



Jackie Porter Runs for Senate

By Tom Loury

A visitor to the Ocala Business Leaders breakfast was Jackie Porter who came to announce that she was running for a senate seat. The local Ocala daily paper got information from Tallahassee and announced her bid prematurely. She officially announced Wednesday 9-7-2011 at the Ocala Business Leaders breakfast. She is still on the School

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Dennis Baxley Take Back America

By Tom Loury

State Representative Dennis Baxley spoke at the Ocala Business Leaders breakfast. His topic was to be about the new election laws. He came in all fired up - I think about the Jimmy Hoffa incident and the fact that the President and Vice President never denounced what was said.

First thing Baxley said "Do you want to

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Machine Gun Meadows: Art Meadows, of Art Meadows Jewelry on Silver Spring Blvd, poses in front of his 1940 Packard. Art gained a lot of respect when he walked into the Ocala Business Leaders Breakfast two weeks ago. Of course the machine gun was a toy made of plastic. The OBL club meets at the Elks every wednesday at 7 AM to discuss business and refer each other. For information call 804-1223.

Stupidity or Corruption?

by Tom Loury

Fast and Furious, Solyndra Bankruptcy, LightSquare G4 Phone

If we can get our country back, I say it because this administration has us in a death grip. If we take our country back in 2012, we will be paying for the above three things and other for the next 30 years.

We need a Champion to step forward and shake our great nation up.

A. This person needs to soar like the Eagle that represents our great country.

B. This person would have to have had the experience to go up against the Good old boys network in Congress.

C. This person needs to know something about oil.

D. This person needs the stamina of a Grizzly Bear, the light touch of a helping hand, and the heart bigger than all outdoors. We need a Champion that has heart, soul and desire to save America as it was and make everyone work for what they have and no more freebies.

Everyone in the world is using the United States including our own people. Let's talk about a few of these problems one at a time.

Fast and Furious describes how easily we are taken. The current administration actually allowed a large stash of automatic weap-

ons to be sold to drug cartels, criminals who are killing our people, only the Lord knows the real number of the murdered. Women and children are being taken on both sides of the border every day that will show up on the missing list. They are being sold by Human traffickers like they would sell a side of beef.

Our administration is to blame,

1. For not securing the borders,
2. For allowing automatic weapons to go to criminals (Operation Fast and Furious).
3. For not stopping the violence that comes across the border. We need to stop and arrest the people for human trafficking. Dry up the need for the supply of drugs. We need harsher penalties for the traffickers (DEATH).

Bailout or Pay offs?

Solyndra was the model for green jobs for the administration and George Kaiser one of the Solyndra big wigs was a major contributor for Obama's campaign fund. The current administration tried to blame the bailout on Bush, but the Bush administration had clearly turned Solyndra down when they requested federal money. They received \$527,000,000 from the current administration and a year later filed bankruptcy

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2011 Presidential Awards

Marion County School Board member Jackie Porter welcomes back our northern friends and is highlighting a special teacher this month. Bob Ayton teaches chemistry and physics at Dunnellon High School. We are all proud to have high quality teachers in the Marion County school system and Bob is one of those outstanding performers! He was named 2007 Rookie Teacher of the Year and this year selected as one of only three Florida representatives of science education for the 2011 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Whether you are a student, parent, resident or co-worker, just being in the room with Bob Ayton, you feel his love for the children he teaches each and every day. Bob formerly

was employed as both an Analytical Chemist and Laboratory Manager in the Pharmaceutical Industry. In his former profession, he developed Stage III Stability data for the Food and Drug Administration in route to life-changing and life-saving pharmaceuticals being available for prescription. It is our honor, as a community, to congratulate Mr. Bob Ayton for his devotion to the children of Marion County.

More good news is that Jackie Porter has announced her candidacy for the Florida State Senate race in 2012. The education of our children is the future for communities and the State of Florida. Large and small businesses researching to locate to Marion

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Stupidity or Corruption?

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almost like they were paid back for services rendered or contributions and then went out of business. All Tax Payer money should be given out like when you build a house. You get the foundation poured and the walls up, you give them a draw. Give the federal loan based on performance. If there was poor performance then do not give more money, then we would not have lost it all. But again and again the Taxpayers are the losers with Obama making new promises every day.

Another factor plays a part in this big mess. China flooded the market with cheap solar panels and the American people bought them thus helping to bankrupt Solyndra.

I don't think they needed much help, they were doing it without China's help. If Americans were buying local from the United States that could not have happened.

Pay offs in favors?

LightSquare Corp. went to the FCC and wanted permission to build a phone system that would be far superior and much stronger than anything out there today. Our National Defense specialist said the new proposed G4 phone would interfere with our GPS guidance systems on our missiles that protect our country and that we use when at war. Our current administration put pressure on a high ranking General to say it would not be a problem. The General has now stepped

forward to tell his story. LightSquare's side of the story claims they can filter down the signal so that it would not effect the GPS on our guidance systems. They are in progress building the system and that has not happened as yet, every test has had problems.

Why would we allow a private company to build something that could disarm us?

One question to you the reader...Do you think the above is Corruption or Stupidity???

2011 Presidential Awards

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County look at the school system both for their employees needs and at the caliber of the graduates the school system produces.

Jackie's voice in the Florida Senate will be a much needed addition for public education. www.jackieporterforsenate.com <<http://www.jackieporterforsenate.com>>

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Board and will be working hard to do what she has done all along, research, have a common sense approach and to be the advocate for the tax payer. This should be a very interesting race. Jackie Porter said she ask Dennis Baxely weeks ago for his opinion on her running for the Senate Seat, he said "I'll pray for you, Go For It!"

Dennis Baxley Take Back America

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take back your country?" 6 or 7 people said yes. Baxely raising his voice 4 fold and said "DO YOU WANT TO TAKE BACK YOUR COUNTRY???" 25 or 30 people hollered "YES!" That was the response he was looking for and he went from there. He explained what they would have to do to take back our country. He spoke with facts and figures and gave a patriotic speech as good as any I've heard.

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About Jackie

I was born and raised in Florida in a family with 4 sisters. As a child I went to school in Bradenton. My family later moved to Green Cove Springs where I went to Clay County Public Schools and graduated with honors. After high school I went to college and studied business.

At the age of 25, my late husband Jim Porter, Sr. and I, opened a retail nursery and pest control company in Ocala, FL. Over the next 20 years, I used my management skills to grow Porter's Nursery & Garden Centers from a single store into a family owned chain of stores. The retail store specialized in plants, lawn and gardening supplies, home decorating, artificial and fresh floral departments, art and crafts, hardware, custom picture framing, and a full line of Christmas decorations..

Later, Porter's Landscape Design was added. This new division included a 40 acre nursery that supplied both wholesale plants to landscapers and the retail needs of my stores.

Porter's Nursery & Garden Centers became a successful corporation, generating between \$10-\$15 million per year in annual sales. I retired from the business in 2004.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES

I'm hearing that local schools are not friendly to Agriculture/Art and Band. Funding them are less important than Algebra or other subjects that students will never use in their life after school. The school administrators have been told the funding for these classes come last and some have to raise

their own private funds. Dunnellon schools have two students who have competed in local, district, state and now are going to the nationals, if they can get the funding (expenses). I would think that we would want to encourage agriculture so that we could educate our future crop farmers, horse and

cattle ranchers. The local ranchers have DONATED FREE well bread heifers and steers to the students, the students do a great job raising the animal, compete at the different fairs, the animal is sold off and the Chapter animal's money goes into the general fund of the school. I believe that it comes back to the AG class for the next year's expenses. Let us not forget that raising funds should not be a job for students or their parents. The Tax Payers pay enough taxes and if used properly there will be a couple of thousand dollars to send high achievers to national competition. Don't forget where we came from! We will always need Farmers and Ranchers. They rest of the academics won't mean anything if there is no food!

What do you think about all these debates. I don't think any of these candidates will be made President. They will be burnt out, used up, bruised and battered.

I still say Sara Palin is sitting back watching these guys make fools of themselves. They are all getting body slammed and exposing each other's weaknesses. It shows me they have poor taste when they talk about each other. Graveling in the gutter shows me stupidity. If they would stand on their past deeds, experience and their life in general they would be a much better candidate to me. That is why I like someone that will not subject themselves to this carnival or circus atmosphere. A candidate that is far superior.

Stock Market: How can any market be stable with all the corruption around them.

The politicians are propping up the very business who have caused the problems because of corruption, greed and poor business practices. Our society is crumbling around us. We have the power to stop it. Let the president know how you feel about what he is doing right or wrong! One won't make a difference but a million will and that's what you are - one of millions.

The wounded that is and will be coming back from the war. We need to make sure they are welcomed properly and they have the support team that they need to FULLY recover. I don't know much about the Wounded Warrior Program but I'm going to check it out. When I find out I will report back to you. Meanwhile we need local volunteers so if you would like to help see the ad on page 5.

Just after 9-11 our company TomL Publishing LLC was lucky enough to have a little extra money, so we donated to the education fund for those who were effected when the twin towers were struck. Ten years later when seeing all the sons and daughters who have become first responders today, Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue, I was impressed. After we donated our meager amount we were sent a progress report on the students that were part of the program. It made my heart smile. This year we don't have any extra money, like everyone else. Some day we will be at that time and space that we will be able to help. I will check on the Wounded Warriors.



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Royal Guardsmen

Ocala’s Own Hit-Making Rock Group The Royal Guardsmen Premiere

New Tell-All Documentary At The Marion Theater

Ocala, FL -- Everyone knows who Snoopy is, but the classic rock group that sang about him in their 1966 hit “Snoopy Vs. The Red Baron” has had a little trouble with name recognition. That band is The Royal Guardsmen and their fascinating tale about how their hit song foiled their musical aspirations will be told in a new documentary, “Burned By A Beagle! – The True Story

of The Royal Guardsmen.”

The film will debut at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 8 at the Marion Theater in downtown Ocala. Emmy award-winning producer/filmmaker Joseph Rothenberger (CNN, TBS, NBC, CBS) produced the documentary. The Royal Guardsmen’s label, Star Creek Records, funded the project.

“The Royal Guardsmen’s story is one that needs to be told,” said Randolph Michaud, president and co-founder of Star Creek Records. “It’s really a shame they never got the name recognition they deserved and we’re hoping the documentary will help to change that.

“And it would be nice to see them back in the limelight with a chance to show what incredible musicians they truly are.”

“Burned By A Beagle! – The True Story of The Royal Guardsmen” chronicles the group’s overnight rise from a local garage band to International stars. Their clever novelty song, “Snoopy Vs. The Red Baron,” shot up the Billboard chart in record time. It peaked at No. 2 and created a Beatle-like pandemonium among teenagers around the world.

“Our radio station was a madhouse when that record hit and the band came in to our station to do an interview,” said Richard Rubin, a former disc jockey at the now-defunct WWKE in Ocala, Florida. “It was like The Guardsmen descended from Mt. Olympus. I remember the crowds of people outside the station screaming and banging on the windows. It was nuts.”

No one was more surprised than The Royal Guardsmen that a song about the Peanuts pooch would catch on so quickly. Their label at the time, Laurie Records, saw the potential for more money-making “Snoopy” songs and forced the band to keep churning them out. After releasing “Return of the Red Baron,” “Snoopy’s Christmas” and

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The event serves as a fundraiser to benefit patient care at Hospice of Marion County, Inc. Last year, 255 riders raised more than \$16,700 at this event.

Participants may pre-register by calling (352) 854-5218 or register the day of the event at Hospice of Marion County's Education Center at 3231 SW 34th Ave. in Ocala.

Registration begins at 8 am with a start time of 10 am. The cost is a minimum do-

nation of \$20 for the first rider and \$15 for a passenger. The donation includes a light breakfast and a barbeque lunch catered by Tommy's BBQ following the ride – plus 50 door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and entertainment by the NIGHTSHIFT Band.

Stampede participants will take a 55-mile ride through Marion County, escorted by Marion County Sheriff's Department. Along the way are scheduled stops at each of the four Hospice Houses. Riders will get a close-up view of the beautiful houses available for the area's hospice patients.

For more information about the ride, contact (352) 854-5218 or to inquire about the many services Hospice of Marion County has to offer, call (352) 873-7400.

Royal Guardsmen

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"Snoopy For President," the band members let it be known they were fed up.

Unfortunately, their protests fell on deaf ears and by 1970, The Royal Guardsmen's musical venture had gone to the dogs.

"Prior to breaking up, we did release two singles, "Mother Where's Your Daughter" and "Baby Let's Wait," hoping they would get us out of the whole "Snoopy" stigma," said Balogh, who co-founded The Royal Guardsmen with Burdett.

"But Laurie Records would not get behind those songs from a promotional standpoint and they went nowhere. That's when we knew things were over."

Although The Royal Guardsmen's hey-

day was short-lived, the group has continued to tour and perform throughout the years. Their current lineup consists of Bill Balogh (bass), Billy Taylor (keyboards), Chris Nunley (lead vocals), Pat Waddell (lead guitar) and substitute drummer, Randy Adams. Original drummer John Burdett and former lead vocalist Barry Winslow have chosen to pursue solo projects.

Tickets for "Burned By A Beagle!" are \$15 and are available at the band's website, www.theroyalguardsmen.net, or by calling 352-497-3195. They also can be purchased at the door on the day of the event. Valet parking provided by Pronto Limousine Service.



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Where did the year go?

By Charlotte Poss

It seems like we just got over celebrating the New Year and in about 90 days the year will be over. The young people going to school do not feel that the time is flying by, they are young and to them time is dragging by. School just started after a short summer vacation. Coming too soon are all the holidays. Halloween is just around the corner, to be followed by Thanksgiving and believe it or not, Christmas is just a few winks away.

The big, battle begins. The battle for the White House will start. Will that time fly by as fast for us as the year and the summer did for our youngsters? I do not think so. When election time comes around it seems that time stands still. All the T.V. Stations will be showing political ads and all the mudslinging will start. It all comes down to who has the most money to throw away.

You can call me naïve, wishful or just plain dumb, but this is such a waste of money. With our economy in the condition that it is in, many people out of work and some homeless, seeing millions and into the billions of dollars spent to win a seat that does not pay over a hundred thousand a year seems wasteful.

These millionaires and billionaires throw money away that could put so many people to work. What one candidate spends to run for office could set up someone in a small business that could help employment. Money could be put into local charities and help the homeless, feed the hungry and even cre-

ate some jobs.

You hear the cries of the wealthy, that they do not want to pay more taxes or I should say their fair share of the taxes. But do they even think twice about how they waste money, no they do not. Think about the amount of money that was spent just to run for the governor's seat, it came to millions of dollars for each candidate. That is just one office.

It is time for the people to say enough is enough. There should no more than 3 months of campaigning. A limit on what could be spent. A good starting point would be that no one candidate could spend more than what the positions pay would be for one year. Putting limits on the campaigns would open the doors for many people to run for office who could not afford to in the past.

Whatever happened to the dream that anyone could grow up to be president of the United States. I do not remember ever seeing in print anywhere that one must be a person of means to run for any office, but with the money that is being spent to get into an office puts a brick wall up to many people.

Here we go again; the year is ending. All the politicians will be calling, writing and slinging mud at each other. The year will seem not to pass as fast when that all starts again. Time flies but not at election time. Only when you are young and hoping that summer vacation could be a little bit longer. Cheer up, in one year and one month it will all be over again, until next time.

—Charlotte Poss

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GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala is pleased to announce a Christmas/Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ocala Elks Club and Lodge, 702 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance or at the door. The expected list of vendors include Mary Kay Gifts, Mische Bags, Candles, Jewelry, Party Lite, Pampered Chef, and others. All vendors will be donating a gift basket or gift certificate for a silent auction. Come do your holiday shopping with us. Refreshments will be available through the Elks

Club.

The event is the Woman's Club principal fundraiser and proceeds will benefit our many community service projects as well as provide scholarship funds. The Ocala Club is non-profit and is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. For vendor, sponsorship, or ticket information please e-mail jdelk@marykay.com or ML-TODD55@yahoo.com.

M. I. Hummel Club

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Dear Editor:
 King James VS the labor slaves.
 Why are Hoffa and Trumka so upset?
 Their Freedoms are being threatened.
 They will not GO quietly.
 The money they extort from their labor slaves, and the power that affords them will not be given up easily. That is reason for the call to violence. A fight to the death, for power, and money, the labor slaves are of

little concern. Power, and money, honey; that is the name of their game.
 What is the difference between being fleeced by a King, and his minions, or, a bunch of labor slaves? Hoffa, Trumka Robots? The confiscation of citizens and taxpayer money to support an indolent class at the top, or the bottom is: UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
 Capitalism may have strayed, due to the

misdeeds of our elected officials, Why can't it be fixed rather than scraped for the many times failed socialist, or Marxist systems. Neither of those has ever worked. Why try again? Are we looking for failure? Enslavement?

How can capitalism be fixed? Get rid of the corrupt mechanisms made legal by our misguided elected officials, such as hedge funds, and derivatives {Ponzi schemes}, and other unfair vehicles of corruption.

Proof that legal is not right. They have made Patriotism, and God illegal. Our elected officials have not served us well.

So many things that are LEGAL are UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

We are hurtling toward another holocaust. Why can't citizens see that?

America is the target of every stripe of evil in this world. America represents good, and that cannot be tolerated. Our government has strayed, not American citizens. Help put our government back on the track to goodness, and success. If we continue down this path to evil our destruction is assured.

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D.I. L.

Dear Editor:

The cream rises to the top. So does the scum. Too bad there is more scum than cream. However, a turnip is a turnip for-

ever.
 You can take a turnip, and put it in an Ivy League school, and give it a diploma, but it is still a turnip. Why do we keep spending money trying to make Einstein's out of turnips?

They tried something as silly as Race to the Top? Can you imagine how that made turnips feel? Because adults want all Einstein's, kids must suffer.

Does anyone even care how turnips feel, when there turnipness is highlighted, and made an issue? Are adults that forgetful? None of them was ever a turnip? Some still are, I have met a few.

Einsteins, we are all, not. When will we stop throwing good money after bad? We need manual laborers, why can't someone become a laborer anymore? What is the shame in that?

The money we have spent on education has been a colossal waste.

What do we have to show for it? A generation of propagandized, brain washed creatures. These are not educated people. I WANT MY MONEY BACK.

How many American doctors do we have? Engineers? Other thinking person's degrees?

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SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES – CITY OF OCALA SENIOR CENTERS

MOVIES

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH AT 1:30 PM

“WATER FOR ELEPHANTS” STARRING: REESE WITHERSPOON, ROBERT PATTINSON, CHRISTOPH WALTZ AND OTHERS. A handsome veterinary student falls for a married circus performer in this romantic drama. When Jacob (Pattinson) meets Marlena (Witherspoon), it's love at first sight. Their shared affections for an extraordinary elephant stir profound feelings of compassion within both of them. Theirs is a love that could span lifetimes, though the wrath of Marlena's dangerously domineering husband, August (Waltz) threatens to spell tragedy for all involved RATED PG 13

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH & 26TH AT 1:30 PM

“SOURCE CODE” STARRING: JAKE GYLLENHAAL, MICHELLE MONAGHAN AND OTHERS. A bomb explodes on a Chicago train, derailing the locomotive and killing hundreds. In an attempt to identify the bomber and prevent another larger attack on downtown Chicago, Captain Colter Stevens (Gyllenhaal) agrees to take part in a clandestine government experiment dubbed “Source Code”, which allows him to enter the body of a male passenger during

the eight minutes before the man is killed. But during his first trip back, Captain Stevens fails to gather enough clues to prevent the second attack. With Time quickly running out, he repeats the mission in a desperate race to head off one of the most deadly terrorist attacks ever to take place on American soil. RATED PG13

The latest videos are shown two times per month. Reservations must be made at the 8th Ave. Senior Center. Seating is limited to eight persons per video. Please call 629-8545 to reserve your seat.

Coming in November “ARTHUR” and “THE NEXT 3 DAYS”

FLU SHOTS

When: Tuesday October 4th and October 11th, 2011

Where: Barbara Washington Adult Activity Center, 210 NW 12th Avenue, Ocala.

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Cost: Free (if you have Medicare) Cost involved if you do not have Medicare or insurance that will cover the cost. For more information call Grace at 629-8357.

FLORIDA AQUARIUM TRIP

When: Thursday, October 6, 2011

Where: Tampa, Florida

Cost: \$55.00

Time: Leave 8th Ave. Recreation Center at 9:00 AM Return at 6:00 PM

What: Join us for an adventure you won't forget. See the aquarium at your own

pace. Learn about lifestyle, environment and unique habits of this vast marine collection. After the tour take a 90 minute journey through the bay on a 72' catamaran. Lunch is on your own.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME BALL

When: Friday, October 21, 2011 from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall, Tusawilla Park, NE Sanchez Ave., Ocala

Cost: \$5.00 per person.

What: Join us for a night of fun, food and ballroom dancing brought to you by Ocala's Senior Centers. Dazzle the crowd with your costume creation. Prizes will be awarded for the best male, best female, most creative, most unique and best recyclable material. Light refreshments will be served. Music provided by DJ “Trish Sands”. Dances will be offered on a monthly basis through April. Since this is our first, we have reduced the cost by \$3 per person.

FALL FISHING DERBY

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The Search for Moby Dick fishing derby is for seniors 50 plus. Cane poles, bait and lunch will be provided. Prizes will be awarded. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities welcome. Registration required for each individual who will be attending. For more information, call Grace at 629-8357.

ONE STOP HEALTH FAIR

When: Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 9:30 Am to 12:00 PM

Where: 8th Avenue Adult Activity Center, 830 NE 8th Avenue

Cost: Free

What: Stop by and see what opportunities are available in Ocala/Marion County. Check out free and low cost health testing that is available, get printed information or speak to a health care professional on hand. Door prizes will be provided.

Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 pm on Thursday, Oct 15th at the Marion County Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. The program for the Oct General Meeting is TBA. Check our calendar on the website for the most recent

information. The public is cordially invited and there is no cost involved. For further information, please contact Patti Hunt at our NEW NUMBER (352) 897-0278, Marion-Genealogy@gmail.com, or <http://Marion-Genealogy.tripod.com>

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Ocala Health System Top Performers

Ocala Health System Earns ‘Top Performer on Key Quality Measures’

Recognition from The Joint Commission Ocala, September 14, 2011 – Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital today were named among the nation’s top performers on key quality measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. The two facilities were recognized by The Joint Commission based on data reported about evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

Ocala Regional Medical Center and West

Marion Community Hospital are two of only 405 U.S. hospitals and critical access hospitals earning the distinction of top performer on key quality measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. Inclusion on the list is based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the previous calendar year. For example, this first recognition program is based on data that were reported for 2010.

To be recognized as a top performer, an organization must meet two 95 percent performance thresholds. First, they must achieve a composite performance of 95 percent or above after the results of all the ac-

countability measures, including measures that had less than 30 eligible cases or patients. Second, they must meet or exceed a 95 percent performance target for every single accountability measure, excluding any measures with less than 30 eligible cases or patients.

Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital were recognized for achieving these thresholds for the following measure sets:

- Heart Attack
- Heart Failure
- Pneumonia
- Surgical Care

“Today, the public expects transparency in the reporting of performance at the hospitals where they receive care, and The Joint Commission is shining a light on the top performing hospitals such as Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital that have achieved excellence on a number of vital measures of quality of care,” says Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president, The Joint Commission.

“We understand what matters most to patients – safe, effective care. That’s why Ocala Health System has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital are proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission’s Top Performers on key Quality Measures,” says Randy McVay, Interim CEO.

In addition to being included in today’s

release of The Joint Commission’s “Improving America’s Hospitals” annual report, Ocala Health System will be recognized on The Joint Commission’s Quality Check website www.qualitycheck.org <<http://www.qualitycheck.org>> .

About Ocala Health System

Ocala Health System encompasses Ocala Regional Medical Center, a 200-bed facility located in the heart of Ocala, and West Marion Community Hospital, a 70-bed hospital located in West Marion County. The organization includes the only Commission on Cancer approved cancer center in Marion County and is directly affiliated with the Moffitt Cancer Center. The hospitals offer a host of quality award winning services: orthopedics and joint care, bariatric surgery, robotic surgery, cardiac and vascular services including open heart surgery and interventional procedures, emergency, neurological and rehabilitation services including neurosurgery and cardiac rehab, and a variety of outpatient services including Family Care Specialists, its primary care network of physician practices, Advanced Imaging Centers and the Senior Wellness Community Center.



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PSC Reopens Bid Process

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) today reopened the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the three-year contract to provide relay service to the nearly three million hard-of-hearing, deaf, deaf/blind, and speech impaired Floridians.

The Commission asked for a redesigned RFP to include additional objective criteria in the evaluation process, so Commissioners could select a provider that offered the most cost effective service for Florida's citizens using the relay service. A newly proposed RFP will be reviewed at a future Commission Conference.

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the Florida Relay Service (FRS) facilitates telephone calls between people with hearing loss or speech disabilities and other individuals by using special equipment and a communications assistance operator to relay information. The FRS is administered by Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc., with PSC oversight.

In May, the PSC issued the RFP asking companies to bid on providing the telecommunications relay service system in Florida. PSC staff had recommended Hamilton Telecommunications. Other companies submitting bids included Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) and AT&T Corporation.

The current contract, provided by Sprint, expires on May 31, 2012.

For additional information, visit www.floridapsc.com.

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Progress Energy

TALLAHASSEE — Furthering renewable energy development in the state, Florida's Public Service Commission (PSC) today approved Progress Energy Florida's (PEF) purchase of power from a proposed U.S. EcoGen Polk, LLC (EcoGen) biomass electric generating facility.

"This new biomass facility will help diversify PEF's generating fuel mix and shield customers from fluctuations in fossil fuel

costs," said PSC Chairman Art Graham.

EcoGen plans to sell 60 MW of capacity and associated energy to PEF for approximately 29 years beginning January 1, 2014. The facility is expected to supply the energy needs of approximately 10,000 Florida homes.

With facility construction planned in Polk County, EcoGen estimates that 300 jobs will be created during construction and 35 jobs are expected to be needed in operations.

The company plans initially to use waste wood for fuel and in the future may grow a crop for fueling the biomass facility.

For additional information, visit www.floridapsc.com.

Follow the PSC on Twitter, @floridapsc <<http://www.twitter.com/floridapsc>> .

Free Screenings in October

Hospice of Marion County Thrift Stores are providing free vision, hearing and diabe-

tes screenings in partnership with the Lion's Club in October 2011.

Craft Fair

Craft Fair - October 8, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Tasting Olive Oil

- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 (4 to 5 pound) whole chicken, rinsed with neck and giblets removed
- Salt and pepper

Gravy:

- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 (0.87 to 1.2 ounces) package chicken gravy mix
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray a shallow roasting pan with rack with no-stick cooking spray.

2. Mix oil, oregano and garlic. Brush mixture over entire chicken. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Place

in prepared pan, breast side down; let stand 30 minutes. Turn chicken breast side up.

3. Roast 65 to 70 minutes, basting occasionally. Chicken is done when meat thermometer registers 170°F or when juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pricked. Transfer chicken to carving board; tent with aluminum foil. Allow to rest 10 minutes.

4. Skim grease from the pan drippings. Place 1/4 cup skimmed pan drippings into small saucepan. Add water, milk, gravy mix, oregano, garlic and lemon juice to pan. Cook, stirring constantly until gravy thickens.

5. Carve chicken. Place on serving platter. Serve with warm lemon-garlic gravy.

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Free Health Screenings in Ocala

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Hospices of Marion County Thrift Stores have partnered with the Lion's Clubs of Ocala and Silver Springs Shores to provide free vision, hearing and diabetic screenings in October. These screenings will be provided in our store parking lots. Each person who has a screening will receive a thank you gift from Hospice of Marion County Thrift Stores.

The screenings will be held on:

Saturday, October 15th 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jasmine Square Thrift Store

Saturday, October 29th 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Silver Springs Shores Store

Hospice of Marion County Thrift Stores are located at 10325 S.E. Highway 441, (K-Mart Shopping Center), Belleview; 6114 S.W. State Road 200, (Jasmine Square); and 7578 S.E. Maricamp Road, (Heather Island Plaza) in Silver Springs Shores. The stores are open Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Donations are accepted daily from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The net income from the Thrift Shops goes directly to patient care services.



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