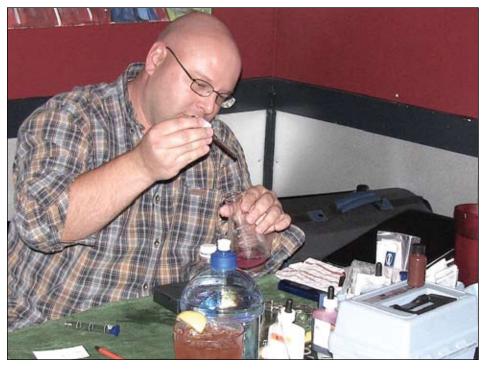


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BIO:

Tom Barber, 37, comes from a long line of agricultural history. He is the son of a 3rd generation farmer in Marion County. His great-grandfather, the late Tommy Barber, raised hogs, cattle and grew vegetables in Morriston, FL. He also sold Ford tractors and served as a Marion County Commissioner. His grandfather, Richard Barber (and late father, Rick Barber), is an active

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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 manages 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.

In the beginning Walter had worked for the previous owners, later the family purchased the business.

Pakmail ships by UPS/FedEx/DHL/US Mail and numerous freight carriers. One stop shopping. Some of the services available are custom crating /custom boxing/Fax services/some pickup and many other business related services.

They are celebrating 16 years of successful Christmas shipping. They are experts in custom packaging and shipping. When you enter the store all you will see are friendly

One of their favorite charities is Big Sun Youth Soccer and their church. Two examples of unusual things they have shipped are a race car and an alligator.

The store is located in Church Hill Square Plaza at 303 SE 17th St #309 Ocala Fl. See them today for your Christmas packing shipping needs. Check Ad in this paper. Call them at 352-368-9779.

Merry

Happy



Panoramic view of the Senior Fishing Derby. See story on Page two.



Tom's Picks: **Need Handyman -**Safe Cracker.



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Florida House of Representatives =

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Election Day was not a good day for Republicans---it was a great day. It is truly a new day in Florida and across the nation as Republicans were given the lead in governors' races and state legislatures as

well as restored to leadership of the US Senate and increased seats in the US House of Representatives.

An election that started as trench warfare, state by state and district by district, transformed into a sweeping Republican victory. Contests that were expected to be close were

not, and races expected to go Democratic broke narrowly for the Republicans. With at least a nine-seat gain and most likely more, House Republicans will have close to 245 seats, the largest Republican majority since the Truman administration. Republicans will now control 30 out of 50 state legislatures. Florida lead the way with all Republican Cabinet members strongly reelected, Republicans replaced six Democrats in the Florida House for a super majority, and Gov. Scott was re-elected. America has seen the pitfalls of Obamacare's takeover in Healthcare and the social experiment with redistribution of income. America is excited about opportunity, freedom, and family. It is now time to deliver free market solutions and deliver results. Onward and upward.

Senior Fishing Derby

The Senior Fishing Derby was a success. As usual it went off without a hitch. The weather kind of kept a few home but the seniors that did come had fun and got outside. I think I counted over 60 people fishing so that is a good number. Dustin Echols of Clay Electric cooked for the event and Barbra Donahoe of Audible Hearing was one of the sponsors. Doug Bechtel of Florida Pest Control brought some great give aways and TomL Publishing furnished some door prizes. The event was put on by the Parks and Recreation and the coordinator was Grace Huffman. Watch for the event again in April.



Barbara Donahoe of Audibel Hearing was one of the sponsors of the Senior Fishing Derby. Audibel Hearing offers free hearing tests.

Christmas at Rainbow Springs State Park

Preparations are under way for the Santa Over the Rainbow event. Thousands of strands of twinkling lights are strung among the greenery transforming them into a fairyland. Santa himself, along with Mrs. Santa, arrive from the river in a pontoon boat. What could be better for children and adults alike? Fee is still \$2.00, cash only, with children

five and under free. Dates will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 13, 14, 15, and 19, 20, and 21. After Christmas, we will have lights only, but no Santa on December 26 and 27. Come get your dose of Joy and Christmas Spirit. For more information call 352-465-8555

Pictured is Dustin Echols cooking for the Senior Fishing Derby. Clay Electric has been cooking for this event for many years.







■■Brett Bonham, BC-HIS ■■■ HEARING MATTERS



Hearing loss?: talking with a loved one

How to help those you care about get the help they need

As the holidays are coming up and I think about how many people will

be sitting with love ones and talking and knowing that their love ones cannot hear them. They will have to repeat themselves and still may not be understood. Hearing loss doesn't just affect the person who has

it, It also affects spouses, family members and friends. From frustration with having to repeat things over and over to heartbreak at seeing someone you care about isolate themselves from the people and activities that they love, the negative effects of hearing loss casts a wide net. Convincing the loved one to seek help is the right thing to do, but is not always easy. Hopefully I can provide some dos and don'ts to help you approach this important subject.

First the facts:

If hearing loss is left untreated it can affect a person's quality of life in many ways. It can lead to dementia, falls, and withdrawal from social situations. Yet, without even

realizing it, you may be making it easier for someone not to seek help. Well-intentioned efforts such as repeating yourself or "translating" what others are saying may be preventing your love one from realizing how much communication they fail to understand or miss completely. It is important to stop enabling them.

Here are some things that you can do:

Talk to your friend or loved one about their hearing concerns

Gently remind them of their loss every time you "translate" or repeat something for

Recommend they visit a hearing professional to get their questions answered and get more information

Offer to schedule and attend the hearing consultation with them.

Reminded them they have nothing to lose

and potentially everything to gain by seeing a hearing professional.

Well now, don't be surprised if you get resistance. Unlike our eyesight, when hearing goes, people are in less of a hurry to do something about it. With many waiting 5 to 7 years before finally seeking treatment. Be prepared for pushback with these responses. Remember, they do not know what they cannot hear. Here are some responses you may receive.

My family doctor Response one: would've told me if I have a hearing loss.

Well that is not true because less than 20% of physicians routinely screen for hearing loss during physicals

Response two: Wearing a hearing aid will make my hearing loss obvious. Today's hearing aids are sleek and stylish or even invisible and certainly less noticeable then if you constantly asked people to repeat themselves, inappropriately respond, or don't respond at all. People notice that.

Response three: A little hearing loss is no big deal. The fact is studies have linked untreated hearing loss to big deals like stress, depression, social rejection, increased risk to personal safety, falls, and dementia

If you know someone that seems to have a hearing loss you can make a difference by trying to guide them to getting a complementary hearing loss or even a tinnitus evaluation. The holidays could be a whole lot nicer for that person you love because they won't miss a word of what is said.*

Brett Bonham is a Board Certified Hearing Specialist/ owner of six locations in Ocala, Inverness, Homosassa, Dunnellon, The Villages and Lady Lake. His first office has served Ocala for nearly 20 years. Brett fully embraces the Audibel Platinum promise to give free adjustments and service to any Audibel patient from any of their 2,000 nationwide locations. Hearing tests are always FREE at his locations and they support the Starkey Hearing Foundation. Website: www. AudibelNorthCentralFlorida.com and phone number (toll free) 855-321-HEAR (4327)

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Tom Loury

Publisher's Notes



The cricket that did not give up.

True story:
Dunnellon, Florida
- A Hawk swooped
down and grabbed
a cricket. It hastily
flew straight up, hit
a power line, and
was electrocuted.
It fell to the ground

dead - end of story? No, the Cricket was still alive and lived to sing that night.

The administration is stripping the Border Patrol agencies of money and at the same time looking for a company that can supply sports bras and underwear for 100,000 illegals at taxpayers' expense.

This is the time of year we look back at what we did and see if we can improve on our performance, make changes for the good! WOW I have lot to do next year. I will help as many people as I can but 90% of my requests are for free publicity. I hear many clubs stand up and say we advertised in this pub or that pub but what they did is submit

a request for a free press release. Sorry but that does not buy groceries, that will not pay the bills. Newspapers make their money thru advertising which is paid for. I ran thousands of dollars of free space and I just can't continue that practice. Buy an ad and I will try to run your press releases.

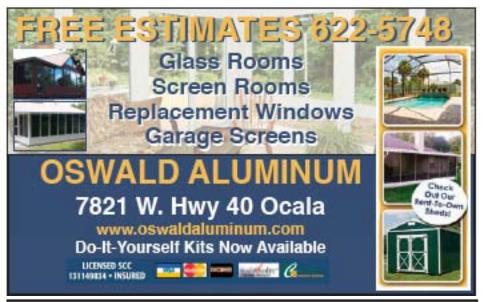
We have a controversy going on about using the word "HERO" when it comes to 'all vets are heroes.' Well in my book they certainly are. People who serve in the military deserve our respect. Veterans show respect to each other and the non-vets should do the same. In looking at the word hero in the dictionary it leads me in the direction of the definition of "great deed of bravery" "courage" "gallantry". In other words doing an unusual deed to save someone where your own life is in danger. In conclusion I think the word is used properly. When using

the word hero and adding the words extreme courage would show an unusual deed of bravery. Just my opinion!

Following up with the Veterans Hospitals not doing their job. We have a new leader in charge of that, a veteran of 32 years. He says there is over 1,000 veterans hospital workers that need to be fired. It is almost impossible to fire a government employee, so we will see how it all comes out. The statement I heard on the news shocked me. A vet commits suicide every hour, that should not happen. If they need care, fiscal or mental, it needs to happen. In reading a poem sent to me on veterans day from Ken Tipper I was moved by the poem and the last line read "OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,"

A VETERAN DIED TODAY."

Actually it happens every hour! Support



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Clever don't you think. Are we going to stand for this?

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Children's Books Make Great Gifts



Teacher creates seven children's books "Maggie the Beagle with a Broken Tail"

Evelyn Gilmer's new puppy, Maggie, inspired her Children's book series that include seven books. "Maggie the Beagle with a Broken Tail" is the first book and grabs a reader's attention from beginning to end. Stacy Baker from Tate Publishing said, "We only accept the best of the best, which is why Gilmer's book was pulled from the stack of thousands we receive."

To say Evelyn Gilmer's books are different is an understatement. From the first page to the last, they offer an outstanding message. "The books are intended for ele-

mentary children, Gilmer said. But they also appeal to adults as they relate to their own brokenness."

Evelyn Gilmer includes her grandchildren in each book and showcases special friends she met while traveling in Santa Fe and Tallahassee.

The first three books are picture books with four chapter books to follow. Gilmer wanted the books to grow up with her readers.

Following this lively little pup from one adventure to another entertains children of all ages. From a beach with baby sea turtles, summer camp on Growler's Puppy Farm, to a Dude Ranch with horse rustlers, little Maggie is a hero in spite of her broken tail.

Evelyn Gilmer has dedicated her life to children. She has six of her own and fourteen grandchildren. She taught first grade for fifteen years. Gilmer does author visits to schools and presents "Turtle Nesting With Maggie" to grades K-2 and "How to Make a Book" for grades 3-5.

Ms. Gilmer's books can be purchased online at maggiethebeagle.tateauthor.com.





Mojo's Art Gallery



By TomL

I eat at Mojo's once or twice a week because I like the food, I like the service and I like the people working there. Now there is a new attraction, an Art Gallery area. On the left as you come into the door is a small meeting room. Tables with specially hand painted table tops started appearing. Most are art with something to do with music and bands. As I understand they are quite expen-

sive. There are six so far, all placed in the special art gallery for free showing when you eat there. Mojo's is certainly a special place. Oh, another interesting thing is there is a small stand on each table and if you need a waitress just turn the sign to "I need service" and the next waitress walking by will stop and ask if they can be of service. You can tell I'm sold on Mojo's.

What's In Your Water?

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peanut & watermelon producer who also raises cattle in Marion County. Needless to say the Barber family has not only worked the land but has also enjoyed the precious resource from our Floridan aquifer - just as all the pioneer farm families and the rest of us here in Florida for many generations and more to come.

As Tom Barber has also shared a love for our great water here in Marion County over the years he has also found that many residents have a hard time living with the dissolved lime rock, iron, chlorine and sulfur found in their water supplies. After working in the water treatment industry for the past few years, in both service and sales, Tom Barber has come to the realization that more and more residents need water treatment for quality drinking water as well. Couple naturally hard water with an increase in population and the demand begins to rise for water purification. One of the staples to Tom Barber's business, FLA WATER, is reverse osmosis (R.O.) water purification systems. The demand is ever increasing for

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FLA WATER (FLA WATER PRO, LLC) is a water treatment company here in Marion County, based on a solid background, strong work ethic, quality products, dependable service and honest sales. FLA WATER was founded by Tom Barber who loves to ask his important question, "What's in YOUR water? Simply stated our job here at FLA WATER is to test your water, show you what we find, make recommendations and then you tell us what you want to do."

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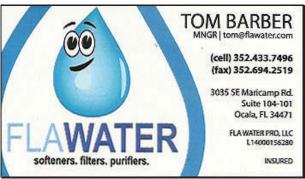




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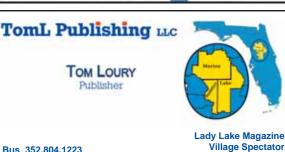




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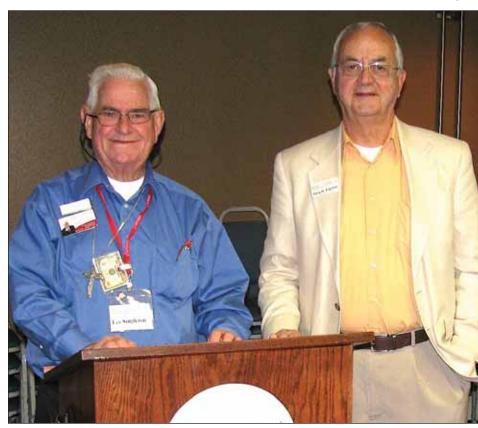


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Pictured is Les Singleton and Garry Fisher giving a presentation to the Ocala Business Leaders. They were talking about Send Out Cards and how to use them effectively.

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SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MOVIE FOR DECEMBER 2014 8th AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH, 2014 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON – THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH, 2014 AT 1:00 PM

"THE SANTA CLAUS" STARRING: TIM ALLEN, JUDGE REINGOLD, ERIC LLOYD, WENDY CREWSON, DAVID KRUMHOLTZ AND PETER BOYLE

The Santa Claus stars Tim Allen as Scott Calvin, an ordinary man who accidentally causes Santa Claus to fall from his roof on Christmas Eve. When he and his young son, Charlie, finish St. Nick's trip and deliveries,

they go to the North Pole where Scott learns that he must become the new Santa and convince those he loves that he is indeed Father Christmas. RATED PG13

Due to the holidays, we will only be showing one movie this month. Reservations must be made at the Center of your choice. Seating is limited to 8 persons per video. Please call the 8th Avenue Center at 629-8545 or Barbara G. Washington Center at 629-8357 to reserve your seat.

The 8th Avenue Senior Center will be closed December 24th thru December 27th, 2014 and December 31st thru January 3rd 2015 for the Holidays.

The Barbara G Washington Center will

be closed December 24th & 25th, 2014 and January 1st, 2015. December 31st hours will be 10am-3pm.

COMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2014

SANTA ON THE SQUARE

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 2nd, 4th, 9th 11th, 16th, and 18th, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Where: Downtown on the Square

Cost: FREE

What: A favorite family holiday program including a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, music, snacks, and hayride. Open to all ages. Don't forget to bring your camera for that unforgettable photo.

For more information, please call Diane at 401-3916. A maximum of 250 people will be taken each night so Santa can make sure

he has enough time to see all the children.

SENIOR TRIP: HUDSON CHRIST-MAS SHOW

When: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 Leave 8th Ave. Sr. Center 8:00 AM Return 6:00 PM

Where: Hudson, Florida

Cost: \$70.00 per person Includes transportation, admission and lunch

What: Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL gets the full Broadway treatment. This spectacular musical extravaganza ran for ten years at Madison Square Garden. A CHRISTMAS CAROL retains its emotional power and pure joy thanks to the marvelously told story and beautiful score.

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. ~Norman Vincent Peale

Christmas is a time when you get homesick - even when you're home. ~Carol Nelson

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. \sim Roy L. Smith

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. ~Charles Dickens

Christmas is the gentlest, loveliest festival of the revolving year - and yet, for all that, when it speaks, its voice has strong authority. ~W.J. Cameron

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. ~Burton Hillis

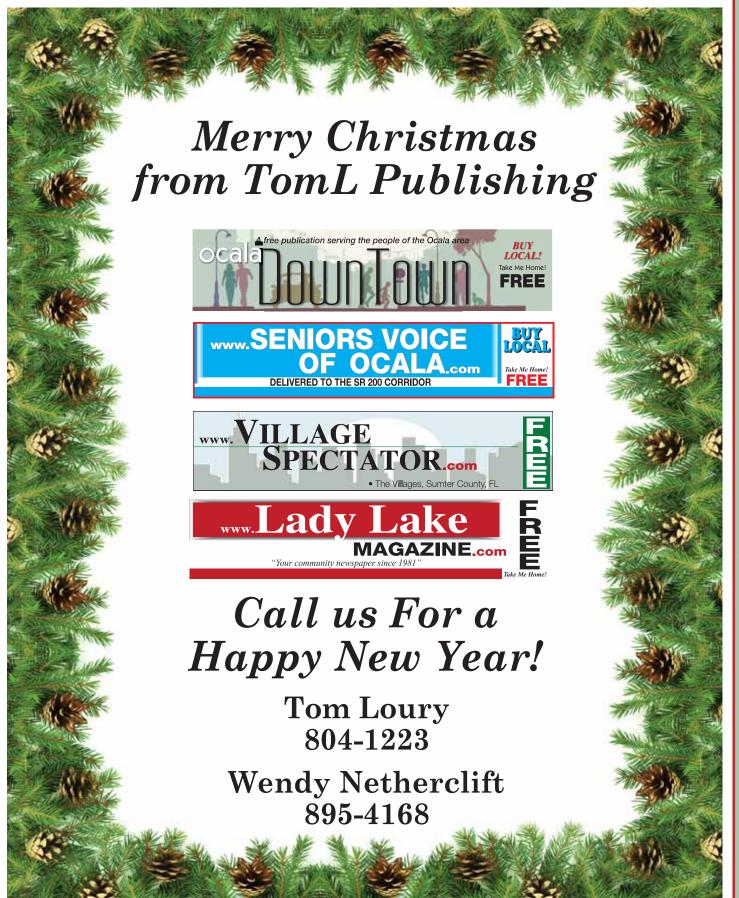
One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly. ~Andy Rooney

Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveller, thousands of miles away, back to his own fire-side and his quiet home! ~Charles Dickens, The Pickwick Papers, 1836

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves. ~Eric Sevareid

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime. ~Laura Ingalls Wilder

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through! ~Author Unknown



CEP/Ocala Chamber of Commerce News

One of the primary goals in forming the CEP was to create a one-stop for business. Everything the CEP does is based around this premise along with ideas of providing a positive return on investment for our partners and creating and retaining jobs. One of the ways that we work to accomplish all three of these goals is through our Business Education initiatives in our Business Services program area.

Throughout the year we put together education programs that meet the stated needs of our businesses which will help them receive a positive return on their investment Additionally, we seek to be a centralized location for most business education needs 2000 people will have participated in an ed-

TuesdayTalks sponsored by Rasmussen

morning and afternoon sessions on the first identified by our partners. What is unique

and grow their business which creates jobs. for our partners. By the end of 2014, nearly ucation program sponsored by the CEP.

College Our primary business education initiative is our TuesdayTalks series. We host and third Tuesday of each month on topics about TuesdayTalks is that we use partners

as subject area speakers. For example, we have offered a couple of different sessions on QuickBooks which was presented by a local CPA who is certified in several aspects of QuickBooks.

Each morning session includes breakfast and a snack is provided in the afternoon. Both sessions are the same, just provided at different times to meet the busy schedules of our partners. As with most CEP programs, TuesdayTalks is offered free to our part-

FridayTalks in Dunnellon

The CEP has begun focusing on offering programs not just at our facility in downtown Ocala, but around Marion County. As a result, we have begun a breakfast series in Dunnellon. The approach is the same as TuesdayTalks, but with one session on the last Friday of each month. Again, the sessions are free to our partners. We will continue to look for additional opportunities to provide training sessions around the Coun-

Power Lunches at the Power Plant

At least once a month, the Power Plant Business Incubator offers a brown bag lunch seminar on topics of particular interest to entrepreneurs. The topics are derived from the stated needs of the Power Plant Incubator residents but apply to most any entrepreneur. As with the other sessions, the Power Lunches are free to any CEP partner.

On Demand Training

Four or five times a year, the CEP plans

training on special topics based on needs expressed by our partners. These sessions are usually lead by experts that we bring in based on the topic. Examples of recent sessions include a Corporate Privacy and Security session led by a Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist and the Lead Learn Simulcast featuring leadership expert John Maxwell. Again, all of these sessions are offered for free to our partners.

Coggno—Online Training

Through a unique partnership with a national online training provider, the CEP provides access to more than 5,000 webinars at a significantly discounted rate. Partners can access training webinars on topics including Human Resources, Software, Health, Leadership, Sales, and hundreds more. In many cases, the courses include continuing education credits (CEUs) for professionals and certifications. You or your employees can learn from their individual desk or with other employees. All partners have use of the CEP meeting rooms. The rooms have large screens and online access where you can train multiple employees at once. While the online training programs do have a cost (though discounted by up to 70%), the use of meeting rooms is free to partners.

Providing access to training and education is one of the ways the CEP assists businesses. By learning new skills and improving upon existing ones, businesses can grow and together we will keep our community Moving Forward!





Governor Rick Scott =

FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

The Honorable Governor Rick Scott State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

At a time when uncertainty is gripping the nation on a number of fronts, we thank you for your efforts and leadership related to keeping Floridians prepared and safe in the wake of the Ebola crisis.

Your thoughtful and steady response to this situation at a time when responsible leadership is at a premium, and your effort

to make sure that Florida is ready at a time

when others are not actively engaged, does not go unseen. Your work to assure Floridians that the state is doing everything in its power to keep them safe has even earned the praise of a number of news organizations, and has been called a "model for other

states."

We know that the health, safety and welfare of the law enforcement officials and health care workers in this state, as well as all Florida residents, is your top priority and at the forefront of your mind, and that is greatly appreciated.

These are serious times when the potential spread of this deadly disease would have the possibility of being devastating to our state, and your steadfast leadership is con-

Holiday Hints

A Stress-Free Dessert Can Make The Season Sweeter

(NAPSI)—Here is some news that can help to make the winter season more comforting and holidays less stressful.

According to an American Psychological Association study, the leading worries during the holidays are time and money, causing many to feel fatigued and stressed.

To help alleviate stress when preparing meals for friends and family, look for recipes that are quick and effortless to make.

For example, for a sweet ending to the meal, try creating a semi-homemade treat by transforming a store-bought snack into a delicious dessert.

Mrs. Freshley's is offering quick and easy recipes that use their snacks to create delectable treats with minimal stress.

Here's a new take on a classic fall comfort food-Pumpkin Bread Pudding.

Pumpkin Bread Pudding

Ingredients

5 Mrs. Freshley's Honey Buns

2 eggs, beaten

1/2 15-oz can of pumpkin puree

2 cups milk

2 Tbsp brown sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

1/4 tsp cinnamon

tinuing Florida on the right path.

Sincerely.

Amy Mercer

Executive Director

Directions

Slice Mrs. Freshley's Honey Buns into bite-size pieces.

Place honey buns in greased 2-quart baking dish.

Beat eggs, pumpkin puree, milk, sugar and vanilla in a small bowl.

Pour milk mixture over honey buns.

Sprinkle with cinnamon and bake at 350 degrees F for 35 to 45 minutes or until golden brown and pudding is firm.

For a quick treat with great flavor, try this recipe for Crisp Cranberry Trifle.

Crisp Cranberry Trifle

Ingredients

7 Mrs. Freshley's Donut Sticks

4 mason jars

2 cans of whole cranberry sauce

1 tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed Cut Donut Sticks into bite- size pieces

and place a layer in the mason jar. Next, apply a layer of whole cranberry

sauce, then a layer of whipped topping.

Repeat layers until jar is full.

More stress-free dessert recipes and holiday entertaining tips can be found at www. MrsFreshleys.com and www.facebook.com/ mrsfreshleys.





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