported on collecting and counting over 500 pairs of glasses several hundred lenses and several glass cases. Thank you for recycling your eyeglasses.

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, you can contact Estelle Michelson our membership chair, at 352-861-7358.

Christian Women's Club

Sandi Kemp



In May, we gathered for a delicious gourmet potluck. We have, in my opinion, some of the best cooks in On Top of the World! Also, after an introduction by Elaine, her friend Wendy gave an inspirational talk. It is such a blessing to have the ladies in our group so willing to come forward, share, and inspire us! The food and fellowship are wonderful, but really what we are all about is giving glory and praise to our Lord for what he has done in our lives and encouraging each of us in the changing times that we are living in.

Each month we collect for Interfaith Emergency Services and the ladies are

so generous in their giving. We keep this an ongoing collection because if you forget one month, there is always next month to bring your donation. Keep in mind, although food is always needed, other items are needed too - soap, laundry detergent, personal hygiene products, pet food, or anything that the Lord leads you to bring!

Every month new ladies attend, and we hope that you will come! Our next meeting is Saturday, July 27. We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Reservations are not needed: just show up with your potluck dish. We do ask \$1 donation to help with the supplies. Drinks are provided. We start at 11:45 a.m. please try to arrive by 11:30 a.m. so that we can start on time. Hope to see you there!

For questions, call (no texts) Sandi at 352- 237-9073.

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Movement is Medicine

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

It all started with the classic birthday question, "What would you like for your birthday?" But the answer wasn't classic, at all. Trish Froehlich turned to her husband, Joe, and said, "Let's bike the Withlacoochee Trail – and let's ride the same distance as the years I'm celebrating."

But Trish didn't stop there, "And let's make it a fundraiser for the Parkinson's Foundation." Trish, a former Connecticut State prosecuting attorney, and Joe, who was a major crimes investigator, made their move from Connecticut to On Top of the World eight years ago. They continue to make a difference.

The adventurous Trish and Joe have traveled the U.S., experienced white-water rafting, zip-lining, hot air ballooning, and – are you ready for this – they even tried golf. (that just didn't work out, though). They did settle down a bit after moving into their home in Kestrel, but their belief in "movement is medicine" keeps them active. They teach yoga, deep water exercise, cycling, and SOS (Serious on Strength). Their classes are at the Recreation Center, The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, Sholom Park, Arbor Fitness Center, and at a private gym in Ocala.

With all that they do, Trish and Joe will often meet "fellow travelers" such as On Top of the World's Fitness Director Cammy Dennis. Cammy introduced them to the Parkinson's Foundation and the "Punch Out PD" program. The more they learned about the program and the disease, the more they felt that the 67-mile bike ride should be a fundraiser for the foundation. "We used social media and good old-fashioned word of mouth to get volunteers for the ride, and to help raise money for the foundation. We thought we could possibly raise a few hundred dollars," said Trish. Joe

interrupted with, "The turnout, however, and the money raised were totally

unexpected; it just blew us away."

It was Saturday, May 18, that 14 riders took up the 67-mile challenge. Twenty volunteers set up water and feeding stations along the route, and of course, raised their voices to cheer on the bikers. Trish and Joe enthusiastically told

us that the fundraiser was a smashing success. "Everyone who came out was so passionate and so supportive – it was truly a community effort that made the difference. So far, we are happy to report that the fundraiser for the Parkinson's Foundation has exceeded \$8,300."



Fundraising bike ride for the Parkinson's Foundation.

Photo by Tim Riley

Cheer on the Pommies

By Pamela Kalamaras

Poms Dance and Cheer are excited about our upcoming patriotic performance at the Patriotic Celebration on Thursday, July 4, at Circle Square Commons. The presentation is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., so please get your seats early so you do not miss our performance. The ladies have been working extra hard to make sure we give the audience our very best.

We had a successful performance at Windsor of Ocala and hope to give future presentations there, as well as other senior communities in the future.

Practices last month included a photo

shoot with some of our members decked out in one of our uniform shirts, this one being black and silver with our name imprinted on the back. Our pom poms carry out the theme color with flashes of silver and white. Also, we have matching bags with our names, that we keep our beautiful pom poms in to protect them and keep them clean.

These bags were given to us as a surprise from one of our members, Mary Romano. Mary embodies the epitome of what it means to be a committed member of this team, always surprising us with little treats and willing to help

where needed at every practice. We all strive to help and support each other, and along the way we have developed wonderful friendships. The ladies are excited to wear their matching uniforms and carry their duffel bags to feel like a real squad, which will emphasize our element of performance while putting all our hard work in a winning presentation.

Even though summer is just beginning, we are already booking fall and spring performances on our calendar. Please contact us soon if you would like us to entertain at your club or neighborhood event. We can adjust our performances to accommodate what your event is looking for regarding time limits, song choices and themes.

If you are interested in our team, I

can offer further information, guidance and support. Entering this new world of cheer and dance is like no other dance in the community. This unique and exciting performance club is now being offered at many 55-plus communities nationwide. Every week, I receive many thanks for starting up this newest group. We invite you to come and visit us at our Thursday practice time to see if you would like to join in the fun. Although we have limited openings, we are presently able to welcome newcomers.

Please contact Pam Kalamaras at pammykal@aol.com for more information on viewing our rehearsals, upcoming performances, new memberships, and bookings.



Lynn Palo, Jennifer McMullen, Mary Romano, Kristin Millet, Pam Kalamaras, Sherri Reichgott, and Nancy Gugliano.

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Golf



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Rath – Collin Morikawa; and Kelsey Hummer – Viktor Hovland.

On Top of the World Golf Club will also host the annual Fourth of July Golf Tournament on Thursday, July 4, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be one best ball of the foursome and you can create your own team. The cost is \$20 per player for awards and prizes. Please register in your respective Golf Shop.

With aerification in full-swing and course closure rotations underway, this is a great time to discuss aerification. Although you may only see the effects on the surface, the impact of aerification goes down deep into the soil profile and provides several benefits for years to come. By mechanically removing organic matter, we can provide additional pore space for oxygen, nutrients, water and provide area for new roots to grow. Aerification can significantly improve drainage, which is especially

important during the summer rainy season.

In Florida, the slower golfing season coincides with the warmer growing season that allows the turf to recover quickly reducing the impact on golfers the remainder of the year.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, July 4: Fourth of July Golf Tournament at The Links and Candler Hills.
- Saturday, July 20: Animal Golf at The Links and The Tortoise & The Hare.

World Accolades

- THE LINKS:** Len Ruble, shot his age 90.
- THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Mike Inge, hole-in-one #8. LuLu Kerkhoff, eagle #5.
- CANDLER HILLS:** Jean Czachor, eagle #7. Rick Kramer, hole-in-one #17. Jeff Richardson, two eagles on #12. Rick Doyle, eagle #12.

Congratulations to all of you for these fine accomplishments!

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you want to both improve accuracy and gain distance? I am confident everyone who plays the game of golf. Well, to help improve both areas you must focus on finishing your golf swing.

So many golfers tend to swing with just their arms, which leaves so much on the table. I want you to focus on these thoughts to help finish your golf swing.

1. Complete your turn by making sure your belt buckle is pointing towards the target after striking the ball.
2. Make sure 90% of your weight is finishing on your front foot. The back foot is simply there to help with balance.

By focusing on these two fundamentals, it should help to improve your distance and consistency.

Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole



Beth Wolinsky

the other 50% is in your head.” This expression, though it could apply to any aspect of our lives, is particularly true for golf. The mental part of the game is very challenging and it’s easy to become discouraged. It’s important to take something positive from every hole, even if it’s just you finished the hole. We must remember that golf is just a game, sometimes we love it and sometimes we don’t.

Summer is here! It, therefore, bears repeating use sunblock, eat those snacks, hydrate and keep hydrating. It’s too easy for the heat to creep up on us. Stay safe out there.

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

2 Best Balls (Team) May 2

Tie at 129–Beverly Ovrebø, Jill Strey, Alexandra Rivera, Anne Dahlen. Linda Taylor, Virginia Combs, Mary A. Cunningham, Carol Clark. 130–Christine

Giza, Laurel Staiger, Roxiann Dwyer, Sandra Randles. 134–Donna Herberger, Angelita Jingco, Brenda Hofmann, Sue Fierce.

Par Day (Individual) May 9

Flight 1: 66–Christine Giza. 72–Beverly Ovrebø. Tie at 73–Gayla Aldridge, Dawn Carroll. Tie at 74–Diane Boston, Shelly Karsnitz, Donna Herberger, Lynn Colomb.

Flight 2: 68–Kathleen Goodwin. 71–MJ Strelec. Tie at 72–Angelita Jingco, Joyce

Flight 3: 66–Mary A. Cunningham. 70–Donna Isaac. Tie at 71–Jean Czachor, Liz Pruss. 72–Connie Norris. Flight 4: 66–Vickie Foster. 68–Anne Dahlen. Tie at 69–Eileen Gustavus, Kathy Zunica. 71–Brenda Hofmann.

Pick a Pro (Individual) May 16

Flight 1: 138–Lulu Kerkhoff. 140–Michele Otto. 141–Shelly Karsnitz. 144–Christine Giza.

Flight 2: 140–Lynn Colomb. 142–Patti Kelly. 145–

Lisa Free. Tie at 147–Beverly Ovrebø, Linda Taylor. Flight 3: 133–Yuhlan Cho. 138–Angelita Jingco. 139–Katie Schriewer. Tie at 143–Jill Strey, Debby Wilson.

Flight 4: 143–Mary A. Cunningham. 144–Alexandra Rivera. Tie at 145–Liz Pruss, Mary Dawson.

Flight 5: 138–Beth Wolinsky. 142–Liz Lang. Tie at 144–Donna Isaac, Brenda Hofmann, Jane Hall.

Flight 6: 138–Peggy Shanfelt. 140–Patty Whitley. Tie at 141–Susan Martin, Jan Christ.

Odds & Evens (Team) May 23

Tie at 32–Kathleen Goodwin, Jill Strey, Chris McIntire, Nancy Zielinski. Gayla Aldridge, Debby Wilson, Donna Townsend, Joann Delmar. Tie at 33–Beverly Ovrebø, Virginia Combs, Eileen Gustavus, Sue Fierce. Shelly Karsnitz, Darlene DeBerry, Jane Hall, Brenda Hofmann. 34–Peggy Ellenberger, Pat Williamson, Virginia Madura, Anne Dahlen. Tie at 35–Christine Giza, Alexandra Rivera, Mary Dawson, Peggy Shanfelt. Karen Schroeckenthaler, Carol Avery, Liz Pruss, Vickie Foster.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association



Jo Della Penna

& Vickie Foster, and Christine Giza, Katie Schriewer, Christine McIntire, & Susan Yenne. Tie at 78–Mary Jeanotte, Debby Wilson, Jane Hall, and Donna Brunell, Lori Pizzini, Karen Schroeckenthaler, & Lizz Pruss. 75–Linda Taylor, Connie Sohl, Debra De Matteo, & Kathleen Mansfield.

This Thing Called Golf

By S. Parker

On the first tee, I am so anxious
This is going to be my day
I aim it down the right side
But it goes the other way
Trees pop up from nowhere
Sand traps call my name
I second guess my sanity
As I play this silly game
I aim left, go right, aim right, go left
I hit it fat or thin
But after 18 holes of frustration
I can't wait to tee it up again!

LEASH LAW

Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

Low Gross/Low Net (Individual) May 7/The Links Gross

Flight 1: 76–Sandy Snyder. 79–Gayla Aldridge. Flight 2: 86–Beverly Ovrebø. 88–Donna Herberger. Flight 3: 86–Karen Schroeckenthaler. 88 Joyce Jones.

Flight 4: 92–Connie Sohl. 95–Gretchen Normandin. Flight 5: 89–Roxiann Dwyer. 92–Christine McIntire. Flight 6: 98–Vickie Foster. 99–Nancy Zielinski.

Net

Flight 1: 72–Shelly Karsnitz. 74–Gayle Lagrange. Flight 2: 78–Lori Pizzini. 78–Marcella Nunez. Flight 3: 74–Vickie Noltensmeyer. 77–Joanne Woolery.

Flight 4: 78–Debra De Matteo. 79–Mary Dawson. Flight 5: 74–Connie Norris. 77–JeanCzachor. Flight 6: 77–Connie Lukas. 79–Susan Martin.

Tee to Green Two Best Balls Foursome May 28/The Links

Tie at 79–Lisa Free, Bobbie Wiener, Robyn Atwood,

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Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



your calendar:

- July 3: Chicken Day (The Links)
- July 10: Best Ball Two Man Team A&C B&D (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- July 17: Black Tees (The Links)
- July 24: 1, 2, 3 Best Ball (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- July 31: 3 Clubs & Putter (The Links)

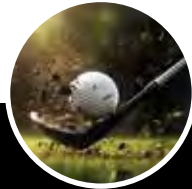
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**Chicken Day
June 5/The Links**

Tie at 55-Irl Flanagan, Gerry Messenger, Bruce Venslavsky, Tom Nicholl; Michael Almon, Dale Budd, Bruce Green, Mario Grosso; David Emmons, Jim Le-

**Candler Hills
Men's Golf**

Rick Pettit



Welcome to the heat, July has arrived. For you snowbirds who headed back north and cooler temperatures enjoy those golf days in the 70s. Your board met on Thursday, June 6. Our membership is right at 170 so again thank you all.

Please keep in mind we will be looking at tee box assignments in July so if you qualify for a shorter tee box, please fill out the request form in the Golf Shop and drop into our lock box on side of shop. I again would like to remind all golfers that carts need to remain 30 feet from all tees and greens, and this in-

faver, Paul Rutkowski, Mike Lane; Dick Emmons, Art Olerud, Mike Kurlakowsky, Loren Magsam; Rusty Rhodes, Rino D'amico, John Herman, Paul Randles. Tie at 56-Kevin McGuinness, Dennis Kissen, Ralph Norton; Rick Schriewer, Paul Stoecklin, Ronald Grob, Lance Davsko; Tim Carlisle, Jim Bobowski, Larry Turner, Joseph Mandala. Tie at 57-James McCormack, Roger Lukas, Jim Nicholson, William York; Larry Manion, D. Wally Wohlleber, Ron Ouellette, Leonard Ruble; Ron Pratt, Steven Rowell, Bob Janssen, Henry Sohl; John Atwood, Randy Keller, David Woitek, Clarence Higdon; Anthony Morris, John Spielvogel, Rex Heitz, Bob LeMaster.

**Stableford (Team)
June 12/The Links**

144-Rich Sievers, Jim Weaver, Bob Lieberman, Tom Nicholl. 143-Anthony Morris, D. Wally Wohl-

cludes those with a handicap sticker too. If anyone has new ideas on the games we play, please talk to one of us and it will be discussed.

**Best Ball
May 14**

A/C Flight 1: 47-Tom Presnick, Gary Olson. 48-Brian Bennett, Rick Plesea.

A/C Flight 2: 45-Mike Gleason, Brad Best. 48-Dave Keebler, David Emmons.

B/D Flight 1: 45-Fernando Pallares, Billy Scholp. 49-Doug Buckler, Tim Beaty.

B/D Flight 2: 46-Ron Pratt, James Dewey. 50-Bob Hilton, Harry Pelley.

**Stableford 2 Best of 4
May 21**

96-John Anders, Paul Rubly, Tim Beaty, Doyce Mathis. Tie at 92-Jim Shipley, Ron Pratt, James McCormack, Don Huston, and Mike Gleason, Fran Draude, Tim Clarkin, Rick Deroven. 91-Pat Mezyk, Roger Lukas, Joe Aldridge, Bill McElroy.

**Memorial Day World Event
May 27
The Links
Mixed Gross**

Flight 1: 127-Gayla Aldridge, Joe Aldridge, Brian Henderson, Jeff Richardson.
Flight 2: 149-Liz Pruss, Joe Pruss, Katie Schriewer, Rick Schriewer.

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Flight 3: 142-Brenda Hofmann, Greg Hofmann, Paige Falcone, Dave Falcone.
Flight 4: 163-Donna Isaac, George Isaac, Sandra Randles, Paul Randles.

**Candler Hills
Men's Gross**

Flight 1: 136-Gerard Grandinetti, David Steel, John Leeman, Jon Hill.

Flight 2: 143-Brian Gagnon, James McDowell, Tom Kaiser, Stephen Brothers.

Flight 3: 155-Pat Cioffi, Jim Jones, Ron Nichols, John Roderick.

Mixed Net

Flight 1: 131-Mike Madura, Virginia Madura, Linda Taylor, Charlie Taylor.

Flight 2: 131-Susan Yenne, John Yenne, Beverly Ovrebo, Bobbie Wiener.

Flight 3: 138-Mary Dawson, Robert Kuhl, Howard Gluckman, Janelle Gluckman.

Flight 4: 138-Marla Bennett, Brian Bennett, Robin LeMaster, Bob LeMaster.

**Candler Hills
Men's Net**

Flight 1: 133-Tim Hunt, Rick Pettit, Ron Wages, Chad Robinson.

Flight 2: 133-Tony Mysterly, Thomas Racinowski, John Larson, Steve Lennon.

Flight 3: 131-Raymond Hendrix, David Wohlleber, James McCormick, Andy Selkregg.

Ladies Net

Flight 1: 134-Lori Pizzini, Ellen Brin, Peggy Ellenberger, Vickie Foster.

Ladies Gross

Flight 1: 149-Lisa Free, Sandy Snyder, Mary Ann Livingston, MJ Strelec.

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often as you like and if you are ready, we'll even help you get the right new boat for around \$369.

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Just be aware that races may be canceled if the wind is sustained at 15 mph or more, or if it rains.

So, come on down, give it a try, and join the fun. We can't wait to see you on the water! Call or text Gene Mangold at 772-678-5101 or Bernie Bosert at 816-678-3817.



Photo by Gene Mangold

Sail around the fountain.

Ladies Shuffleboard



Lois Nix

Summer is here. Ladies Shuffleboard Club will be shuffling all summer on Mondays, at 5:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. We do invite all women with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass to join us.

On our bulletin board at the shuffleboard courts are the schedules for both the mixed league and for ladies only. With family visiting over the summer, please check the shuffleboard schedule before you plan to use the courts. There are many open times to play, the equipment is located at the back of the shed for you to use. Signs are posted that you play at your own risk and for safety rea-

sons opened toe shoes are not permitted. No food or drink on the courts. We thank you for your cooperation.

We completed our fun, fabulous, eighth season with a total of 78 ladies shuffling. The Shuffleboard Club just completed over 30-plus years of shuffling with close to 200 club players. The shuffleboard club in St. Petersburg, Florida just celebrated 100 years of play. They have 2,700 members!

May

10-Lois Nix. 8-Carol Noval, Cindy Engler, Darlene Clark, & Sally Herrick. 7-Linda Myers, & Marge Ad-ragna.

2023-2024 Season

57-Barbara Russell. 53-Sally Herrick. 51-Lois Nix.

30-Plus

12-Sally Herrick. 11-Barbara Russell, & Lois Nix. 9-Cindy Engler.

Happy shuffling! Have a safe summer and see you on the courts.

Bocce Club



Kathy Nastally

While caught in the act of playing bocce, one may experience a skunk, a split, or even a double kiss. Yes, it's true. It is said Leonardo Da Vinci and Galileo Gililei regularly played bocce because they saw it beneficial to the mind and body. While socializing during a bit of competition, we get exercise rolling bocce balls, putting in some steps getting on and off the courts, and judging for points. Bocce balls are roughly two pounds three ounces to two pounds eight ounces in weight for your lifting pleasure.

We may also receive encouragement, coaching, congratulations on our shots or good fun heckling, which keeps our minds engaged for potential comebacks. Now, back to skunks, splits and double kisses. We can be creative and skilled in our shot selection or have some sheer luck or help from Rick O' Sheay (ricochet). We may roll soft or hard, short or long. You could also have a dead ball, meaning the ball hits the back wall without touching anything else first.

If a team scores no points in either the first or second game, at all, you get "skunked." If during play, a team wins one game and loses one, this is called a split. It takes skill and luck to get a double kiss, where two balls touch the pallino at the same time. I always find it most interesting to see people speaking to inanimate objects, the balls, possibly expecting them to listen. If this sounds like an interesting morning, come on up to the courts and join us in the fun.

League play is currently on hiatus for the summer and will start again at the beginning of October. Leagues play October through April, followed by the annual best of bocce tournaments. Open play continues all year on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, at 8:30 a.m. When you arrive at the bocce courts, print your first and last name on the sign-up sheet and remember we are limited to 48 players. All play is luck of the draw as cards are drawn to determine teams and courts. All teams play two games. The first team to 16 points wins that game. Bocce courts are located behind the Arbor Fitness Center near the tennis courts and there is a water fountain available. Valid resident IDs or Gateway of Service passes are required for play.

Bocce rules and general information is posted on the bocce bulletin board at the courts. If you are a new player, after you have played on three occasions, you will be expected to join the club by paying dues and signing the "Release and

Hold Harmless" consent form.

We look forward to seeing you on the courts. With the temperatures on the rise, please dress appropriately and bring snacks and drinks. Remember, only closed toe shoes can be worn on the bocce courts during play. For any questions or additional information, please contact Bocce Club President Pam Brown at 970-531-1890. Let's roll!

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Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



had fun being able to play on seven tables. During the meeting, members had an opportunity to hear from Directors Paul Stadterman (president), Athena Drewes (secretary) and Michael Lowe (treasurer) regarding improvements and purchases made for the club. Our membership now exceeds 130 members, with newcomers joining regularly. Want to join? Starting July 1 membership dues are \$5 for the remaining six months. Applications are available in the Arbor Conference Center Table Tennis Room and can be submitted with



Photo by Athena Drewes

Table Tennis Club quarterly meeting.

HYBRIDS VS LONG IRONS

Saturday, July 6th 9 am

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<p>July 12</p> <p>MIXED SIGNAL</p> <p>7 - 10 PM</p>	<p>July 13</p> <p>PEPERE JOE'S</p> <p>Péperé Joe's • 6 PM</p>
<p>July 19</p> <p>FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY</p> <p>Curtside Cuisine • 6 PM</p>	<p>July 20</p> <p>GREG WARREN BAND</p> <p>7 - 10 PM</p>
<p>July 26</p> <p>FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY</p> <p>Fat Tiki • 6 PM</p>	<p>July 27</p> <p>FLORIDA HIT MACHINE</p> <p>7 - 10 PM</p>
<p>July 26</p> <p>NEVER NEVER BAND</p> <p>7 - 10 PM</p>	<p>July 27</p> <p>TRIP 19</p> <p>7 - 10 PM</p>
<p>July 26</p> <p>NANCY AND THE PAINKILLERS</p> <p>7 - 10 PM</p>	<p>July 27</p> <p>CLARK BARRIOS BAND</p> <p>7 - 10 PM</p>

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payment to any director. Then, you are set to immediately start playing!

Club rules of play:

- Have fun.
- Schedule of play posted in club room.
- Players select chips to determine which table to play.
- Round consists of three games; players rotating one position to left after each game. -After three games, chips selected to determine rotation among players and tables. -If new player rotates in, a fourth game is played to compensate.
- Players serve for two points, excluding a let (net), then alternate position and team service. Interference will be called immediately when a ball from another table enters the area, causing a re-serve.
- Games are played to 11; win by two points.
- All players must strive to best of ability to attempt a legal serve, which starts with ball in an open palm, released upward six inches, then struck by paddle. At no time may the ball be hidden or held against paddle. The ball must be served behind end line.
- Point shall be awarded if ball passes the table end without touching table. A player may not touch the

ball that would legally hit the table.

- You can touch the table with racket hand, paddle, clothes, or any other part of body except free hand. Free hand is hand not holding the racket. Right-handers, it's left hand; left-handers, it's right hand. Leaning on table with your racket hand is allowed, if table isn't moved.
- You must not intentionally move table during game. Doing so results in fault and point for opponent. Your body, clothes, or racket must not touch net during play.
- All players are expected to be courteous and exhibit good sportsmanship. At end of round, do not cross behind other tables while play is in progress. Any difference of opinion must be handled quickly and professionally.
- Last person out of room turns off lights and fan.
- No tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs permitted in room.
- Any physical abuse to table or equipment will not be tolerated.
- For your safety, proper foot attire is always worn.
- No pets permitted in room.

We all play for fun and enjoyment. Stop by and meet us, or email pstadterman@yahoo.com for more information.

Call of the Wild Sports Club



Scott Bloch

As the weather heats up, so does our local water temperature. Saltwater game fish begin to go into deeper water, and freshwater fish seek shade.

The bluegill will seek the tangles and shade from the water lily plant. Florida bluegills, also known as brim, grow all year. Nine-inch and bigger were being caught in the lakes of Central Florida. Members Pete Jacob and Wayne Schnapp were fishing nearby Orange Lake. They used tiny grass shrimp as bait. These fishermen would anchor in the lilies and just drop their lines in any open spot. Pete observed that while many would use a spin cast rod and reel,

many would use a cane pole with six- to nine-foot of line and a bobber.

I have been told by some locals prefer to use green or yellow disappearing line, usually two- to four-pound test.

Those who were venturing out into the gulf were targeting red grouper, black drum, and red drum.

Red snapper is now in season, as are scallops.

For those who are hunters, this is the time to check out myfwc.com for rules, dates, and when to apply for permits.

The club will have a members-only picnic in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Saturday, July 6, at noon.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 7, in the Hobby Building Event Room at 1 p.m. Joe London will be speaking about the art of knot tying.

If you have any questions, call or text President Scott Bloch at 614-806-6738.

Softball



Tom Laccone

Our club was established in 2008. We provide year-round recreational slow-pitch softball for all resident men 55 years or older as long as they are physically capable of playing. We accommodate all skill levels and offer a new player orientation skills assessment to help improve your skill and match you to team

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needs. We also conduct weekly batting practice sessions. If you are not sure you are ready for club-level softball, the community offers less formal and more relaxed co-ed games.

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Line Dancing

Tamara Stanford



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May line dance social.

Monday, June 24 was the last Monday class for the 2023/2024 dance year. Traditionally the Monday classes are on hiatus in July and August in consideration of the dancers and the Monday instructor Joe Spencer. Summer is a popular time for travel and many like to use the time to relax. However, line dancing will continue in dance practices and workshops for current members. Your practice leader will provide the details for these summer dance opportunities.

The 2024/2025 dance year will begin Monday, Sept. 9. Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday, Aug. 6, and end on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

A valid resident ID is required for ticket purchase. Tickets will not be sold on Mondays. Tickets will be sold beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:29 p.m. from Tuesdays through Fridays.

Line dance tickets are sold at the staff office on the first floor of the Recreation Center. If you are waiting in the recep-

tion area to buy a ticket, please remember that noise travels. There may be staff members and residents who need a quiet environment to do their jobs.

The May line dance social was held on Saturday, May 18, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The theme was "American Road Trip" and music about travel helped to set the tone. A few of the songs

we danced to were "King of the Road," "Hotel California," and "South of Santa Fe." Dance socials are fun events for both dancing and visiting with classmates. We encourage you to attend. Attendees can dance when they want and take a break anytime that they want to. The object is to have fun.

Absolute Beginner practice leader

Donna Gordon designed and maintains an excellent resource for line dancing information and links to dances at webuse.com/otowdance/main/. Contact Donna should you have any questions about the website.

Joe Spencer is the new dance instructor. For detailed information about line dancing, contact Joe by email at joeship1@yahoo.com.

Cornhole Club

Vincent Stevens



Our open play activity continues to be well attended, with full house attendance at all sessions despite the increasing temperatures. League activity resumed in mid-June with team formation and the first competitive matches of our men's league. Another Introduction to Cornhole class was conducted mid-month with several interested participants.

INTRODUCTION TO CORNHOLE: Everyone has heard of cornhole, and some have seen others playing. Looks like a lot of fun, doesn't it? Want to get in on the action? If you have not played previously, sign up to attend our next Introduction to Cornhole session on Thursday, July 18, at 10 a.m. We will go over the rules, scoring, and basic protocols of the sport, and follow with a 30-minute prac-

tice session. To register for this session, email name and contact information to otowcornhole@yahoo.com.

OPEN PLAY: Our open play sessions continue to be very well attended despite of the ever-increasing temperatures and occasional rainouts. Although our nominal start time remains at 6 p.m., we are continuing to begin play with the arrival of the first 20 players, sometimes as early as 5:15 p.m. Club members arriving after play has started may have a short wait for an open court, but wait times are minimal.

Residents who have played cornhole at family gatherings, at the beach, or at picnics know that it can be a competitive and entertaining activity. If you are familiar with the basics, and are comfortable throwing a one-pound bag 27 feet, come out to the cornhole courts at the Veterans Park on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, from 5 to 7 p.m. Although these sessions are usually fully attended, openings will occur as members complete their matches and our open play facilitator/host makes every

effort to accommodate "drop-ins."

LEAGUE PLAY: The Cornhole Club's men's league kicked off competition

mid-month with five teams vying for the championship. League matches are held each Friday, at 10 a.m. Come out and cheer on your favorite team.

Horseshoes Club

Vern Kessler



The Horseshoe Club had another best pitching score and ringers this past month. Gary Null's score of 71 points and 21 ringers topped the previous high of 70 points and 20 ringers pitched by Betty DeLong.

The club wants to give a big thanks to Ed Stinnard for taking on the scoring of the games while I was gone.

The club will continue to pitch horse-

shoes during the summer months on Tuesdays, at 9 a.m. Thursday practice has changed from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. due to the summer heat. Everyone is invited to join us and see how much fun we have at the horseshoe pits at the Veterans Park.

The horseshoe pits at the Veterans Park are there for everyone's use any day of the week. Please remove the white PVC protective pipes from the horseshoe stakes before throwing the shoes.

Contact Vern Kessler with any questions that you might have concerning pitching horseshoes or about the club. Call or text me at 321-268-3179.

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Traveling the World

By Rosalina & Leonard Norita

We would like to take this opportunity and share our latest travel destinations with you! We visited Portugal, Spain, and Southern Italy. We were excited to visit the Azores, Murcia, Málaga, including museums, galleries; exploring the shore and enjoying Portuguese and Spanish traditional cuisines. The Azores are the hidden gem in Europe.

Murcia has great festivals, cultural events and traditions enriching everyday life. With its recently discovered Roman theater ruins and maritime history, we found that it is a great place to visit. These are some of the historical sites of the island which are an enrichment to Mediterranean culture.

We explored the medieval city of Siena; it's mostly linked to commercial and banking activities. It was one of the most important cities in medieval Europe. According to local legend, Siena was founded by Senius and Aschius who were nephews of Romulus after whom Rome was named.

These areas are overwrought with ancient European history which is the testament of its time. It's a dip into the past which makes our generation who we're today as the result of those root beginnings which our ancestors brought into the new world.

We visited Vieste and made our way to Monte Sant' Angelo which is a very ancient place of worship. Over the centuries, there have been many pilgrims who have visited there, among them numerous popes and sovereigns who also made their way to San Giovanni Rotondo, the tomb of Padre Pio. Crusaders established themselves in the area along the Adriatic Sea. Emperor Frederick II built a massive castle in the city in the 13th century during its highest point of wealth and prosperity.

Next place we visited was Bari with main attractions being Basilica San Nicola, Piazza Mercantile, Teatro Petruzzelli and Piazza del Ferrarese. There we stayed over at Alberobello which is a UNESCO Heritage Site. It was built over a thousand years ago and shows the unique construction of living quarters of its era. These houses were named Trulli homes constructed from limestone. Currently 1,600 of them are still stand-

ing, in very good condition.

Then we came to Lecce located at the heel of the Italian Peninsula with its inception over two thousand years ago. Its famous architecture includes Piazza del Duomo, Roman amphitheater and column of Oronzio. Lecce is home to the university of Salento, being one of the best in South Italy. The city is where US Air Force combat planes flew missions from over the Balkans, Austria, Germany and France during World War II.

Finally, we had been to the magical place and enjoyed a great cultural experience, super romantic walking underground "Castellana grotto" seen huge stalactites and stalagmites. Matera, the best "Sassi", is one of the few cities in the world that preserves evidence of human settlements since the Paleolithic era in its natural caves carved into the rocks. It has been designated by UNESCO as a world historic heritage site. Here people can boast about still living in the same houses of their ancestors from 9,000 years ago.



Photo courtesy by Rosalina Norita

The background of Sassi (caves) in Matera, the third oldest city in the world after Aleppo and Jericho.

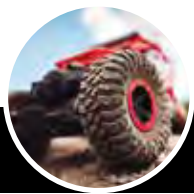


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Dave Johnson, Doug Stansbury, Bob Zangmeister with pan cars

R/C Car Club

John Schoenherr



the up and down movement of the pod and is also used to set the pod's road height. The pod moves freely right and left and up and down.

The most sensitive part of setting up a pan car is the rear differential system. The back tires are assembled onto an axle with several spacers, washers and bearings. The torque on the rear tires is controlled by a spur gear containing ball bearings. A cupped washer controls the tension on the spur gear and differential rings which serves as a slip clutch. By trial and error, the system is tightened on the axle until just the right tension is obtained.

Assembling a pan car requires expert knowledge but once assembled and set up a pan car is easy to drive and is ideal for the inexperienced driver.

The R/C Car Club races every Wednesday and Saturday, at 9 a.m. For more information contact John Schoenherr at 608-477-3420.

May

Traxxas-Mat Corcoran. Two-wheel buggy-Matt Corcoran. Four-wheel buggy-J.D. Taylor. Pan car-Doug Stansbury. Touring-Ron Kaulfersch. Two-wheel truck-Bob Melzer. Four-wheel truck-Bob Melzer. Limited-Terry Altman. 17.5T-Terry Altman. Sportsman-Larry Fryer. Truggy-Neil Sorensen.

Winter Season

Traxxas-Dave Johnson. Two-wheel buggy -Sam Murphy. Four-wheel buggy -Jim Siltman. Pan Car-Dave Johnson. Touring-Terry Altman. Two-wheel truck-Terry Altman. Four-wheel truck -Fred Penichet. Limited-Sheree Johnson. 17.5T-Mike Main. Truggy-Paul Beyer.

Electric pan cars have been on the hobby road racing scene for many years. Tamiya is credited for creating a Porsche 934 electric pan car in 1976. Since then, several manufacturers have been selling both nitro and electric pan cars. Today, the most popular cars are Calandra, Serpent, Roche, and Xray.

Pan cars are popular because they are lightweight, have a low center of gravity, and an aerodynamic body design. This makes the cars fast and easy to drive on road courses. Most pan car courses are indoor carpet, but asphalt outdoor racing is also common. Calandra has recently released its 1811-WGT-200R model built for rubber tires and asphalt racing.

The R/C car hobbyist will find the pan car much different from high performance touring cars. The design of a pan car is very simple. The front and rear tire frames are fixed to the chassis, you won't find any shock absorbers here. Four very small and simple springs attached to the A-frame and resting on the chassis make up the suspension of the front and rear ends. The chassis has two components, the front chassis and the rear pod. The rear pod is unique to car chassis design and is attached by a swivel to the front chassis. A shock controls

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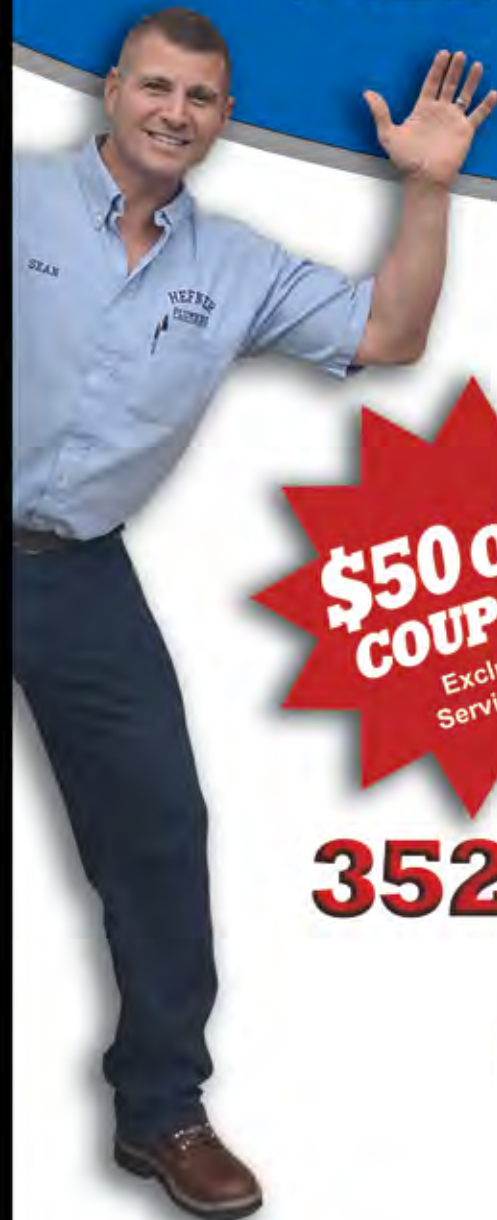
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John Camp training client, Michael Zimmerman.

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Meet John Camp!

John Camp is the new personal trainer at the Arbor Fitness Center. John brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and energy to his personal training role. He has a strong desire to help change people's lives for the better. John has been personal training for over 20 years with a specialization in corrective exercise. I recently had a very insightful discussion with John. Find out what inspires him to help our residents improve their health and wellness.

What was your motivation to become a personal trainer?

John: "Throughout my professional life I was always training for something - triathlons, inline skate racing, and cycling. When I would work out at the gym people would always ask for exercise advice. I realized that I enjoyed helping others with their workouts, so I decided to get my personal training certification."

What reward do you get from personal training older adults?

John: "The greatest reward for me is to open the door for my clients to do things that they didn't think possible. When they report to me that they entered a 5K race or were able to get down on the floor with their grandchildren, it is very gratifying. I have a certification in corrective exercise, which enables

Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Pat Wilbert



"Take me out to the ball field" - the softball field that is. Remember that old tune? Playing softball Co-Ed Recreational Softball makes you feel like a kid again. So much fun and meeting new friends, men and women, who still love the game. I just can't express enough how much we look forward to Saturday mornings.

I would like to send some recognition and kudos to some of our players. First, we must commend Robert Foster for taking care of our equipment and field every week. He also made an amazing catch in the outfield eliminating runs to be scored. Also, another devoted player, Rachel Colclough, is always there to uplift the women. She also participates in batting practices provided by the men's league on Sundays to improve her skills. Where would be without Jeff Thomas? He provides us with water, equipment, if needed, and help in organizing our team charts with everyone's name on magnets to be more organized each Saturday. Thank you so much, Jeff. Kelly and Maria are an amazing couple who co-manage the Co-Ed Recreational Softball league and we so appreciate them.

We could go on and on to recognize everyone, but you know who you are. You enjoy the game just like the best of us. If you are thinking about joining us, we play every Saturday, at 8:30 a.m. during the summer. We stretch and do some warm up exercises so as not to surprise those muscles we haven't used lately. No equipment needed unless you want to get your own later down the line. We also have excellent coaches who help in ideas that you might have a question about.

Come on down as we look forward to meeting new people every week. Remember, "Take me out to the ball field" will stick in your mind and in your heart as you play the game.

Food for thought: We are not here to impress others, only to express our love of the game, in body and heart.

JULY 2024 FITNESS

RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	SPARC DARA	STRONG DENISE	Remix Bootcamp JOHN P.	STRONG CARRI	SPARC CARRI
8:00 am <small>Recreation Ballroom</small>	Zumba® Gold-Toning AMY				Zumba® Gold JOSE
9:00 am	S.O.S. TRISH	Stretch, Flex & Balance DENISE	S.O.S. KITTI	Dance & Sculpt DENISE	S.O.S. TRISH
9:00 am <small>Recreation Ballroom</small>			BEAT LORI		Chair Dance AMY
10:00 am	Balanced Body LARRY	Chair Yoga DARA	Balanced Body KITTI	Chair Yoga DARA	Balanced Body TRISH
10:00 am <small>Recreation Ballroom</small>	Chair Yoga SANDRA		Chair Yoga CARRI		
11:00 am	Chair Dance LORI	Brain Power BP TEAM	Get Fit While You Sit JOE	Move to Improve Parkinson's SUE	Stretch, Flex & Balance CARRI
11:00 am <small>Recreation Ballroom</small>	Zumba® Gold JOSE		Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics LORI
1:00 pm		Chair Chi ART	Punch Out PD POPD COACHES		
3:00 pm	VYP Chair Yoga JOE	Balanced Body SUE	Chair Yoga SCOTT	Balanced Body DIANE	
5:00 pm		Hatha Yoga MAUREN		Yoga SANDRA	

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*Fitness Orientations are on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, and Balance Assessments are on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
These are free but space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7638.

ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Beginner/Intermediate Tai Chi NANCY	Step & Sculpt DARA	Intermediate/Advanced Tai Chi ART	Step & Sculpt DARA	
9:00 am	Yoga SANDRA	Pilates Fusion GIB	Yoga JOE	Pilates Fusion LORI	Yin Yoga MELANIE
10:00 am	STRONG JOHN C.	Yoga SANDRA	STRONG GIB	Yoga LORI	STRONG JOE
11:00 am	Yoga CARRI		Yoga TRISH		
1:00 pm				Fitness Orientation*	

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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7:00 am	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
8:00 am	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
9:00 am	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**
10:00 am	Open Swim	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 pm	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 pm	Open Swim	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**				
3:30 - 8:15pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim

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me to help people who have had over-use injuries, or muscular imbalances in their body. One of the areas I find very

rewarding is to help people when their insurance runs out for physical therapy, but they have not fully recovered. I can bridge the gap between the medical and fitness world."

What advice do you have for the On Top of the World community to help them age optimally?

John: "Keep moving! Even if you face challenges, because we will all face challenges as we age, just do what you can do. In addition to regular physical activity, stay away from processed foods; get lots of protein and plenty of high-quality sleep."

Monday Afternoon Bowling

Johanna Forceno



This is the league for you if you are new to bowling or have been bowling longer than you want to admit! We gather at 2 p.m. on Mondays, at Bowlero West Lanes, Ocala (formerly AMF). The address is 1818 SW 17th Street, Ocala. The league will begin the Monday after Labor Day and runs for 30 weeks. Fun is the focus, though there are cash awards presented at the end of the season.

If you want more information and are interested in joining the league, please contact Johanna Forceno, league secretary/treasurer, at SecTreasurer2023@outlook.com or 352- 216-0264. Look forward to hearing from you!

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R/C Flyers Club

Ray Ihlenburg



Starting off this month with a term all pilots understand: "density altitude" consisting of two components that combine as follows. The higher the altitude, the thinner the air; the warmer the air, the less dense it is. Both altitude and temperature allow air molecules to expand or separate thereby reducing the air density. This in turn, reduces the performance of the aircraft. The altitude part of density altitude does not affect our airplane's performance since we must fly under 400' above the ground. The temperature component might have a tiny impact on model performance, but the air temperature sure reduces the R/C pilot's desire to fly. So, we adjust our "attitude" and continue to fly because it is so darn much fun and because we can! In Ocala, flying R/C airplanes, heli-

copters, and drones is a year-around hobby. The outdoor portion slows in the winter months and the dog days of summer, but during those times there is work in the hanger to get maintenance and repairs accomplished or finish a new aircraft. Many R/C pilots hone their skills with the aid of flight simulator software on their computers.

Last month the R/C Flyers Club hosted the On Top of the World new home sales team to familiarize them with what we do and what a great amenity (read sales point) we have. It was a great success.

This month, we host a Master the Possibilities "Up, Up, and Away! Radio Controlled Airplanes" program on Thursday, July 11, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This is the first-time our club has been a part of the Ageless Adventures series through Master the Possibilities. We are expecting up to 15 adults with children or grandchildren to learn about R/C flying. The long-range weather forecast is favorable for a wonderful morning. There will be a short ground-school followed by some hands-on instruction to

allow the children to experience what we call stick time.

Attention new or visiting drone pilots. On Top of the World has provided a wonderful amenity at the R/C flying field for drones and helicopters. A new or visiting drone pilot is responsible to keep their drone below 400' above the ground, as established by the FAA, and to fly within the boundaries established by the fences and roped off limits established by the R/C Flyers and On Top of the World. These rules and boundaries exist for the safety of the many spectators, the drivers using the R/C car track and the pilots flying from the runway. Therefore, take the time to become familiar with controlling the new drone as many can fly "right out of the box," but will quickly get out of control. Be respectful of anyone who approaches to remind you of these rules.

The closing verse to Bright Yellow Cub, "Bright yellow cub, I crack you up. Let's build another, yeah, let's build another."

Amanda Callahan's fist pump. "I was flying!"

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Dancing Jewels

Linda Meyer



The Dancing Jewels started 10 years ago under the leadership of Laura Schnur, who danced professionally in Maryland and won many awards in her dancing group there. We perform for nursing homes twice a year, the Veterans Club, Patriotic Celebration, Health & Wellness Expo, and the Holiday Fest. We also perform for the Scandinavian American Club, Southern Club, Lydia's Bible Study, and F.B.C. Ladies Group. Two years ago, we performed "Thriller" in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Our dances include Jazz, hula, marches, and a variety of other dances. We always have fun when we are dancing. A dancing heart is a happy heart!

We would love to perform for your group! Please contact Linda Meyer at linda_a_meyer@yahoo.com for more information or if you are interested in booking us for your organization. Our rehearsals are Thursdays, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I if you are interested in joining our fun group!

Weight Loss Group

Laura Gavey



Looking to lose weight and feel better while being supported by neighbors and friends? We have the group for you! The Weight Loss Group gets together once a week to share ideas on weight loss, healthy cooking, exercise, and tips to meet our own personal goals. Follow the food plan that works best for you.

There are two opportunities to meet each week. On Mondays, we meet in the Hobby Building Art Room. Weigh in starts at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5 p.m. Linda Sisco is the leader. On Tuesdays we meet in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. Weigh in begins at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Beth Green is the leader. Visitors are always welcome.

Come and join us for a meeting and see if our group will work for you! For questions and additional details, please email Linda at ljsisco@comcast.net or Beth at tandbgreen220@gmail.com.

**Sidekicks
Western Dance**



Judy Sullivan

It certainly doesn't date back to the days of the cowboys. Line dancing first started in the USA, sometime in the late 1970s to early 1980s. The Cupid Shuffle is one of the easiest line dances for beginners learning how to line dance for the first time. The Tush Push is one of the most popular country line dances and is a 40-count dance that earns its name from its distinctive hip bumps and chachas! If you've been on the dance floor at a country music venue anytime over the last 20 years, you've certainly seen this performed!

Sidekicks Partner Dance will continue to dance during the summer so that we won't forget the steps when September rolls around. For the months of June, July and August we will meet at Indigo East Community Center ballroom as follows:

- Fridays (11 a.m.): Beginner Plus with Judy and Jim is a class for those who are familiar with dance steps, have danced before or who have been in Absolute Beginners.
- Fridays (noon): Absolute Beginners with Judy and Jim goes over all the basic steps to do the easier dances. Once you feel comfortable with the steps and moves, we will begin adding more dances. You will have three months to learn up to 10 dances and prepare you for the new season.

You do not have to have a Gateway of Services pass to participate unless you live in Weybourne Landing. For any questions, please email sidekickspartnerdance@gmail.com.



Photo by Judy Sullivan

Jim and Judy Sullivan.

Ballet

Eugenie Martin



Things often slow down here during the summer months. The weather is very warm, and it is easy to feel lazy. Here at the Ballet Club, we are making plans for changes now and some to come when the autumn arrives.

The first class to bring change is a new member introductory class on Thursdays, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

In addition to new members, this class will be open to all dancers who have been attending the Advanced Beginner class in this time slot. We ask beginners to arrive early so we can enroll you as a member and get your contact information. We also ask for a \$5 signing fee to put in the "kitty" for occasional expenses, such as a new ballet barre.

For new members, I will describe the class. First, we will review the ballet positions, along with the names. Then, we do a series of pre-class stretches. After this, we do a full series of ballet barre exercises, including another stretch at the end. Then, we put away the barres,

and start dancing in the middle of the floor. We learn and practice different steps and routines. When the class ends, we do a short routine ending in a curtsy, which we call the "reverence" - the appreciation of the class.

Below is our full class schedule for the summer. There are some other changes to be noted here:

- Advanced Beginner with Suzanne Scheraga: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Introductory with Eugenie Martin and Susan Shanley: Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- Intermediate with Liz Lieberman: Fridays, noon to 1:15 p.m.
- Intermediate with Suzanne Scheraga: Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The introductory class will be a Beginner/Advanced Beginner class, depending on the experience of the attendees. All newcomers will be asked to start in the introductory class, whether or not they have had ballet before starting with us. For newcomers, ballet clothes are not necessary to start. All you need are stretchy exercise clothes, socks for your feet, and a bottle of water to hydrate yourself. For more information about our classes, please call me, Eugenie Martin, at 352-854-8589. Happy dancing!

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Sara Sommer



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

- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- N/A: Not applicable.
- ND: Not detected; the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l): One part by weight of analyte to one billion parts by weight of the water sample.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): One part by weight of analyte to one million parts by weight of the water sample.
- Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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Contaminant & Unit of Measurement	Date of Sampling (month/year)	MCL Violation (yes/no)	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	02/23	N	2.51	1.45-2.51	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; and erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (ppm)	02/23	N	8.8	5.8-8.8	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion and leaching from soil.
Arsenic (ppb)	02/23	N	0.28	ND-0.28	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass, and electronics production wastes.
Fluoride (ppm)	02/23	N	0.1	ND-0.1	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer, and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm.
Barium (ppm)	02/23	N	0.0092	0.0058-0.0092	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; and erosion of natural deposits.
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS							
Contaminant & Unit of Measurement	Date of Sampling (month/year)	MCL Violation (yes/no)	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Uranium (pCi/L)	02/23	N	1.2	0.6-1.2	0	4	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	02/23	N	3.1	1.9-3.1	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits.
STAGE 2 DISINFECTANT AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS							
For chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. For haloacetic acids (THM), the level detected is the highest RAA, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples collected if the system is monitoring quarterly or is the average of all samples taken during the year if the system monitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of Results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations.							
Contaminant & Unit of Measurement	Date(s) of Sampling (month/year)	MCL Violation (yes/no)	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
HAA5 Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	07/23	N	3.17	ND-3.17	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
THM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	07/23	N	8.38	6.34-8.38	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine (ppm)	01/23-12/23	N	1.85	1.11-1.85	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes.
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Contaminant & Unit of Measurement	Date(s) of Sampling (month/year)	AL Violation (yes/no)	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	07/23	N	1.1	2	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; and leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (ppb)	07/23	N	ND	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, and erosion of

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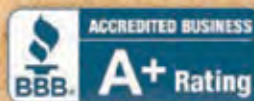
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Memorial Day Tribute - A Huge Success

By Pete Feliciano

Thanks to our residents for assuring the success of the Veterans Club inaugural community-wide charity event, the sponsoring of a Memorial Day Tribute

with Travis Mills on Thursday, May 16. Efforts led by President Charles Calhoun of the Veterans Club, to collaborate with Events Director Gary Pierre of Circle Square Cultural Center, and Marketing Director Ralph Grandizio of WOCA Radio The Source 96.3FM brought to fruition Charlie's vision for a community visit from a recalibrated combat injured war veteran.

The stage was set to prepare a "hometown welcome" for one of five surviving quadruple amputees from our nation's combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan combined. Travis Mills, a former member of the 82nd Airborne Division, now a retired U.S. Army staff sergeant, was coming to our Ocala neighborhood.

And what a welcome it was, beginning with a 50 motorcycle American Legion, Patriot Rider, and sheriff's motorcycle escort leading the Travis party from I-75 to Circle Square Cultural Center. Upon arrival, he was greeted by a 50-foot American flag hoisted by Marion County Fire Rescue, a military flag and rifle honor cordon hosted by the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard, HWY 94 Band playing patriotic music, and a 100-plus person entourage of local resident well-wishers waving American flags and singing along with the band.

The evening affair was hosted by Master of Ceremonies Marion County Commissioner Craig Curry. Not a dry eye in the house was seen as we watched the screening of his documentary "Travis: A Soldier's Story." Afterwards, we were revetted to our seats as we listened to his personal comments and anecdotal stories. The evening was punctuated by the presentation of the key to the City of Ocala by Mayor Ben Marciano, and the reading and presentation of Marion County's Proclamation of Travis Mills Day by Marion County Board of Commissioner Chairwoman Michell Stone.

On behalf of the Veterans Club, we wish to extend our humble thanks to every community member supporting this event as the Travis Mills Foundation benefitted approximately \$12,000 in a combination of ticket proceeds, donations, and merchandise sales.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Pete Feliciano at 972-268-2224 or petefeliciano352@gmail.com.



Photo by Pete Feliciano

Travis Mills was greeted by a 50-foot American flag hoisted by Marion County Fire Rescue.

Look Sharp with the Concert Chorus

By Joanne Houston

We are excited to begin preparations for our December concert called "A Holiday to Remember." The performance will take place at 3 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15. The music will be a mix of traditions and high energy full of

memories of holidays through the years. Membership is open to residents with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. We rehearse each Tuesday, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. Our membership of 65 includes so-

pranos, altos, tenors, and basses. Currently, there are 20 men singing in our tenor and bass section; so, don't be shy to join us!

Reading music is helpful but not required; and there are no auditions to sing with us.

The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, Sept. 10. Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. to register, pay your \$20 membership fee, and pick up your music.

The June edition of the Neighbors Magazine had a feature article about the Concert Chorus; so, check out who we are and what our last concert was all

about!

We are excited to get back to singing and welcome everyone to join the Concert Chorus. A team of four directors works in different areas to help produce the show: Joanne Houston, Cheryl Richardson, Peggy Bumatay, and Randy Schmid.

If you'd like any further information please contact, Debbie Smith, president, at deboraasmith@gmail.com or Joanne Houston, director, at joanne.houston57@gmail.com.



Photo by Julie Bartoli

The Concert Chorus at their spring program.

Recreation

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p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. Music by Dan Flok. This event is free to residents and \$5 for guests. Bring your own beverage and snacks. See you there!

Music at the Pavilion

Enjoy some great music at the pool and pavilion area at the Recreation Center from 1 to 4 p.m. This is free for residents. The schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, July 6: Crystal Vision
- Friday, July 12: Paul DeRitter
- Saturday, July 20: Cherokee (Solo)
- Friday, July 26: Tony Machicote
- Sunday, July 28: Bill Billotti

Happy Hour

Happy Hour takes place every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. A cash bar is always standing by for your beverage needs. Enjoy the music, dancing, and The Pub. Resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour and anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest. Guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted into Happy Hour. Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- July 5: 4 For the Road
- July 12: Crossfire
- July 19: Bootleggers
- July 26: Tim Hargis

Tropic Trivia*

Tropic Trivia is a blast every first Thursday of the month in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m. Trivia tickets for every month up through December are now on sale.

Since trivia is so popular at the Recreation Center, we are now offering a second night in case you missed getting a table or you want more of it. Bring some friends, make a team of eight and have some fun with Doug on Thursday, July 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Recreation Center Ballroom.

The cost is \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest. Tickets for trivia go on sale Tuesday, July 2.

Karaoke

Karaoke is always fun! Join us every second Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free to residents and \$5 for guests accompanied by a resident.

Shred Express LLC

Shredding services will be on site for a document shredding event on Friday, July 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center parking lot. Cost for this service is \$6 per cubic foot (or one standard storage sized box).

Get Acquainted Coffee*

Join us on Thursday, July 25, at 9:30 a.m. for light refreshments, a brief presentation of amenities and services available, and afterwards a short walking tour around the surrounding grounds and buildings.

Room Booking Meeting

This meeting is required for booking applicants who want to reserve a room for 2025. The presentation will give you all you need to know about room bookings. Do not miss this meeting on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Booking applications will be accepted starting on this date as well. Approval for those applications will be pending.

**To register, visit the Recreation Center Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Payment is required at the time of registration. Resident IDs or Gateway of Services passes must be presented at all events and when purchasing tickets. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. All trip reservations need to be made in person only.*

The Lodge at Candler Hills

Defensive Driving Class*

The Colen Built Development safety team is conducting a defensive driving class on Wednesday, July 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. This is free to all residents.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on the following days:

- Friday, July 5: Groove 41
- Saturday, July 20: MPiRE
- Friday, July 26: The Joes

Bring your own beverages and snacks. This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident. Children under the age of 15 are not allowed.

Social Night

Join us for some easy music and light appetizers, while they last, on Tuesday, July 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. with Long White

Cloud. Bring your own beverage. This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Sing your heart out! You'll feel right at home singing with your neighbors to cheer you on. Enjoy the fun on Thursday, July 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. with Charlie and Kathy Petrosky. This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident.

**To register, visit The Lodge at Candler Hills office Sunday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Payment is required at the 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 registered event.*

Indigo East

Trivia*

Ready for a little friendly competition with your neighbors and friends at trivia night? Trivia will take place Monday, July 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Bring your favorite snacks and beverages to share with your team. Cost is \$3 per resident and \$8 per guest.

Happy Hour

Come and join us for a good time, and great dance music, with your friends and neighbors from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest. Bring your favorite cocktails and snacks. The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- July 5: Palomino Blonde
- July 12: Dave and Kenny
- July 19: Crossfire
- July 26: Rock Solid

Pool Party

Have some fun in the sun with poolside entertainment by Kurtis May on Monday, July 8, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Indigo East Fitness Center. Bring your snacks and favorite drinks. Please note no glass bottles are allowed in the pool area. This event is weather permitting.

Music Bingo*

Music bingo with Wendy Petersen takes place on Monday, July 15, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. There will be six rounds at \$1 each. This money goes into the pot and the winner of each round wins the pot. You can buy more than one bingo card if you choose. This event is \$3 per resident and \$8 per guest.

Karaoke

Sing your heart out! Enjoy the fun with DJ Frank Thursday, July 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest.

Italian Night

We're excited to announce that Sal and The Gal will be providing entertainment at our Italian Night potluck on Tuesday, July 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Join us for great food and live music! This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest.

**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 times and are required when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.*

The Landing

Music by the Pool

Have some fun in the sun with poolside entertainment from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, with Tim Hargis and on Sunday, July 14, with Fred Campbell. Bring your snacks and your favorite drinks. Please note no glass bottles are allowed in the pool area.

Music Bingo*

Monthly music bingo is a hit with Wendy Petersen. Join the fun on Monday, July 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the ballroom. There will be six rounds at \$1 per round. The money goes into the pot and the winner of each round wins the pot. You can buy more than one bingo card if you choose. Tuesday, July 9 is the sign-up day for music bingo. Space is limited to the first 120 people. This event is \$3 per resident and \$5 for non-resident.

Happy Hour

Come join us for a night of dancing and socializing with your friends and neighbors on Thursday, July 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. Shift N' Gears is the entertainment for the evening. Bring your own beverage and table snacks. This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident.

**To register, visit The Landing office Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident ID must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by a Weybourne Landing resident.*



BUS SCHEDULE
Monday - Thursday

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

MORNING DESTINATIONS

Freedom Library (Tues/Thurs only)	Ollie's
Jasmine Square	Paddock Mall
VA Hospital	Walmart
Dillard's/Kohl's	Target
Sam's Club	Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center
Home Depot	Gaitway Plaza

Arrival and pick-up times for morning destinations will vary according to the number of passengers. The bus driver will announce the pick-up time at each destination for that day.

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

AFTERNOON ROUTE PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES

The Lodge at Candler Hills	1:15 p.m.	Candler Hills Community Center	1:20 p.m.
Friendship Colony Post Office	1:25 p.m.	Providence Post Office	1:28 p.m.
Avalon Post Office	1:33 p.m.	Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m.
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m.	Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m.
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.		

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS

Friendship Center	Bravo Supermarket
Publix	Big Lots
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ALDI/Lowe's	Walmart

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**Please arrive about 5-10 minutes earlier, as all times are approximate.*

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ShutterBugs Photography

Kathi Simens



Photo by ShutterBug Luis Cruz

Mount Hood in Portland, Oregon.

Our club has been growing lately and we believe it's because of our president. Harry Boyajian became president of the ShutterBugs Photography Club in January 2022. He instituted our current schedule of meeting three times each month - for a photography field trip, show and tell (so we can show our photos and explain what enhancements we made), and for an educational meeting.

Harry has been a photographer for as long as he can remember, starting out years ago with a Brownie camera. Each time he accepted a new job, whether in sales, working on computers or playing in a swing band, he was drawn back into the world of photography. Even when he was in the Navy picking up the astronauts when they landed back on earth, he managed to find work in a dark room.

When he couldn't resist the photography bug any longer, Harry and his wife opened a studio which was eventually equipped with its own color darkroom. According to Harry, his wife did all the hard work of assembling albums, retouching photos, etc. He estimates that he has photographed over 3,500 wed-

dings.

Harry's favorite place to photograph is Maine where he says there is always something great to photograph. He says a photographer needs to be able to move around when making photographs. He believes that it doesn't matter if you are using your phone or a \$5,000 camera, it's who is behind the camera that counts. We are lucky to have Harry as

the leader of our club!

This month, the photos on display in the lobby of Master the Possibilities are by Luis Cruz. Please stop in and look! Luis was a professional photographer for many years. He considers his favorite type of photographs to be "environmental photography" because whether it's inside or outdoors, Luis believes a person with a good perception of their environment can take a good photo.

If you missed seeing our photo display, you can still view our photo galleries at otowspc.com.

Want to learn more about photography? ShutterBugs President Harry Boyajian continues to facilitate our sharing of

photography tips to improve our skills in camera use and editing. Our club motto is those who don't know should ask, and those who do know should be willing to show and tell.

We generally meet for field trips the first week of each month (suspended for summer but we have some great trips planned for fall), show-n-tell the third Tuesday, and an educational class the fourth Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information contact Harry at 239-336-4804.

"If it excites me, there's a good chance it will make a good photograph." - Ansel Adams

Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Loehr



On Thursday, June 6, Kathy Savini offered us several cards using up some of our many, many scraps. One card had a starburst look using triangles of various solid and print papers. The other card used multi-colored strips to create a striped pattern. Both were excellent cards to use up our scraps that we can't bear to throw away!

We thank Kathy for finding these great cards on Pinterest. A bonus is that each card can be used for different occasions just by changing the sentiment!

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 Connie Press 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 Connie Press at connie.rubberstampclub@gmail.com. You can also find the information for each class on our Facebook page. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft.

Until then, keep on stampin'!

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\$ 34.99*

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Remove and Replace Front Brake Pads , Install Ceramic Pads, Turn Rotors If Needed , Inspect All Hardware and Components:

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Tire Rotation

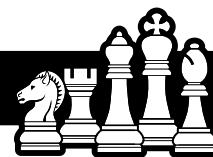
Rotate Tires, Inspect for Abnormal Wear, Reset T.P.M.S systems.

\$ 9.99*

Must present coupon at time of write up. Not valid with any other coupons or discounts see facility for details. Most cars and light trucks.



CARDS & GAMES



Bingo



Nancy Grabowski

For more information, including how to become a volunteer, contact Carl Folkers or Nancy Grabowski.

Bridge



Take a break from your Fourth of July party preparations and join us on Wednesday, July 3, for bingo! The Recreation Center Ballroom will be a cool oasis for some pre-party fun and relaxation!

There will be little deviation in our modus operandi. We will play 18 regular games, a cover-all minus one, and the grand finale jackpot coverall! You will need playing cards which cost \$1 each but no daubers or tokens because the cards are equipped with sliders.

Cards are sold from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. You must present your valid resident ID before purchasing your cards. Guests are permitted when they are accompanied by a resident and signed in properly.

To add to the excitement, we will have a 70/30 raffle. Tickets can be purchased from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The cost of tickets is three for \$1 or 10 for \$5. Winners receive \$20 when their lucky number is pulled.

Players may bring snacks from home or purchase food at The Pub. However, Florida law requires that alcohol be consumed in The Pub or on the patio; none is allowed in the ballroom during bingo. Guests must be a minimum of 18 years; those younger are not permitted to play or remain to watch.

For new players, the giant board is prominently displayed on the stage. The last number called flashes until the next one is called; any called numbers remain lighted through that game and a handy reference picture is viewed on the board, too. After bingo is called, our runners verify the card. If you are uncertain about yours, let the runners check it for you to avoid missing a payout.

Bingo is played every Wednesday until Nov. 20. Before we take a break for the month of December, we will play super bingo on Nov. 20. The prize money runs from \$75 to \$250 but more on that as the date nears.

Monday Afternoon
By Carol Johnson & Rik Saffol

May 6

1: Maureen & Drew Brehm; 2: Jack Heller & Steve Sekac; 3: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson; 4: Carolyn Higgins & C.J. Daane.

May 13

1: Phyllis Silverman & Rad D; 2: Dean Samuels & Jeff Bell; 3:C.J. Daane & Carolyn Higgins; 4: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; Grand slam: Phyllis Silverman & Rad D.

May 20

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick; 3: Billie Anderson & Mary Bloch; 4: Donna Peters & Rad D.

May 27

1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Marlene Floeckher & Susan Theusch; 3: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 4: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson.

June 3

1: C.J. Daane & Carolyn Higgins; 2: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 3: Phyllis Silverman & Rik Saffol; 4: Rad D & Donna Peters.

Tuesday Night Duplicate
By Bob Kraus

Play begins at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II. Please arrive by 5:50 p.m. to sign in and allow us to set up the best game, Mitchell or Howell, appropriate for the number of players. Bring your partner and \$0.50 per person.

The boards are scored after the game and the results emailed to the group within a few days.

You can also play occasionally as a substitute. Contact us and we'll put you on our list. For more information, you

can contact Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525.

May 14

North/South

1: Sharon Miller & Arlene Loepp; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan.

East/West

1: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 2: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 3: Don Giedemann & Judy Selund.

May 21

North/South

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Dan Lack & Paul Agarwal; 3: Drew Brehm & Maureen Brehm.

East/West

Tied at 1: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen and Bill Ryan & Linda Ryan; 3: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp.

May 28

1: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 4: Dan Hall & Brent Powell; 5: Drew Brehm & Maureen Brehm.

June 4

North/South

1: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace; 2: Brian Lomasky & Drew Brehm; 3: Dan Hall & Brent Powell.

East/West

1: Bob Kraus & Virginia Collins; Tied at 2: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen and Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan.

June 11

1: Bob Kraus & Virginia Collins; 2: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 3: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 4: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 5: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller.

Wednesday Afternoon
By Dianne Robinson

May 1

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Bob Durst; 3: Art Johannes; 4: Billie Andersen; Cons: Joan Keinath.

May 8

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Steve Sekac; 3: Phyllis Silverman; 4: Art Johannes; Cons: Joan Keinath.

May 15

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Shirley Stolly.

May 22

1: Art Johannes; 2: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

May 29

1: Mike Meirick; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Craig Ford; 4: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Joan Keinath.

Thursday Afternoon
By Marlene Floeckher

May 2

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Billie Andersen; 3: Debbie Quinn; 4: Rik Saffol; Cons: Mike Meirick.

May 9

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Phyllis Silverman; 3: Judy Mackowiak; Cons: Al Kremer.

May 16

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Billie Andersen; 3: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

May 23

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Mary Bloch; Cons: Pat Quinn.

May 30

1: Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Steve Sekac.

Bunco Babes Social Group



Michelle Malsch

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, July 23. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. You do not have to call to register. You need only show up. You may bring a guest. The room is set up for 48 players. Please make sure you arrive on time to reserve your spot. It will be first come, first served. Always check the World News for the latest updates for our

group.

Although our name is "Bunco Babes," we have a few husbands who attend as well. If you enjoy the game, don't be afraid to be a "bunco dude."

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 always welcome. The rules are simple and will be explained before the start of play.

The cost is \$3 per person (please try to have exact change) 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.

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

Cribbage



Judy Parisi

We will be on summer hiatus until the fall. As we have snowbirds and those who are traveling during the summer months, we may be under the requisite number for our room; therefore, we have not booked it for July, August, and early September. However, we will resume play in the fall. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer. Stay cool!

Euchre



Friday Night

By Mary Bloch

With the summer heating up, a fun, cool, relaxed evening of euchre is just what you need to chill out. Come on up to the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room at 6 p.m. and join us. Bring a few dimes and prepare to have a fun evening. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bloch at 614-806-6737 or mary.bloch@yahoo.com.

May 3

1: Scott Bloch; 2: Jim Brogan; 3: Sande Caton.

May 10

1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: Karen Jacob; 3: Jim Wells.

May 17

1: Bob Krause; 2: Angela Brady; Tie at 3: Phyllis Jarskey & Dan Brady.

May 24

Tie at 1: Karen Jacob & Judy Lynch; 2: Angela Brady; 3: Jim Wells.

May 30

1: Scott Bloch; Tie at 2: Jean Gillette & Danny Dean; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

Mah Jongg



Thursday Afternoon
By Angela Brady

This weekly game of American mah jongg is open to all eligible residents. All skill levels are welcome. While the game will not be taught during this time, players are willing to help beginners. The games begin at 1 pm, every Thursday, in Arbor Activity Center Card Room II. Please arrive a few minutes early as we will draw chips for table assignments. After three or four games, we will switch tables so we can make new friends and change up the game play. Come join us for a couple hours of fun.

For more information, please contact Angela Brady at 407-403-0861 or agbrady@peoplepc.com. Jokers to ya!

Afternoon 2025

By Joan Castellucci

A new mah jongg game is in the works for 2025. If you're an established player, play according to the National Mah Jongg League rules, and would like to play American mah jongg one afternoon a month, we'll be handing in the necessary paperwork this summer for an adequate room, satisfactory for the number of players we'll have. Call Joan at 352-304-2149 for more information.

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Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride



The weekly Artistic Crafts and Gifts group's Tuesday Crafts Show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is currently taking a summer break, and will come back again on September 3 for the next season.

Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of our very talented crafters and artisans. The group started back in the early 1990s, and the show has grown from seven crafters to over fifty on Tuesday, with even more online for their visual presence.

Making a shout out for people just moving here who might have brought a room full of craft items, and are needing a venue to sell them. We are seeing many talented new residents, and would like to give them the opportunity to have a listing on our website right now.

Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky



Very often people tell me that they would like to sing but they would need to practice. Years ago, we had home karaoke machines and discs for practice.

Using the lyrics version is helpful for learning the song's melody. That version has the words on the screen and the singer singing.

For fun I just Googled July songs. There was a page giving 30 songs for the Fourth of July, I would guess Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" is a favorite.

We are continuing to highlight our singers. This month Diane Gurbisz had this to share with you.

"I joined Kathy and Charlie's karaoke over five years ago. I had never sung karaoke before, so I asked Kathy to sing with me. I was quite nervous.

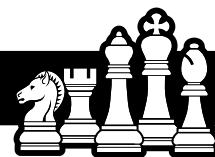


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Diane Gurbisz.



CARDS & GAMES



Pinochle



Monday Night, Tuesday Night & Friday Morning By Herb Katz

Yes, pinochle is alive and well. Even if you haven't played it in skaddy-eight years, you can pick it up quickly.

It's amazing to see the wide variety of items produced, and usually summer is our time to refresh our stock and retool to make different ideas come to light.

If you have your own artistic endeavor or you wish to sell, please contact us through our website ArtisticCrafts.org

been helpful too. Karaoke nights have become very relaxing and enjoyable gatherings. So come check out Karaoke Friends.

Karaoke Friends meet in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room on the first and third Mondays of the month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Night By Herb Katz

May 7 1: Judy Wagnitz; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Bud Alderman.

May 14 1: Larry Black; 2: Bud Alderman; 3: Judy Black.

May 21 1: Robert Moravec; 2: Jackie Nuccio; 3: Larry Black.

May 28 1: Larry Black; 2: Bud Alderman; 3: Bruce Gillett.

Friday Morning By Mary Hannon

May 17 1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Ilene Casper; Tie at 3: Edna Frye & Cheryl Adams.

May 24 1: Mary Hannon; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Debbie Martello.

May 31 1: Mary Hannon; 2: Bob Moravec; 3: Judy Black.

June 7 Tie at 1: Phyllis Jarskey & Jim Magoon; 2: Jackie Nuccio; 3: Ilene Casper.

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Paradise Players



Dexter Vance

for. We just finished our "Platinum Gals Las Vegas Adventure." The three shows were a huge success, and the audiences were awesome! The Woodshop Club built such a realistic stage that it was just like being in the Platinum Gals living room and watching all their hilarious antics.

Act one, scene one was just a normal day in the life of "Out of This World" with some friends, family and neighbors dropping by, a poor cat that had a terrible accident, some Zumba®, and last but not least Sophia's award-winning limeade; was it spiked? The Gals hit a cord on everything comical about living

also appointed to head publicity, tickets, programs, and events.

Eager to introduce all residents to this exciting and dynamic group, there will be an open house on Sunday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. There is a great need for new faces, thinking, and talent. There are many opportunities for not only folks who can act, sing and dance, but those who can create sets, make costumes, help with sound and lighting, publicity, ticket sales ... the list is endless.

Please join us at the open house. Become a thespian or a back of the house crew member. Come and meet the officers and members of this talented group, whose efforts have been delighting audiences for many years.

The program for the new season will be decided at the next board meeting. Be with us as we throw open the doors of the Broadway Playhouse in September.

in an over 55 community. No stone was left unturned and provided outbursts of laughter from the audiences.

Scene two gave the gals a shock when a man who had a little too much "medicine" mistook their house for his own. Let's just say he likes to sleep in the raw. Prior to the police arriving they all headed out for the airport to make their trip to Vegas.

Act two, scene one was everyone's worst nightmare, going through TSA airport screening. While there was laughter at each line, everyone could relate to the ridiculous things people do at the airport.

After finally arriving in Las Vegas the gals watched what could only be described as the show of the century. The unbelievable talent of the On Top of the World singers and dancers delivered high quality entertainment to the audiences at every turn. With spectacular Vegas dancers, professional singers whose voices delivered romantic and upbeat tunes. A piano solo, a waltz, a

Phyllis Diller impersonator and no Vegas show can be complete without the King making an appearance. The Elvis Presley impersonator looked, sounded, and played the part of Elvis in a way that transported the audience to the Vegas strip and the best shows in the world.

If you were unable to make one of the shows, you missed a great time, great laughs, and live entertainment that delighted all those who attended.

If you want to learn by participating in theater and develop communication, collaboration, creativity and confidence in yourself then we are your ticket. We also provide instruction on stage basics and movement, technical theater, acting along with voice and stage dance opportunities.

Please join us in our next club meeting on Wednesday, July 10, at 3:15 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I to learn more.

Contact Lee Smith for questions or additional information at otowparadiseplayers@gmail.com.

Broadway Playhouse



Elaine Morrison

Plans are starting for the new season. The past president had been lured to brighter lights in a larger venue, so new officers are stepping in. It was inevitable that there be a name change as well. So, the board of directors took the leap and renamed the Original Theatre Group to Broadway Playhouse. Everyone said the name a few times. It was good. It was perfect.

The new officers are Carole Beauchamp, president; Dave Wesenberg, vice president; Sharon Voith, secretary; Russ Kaye, treasurer, and members at large, Tom Mansfield and Jane Bennett-Bailey. Standing committee chairs were



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Merrilyn Ramsey, Merilyn Leeds, Kristen Millet, Denise Gatchell, Jodylyne Rowswell, Liz Elliott, and Michell Marchand.

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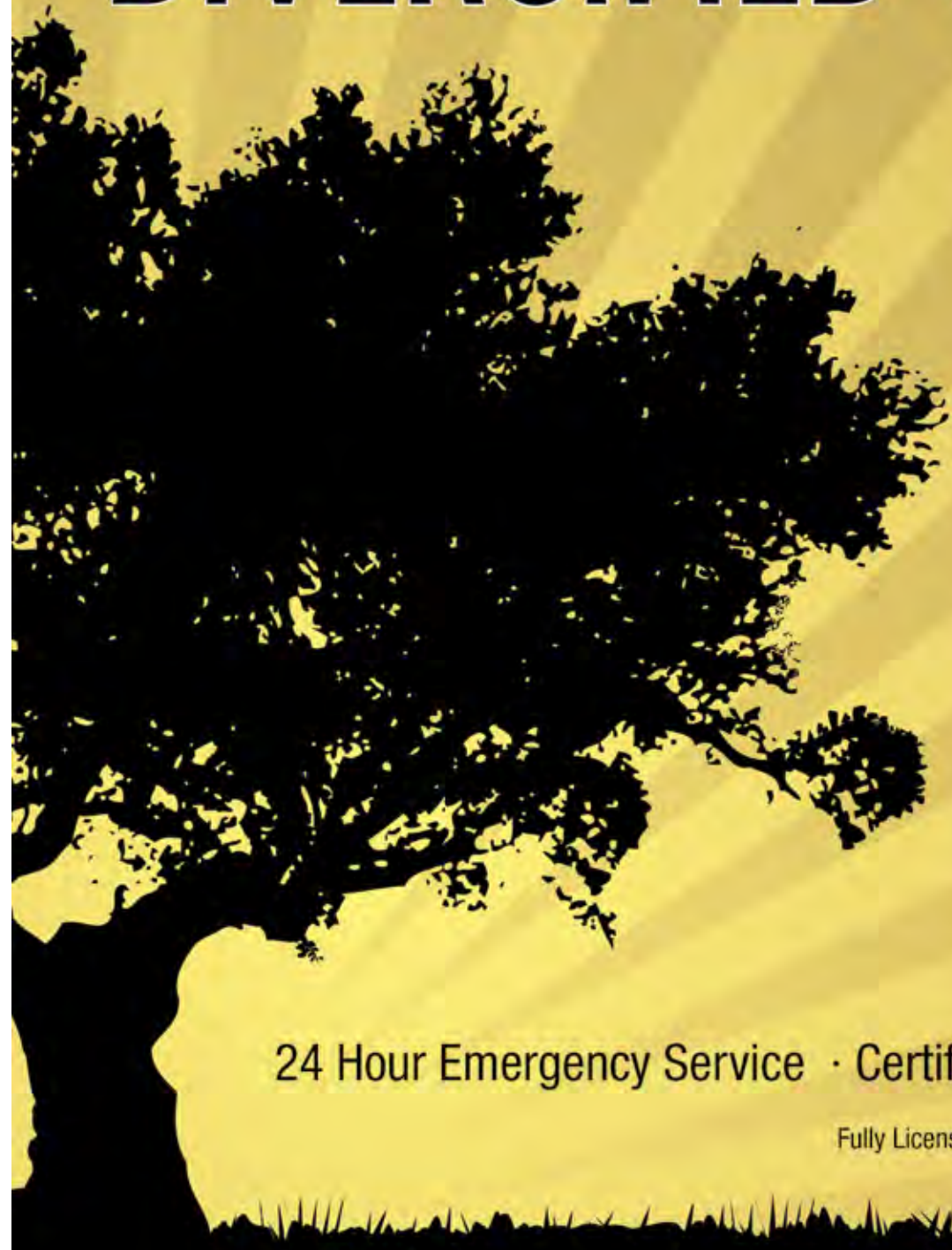


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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



“Happy birthday, America!” Yes, July rolls in with its iconic patriotic flare. Celebrations of our country’s birth are held across the USA. This is a time-honored tradition from the smallest village to the largest city, a salute to our freedom.

We pause, not only to celebrate our freedom, but those who made it possible through their sacrifices. We honor those who defend our country today, too. Speeches will ring out, Blue Angels will thunder overhead, music will fill the air, and fireworks will light the night skies.

The New Pretenders join in with these ideals at the close of every performance. Patriotic songs are a ritual that often brings our audiences to their feet, recognizing our love of this country.

“America, the Beautiful,” “God Bless America,” “God Bless the USA,” and “This Land is Your Land” are among those we have chosen over the years. One of our favorites is a medley that salutes each of the military branches!

“God Bless America” was written by Irving Berlin while he was serving in the U.S. Army during World War I. He later revised the song as the threat of World

War II loomed over our country. This later version was recorded repeatedly, most notably, by Kate Smith. The song remains one of the most popular icons of our nation.

One of The New Pretenders favorite closers is “God Bless the U.S.A.,” written by Lee Greenwood in 1984. The popularity of this song was stronger than ever after the Sept. 11 attacks and has sold over a million copies. Greenwood chose four cities to represent the four corners of the United States. It remains a testament to the freedoms we enjoy in our country.

Our audiences can look forward to another patriotic closing when we perform our newest offering, “Get on Your Feet!” in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This show will be offered on Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, at 7 p.m. and finally on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Reserved tickets are \$12 and general admission tickets are \$10. They will be sold throughout the month of January in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. None will be sold at the door.

The New Pretenders will be at the September Club Fair where we hope to meet you and tell you about our group which has been around since 1991. Or contact any current member or Nancy Grabowski, director, at 352-209-4699 for more information.



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Phyllis Pastore, Larry Domnitz, Fran Allen, Gloria Emmons, and Tom Miller.

Drum Circle

J. Ashi Olshan



Drum what you feel. You don’t have to be an experienced (hand) drummer to drum out whatever energy wants to be discharged in some creative, productive way – while enjoying the natural highs of drumming in a circle of 15 to 20-plus new friends.

When we lifted the ban on interior gatherings back in 2021, Ruth Greenfield, like many of us, had pent up stress just dying to be expelled in some positive, relaxing way. So, she started her coed Drum Circle Club, still going strong after three years, with surprisingly more women than men.

If you have not drummed before, then start out by playing along softly – letting your volume build as the contagious syncopated rhythm in the room fills your bones and transports that energy to your fingers. Everyone has rhythm inherently embedded in their DNA, just needing a little push to let it confidently flow out – naturally. In fact, drumming was the original music, dating back to the beginning of mankind, and still joyfully practiced for fun and relaxation – and as rituals in many tribes – around the world.

One hand or two, it’s up to you, no one is keeping score. And if you don’t yet own a pair of bongos, a djembe, a conga drum, tambourine, or maraca – to keep the beat, we have all kinds of extra drums and percussion instruments to give you a taste and get you started.

The Drum Circle Club is still being offered for free - no club dues - on the second Thursday of each month, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Come check it out, you might just be surprised by your inner drummer, as you turn off your mind for an hour of relaxing drumming meditation. Ruth Greenfield can be contacted at 201-887-5547.

AcaBella

Celeste Crosse



A new women’s a cappella singing ensemble began meeting in May. Named AcaBella, the talented group of residents meets weekly to sing a variety of music in four-part harmony in the barbershop style. Candler Hills resident Holly St. John, who has been involved in Sweet Adelines for many years, conceived and leads the ensemble.

Barbershop singing is a challenging and satisfying form of vocal ensemble. The inimitable harmony style creates a whole that is somehow greater than the sum of its four parts – an overtone vibration, a resonant ring, a different sound than any one note being sung by any one singer. This vocal blend produces an experience that is unique to four-part barbershop harmonies.

AcaBella is actively recruiting new members! Ladies who love to sing are invited to attend rehearsals on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Members are not required to have performance experience or know how to read music but should be able to learn their voice part and sing in harmony. For more information, contact Holly at agreatsound@gmail.com.

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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



dents. We meet on Mondays, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda, or penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late, or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering, and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

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

At the end of April, Lynn Burdick, volunteer coordinator for Hospice of Marion County visited and spoke to the Happy Hookers. Our club regularly donates blankets to Hospice patients. As of the end of April, over 70 blankets had been donated. Lynn serves as a focal point for these donations. In addition to her thanks for our work, she also shared that the ideal size for a blanket is a 36-to-40-inch square. This allows for the blanket to be tucked in and yet cover any patient in a wheelchair. Blankets can be dropped off on Mondays at our regular 1 to 3 p.m. meeting. Our donation coordinator, Ann Gallo, is the contact person. The need is great as Hospice currently has about 500 patients in their care. Happy Hookers is open to all resi-



Lynn Burdick with some of the donated blankets.

Photo by Ann Gallo

Sewing Bees

Ann Gallo



It's Christmas in July here at the hive. We dug out the Christmas fabrics and started prepping quilts for distribution in November.

We also stuff 90-plus stockings for pre-school through early teens. If you would like to assist us in stuffing these stockings, we will be needing crayons, colored pencils, play dough, small match box types of cars, girls hair pieces or anything appropriate to go in a stocking. Please no candy or snack foods.

The Sewing Bees would like to thank Marsha Schmeer for her dedicated service to the club. Marsha was vice president for several years and for the last year and a half president. Marsha was the driving force behind the Sewing Bees obtaining 501(c)(3) non-profit status in 2023. She helped grow our group by always looking for more agencies that assist disadvantaged children in Marion County. Our quilts are in high demand by many agencies because of the quality and age-appropriate prints. Last year, we set a record by distributing 839 quilts. Thank you, Marsha, for your

service to the Sewing Bees.

We would like to welcome Ann Gallo as the new president and Susie Clauson as the new vice president. Our remaining board members are Ann Marie Fedele as secretary and Rolanda Jacobovitz as treasurer.

Did you know? "Quilt" is derived from the Latin word culcita, which means "stuffed sack."

Too hot outside? Come join us in a nice, air-conditioned room. Stop by and see our program in action. We meet every Thursday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. We also meet the second and third Saturdays of the month from noon to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room.

Can't sew? No problem. We have many tasks that are essential to our program. We have sewing machines available to use or bring your own.

Come meet an amazing and talented group of ladies and gentlemen. Dues are \$15 for the year.

We are always in need of children's themed cotton or flannel fabric.

Join our page on Facebook (Sewing Bees Club Inc.) and see what magic takes place at the hive. Stay up to date on what we are working on and what our current needs are.

Questions? Call or text Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 or Susie Clauson 904-422-5135.



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Susie Clauson dressing up our quilts with appliques she makes.

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Tesla Owners & Enthusiasts Club

Dan Lack



The Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room II. Our club invites Tesla owners as well as those who are interested in learning about these amazing vehicles. Our meetings are devoted to discussions about our cars and answering questions. Occasionally there are guest speakers.

At a recent meeting, we discussed the false rumors. A common misconception is that the tires on Tesla's last only 7,000

miles before they must be replaced.

It is true that the tire tread can be affected by the weight of the battery and the torque that the tires experience when we use regenerative braking. This unique feature of Tesla allows the vehicle to slow down and stop simply by taking the foot off the accelerator. The kinetic energy is converted to electric energy that helps to charge the battery. This increases the lifetime of the brakes which are hardly used.

Rotating the tires between front and back every 6,000 to 7,000 miles helps to even out the tread wear. I have 26,000 miles on my Tesla Model 3 original tires and a recent visit to a tire store confirmed that the tires are still in good shape.

So, the moral of this story is, "Don't believe everything that you hear!"

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Sunshine Quilters Guild

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Sunshine Quilt Guild members at Quilted Twins in Dade City, Florida.

one or more grand prizes awarded, as well as prizes awarded by each individual shop.

While the possibility of winning prizes is nice, the opportunity to explore new quilt shops and discover beautiful fabrics, new quilting tools, and quilt patterns is a wonderful reason to par-

ticipate in a quilt shop hop. There is a great sense of accomplishment that accompanies completing your passport, as well as pleasant memories of your time shared with like-minded quilters. And of course, the happiness that comes from buying more magnificent fabric to add to one's collection cannot be understated!

We had a great time on our shop hop and are eagerly looking forward to our next "road trip."

The Central Florida Pattern Palooza Shop Hop will take place July 19 through Aug. 3 and will include seven shops. Perhaps you will see some of us there!

View from the Library

Walt Lamp



Wilbur to fly himself. With no college education, formal training, friends in high places, financial backers, or government subsidies, with real danger to life, together they put together a plan.

Looking for an ideal place to fly their glider, research was done, and Kitty Hawk, North Carolina was the chosen spot. It was isolated with sandy beaches and mounds, a good climate, and winds averaging 10 to 20 miles per hour. So, Kitty Hawk, some 700 miles from home, was chosen to be the testing site. On Sept. 13, 1900, Wilbur arrived on the Outer Banks and despite some weather setbacks, he started with changes on the glider, waiting for Orville to arrive. Orville finally arrived and they started to attempt to fly.

Living and working in Dayton, Ohio was a place for inventions! According to the United States Patent Office, Dayton ranked first in the creation of new products.

The first flying attempt was blown away by a strong wind and the glider had to be repaired. Then, Wilbur made one flight and then another, recording flights of 300 to 400 feet and speeds of 30 miles an hour. They returned to Dayton

for a rest and to check on their bicycle shop. They hired Charlie Taylor, along with Katherine, to help in the shop

On July 17, 1901, they returned to Kitty Hawk, a swarm of mosquitoes hindered progress. First failure, then success with the glider soaring through the air. They soon returned home on Aug. 20.

Returning to Kitty Hawk, the flights on Dec. 13, 1903 were successful with the

last one being the best. A piloted air machine took off under its own power and into the air in full flight and this is the day we celebrate - Dec. 17, 1903 - and we haven't stopped flying since. It's been estimated the cost for the brothers, from 1900 to 1903, including materials and travel came to or less than \$1,000. All paid from the bicycle shop. How's that for invention?

We Be Jammin'

J. Ashi Olshan



On Tuesday, June 4, we launched our first club night, and it was awesome. Though scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m., every first and third Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room, we left at 9:15 p.m. All very enthusiastic about our newborn group and its potential.

Since, I always say, "I am never as right as we are." We concluded acoustic

guitars only, not high-powered electric. We also need a good electric or acoustic bass player. With a nice piano in the room, we could use someone whose fingers know how to dance across those black and white keys for rock, blues, jazz, country, etc.

"The life I love is making music with my friends." - Willie Nelson

It's great to jam with new friends, so if you play anything from maracas to keyboard, come join our bi-weekly music jam. Amateur or professional, we can find a way of including your musical desires and talents in some way to satisfy us all. There are no dues. To join, call or text Ashi at 707-280-3823 or email info@ashiarts.us prior to showing up.

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Dulcimer Club

Sharon Bruno



ent due to their wood and shape. And she also enjoys her baritone dulcimer which is in a lower key. Having dulcimers with a range of sounds is important when the club plays multi-part musical arrangements. We are thankful for her expertise and that she always has several dulcimers ready to play the melody, harmony, or bass. This year Susan recently added to her responsibilities and volunteers her expertise as the club's intermediate level instructor, helping the members who have graduated the beginner's instruction with Rich Furlough.

Judy Hague is "the fiddler" for the last seven years. She always has a solo, or sounds like it, due to the upper octave range of her soprano fiddle. And we are so delighted to showcase her heartfelt and skillful playing. Judy says she has been playing the fiddle her entire life. She became interested when she was only nine years old, and incredibly just started playing during a casual school summer music program. She also was awarded second place in a statewide fiddle contest. She currently enjoys playing Irish and Celtic tunes. We are all inspired by her amazing ability and give our full attention when she's playing as do our stunned audiences.

To schedule the Dulcimer Club to play at one of your meetings or events, contact Patricia Gift at 717-798-4085 or pamgift@earthlink.net.

Come have a listen! We meet Tuesdays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

The leaders of the club always seem to be shy about being featured in this column. I was lucky to get our interim club president, Sue Staley, and our official organizer and gig master, Pat Gift, to finally consent.

Pat Gift has been a member since the very beginning - 12 years ago - when the small six-member group met in each other's homes. Pat has many responsibilities; one is the conductor of the group, another is our gig master. As gig master, Pat previews the music, determines time needed for playing at our gigs to meet the times and music selected by those who request our musicians. She skillfully selects and conducts the music for the dulcimer and the instrumental group of guitars and fiddle so that the overall sound balances and all instruments are highlighted. Pat loves to practice daily and was drawn to the Appalachian Mountain dulcimer because of its soothing and relaxing sound.

Susan Staley recently stepped up as interim club president and has been a member for many years. Susan has several dulcimers, ranging from a "pudge" which is wider across the middle, hence the nickname "pudge," than her traditional hourglass-style, although both are tuned to the same key but sound differ-



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Pat Gift, Susan Staley, and Judy Hague.

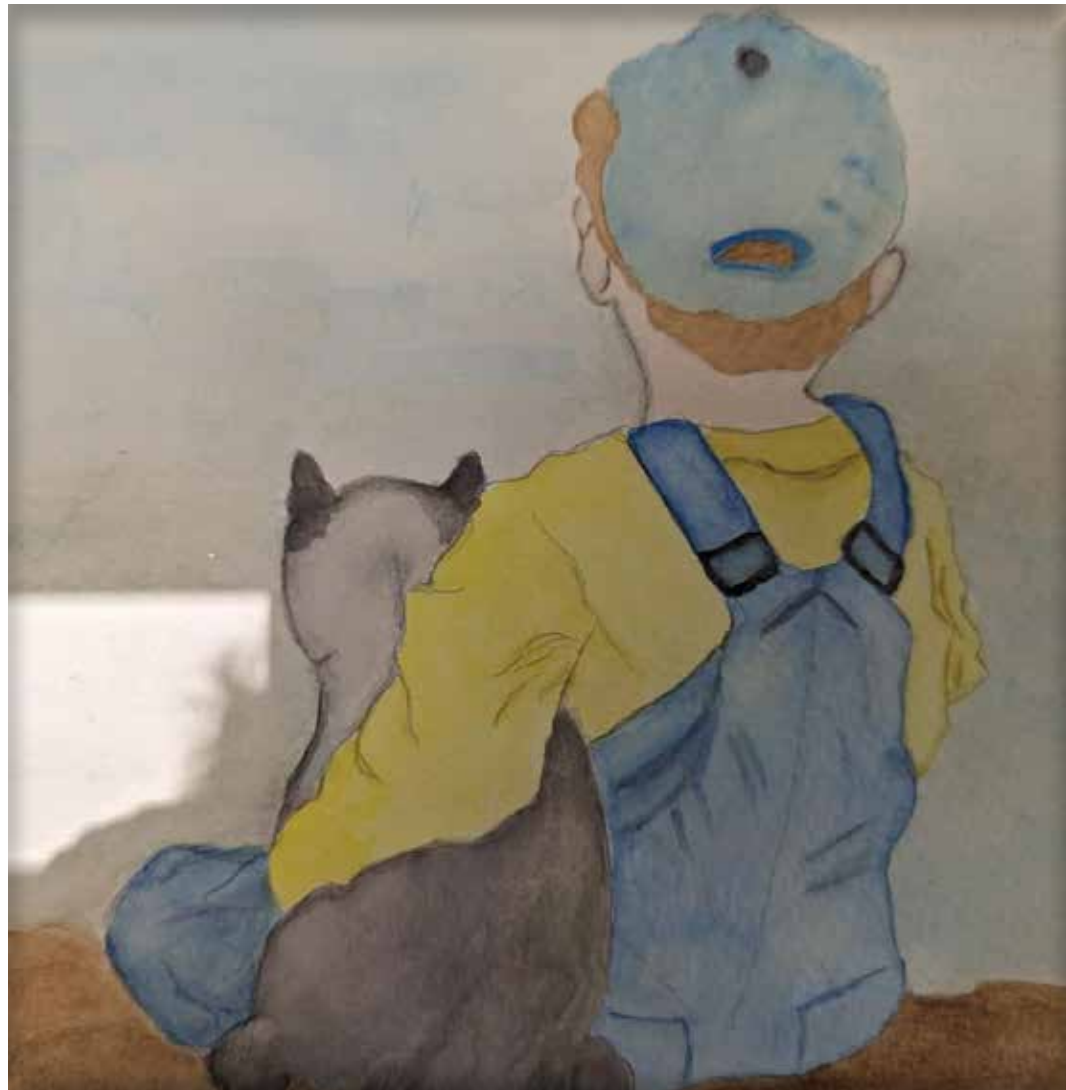


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Boy with cat.

Art Group

Marianne Hoffman



last September. "It's great because everyone shares their knowledge," she says. "For a super beginner like me, the Art Group members give me the confidence to draw and paint. They help me learn."

By joining the Art Group family, you too can discover your talent and freely express your ideas. You'll find the group members in the Hobby Building Art Room three days a week: Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. and both Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon. Some members, like Aned, are new to art; others have a lot of experience. Either way, these resident artists are all very welcoming and helpful to new members. There is no fee, but you will need to bring your own art supplies. To learn more, contact Freda Klump, director, at 615-336-6863 or fredaklump@gmail.com.

Aned Lamboglia always wanted to learn how to draw and paint. According to Aned, "Art is important to me because it gives me the freedom to express my ideas on paper."

Her dream came true two years ago when she moved to On Top of the World. "I took some classes at Master the Possibilities," explains Aned, adding, "My favorite class was watercolors. I especially wanted to learn this technique."

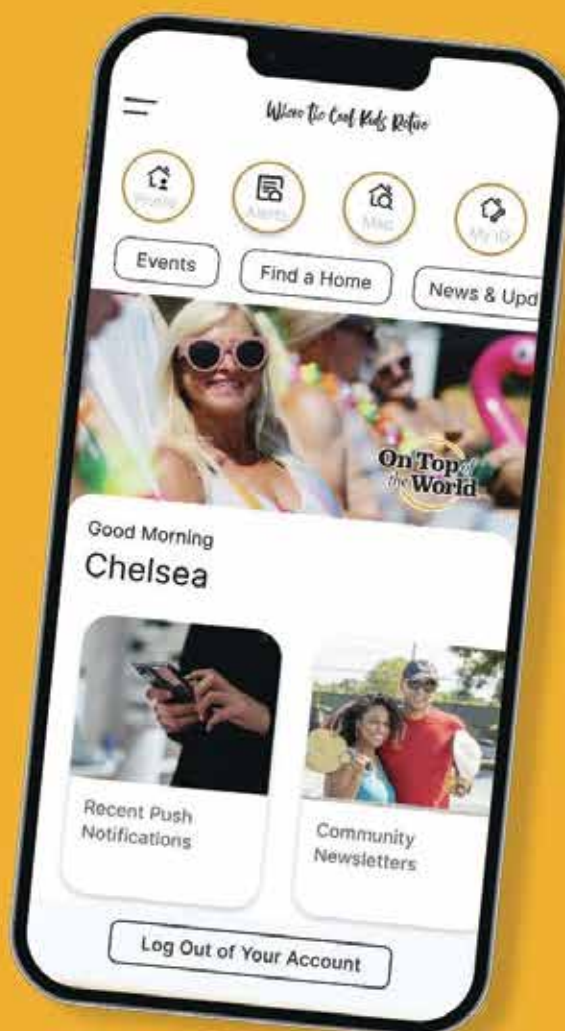
Aned believes that everyone has talent. "If you don't try, you won't find it," she says. Wanting to build on her love for watercolor, she joined the Art Group

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Launching Late Summer 2024!



Toppers Banjo



David Wesenberg

Toppers Banjo Band meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Arbor Center Conference Center Music Room.

If you would like to book a performance email Eddie Martin at UDEddie2@gmail.com or David Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com. We are delighted to play for you.

You do not need a formal invitation or ticket to hear us play most Thursdays, in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room. For folks who just want to come and listen to some good music, we have about 600 songs in our repertoire from all sorts of sources covering the Civil War until now. We play every week, and we welcome visitors.

We welcome active or aspiring banjo and acoustic guitar players to join us in playing and singing banjo music. If you like to play, come and join us. If you just like to listen, join us also and enjoy the music and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Fun with Golf Carts



Susan Pulling Robinson

The Independence Day parade will be on Saturday, June 29. Our club members love to put on the red, white and blue, so come out and cheer us on.

Membership in our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) is now over 570, so it is no wonder 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 this club, please email otowfunwithgolfcarts@gmail.com. We all have a lot of fun cruising around in our "mini-floats."

All club 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 Chatroom). If the parade is not coming by your house, please come see the action as we leave the Recreation Center.



Photo by Susan Pulling Robinson

Autumn.

Model Railroaders



Jim Lynam

The Model Railroaders Club is celebrating the Fourth of July by holding an open house for all residents, guests and children of all ages. The room will be open for visitation on both Friday, July 5, and Saturday, July 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

In 1870 the U.S. Congress made the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, a federal holiday. In 1941 a provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees. But the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

From 1776 to the present day, Fourth of July has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

The tradition of setting off fireworks began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777. That same night the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common. One of the founding fathers, John Adams wrote a letter to his wife, Abigail, stating that this day should be solemnized with pomp and parade, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

On Top of the World continues the

tradition with the Patriotic Celebration scheduled for July 4, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. There will be live music, dancing, food and fireworks at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons!

However, the Model Railroaders have constructed a diorama that demonstrates a day of family picnics, outdoor games, fishing, R/C flying, boating, hiking, and fireworks! Plus, the addition of a trolley and excursion trains bringing the participants to the festivities. Be sure to stop in and see all the animation in action July 5 and 6.

The club encourages you to visit the Hobby Building Model Train Room and see everything in operation on any Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. Come on in and run some trains with us!

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. on Wednesday, July 3, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.

Have a safe-n-sane Fourth of July!

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Poetry



Linda Toner

Water Aerobics

I go to water aerobics in the Arbor Fitness Center pool whether the water is warm or it is cool.

It's what I do to keep in shape, It's getting to be a habit of late.

I like to get into my spot at the four-foot marker, I like that a lot.

And one thing that I've noticed the members are quite devoted.

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For Sale

Computer Equipment: Dell 3455 Inspiron computer with keyboard, mouse, 24" display, 8GB Ram, Windows 10, \$250. 610-721-1424.

Electronics: Schneider Electric APC UPS battery backup (BE425M), 425 VA/255 watts (45-minute runtime). For computer, monitors, printers, phone chargers, etc. \$50 each. 201-317-7488

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Misc. Item: 4' x 8' pool table and accessories, 3/4 slate, recovered, and new rails. \$500 for all. 904-219-4099.

Misc. Items: 17" x 25" x 1" air conditioning filters (6 standard and 2 platinum), \$50 for all. 352-414-8066.

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Misc. Item: 6' fiberglass step ladder, 10' reach, 250-pound load capacity, Type 1 duty rating, \$75. 610-721-1424.

Misc. Items: Designer luggage, purses, and wallets. Fox fur coat, 3/4-length. Fox fur hat. Commissioned carousel horse by Artist Russ Jacobsohn, one of a kind. Beach oil paintings. 7' tall Araila tree on wheels, 14 years old from tiny plant. Vietnam bullet proof vest. Military uniforms, hat collection and helmets, some from England. Harley Davidson leather chaps, vest, jacket and boots, size 9. Tony Lama cowboy boots, size 9. Hard Rock jacket, large. Military sword and knives, some World War II. 352-300-3492 (no texts).

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Tag Sales

Friday, July 12 & Saturday, July 13: 8650-A SW 92nd Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 8966 SW 94th Lane (Friendship Park), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 8894 SW 84th Circle (Candler Hills), 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Friday, July 19: 8852-C SW 90th Street (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, July 20: 8701 SW 88th Place (Candler Hills), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Line Dancers: Easy line dance classes in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I, at 2 p.m. on Mondays, and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. Must know basic dance steps and present valid resident ID. Call Louise at 352-509-4364.

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