

## Select Business Assoc. At Work



Here are a few of the Select Business Associates hard at work! (just kidding) The group decided to go on the Victory Casino Cruise day trip. The bus had 33 people on board when it left Walt's Brakes and when we returned we still had 33 on board. Pictured from left are Beckie Edie, Kim Grammon, Debra Jenkins, Misty Shimer and John Ballard. The Select Business Associates have

approximately 25 members and expect to add that many more. It is by invitation only and they boast we have the best of the best in the group. One person per category and no exceptions. They have non-profit status and meet at MOJO's Grill every wednesday noon for lunch in the private room. You can visit once, buy your own lunch.

## Meet Pakmail



Nestled in the corner at Church Hill Square Plaza is Pakmail, one of the finest businesses in Ocala. They boast "We can Ship anything, anywhere!"

Pictured are Tiffany Brumm, Walter Arnold and Russ Moore. Walter Arnold man-

ages the store and is Russ Moore's son. The store is a family owned business that Walter and his mother and dad, Russ and Sally, own. Tiffany is a college student working her way through school.

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## Washington has its Head in the Sand

Miami, Fla. – Statement by Governor Rick Scott regarding Washington's short-term solution on the nation's debt ceiling and the government shutdown:

"Washington's failure to reach a long-term agreement on the debt ceiling confirms our nation's leaders have their heads in the sand about our economic future. America's unchecked debt, along with the increase in inflation that follows, will only put us deeper in the hole we have been trying to climb out of since the national economic downturn.

"In Florida, we have paid down \$3.5 billion in state debt over the last three years – ending the decades-long practice of racking up state debt - and paid back another \$3.5 billion reemployment assistance federal

loan. We need leadership in Washington. We need negotiation and compromise to reign in spending, pay down debt, and keep the dollar strong for our economy to grow. Americans deserve nothing less."



## Forbes Ranks Ocala

CEP News

Sometimes "We're # 5!" means "We're # 1!" Five of those times is this time, when Forbes ranked Ocala #5 on their list of top cities for future job growth.

Forbes ranked Ocala the number five city for future job growth. That means Ocala's businesses are going well, which helps attract new businesses to the community in a virtuous upward spiral.

The business of helping other businesses is a good business to be in when business is good. The CEP does just that—and that's why we are so good at that.

The CEP prides itself on being a facilitator to businesses, fostering interconnectivity and synergizing the energy needed to nurture future growth.

Being excellent means surrounding yourself with excellence. For years I thought this meant cloning myself to global over population. Now I realize it was far easier to move to Ocala and work at the CEP where I was immediately able to immerse myself in immeasurable immeasurables.

The CEP team is committed to our part-

ners, and whether that's a startup or an established company, it means putting our resources at their disposal to spread the prosperity around. We believe in firm goals, not foggy vagaries.

Statisticians have a way of lying in a truthful way. They're magicians, really. Look at the pretty even numbers on the right, but not the odd numbers on the left.

For example, the job growth rate is real, and the unemployment rate is surreal. Who measures the unemployment rate, Salvador Dali?

I want to know how many people are getting jobs, and when, where, and how. This data is concrete. I'm no statistician, but I can tell you how many people are getting jobs in Ocala. Lots. I even crunched some numbers on my calculator to derive that precise figure.

Seriously though, all sectors of Ocala's economy are showing signs of rebounding, from manufacturing to IT to retail to hospitality and hospitals.

This is good news for people who love

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It's Your Government

The distance people feel from their own government is one of the biggest frustrations for constituents. While the government officials need to reach out to the people, people also need to know how to reach out to their Representatives.

Here are some suggestions of Do's and Don'ts when it comes to communicating with elected officials.

**Do's:** Establish a Rapport.

Scheduling a meeting with your legislator is a great way to get to know them and communicate your concerns. Typically, we receive approximately 1,200 emails per week during legislative session. While all communication on issues tabulated and we try to respond to specific questions (not rhetorical), the most helpful ones we are searching for look like this: Someone in the district, that we know, that has a good grasp

of the subject and are suggesting a solution. Offering a solution to a challenge and your willingness to help bring the solution builds partnership.

**Don't:** Don't Be Disrespectful

Elected Officials represent constituents with many divergent views and you don't need to disparage the recipient of the message to make your case. Don't communicate with rage, a reasonable person always makes a more convincing argument. Accusatory statements that start with "you" or "you think" seldom end up in a good place. Finally, don't quit communicating when something matters. The more helpful the information shared, the better when making a decision. Also remember that a typical state legislator may vote 1,200 to 1,400 times in committee votes, procedural votes, amendment votes and floor votes. Don't write them off on one vote and don't project motives of others. Just make the best case for the positions you care about.

A perfect opportunity to talk with and hear from your legislator is at the Delegation Meeting on Monday, October 28th at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion from

1:00pm-6:00pm. Always make a little time for public policy.

Onward & Upward,  
 Representative Dennis Baxley

## Forbes Ranks Ocala

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people who love good news. I should know, because I love Modest Mouse.

The great thing about Ocala's job market is the diversity of open positions. There are tall jobs, short jobs, bald jobs, and even manufacturing and IT jobs.

Ocala residents should feel proud of their community. And what better way to display pride than a trophy? Why don't you go see my friends over at B-J Trophies. Thanks to them I'm now the World's 77th Greatest Grandma—and I have a trophy to prove it.



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## PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Trashing America!

Even if you are not a low information voter the current administration will keep you confused. A representative of the Obama administration said

raising the debt limit

will not increase the deficit one cent. Do they think we are stupid? If you want to raise the debt limit that must mean you want to borrow and spend more money and that will increase the deficit. Does that make sense?

How come I keep hearing about Social Security funds running out, but I never hear about welfare funds running out?

Now some things are starting to make sense. I could not figure out why some of the Governors changed their stance on OBAMACARE. It seems that the State Governments have been paying for prisoners' Healthcare and now they will be covered by ObamaCare. This leaves the individual states with all the money that they were spending for the prisoners' healthcare. This helps make ObamaCare numbers look successful through numbers of enrollments, but really it's an expense on the American people.

If the 10 million illegals get free healthcare, all is lost. The only hope is that it will collapse under its own weight. The only question is will the American taxpayer be under it when it collapses? As of last week I heard a report that 12 people in Lake County were successful in making it through the website and the problem was they had a huge deductible.

A very important person to me once said, "if you don't expect anything then you won't be disappointed." It makes sense but there is something very flawed in that statement. America was built on dreams of a better life and dreams of a better tomorrow. We need to expect a better tomorrow and help make it happen by working hard, being smart, using common sense and making God a part of your life.

A little humor from Conan O'Brien

Q: Have you heard about McDonald's' new Obama Value Meal?

A: Order anything you like and the guy behind you has to pay for it.

--Conan O'Brien

Passing of Congressman C.W. Bill Young

ORLANDO, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott made the following statement regarding the passing of Congressman C.W. Bill Young.

Governor Scott said, "Ann and I join all Floridians as we mourn the passing of Representative Bill Young. As Florida's longest serving member of Congress, Bill will be remembered as a true statesman and champion for the Tampa Bay area. He served with eight US Presidents throughout his career, always putting the families of Florida first, and working across the aisle to find solutions.

"His work to support military families, our veterans, and his own service with the Army National Guard and as a reservist, will leave a lasting legacy. Representative Young will be missed by his constituents and our entire nation. Ann and I offer our support and prayers to his wife Beverly and his sons and grandchildren during this difficult time."

Ocala 4H volunteers report that the job that was eliminated has been posted and a AA degree has been added to the job de-

scription. The person in the position had 15 years of experience in the Marion county 4H office, in my eyes experience would be worth ten times what a AA degree would be worth. One local agriculture person was of the opinion that there is someone they wanted to put in that position. I guess time will tell, we will report!

"A pen in the hand of this president is far more dangerous than a gun in the hands of 200 million law-abiding citizens."

"We Americans are so tired of being thought of as dumbasses by the rest of the world that we went to the polls this past November and removed all doubt."

Clint Eastwood

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

About 4-H, this is a shame, Dunnellon has always supported 4-H and FFA, these 4-H students and their leaders and parents need support from the County Extension. With out their help how can they succeed. Driving in to Ocala and finding the 4-H office closed, at the County Extension Building, is not the way to show your support to these 4-H clubs. Every successful office, always has a secretary on hand to answer the phone and speak to people as they enter. Is this the way the County Commissioner's work, when you enter their office is the door open and is someone there to greet the people as they enter. Well, if so, why can't the

4-H office have the same, and don't say the BUDGET, we are sick of that excuse, which you only use when someone other than the County needs help but you always manage to find money when the County needs something. I understand this year that the Southeastern Youth Fair said that all 4-H students have to be registered in 4-H before they can show at the Fair. So how can they all register if no secretary is in the 4-H office. Who came up with this dumb idea that they don't need a secretary? I bet who every did has a secretary, and don't know what it is like to run an office without one. Come on do the right thing and bring her back.

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Tom...

Thanks for your piece "Governor Sets the Record Straight". Very informative and not seen anywhere else. Keep up the good work!

Regards,

J. B.

The Villages

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Dear Editor,

Just how many more ways can this Administration and Congress hurt the American people? They were voted into office by the people for the people. They seem to have forgotten this. They are more interested in protecting their jobs then in protecting the jobs of the American people. They will get their raises regardless of the economy because they wrote the law. The sequester was

the President's idea and he probably thought it would never happen. Well it did happen. Then we have Obamacare that no one seems to want and was voted on with no one reading it. Once signed the President changed it without Congress approval. That in itself is against the law. Does anyone care? How about the many waivers that were granted to certain businesses, supporters, etc? We Americans were sold a bill of goods when we were told if you like your doctor you could keep him/her. If you liked your insurance you could keep it. Premium costs would go down. Not so. My insurance costs went up significantly. I know people who lost their insurance totally and now have to scramble to get another. People can't sign up for insurance online because the system can't handle it. Some doctors won't accept the new insurance. Then what about the people who are now forced to work part time instead of full time, when they could hardly make it on the full time pay because the company they work for can't or won't pay the insurance premiums. Federal inspectors who do safety inspections of planes, pilots and aircraft repair have been furloughed. Makes you feel real safe if you have to travel. All national parks and monuments are closed. So much for your planned vacation. Food safety inspections are suspended. How many food borne outbreaks will occur because inspections of facilities has stopped? The list goes on and on. The arrogance of the President, the House and the Senate in not negotiating is outrageous.

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Letter to editor

I am sick and tired and fed up and mad as He\_! Every day gets worse. The Republicans and the Democrats are like two spoiled brats fighting over who get's what. There is no one worse than Reid and Pelosi (read it after you sign it) and Boehner, McConnell and McCain of course they all come after the arrogant, petulant bad tempered President. Yes you should respect the office of the President but you do not have to respect the man when he is consistently wrong.

We need to clear out all the mothballs, crooks and shady characters in this administration; we have income tax evaders to down right embezzlers. Why do we continue to pay people who are supposedly fired and then find they have just been moved around? Government shut down and people laid off then receive unemployment and then get back pay?? It just goes on and on.

Congress needs fresh blood, there are young people out there that want Our America back and are willing to fight for it. These old senators and the rest of them are selfish and greedy; they have forgotten they are supposed to represent the PEOPLE.

They all should have to have the same laws apply to them that apply to us including health care and that goes right on up to the President. The President's vacation should never overshadow his richest voters unless he is using his own money.

This country is broke and he keeps spending. We send billions of dollars to countries that burn our flag and spit upon us. Our government and our churches send tons of money and food to other countries when we

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From the Office of  
**THE MARION COUNTY SHERIFF**

The Marion County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the Bloomington Indiana Police Department. Officers wanted Marion County Sheriff's Office detectives to know that a 27 year old man of Ocala, had a Facebook posting making threats. His posting was aimed at his father living in Indiana. To sum up the posting: "basically, he offered enough evidence to indicate he wanted to shoot and kill his father," said Judge Cochran, Marion County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer. The victim has a history with the suspect "and felt it was a credible threat," according to the incident report he is a convicted felon and legally can't possess firearms. He admitted to posting the threat.

A 68 year old Ocala man, has been charged with inappropriate contact with a juvenile. Detectives interviewed the victim who said the contact was in addition to being shown pornographic material. The man told detectives the 5-year-old victim was at fault, he was arrested for lewd or lascivious molestation. The man is in the Marion County Jail. Detectives are inquiring about other victims. If you have a tip please call (352) 369-6845. You can phone anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers of Marion County at 368-STOP or 368-7867. Text tips to 274637 using keyword 368STOP. Tips can also be submitted at [www.ocalacrimestoppers.com](http://www.ocalacrimestoppers.com).

The Love's Truck Stop, at 7791 NW 47th Avenue, Ocala, was robbed around

11 p.m., Sunday, October 6, 2013. Marion County Sheriff's Office Tactical Investigations Unit Detectives soon discovered truck stop employee helped in the planning of the robbery. Detectives say the employee sent a text alerting his partner in crime that the business was all clear. According to the incident report, the partner arrived at 11 p.m., entered the business and punched a second worker (a victim) and took the money. The partner got away. The employee 19 years old, of Ocala was arrested and taken to the Marion County Jail. Detectives used various investigative techniques to develop an identity of the second suspect who was a 22 year Ocala man. He was capture around 3 p.m., Monday, October 07, 2013.

911 got information that a felon convicted of first-degree murder was on a bus. He recently escaped from a prison in Wisconsin. The felon was on a bus, but it didn't stop in Marion County. Marion County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Division team members decided to follow the bus and once it stopped; they would check for the felon. It soon became apparent that the bus was scheduled to stop in Orlando, where the police department was notified. The bus make a station stop. The Marion County Sheriff Office, working in cooperation with the Orlando Police Department, searched for the felon. Marion County Sheriff's Office Deputy Ben Adams and Sergeant Jeff Raker were inside the bus station where they saw the escapee, he was stopped by Adams and

Raker who handcuffed him and turned him over to the Orlando Police Department. The felon was booked into the Orange County

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## Marion County Sheriff Fundraiser

Life is a roller coaster of ups and downs, twists and turns filled with excitement and insecurities. Each turn is moving you with force in unexpected ways. Life is full of those turns with graduations, marriage, the birth of children and the pride of ownership and achievement. Through the aging process, life tends to become more complicated. Our bodies tend to grow weary and we experience irritating aches and pains. Our children grow up and discover they know more than us and in some cases; we exchange roles with our parents and become their caretakers. We also become more attentive to the health situations of others such as co-workers, friends or family members who seem healthy, but now must undergo test that strikes fear into the soul. They have now been diagnosed with breast cancer and time is of the essence to determine what stage the cancers in, how aggressive is it and what the survival rate is. The days ahead are filled with more test, surgeries, sickening treatments and usually a new, but less than flattering hair style. Now the urgency is to get this cancer removed while coping with the feeling of “why me?”

Bringing this towards home with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, our very own Purchasing Director, Wendy Blaznik, is back in the fight after 10 years of being in remission. With her mother passing away during her initial treatment, her attention now moves to her 23 year-old daughter thinking it is in their genetics. Although she has always been very health conscious, she still

blames genetics. This treatment therapy that she is taking is much more aggressive than the last, but she points to her husband, Jerry, as her rock of support. There have been others from our agency that have also been faced with these types of challenges.

Law Enforcement has always been known for supporting a cause and showering it with attention and resources, much like the Special Olympics. Recently another cause has moved to the forefront and that is “to find a cure” for breast cancer. So many families have been affected by this disease and it will take all of us contributing to the cause to find a cure.

For years we have seen the pink ribbons and bumper stickers (Save the Ta-Ta's). Many have participated in walks and 5K runs in support of a cure. Did you ever think you would see a law enforcement officer wearing a pink badge or driving a patrol car with pink graphics down the side? Well then you have not visited Marion County recently. Our law enforcement community has banded together to “put the cuffs on cancer” by sponsoring car washes, 5k runs, Pampered Chef parties, a Pink Tennis Shoe Ball and even a \$50 donation by officers for the opportunity to grow a beard for a designated period of time.

Wendy's reaction to all this was filled with accolades' to law enforcement for becoming an advocate for such a great cause. “It really doesn't take much when everyone gets involved”.

The word cancer should be a constant re-

minder to live like there is no tomorrow and love like we are on borrowed time. Please

take time today to see how you or your agency can show your support.

## Death Warrant Signed

From the Executive office of the Governor.

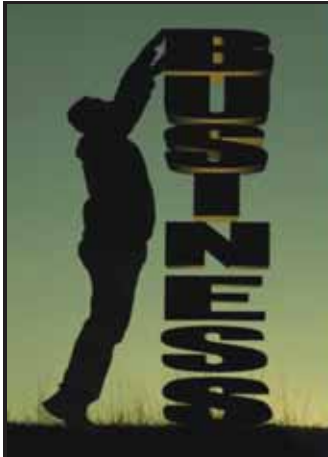
On July 17, 1974, Knight forced Sydney Gans, his former employer, into a car at gunpoint and ordered him to drive to his residence and pick up his wife, Lillian. Once Mrs. Gans was in the car Knight ordered Mr. Gans to drive to his bank and withdraw \$50,000, with Knight using Mrs. Gans as a hostage. Mr. Gans obtained the money and returned to the car. Knight ordered Mrs. Gans to drive the car to a remote area in south Dade County and killed the victims execution-style, shooting them both in the back of the head at close range.

Authorities apprehended Knight, but two months later, while awaiting trial, Knight es-

caped from the Dade County Jail. Before he was recaptured, Knight and an accomplice robbed a liquor store in Cordele, Georgia, shooting two clerks, killing one of them.

On October 12, 1980, while on death row for the Gans murders, Knight murdered Correctional Officer James Burke. Knight attacked Officer Burke when he entered Knight's cell to escort Knight to the shower. Knight stabbed Officer Burke more than a dozen times with a knife made from a sharpened spoon.

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TALLAHASSEE- Governor Rick Scott announced at Florida Cabinet meeting that Florida State Parks are now the nation's only three-time winner of the National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in the management of state park systems.

Governor Scott said, "I am thrilled that the Florida Park Service continues to celebrate Florida. Winning this award for the third time continues to show that the Sunshine State is working hard to ensure Florida families and tourists are able to enjoy our

natural treasures, and I want to thank all of our employees and volunteers who helped make this possible."

The award was presented during the National Recreation and Park Association's Annual Congress and Exposition in Houston. The Association, in partnership with the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, presents the award to communities that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management and administrating a complex system of state parks. Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet recognized the Florida Park Service on Thursday.

This achievement makes Florida the only system in the nation to win a third Gold

Medal award. In fact, no other system has ever won two Gold Medal awards and systems are not allowed to apply for the award within five years of receiving a Gold Medal. Considerations for this award were based on the agency's ability to address needs of those it serves through collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials.

"The fact that the Florida Park Service has won this prestigious national award three times, while no other state has ever won twice shows the dedication of our employees and volunteers to manage the resources that provide vast opportunities for Floridians and visitors to enjoy our natural resources," said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. "More than 25 million people visit these award-winning state parks each year, and we are proud to continue to show

how special Florida is to all those who visit."

Since 1935, Florida's Park Service have been working to provide recreational activities for the community, while preserving, protecting, interpreting and restoring natural resources in the area.

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, parks experienced a record-breaking number of visitors. During this time period, 25,575,794 people visited parks. This resulted in a 592,615 increase from the previous year. Increasing access to these state parks has been one of Secretary Vinyard's top priorities.

"I am honored that Florida State Parks is the winner of our third National Gold Medal," said Florida Park Service Director Donald Forgione. "Our staff members, citizen support organizations, volunteers and concessionaires work hard every day to welcome visitors to enjoy our natural and cultural resources."

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit [www.nrpa.org/awards](http://www.nrpa.org/awards) or [www.aapra.org](http://www.aapra.org).

## Thanksgiving Sayings

Sometime we complain that God put thorns on Roses. Yet others will rather say that God is good to have placed Roses among the thorns. In both cases we shall however be thankful for the roses. ~ Kurt Avish

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice. ~Meister Eckhart

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. ~Melody Beattie

Feeling grateful or appreciative of someone or something in your life actually attracts more of the things that you appreciate and value into your life. ~Northrup Christiane

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ~William Arthur Ward

Be aware of what you have in hand rather than to be for what you don't. Everyone will be grateful to what you have." ~Kurt Avish

We give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way. ~Ritual Chant

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?" ~William A. Ward

Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way. ~Native American Saying

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. ~Mother Teresa

If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get. ~Frank A. Clark

It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor. ~George Washington

Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men; but be careful that you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude. ~E.P. Powell

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## SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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#### SENIOR FISHING DERBY

When: Monday, November 4th, 2013

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Where: Tuscawilla Park

Cost: Free

What: The Fishing Fun goes on for our Senior Citizens. Hook up with us for a few hours of fishing at Lake Tuscawilla. Lunch, bait and pole are provided. Preregistration is required. Limited to 125 participants. Please call Grace at 629-8357 for more information and to register.

#### TRIP: DINNER THEATER, CLEAR-WATER

When: Thursday, November 21, 2013  
Leave 8th Ave. Sr. Center at 8:30 AM Return 6:00 PM

Cost: \$60.00 per person Dinner included

What: BOEING BOEING: This 1960's

French farce adapted for English-speaking stage features self-styled Parisian lothario Bernard, who has Italian, German and American fiancées, each beautiful airline hostesses with frequent “layovers”. He keeps “one up, one down and one pending” until unexpected schedule changes bring all three to Paris and Bernard’s apartment at the same time. For more information, call Grace at 629-8357.

#### LIGHT UP OCALA

When: Saturday, November 23rd, 2013

Time: 4:00-9:30pm

Where: Ocala’s Downtown Square and Citizens Circle

Cost: Free admission to event

What: Bring your family and friends to the community’s official kick-off of the holiday season and one of North Central Florida’s holiday traditions. There will be plenty of FUN, arts and crafts, food, live music, and entertainment. Also come early to enjoy the Junior Sunshine Parade and meet Santa!



Pictured is Kim Gramman catching up on her suntan and reading the papers on the deck of the Victory Casino Cruise Ship, part of the Select Business Associates day trip.



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# Meet Pakmail

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Ocala Business Leaders induct some new members. If you would like to increase your business Come Have Breakfast On Us! Every Wednesday at 7 Am Ocala Elks Lodge, 702 NE 25th Avenue Ocala, Florida.

## Happy Thanksgiving

# Select Business Associates

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—Governor Rick Scott —

## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

Governor Scott State on Congressman Bill Young Retiring

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott released the following statement on Congressman Bill Young Retiring:

“As Florida’s longest serving Congressman, we appreciate Congressman Bill Young’s more than 50 years of service to

Florida families. Throughout his career, Congressman Young has fought to make sure Washington acted in the best interests of the brave men and women who serve in our military. His unwavering dedication to Pinellas County and the Sunshine State will be missed in Washington.”

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## Workforce Connection

OCALA, Fla. (Oct. 21, 2013) – Workforce Connection will change its name as part of a new unified CareerSource Florida brand designed to enhance access to workforce services for job seekers and businesses throughout the state.

Beginning in early 2014, Workforce Connection will become CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion (CSCLM). Florida’s 23 other workforce organizations will adopt “CareerSource” brands with similar regional locations.

Darlene Goddard, Workforce Connection’s board chair, said the local workforce development board “supports the move to provide a more consistent message regarding our system’s role as a talent source for Florida’s business community.”

Workforce Connection will receive about \$62,000 to cover the expense of replacing signage, rebranding its website and other items.

Goddard, who is also executive director of Human Resources for Winco Manufacturing in Ocala, said Workforce Connection is focused on ensuring that its brand equity, built over the past 17 years, makes the transition intact.

“We have worked to develop an array of services that support the needs of our job seekers and our business community,” she said. “Our board’s overriding concern is that this transition is understood by our customers as a move to improve those services and that the professional team that we have assembled will not change.”

The system’s new universal brand was developed as a mandate of the Regional Workforce Boards Accountability Act of 2012 and was unanimously approved by the Workforce Florida board of directors in May. Workforce Florida also announced the

CareerSource Florida brand Monday.

Market research conducted as part of the rebranding initiative indicated a lack of awareness of the system’s resources – not necessarily at the regional level but throughout the system as a whole with 25 brand names as well as a variety of names associated with its one-stop career centers.

The Workforce Connection board is a public/private partnership with the county commissions in Citrus, Levy and Marion counties. Goddard notes that the charter calls for the regional workforce development board – regardless of its name – to “support the needs of our local businesses with services tailored to their needs and that we provide the tools to area job seekers to assist them in finding employment. That will not change.”

Workforce Connection is in the process of creating an implementation plan to roll out the new brand. An official start date has not yet been set, but it is expected sometime in February 2014.

Workforce Connection is the local, business-led nonprofit that strives to connect qualified workers with local employers through quality, cost-effective training, education and employment services. Last year, more than 52,000 job seekers and nearly 1,800 businesses received fee-free services.

Workforce Connection is a member of Employ Florida and an equal opportunity employer/program. Aids/services available upon request; all phone numbers may be reached using TTY/TDD equipment via Florida Relay Service at 711. For accommodations, call 800-434-5627, ext. 7878 or email accommodations@workforceconnectionfl.com at least three business days in advance.

—ONE PERSON’S OPINION —  
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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can’t feed or shelter our own people here. Wake up America and Americans we need to put this country back on the map. We should close all our borders until we are financially sound again then and only then open them and enforce our immigration laws.

We have illegal aliens here who vote and seem to have more say about our Government than we do. When is the madness going to stop?

I don’t know who started all this Political Correctness but I hope they enjoy what it has reaped, a bunch of whining, thin skinned people. This is our Country and if you do

not like it here go home and change your country to the way you want it. Yes I believe we need a good woman to run the country but that is not Hillary Clinton there would not be much difference than what we have now.

Fast & Furious, Benghazi, IRS snoops, NSA snoops and I am sure there is much more. Outside of sexual misconduct has there ever been such corruption in our over staffed government. We need to re-introduce ethics and morality into government.

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Debra Jenkins taking a break, catching some rays on the Victory Casino day cruise, part of the Select Business Associates day trip.



Pictured is Rhonda & Ralph Jones sunning on the deck of the Victory Casino Cruise Ship, part of the Select Business Associates day trip.

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# The History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled

with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th

of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th,

President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation” which stated: “In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.”

President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA’s General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee’s chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



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