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Award Winning



Yaah! Our local papers won some state awards. The 2012 Community Papers of Florida Awards were presented at the Newspaper Conference. Newspapers with ten thousand circulation compete with newspapers with a million circulation. We won a couple awards; pictured left to right Wendy Netherclift, Tom Loury and Kailah Netherclift pose with awards. The Community Papers of Florida helps newspaper members all over the state. They lobby for postal reform helping make the business atmosphere more desirable. They also retain attorneys for association members to call and help with issues. Ocala4sale.com won an award for the design of our homepage.

Life's Journey

By Charlotte Poss

One never knows where life's path will take us. Just when a person thinks that they have their life all planned out there comes a fork in the road. I have always planned to live the rest of my life in Florida, but the future held other plans for my husband and I. One day we found ourselves with a major health problem. One day my husband could not walk without sevier pains in his chest. My husband was being treated for acid reflux for over 35 years. No matter how much medicine he took the pains just got worse. My husband had all the normal health test check-ups, EKG, Blood, Echogram, Stress Test all heart test came out good. I asked our family doctor to check my husband's gallbladder, a CT was ordered and it took in his heart also. The test came back that my husband had 99% to 100% blockage in half of his heart. He was taken to the ER and when given a EKG and blood test they said nothing was wrong with his heart, I took out the picture that was given me of his CT showing the tree of blockage, he was taken right to the cauterization lab, it was found

that the blockage was worse than the CT had indicated. A heart surgeon was called and surgery was scheduled.

This heart surgery was the beginning of our journey. After two weeks in the hospital with many ups and downs my husband came home but this had taken a good toll on his body. My husband started falling a lot and had problems walking. Back surgery was then suggested, to relieve the pain in his back and help with his falling problem, this would be his 5th back surgery. This did not help. My husband was sent to an Orthopedic Doctor and it was indicated that he needed to have surgery on the bursa in his hip. This was done and still there was not any relief from the pain or his falling. The Pain Clinic was the next step. Injections in his back and no help. An implant of a Nero stimulator was suggested with a trial implant first, surgery number 6 on his back. The trial implant worked so surgery number 7 was done to make a permanent implant. This last surgery worked well for about a month, and my husband started falling again and the

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Victoria Windham

Victoria M. Windham
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Owner, Victoria's Touch
Victoria Windham is one of those unique personalities you come across only a few times in your life. She was the child who fed the homeless cats, brought home the stray dog, tried to help the bird with the broken wing, or the classmate whose parents weren't home to feed him or her dinner. She

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Pictured is Chris Blair candidate for Sheriff receiving endorsement from the Police Benevolent Association. See page 9 for more pictures

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*My pledge as Superintendent,
NO NEW TAXES - NO TAX INCREASES!*

I led the charge insuring that students continue to Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem in honor of our Veterans and our American Flag.



My pledge as Superintendent, patriotism will never be compromised!

I fought to keep more money in the classroom.



*My pledge as Superintendent, "CLASSROOMS FIRST"
Funding classrooms will be top priority and district administrator's pay calculated last!*

I have fought for transparency, documentation and accountability. For example: Dunnellon roof debacle, the warranty work was not tracked and not reported for 10 years (\$500,000) Half-a-million dollars of your money was spent wastefully!



My pledge as Superintendent, your hard earned tax money will not be wasted or squandered.!

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- Create more opportunities for academic enrichment in math, science, reading, and writing including teachers' assistants, after-school programs, tutoring, and mentoring.



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Mark DuShane, Senior Vice President
ECONOMIC AND MARKET REVIEW



Information brought to you by Advance Capital Management

What happened to the original 12 stocks in the Dow Jones Industrial Average?

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was originally developed by Charles Dow in 1884. At the time it consisted of nine rail-

road stocks and two industrial stocks and was called the Dow Jones Averages. The grouping appeared in a daily financial news bulletin titled the Customers Afternoon Letter which was the forerunner to The Wall Street Journal.

Beginning on May 26, 1896 Charles Dow and his partner Edward Jones began publishing the Dow Jones Industrial Average. The original group of 12 stocks were all industrial companies and did not contain any railroad stocks (railroad stocks were then in what would become the Dow Jones

Transportation Average). In 1920 the Dow Jones Industrial Average expanded to 20 stocks and in 1928 the number of stocks was increased to 30 where it remains today.

Of the original 12 stocks in the Dow Jones Industrial Average only one, General Electric, is still in the index. Below is a brief history of what happened to each of the original Dow stocks:

- Originally & Now American Cotton Oil Company
- A part of Unilever
- American Sugar Company
- Domino Foods, Inc.
- American Tobacco Company
- Broken up in 1911 antitrust action
- Chicago Gas Company

- A subsidiary of Integrys Energy Group
- Distilling & Cattle Feeding Co
- Now Millennium Chemicals
- General Electric
- Still in the Dow
- Laclede Gas Company
- Operating as Laclede Group, Inc.
- National Lead Company
- Now NL Industries
- North American Company
- Broken up in 1946 by SEC
- Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company
- Acquired by U.S. Steel in 1907
- U.S. Leather Company
- Dissolved in 1952
- United States Rubber Company
- Became Uniroyal, now part of Michelin

When the index was first published in 1896 it stood at a price level of 40.94. As of the time of this writing the Dow Jones Industrial Average is over 12,000. Since its beginning the Dow has been changed 48 times with the companies being chosen by the editors of The Wall Street Journal. The companies are all large established companies across many industries except for transportation and utilities.

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Tom Loury

PUBLISHER'S NOTES



FACEBOOK

I have been inundated with requests to be on facebook. I hear it is a good place to promote your business and make friends. I find along with the good comes the bad.

Recent events tell me there is a dark side. Attacks on people's reputation, attacks on people's business reputation, attacks on political candidates. Even cyber stalking has taken place. One lady said she was cyber stalked, it has affected her business, her reputation and her life.

Some brag that they have 1700 friends that they communicate with daily. With that comes the responsibility of trying not to hurt people and treating people with respect. Why do you think big sponsors pull out of Facebook? They don't want to be affiliated with the dark side. It's up to the people being slandered to get an attorney, but I believe there is something else they can do. File a complaint with the FCC which is the governing body of the federal government. Any laws that are broken or slander should come under the FCC.

There is another piece of the dark side that is even worse than slander, it is illegal fund raising. It's not monitored on facebook and it should be. All fund raising should be monitored, but especially online fund raising. I'm not saying all online fund raising is done by bad people, it's the availability for bad guys and bad girls to use it. I could say I'm raising funds for the needy and pocket half or more and there is no one to correct that. Or is there? I believe it is the job of the FCC to check out every complaint. Facebook is being abused and we need to stop it!

WOUNDED WARRIORS

I look at what is going on in this world and see death, destruction and struggle for America to help people of other lands be free. I also see the by-product of the wars, yes wars. How many countries are we in? Where are we going from here? The Wounded Warriors and military personnel are mustering out with all kinds of hidden problems and all kinds of visible problems. I believe we should support our wounded men and women for as long as it takes to help them through their problems.

When our military struck and invaded other countries it started with 911 and the death of thousands of our people. In some cases it was subtle helping a small group

struggling here and there. Supplying arms and supplies for those we thought were fighting for freedom. Who knows which cause is the right one, but in the process we are maiming our fellow citizens. For that reason I am going to try to help. We will put on the banner at the bottom of page one "Support Wounded Warriors" and will try to bring you, our readers, information on how you can help. Help bring pride back to the level it was, it has taken a dive in the last few years and we need to bring back the light of pride and freedom!

CYBER WARS

We are hearing on the news every day now about a worm that can wipe out your computer, or jamming techniques that could stop missiles or misguide them. How do you think that will effect your daily use of the internet. Does your business rely on the internet? Mine does! You really need to have a backup plan.

We are hearing that countries are steal-

ing our secrets via internet. In my eyes if it's a secret it should not be on any computer that's hooked up to the internet.

In my business I am writing stories, taking pictures or receiving copy and pictures from others. I copy it onto a memory stick, I then have a backup. When my paper is ready to go to the graphic's department, I create a file, put everything in that file and save it on a memory stick as backup. After graphics is done with it and it is then pages for me to look at, it goes on a memory stick. I OK it, then it is sent to the printer by internet. It is also put online on our website by internet. At every phase I copy it onto memory a memory stick. If there was internet interruption, I could fiscally take the memory stick to the printer or graphics or website server and make the normal things take place.

I don't want to scare people, it's not likely that the internet could go down, but anything is possible so have a backup plan.

Sanford Chief

SANFORD POLICE CHIEF PERMANENTLY RELIEVED OF DUTY

Sanford, FL- - June 20, 2012 - Sanford City Manager, Norton Bonaparte announced today that Police Chief Bill Lee has been relieved of his duties effective immediately.

"After much thoughtful discussion and deep consideration for the issues facing the City of Sanford, I have determined the Police Chief needs to have the trust and respect of the elected officials and the confidence of the entire community. We need to move forward with a police chief that all the citizens of Sanford can support. I have come to this decision in light of the escalating divisiveness that has taken hold of the city", said Mr. Bonaparte.

The City Manager is in contact with the

Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to assist in the nationwide search for a new police Chief. In the interim, Chief Myers will continue to serve as the head of the police department.

"I believe that there are many law enforcement officials who will find accepting the opportunity to serve as Sanford's Police Chief a welcome challenge for their careers", said Mr. Bonaparte. "I expect the search for a new chief to take several months."

According to Chief Lee's employment agreement, he will receive a severance of three months and one week's salary, in addition to any earned time off.

"I wish Chief Lee all the best in his future endeavors", said Mr. Bonaparte.

Newspaper Deadlines

Editorial & Ad Copy for August

Seniors Voice & Ocala DownTown

12am, July 18th

Lady Lake Magazine & Village Spectator

12am, July 25th

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Porter Discloses

By: Jackie Porter

I was 25 years old in 1984 when my late husband and I start a company named Porter's Nurseries. During my 20 year ownership and operating of Porter's Nurseries I had to earn every dollar to pay my bills. We had a vision to live the American dream of owning a company. From the beginnings of one small store in Ocala, Porter's Nurseries evolved into a multi-million dollar corporation from hard work ethics, smart business practices, and treating customers and employees with respect and common sense decisions. Fast forward 20 years. My late husband was diagnosed with cancer and we fought the battle for four long years. During this time we had the opportunity to sell most of the Porter stores for a profit, and after my husband passed away, I sold my stock in the corporation. The owners would retain the Porter's name and all remaining buildings. I did not control the destiny of the remaining stores and by the good graces of God; I sold the company at the right time.

For some people to implying that a college degree would have given me more common sense and more business sense, in my opinion, is a slap in the face towards our local business owners, business managers, and the working class that have succeeded in life without a college diploma. Not everyone is afforded the opportunity of a college degree and just because you have this diploma does not guarantee success. I am a Chief Executive Officer who knows how to build a

successful company team who will be motivated, enthusiastic and believe in their product. That product is educating children to their fullest potential and utilizing the monetary resources available to get there.

I was elected to the School Board in 2008. I promised the voters I would be fiscally responsible, stop wasteful spending and say NO to any tax increases and I have fulfilled that promise.

I voted NO when Mr. Wagoner's staff built the budgets which included raising your taxes. He could have taken control and directed his staff not to include any proposed tax increases. He did not.

My pledge as Superintendent,
NO NEW TAXES - NO TAX INCREASES!

When the recommendation came to the school board that students should not be required to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, I called the director of veteran's affairs for Marion County and asked him to gather 50 veterans and speak with me at a school board meeting opposing this recommendation. I was successful and students continue to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem in honor of our Veterans and our American Flag.

My pledge as Superintendent, patriotism will never be compromised! I have the backbone it takes to stand up ensuring our children learn respect and honor along with academics.

I have fought to keep more money in the

classroom.

My pledge as Superintendent,
"CLASSROOMS will be funded FIRST"

Students and Classrooms are my top priority

(Turn the pyramid upside down)

Classroom and school needs at the top, and district

Administrator's pay and benefits will be calculated last.

My opponents are part of this top self administration all receiving guaranteed salaries and benefit packages well over \$130,000 a year. They receive their paychecks regardless if our schools and our children fail or succeed.

I will have accountability from my staff, your tax dollars will be held in the highest regard for the maximum return on your investment. In my business career, I oversaw

every aspect of my multi-million dollar company from the hiring, accounting, financing, investing, construction, purchasing, operations and customer service. For 20 years I had to be the best, I was #1 in the nation in independent garden retailers.

You are stakeholders in this big corporation called Marion County Public Schools, and I will be accountable to you as your CEO. Schools are big business, make no mistake about it. This school system budget is pushing a half-billion dollars.

I will restore public trust in our school system...and I will do this without raising your taxes.

We need to take back our schools and with your vote we can do just that. My name is Jackie Porter. Please visit www.jackieporter.com for lives videos and real results.

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ON AUGUST 14




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A Plan for a More Prosperous Marion County

- Balance the Budget and Hold the Line on Taxes:** To encourage business growth and ensure that families and property owners are not burdened with increased fees and taxes, I will work to **keep the County budget balanced** and will **reject any tax increases.**
- Eliminate Burdensome and Duplicative Regulations:** To foster an environment of economic growth and individual freedom, I will **examine our county ordinances and regulations** and **eliminate those which are outdated, unnecessary and burdensome on our businesses and taxpayers.**
- Streamline County Government:** To create a more efficient and effective County government, I will look for ways to **eliminate redundant government functions** and encourage cross-training for an **easier interaction between taxpayers and county departments.**

DEAR VOTER:
As a veteran and long-time business owner in this community, I understand the virtues of hard work, commitment and service. I believe that Marion County's future can be bright and prosperous. **With the right leadership, Marion County can lead Florida and our Country out of recession. The time has come for less talk and more action. I need your help and your vote to make Marion County more prosperous.**

-Earl

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IT'S TIME FOR LESS TALK & MORE ACTION

SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MOVIES

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH AND 11TH AT 1:30 PM

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE- "GHOST PROTOCOL" STARRING: TOM CRUISE, PAULA PATTON, JEREMY RENNER, SIMON PAGE AND MORE. Director Brad Bird makes his live-action feature debut with the fourth installment of the successful Mission Impossible series. The Kremlin has been bombed and the blame has fallen on the IMF. As a result, the president initiates Ghost Protocol and accuses Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his team of placing the

bomb in an attempt to incite a global nuclear war. Now, in order to clear the IMF of terrorism charges, Ethan assembles a new team to uncover the truth by using every high-tech trick in the book. But this time they're on their own, and should they be caught, the entire world could be plunged into a nightmare from which there is no waking up. RATED PG13

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH AND 25TH AT 1:30 PM

"JOYFUL NOISE" STARRING: QUEEN LATIFAH, DOLLY PARTON, KEKE PALMER, JEREMY JORDAN,

COURTNEY B. VANCE, KIRT FRANKLIN, DEXTER DARDEN AND OTHERS. This light, gentle comedy from Director Todd Graff stars Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah in the tale of a small-town choir determined to win a national choral competition. As the choir leaders, G.G. Sparrow (Parton) and Vi Rose Hill (Latifah) band together and set out to win at any cost, supported by their eager young participants. 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 8 persons per video. Please call the Center at 629-8545 to reserve your seat.

COMING IN AUGUST: "RED TAILS" "THIS MEANS WAR"

EVENTS FOR JULY 2012

WEEKLY BINGO GAMES CHANGE

When: Mondays & Saturdays

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

When: Thursdays

Time: 1:30-3:30 PM

Cost: \$1.50 for two cards (Please bring quarters, dimes and nickels only).

What: We have changed our routine of games for our weekly bingos. The new format is as follows: 5 regular games straight bingo, Cover All, Number 7, Goal Post, Plus Sign, Letter L, Top Hat, Cover All

AQUASIZE (AGES 18 PLUS)

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st and August 2nd.

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Cost: \$27.00 per person

Where: Hampton Aquatic Fun Center, 255 NW Martin Luther King Blvd., Ocala

What: This class provides a workout that incorporates the use of buoyancy equipment (noodles, belts/cuffs, hand buoys). Class activities include stretching, cardiac, toning, strength training and abdominal workouts.

Music is used to make it lively and fun. Modifications will be demonstrated for all fitness levels. This event is limited to 20 participants. For more information, please call Diane at 401-3916.

COMING IN AUGUST

SENIOR TRIP: CALYPSO QUEEN LUNCH CRUISE

When: Thursday, August 16th, 2012

Where: Clearwater, Florida

Time: Leave 8th Avenue Adult Recreation Center at 8:30 AM

Return 6:30 PM

Cost: \$52.00 per person

What: Enjoy a daytime cruise aboard the Calypso Queen and enjoy a tropical buffet while taking in the sights of beautiful Clearwater Harbor. The afternoon cruise features a live narration by the Captain, which includes points of interest along the route and the history of this picturesque region. Limited to 45 participants. Registration required. For more information, please call Grace at 629-8357.

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Keeping the Record Straight

by TomL

The School Board and Superintendent of schools has been on a spending spree that is unprecedented, about like our country has. The school board claims it is on budget but spent \$40,000,000 more than budgeted and took the money out of the emergency fund to pay for it, in most cases under the protest of Jackie Porter voting no at every turn. I listened to a candidate for school board speak the other day. She said, "I want the parents, administrators and teachers to show respect for each other." Not a word about the students and their education.

At the same meeting a Wally supporter said to me he was for Wally and not for Porter. He said stopping the privatising of the Marion County School Bus Transportation and the four day school week was all about unions. Boy what rock did this guy come out from under? The privatising of the transportation department was being brought forward by one of the good ole boys so he could run it and make a profit. The fact is it was not a good deal and the county would still be responsible for a student if injured or worse, so Porter fought it! The four day week she fought because the average parent

would have to pay day care, which would impact their family expenses, the County School system would lose 1.8 million dollars coming from the state and it would not be good for educating the students. None of this has anything to do with the unions. So if you hear that milarky you know its not true.

Now the Auditor General has come out with a report with claims of wrong doing. Some of the things Jackie has fought against are in that report. When is the light bulb going to light up in the minds of the Marion County taxpayers?

Jackie Porter's opponents have been throwing everything at her including the kitchen sink. The Star Banner printed miss-

information in a letter written by a school board member that made all kinds of accusations, including accusing Jackie Porter of marrying into the Porter fortune. Jackie Porter sold her car for a down payment on the first nursery property, she lived in a mobile home in SE Marion County. With a lot of sacrifice, hard work by her and Mister Porter, the name Porter became well known. Years later Mr. Porter died, Jackie Porter had sold the thriving business. The Star Banner recently ran a letter to the editor that was not very flattering, but the worst part was that it said "fact check!" The readers seeing that would think it's true. Jackie, don't take any of this personal, it's a full moon! I hate to say that a daily newspaper and its contributing writers could be effected so much, make up your own mind.

I believe that Jackie Porter is the only candidate that can stop the spending and allocate the money the right way. The students/parents first, teachers second, administrators last. Porter has been donating a portion of her salary back to a education fund for years, who else would do that but a person who believes in education.

If you are being affected by the full moon please send me a letter to the editor, for or against what I just wrote. tloury@earthlink.net



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Governor Rick Scott FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

Voter Registration Process Integrity
Tallahassee, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott, satisfied with the ruling that strengthens the integrity of Florida's voter registration process, will review options related to other provisions designed to protect newly registered voters.

"I am pleased that central parts of the voter registration law have been upheld by

a federal judge. This is a vast improvement over the previous system that will help protect the integrity, accountability, and enforcement of the voter registration process. Our democracy relies on ensuring only valid, legal votes are counted, and that starts with having a voter registration process that safeguards the ballots of Florida citizens."

who kept the pool clean, cut grass did all the outside work and the small repairs that were needed inside could no longer even stand up with a hammer in his hand without falling down. This man who loved to cook outside on the Bar-B-Q grill could not stand long enough to grill or pick up the things that were needed to cook with. The agony of seeing his wife do everything for him that he at one time done for himself was very hard for him, very hard for his wife. Doing all the inside work and all the outside work and the daily things that one must do to survive was becoming a load to carry. So here is where life's journey takes us. We raise our children and then at some time in one's life the children take over raising the parents. That is if you are blessed with children who care and want to take on the responsibility of helping their parents. That is where we

are very fortunate. Our children found us an apartment that we could afford, our granddaughter flew in to help pack and drive us to our new location 1500 miles from Florida. Our children are now working to make life easier for their parents to be able to enjoy what years they have left in their lives.

Our life journey has started to circle and become complete.

So it is with great sadness that we had to leave Florida, but it is with great joy that we have children who wish to make the final years of life for their parents happier and easier. Not many people are blessed in that way.

Publishers Note: Tom and Charlotte Poss have been writing for our papers for many years through thick and thin. Charlotte has been recognized by many people and groups for her volunteer work including the Governor. Tom and Charlotte will be missed from the area by many and hope we hear from them by phone and email. Charlotte is welcome to write story's for us any time she wishes. Be well with Life's Journey.

Tom Loury
Publisher

Life's Journey

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pain in his legs and back just got worse and worse. The Pain Doctor now wanted to do surgery number 8 on his back for a realign-

ment of the leads in his back. The answer was a loud NO, no more surgeries. He had had too many surgeries. But the falls and the walking were not any better. This man



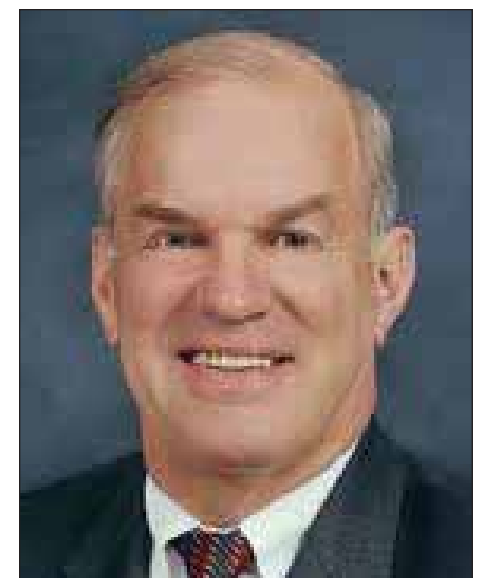
Brody, a pre-kindergartener, left his Christmas tree decorating friends to catch up on the local news.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Ocala Library will hold their quarterly book sale in Rooms B and C of the main library on Silver Springs Boulevard on Saturday, August 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thousands of gently-used books will be on sale, hardcovers at 50 cents, and paperbacks at 25 cents each. Come for a good read and help the Friends in their ongoing goal of helping the main library with non-budgeted items, including the successful childrens programs. And go to friendsoft-heocalalibrary.org to learn how to become a member of the Friends.

State Senator Alan Hays

State Senator Alan Hays spoke on June 19th to the Lady Lake Chamber of Commerce at their monthly breakfast meeting. The Senator spoke on business and other issues that impact the local business community. The breakfast was sponsored by Advance Capital Management as part of the Meet & Greet VIP Speaker Series that the chamber offers to its members.



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Happenings Around Our Community



Pictured are Chris Blair supporters on the square. Chris was there getting endorsed by the Police Benevolent Association.



Chris Blair is seen here presenting a check for Breast Cancer awareness. Chris is raising money for this charity while campaigning for Sheriff.



Pictured is Earl Arnett beating the bricks on the campaign trail. Earl has been in Marion County for a long time and many citizens say he is a stand up guy. He is running for Marion County Commissioner District 5.



Veterans Day celebration, Ocala showing support for our veterans at Veterans park. It was a great ceremony honoring veterans. Pictured here is Jackie Porter posing with veteran FL Brown.



Bellevue high school ROTC was part of the Veterans Day program showing their respect to our troops. Jackie Porter was caught thanking them.

ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

If there ever was a doubt that the President was for the American people, that doubt is now gone. Obama will say anything, do anything, promise anything, and blame anyone but himself for his failed policies to get elected. He could care less about the needs of the American people. The huge debt going up everyday, the unemployment, the businesses closing, the number of people on food stamps, the homeless, the foreclosures, the retirement funds and savings disappearing before our eyes while the President keeps making these executive decisions

bypassing Congress four months before the election. Three and one-half years into his administration and he has done nothing but spend, spend, spend and make enemies of our foreign allies. He has no record; therefore, he can't run on his record. How do you get a certain segment of the population most likely to vote for him? Women overwhelmingly voted for him the first time, therefore, go after the churches with this war on women to get the women votes even though it is really a freedom of religion issue, then get the gay vote by endorsing same sex marriage and now this latest ploy of his to get

the Hispanic vote by allowing 800,000 immigrants to remain living here again bypassing Congress and saying it is not amnesty. If not amnesty then what? This is desperation and pandering of the President to get elected. What else is he going to do before November to kick the American people in the teeth?

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Dear T. Loury:

Have you looked closely, at a copy of any of your bills, lately?

One of my bills had an increase, and I decided to check it out. What I discover during that perusal was astonishing. There are ten, yes {10} separate taxes on the bill.

They are the following amounts: .98, 1.14, .66, .43, .11, .21, .22, .18, .50, 1.07. No big deal. The total is only \$5.40 per bill, \$5.50

per calculator.

This is how they are nickel and diming us to death. The talk is now of a government charge on every deposit, and withdrawal to your bank account. Where, or when does it end? Will they ever run out of ideas as to where to pile on another tax?

One other thought. How much does it cost to process an .11 tax?

Printing material, shipping, handling, manpower, fuel, equipment, etc.?

These things boggle the mind. When is an insatiable government satiated?

Next month there may be 12 taxes on the bill. Mean to keep an eye on that one. Other bills have taxes, they are fewer in number. TAX, TAX, TAX. We need a tax anthem, anyone have a ditty in their portfolio?

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Victoria Windham

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was always one of those special people who never seem to tire or walk away from someone in need. It came as no surprise that when

she finally decided to choose a life's calling, she gravitated to one where she could help her fellow man. As a massage therapist, no one who knows her is surprised that Victoria

wants to help heal the world.

She was born in Laurel, MS, but it was the move to Ocala with her parents when she was eight years old that sent her on a life quest that came with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Trying many different doors, traveling new roads and highways, she returned home and graduated from Rasmussen College (Ocala) with an Associate of Arts Degree in Massage Therapy. And while for many it would have ended there, for Victoria it was only the beginning. She has since gone on to develop a thriving massage therapy practice that involves the latest modalities and techniques needed to key in on specific problems and address issues that are of major concern to her clients. She is always looking for something new that can improve and broaden her. Keeping with that she is close to being designated as a personal trainer, and has recently been certified for medical massage, but it doesn't stop there. Understanding the other side of owning a successful business, Victoria is close to completing her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

It was from that end, searching for new products, she found Global Natural Weight and the vitamin and mineral body wrap process for cellulite reduction and the loss of actual waistline inches (5 – 20 inches on the first session). She believes in the product so much she has since become a Registered Body Wrap Practitioner. The unique process gives her clients amazing results and therapeutic benefit, as well as the obvious benefit that reshapes and gives the body remarkable

new contours. Victoria instructs in the process and has recently finished an instructional training film. She will soon be teaching on a regular basis and offering C.E.U. credits for a certified body wrap training course.

Victoria Windham is a complicated lady who is dedicated to her chosen profession, but she is far from being one dimensional. Her greatest accomplishments are her two daughters, Lily and Jasmine. These two lovely and amazing young ladies keep her grounded and are the source of her motivation and inspiration girls are the world to her and provide her inspiration and motivation behind all she does.

Victoria loves the challenge of business and life. She works toward her goals with an attitude that is unmatched anywhere. Her smile and magnetic personality draws you into her circle of positive thinking. She says, "You can do anything you set your mind to. You just have to want it bad enough!" And that is Victoria Windham.

She continues to move forward and expand her business. The passion she has for her profession and the need to help people carries on to the love and care she puts into her treatments. It is more than a job to her. It is her life and to that she welcomes you to join her.

Licensed by the State of Florida, Victoria has an office located in Healthy Hands of Ocala, 1302 SE 25th Loop, Suite 104, Ocala, FL 34471. You can call her for an appointment or you can email her at: victoria@victoriastouch.net.

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'Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose.'
- Ronald Reagan

'The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'
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'The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so.'
-Ronald Reagan

'Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. was too strong.'
- Ronald Reagan

'I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress..
-Ronald Reagan

'The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.'
- Ronald Reagan

'Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other'
- Ronald Reagan

'The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program.'
- Ronald Reagan

'It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first'
- Ronald Reagan

'Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it'
- Ronald Reagan

'Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book.'
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'No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.'
- Ronald Reagan

'If we ever forget that we're one nation under GOD, then we will be a nation gone under.'
-Ronald Reagan

Hospitals Score High Marks

OCALA REGIONAL AND WEST MARION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-SCORE HIGH MARKS FOR PATIENT SAFETY

OCALA, FL, June 11, 2012 – Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital have received an "A" score for patient safety, according to the results of The Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Score initiative. The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization committed to encouraging safer, higher quality healthcare.

Using publicly available hospital safety data, Leapfrog calculated scores for more than 2600 hospitals nationwide, using a group of 26 measures to calculate each hospital's score. The scores were then translated into a letter grade from "A" to "C" ("A" being the highest). Key measures included the prevention of infections, falls, medication errors, and other preventable injuries.

"This score demonstrates the rigorous quality and patient safety efforts our team makes each and every day at our hospitals. It reflects our drive to provide the best care possible to our community," said Randy McVay, Chief Executive Officer, Ocala Health System.

McVay notes that when choosing a hospital, patients should consider a variety of fac-

tors, speak with their physician about their individual care plan, and look up safety and quality information for their state. "We welcome any opportunity to review our data and improve our performance. Ultimately, we want to ensure that patients receive the right care at the right time in the right place."

More information on this study is available at <https://leapfroghospitalsurvey.org/>.

Ocala Health System (OHS) 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. OHS has 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 other quality and award winning services including bariatric surgery, orthopedic care and joint replacement, robotic surgery, cardiac and vascular services including open heart surgery and interventional procedures, emergency, neurological and rehabilitation services. Ocala Health's outpatient facilities include Family Care Specialists, a primary care network of seven locations throughout Marion County; Advanced Imaging Centers with two locations; a freestanding Wound Center with Hyperbaric Therapy; and a Senior Wellness Community Center.

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HAVE A Sizzling, Sparkling 4th

(Family Features) On July 4th, the perfect party calls for friends, food, fireworks and plenty of red, white and blue.

“It’s an easy party to pull off,” says Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton. “Our celebration experts have created a patriotic themed spread of sweet and savory treats to provide star-spangled fun for everyone.”

Start the festivities off with a bang using festive tableware and decorations like 4th of July party pics - a simple way to add spark to any celebration. Play up the Independence Day theme throughout - from beverage to dessert.

“Serve an easy-to-eat meal dressed up with holiday colors,” says Siler. “All Star Sliders on Cornbread Buns are a delicious spin on the classic burger. The cornbread buns are baked using the Wilton Star Whoopie Pie Pan to add a festive twist to the traditional bun. Patriot’s Peanut Butter Popcorn - a yummy mix of popcorn, peanut butter and colored candies - is an ideal salty-sweet treat. Packed in star-studded gift bags, this easy-to-make goodie is a party favorite and a perfect take-home for guests.”

Cool down when the temperature rises with refreshing, fruity Red and Blue Raspberry Lemonade. Have a blast decking out the glasses with stripes, stars and swirls us-

ing edible blue Sparkle Gel.

What’s more fun than the fireworks finale? Dessert! Guests will ooh and aah over Banana Split Surprise Cake - a decadent dessert with a surprise strawberry ice cream center. It’s a new take on cake and ice cream, great for serving a crowd.

Visit www.wilton.com for more celebration ideas or to order baking and decorating supplies.

All Star Sliders on Cornbread Buns Makes 12 buns and 12 sliders

Cornbread Buns

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray Star Whoopie Pie Pan with vegetable cooking spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt and pepper. Add sour cream, oil and eggs, stirring just



until smooth. Fill cavities 3/4 full, spreading batter to edges of star.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until center of bun springs back when touched. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove to cooling grid. Repeat with remaining batter.

Sliders

- 3/4 pound ground chuck

- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 small yellow onion, minced (about 1/3 cup)
- 1/3 cup shredded pepper-jack cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 5 to 6 dashes hot sauce, or to taste

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Preheat grill or broiler to medium high heat.

In large bowl, combine all ingredients until well incorporated. Form into twelve 2-1/2-inch patties. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side.

Serve with star buns and your favorite condiments.

Patriot's Peanut Butter Popcorn

Makes about 8 cups

1 bag (3.2 ounces) butter flavored microwave popcorn

1/2 cup peanut butter

1/4 cup firmly-packed brown sugar

1 bottle (3 ounces) Patriotic Nonpareils or other patriotic sprinkles

1 package (12 ounces) Red Candy Melts Candy

Make popcorn according to package directions. In large bowl, microwave peanut butter and brown sugar for 1 minute; stir to combine. Add popcorn and stir until well coated. Sprinkle liberally with nonpareils, stirring to distribute. Spread onto parchment-lined sheet pan.

Melt Candy Melts Candy according to

package directions. Drizzle over popcorn. Let set at least 10 minutes before serving.

Red and Blue Raspberry Lemonade

Makes about 8 servings

1-1/3 cups (about 6 ounces) fresh raspberries, divided

1 can (12 ounces) frozen lemonade concentrate

Water

Blue Sparkle Gel

Place one raspberry in each cavity of the Star Ice Cube Silicone Mold. Cover with water; freeze several hours to set. Reserve remaining raspberries.

In large pitcher, mix lemonade according to package instructions. In food processor or blender, pulse remaining raspberries until smooth; strain through sieve to remove seeds. Stir raspberry puree into lemonade. Serve with raspberry ice cubes in glasses decorated with Blue Sparkle Gel.

Banana Split Surprise Cake

Makes 8 to 10 servings

2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened

1-3/4 cups granulated sugar
4 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 ripe bananas, mashed (about 1-1/4 cups)

1 cup sour cream

1 cup (about 8 ounces) hot fudge sauce

1 pint (about 2 cups) strawberry ice cream, softened

1 box (10 ounces) Vanilla Whipped Icing Mix

Fresh strawberries, halved

Star Pics

Preheat oven 350°F. Spray Fancy Fill pans from set with vegetable cooking spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and mashed banana; mix well. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream; blend thoroughly but do not overmix. Pour into prepared pans.

Bake 33 to 38 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of

cake comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes in pan on rack; remove from pan and cool completely.

Divide fudge sauce and spread evenly into cavities of cake; freeze 10 minutes. At same time, remove strawberry ice cream to soften. Fill cake cavities with ice cream. Assemble cake by inverting top layer onto bottom layer.

Prepare icing mix according to package directions. Ice top and sides of cake; freeze at least 2 hours or until ready to serve. Garnish with strawberries and star pics.



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