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Walt's Brakes & More Celebrates 50th



Walt's Brakes and More celebrates its 50th year anniversary. Over a hundred attended the event. Four generations of the Krumm family were in attendance and a picture appears in this paper. People from CEP/ Chamber / Ocala Business Leaders / Select Business Associates, happy customers and friends were part of the crowd. Great door prizes were given away, each of the Krumms donated a \$50 bill. They did a lot of work on my truck that morning. I thank you Walt for your continued friendship.

The History of Walts Brake

"Guardian of your safety since 1965"

In 1953 Walter E. Krumm Sr. was doing his first brake job in the driveway of his Miami home. Though he was working as a full time maintenance man for a company of 4000 employees called Aerodex. Walt Sr. had a strong desire to be in business for himself. It was during a period of time when he was doing brake repair work at his home that he realized this was the vocation which could fulfil his desire to start a business of his own and at the same time give him the security and the monetary satisfaction he envisioned for himself and his family.

At the end of two years, Walt Sr. realized that the physical limitations of only doing one job at a time put limitations on his income. It was then that one of his customers joined Walt Sr as a partner in the business. After 6 1/2 years, the partner offered to buy out the business completely, stating that Walt was "too conservative and was holding the business back from reaching its full potential". Walt was in agreement and as part of the stipulations of the buyout he signed a no compete clause and left Miami. After satisfying his obligations and making four mortgage payments in advance, Walt Sr, his wife and their four small children arrived in Ocala with \$600 left from Walts share in the

business.

Walt Sr's dream was to have the largest brake facility in the country. His first step was to find a location and he did just that. Walt Sr. used his \$600 to lease the Tenneco gas station at 1300 E. Silver Springs Blvd. This was the very beginning of "Walts Brake Service". In 1969 Walt Sr. had accumulated enough capital to purchase the property on South Magnolia. In 1972 the old building was demolished and they built a bigger building on the property which still stands today. Then the following year 1973 Walt Jr joined his father and became a part of "Walts Brake Service".

In 1977, Walt Sr. entered in to a warehouse distributorship with Bendix Corp. and called it Brake Parts Inc. this business was the rebuilding of brake shoes and in the course of 3 years had 77 accounts throughout the state of Florida and gross sales of \$1 million dollars, for the next three consecutive years.

In 1982, Walt Sr. purchased the "Old Frazier" property 3/4 mile north of the Ford Dealership on N.W Gainesville Road. It was here that Brake Parts Inc. continued to grow until 1985 when environmental problems with the state of Florida forced Walt to discontinue the remanufacturing of brake

Travel Series



Meet Kailah Netherclift. Kailah has helped TomL Publishing LLC many times with projects over time. She recently traveled covering a number of countries alone. Mind you I don't think that she should have gone alone, many of us worried about her while she was on her trek. The trip and the pictures looked and sounded so interesting that I asked her to write about it. The following is her account of the trip.

"Not All Who Wander Are Lost"

Quote by JRR Tolkien

Publishers Note: I found this story of travel and the person traveling most interesting and just had to share some of the trip. I ask Kailah to write about her travels. We will have more as long as she is comfortable sharing. I think the destination of a trip is not as important as the trip itself.

By Kailah Netherclift

Preface:

In 2014, I spent half my year traveling the world, unplanned, unexpectedly, and alone. I lived in and visited ten different

countries in a six month period. In total, I traveled throughout Denmark, Spain, Hungary, Slovenia, Scotland, Ireland, Croatia, Italy, Istanbul (Turkey), and after returning stateside to Miami and New Orleans. I lived with and experienced cultures and traditions I had never been exposed to before. I stayed in some of the largest cities in the world and also camped in the hills of places unreachable by car. I trekked the Pyrenees Mountains, swam in the Mediterranean, and walked through one of the largest under-

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Facebook and its Downfall

By TomL

I recently had someone tell me I should look at my Facebook page. When I finally did I found there was a fake one. It had a lot of my correct info but also had a lot of info I have never seen. I should have expected it. I have seen people slander each other over nothing. By the time they got through with each other they didn't even know how or why it started. There are no slander laws governing the internet / Facebook or any of the other social networks.

The fake Facebook person was respond-

ing to people I don't know and people I do know. I can't imagine what has been said in the past. For those of you who know me, you can contact me by email because I'm shutting down Facebook. It has not created any business for me and it has been nothing but social contacts, some of them not wanted! I will correspond by email from now on.

I watch the news on TV and I catch news on the radio (local stations). I read the newspapers and go to meetings. I don't need any added social contact.

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Ocala, Florida: Horse Capitol of the World. The Chamber and Economic Partnership recently commissioned a study on the economic impact the equine industry has in Ocala/ Marion County. The

results were astounding. Although many of our residents many not see the direct impact in their own lives, the economic impact effects everyone. The study found that the equine industry has a \$2.62 billion economic

on the Ocala/Marion County area. Not only does the equine industry offer \$2.62 billion in revenues, but also \$1.60 billion in value added to the GDP and the employment of 19,209 full and part-time jobs. “This study shows that the talent pool for equines is strong here. Some of the top trainers, athletes, veterinarians and more all make their home base here in Ocala/ Marion County. The equine industry accounted for 15-18% of our economy in 2012. It is clear that the equine industry should continue to be fostered and supported for our community to continue to prosper. In Ocala, “the horse” in many different applications is the brand recognized by many when we share across the

globe that North Central Florida is the best place to do business. Let’s continue to help

Ocala grow. Onward and Upward!

Travel Series

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yons in the world. I lived with strangers and made many friendships I will never loose, some of whom I met hitch hiking. Now, I will never see, experience, or travel the way I had before I began my journey And I did it all on a student’s budget, without any sort of guide or travel agent. I volunteered my time in exchange for free room and board where I went. This is my story of how I lived half a year in perpetual education and amazement of how fascinating the world is and fully soaking in all of the good and bad that comes with it. And as my father would say, “Lived to tell about it.”

Part 1:

“There is no moment of delight in any pilgrimage like the beginning of it.”

– Charles Dudley Warner

Last year I began what would unexpectedly prove to be the most adventurous, spontaneous, and personal growth bringing journey I had never imagined being able to do. In fact, I had never known anyone that had done anything like this. If your next door neighbor told you about it, you would think they were telling you a movie plot. Minus, of course, the elements of kidnappings, ransoms, explosions, shoot outs ...you get the picture. However, that’s not to say that there wasn’t any drama or a million other highs and lows in the road along the way.

In February 2014, I found myself in an odd place. I had a few unexpected long-term goal affecting changes take place in my life. I was a student at one of the most prestigious universities, not only in Florida, but also in the nation. I won’t say the name of it, but let’s just say, “It’s Great, to be, a...” university student! . I was a senior set to graduate in December 2014. In order to accomplish this I would need to have another summer and fall semester with a beyond full time class schedule, for the 5th and 6th semesters in a row. And all I really wanted was a break to pause and recharge for a bit. However, I equally wanted to graduate- as I was on track to graduate a semester early.

Now, I’m not whining, my life wasn’t bad. It’s been commonly cited that the average American works a lot of hours too while taking little vacation time. However, when one is working 40 hours a week and not getting paid for it (university curriculum) PLUS the extra 20-30 hours per week at their “paying” job... and having little to show for it in the present time... burn out is just waiting around the corner to pounce!

So, the solution I came up with was to study abroad. To study abroad, means that a college student is enrolled in and travels to a university in another country and attends equally academically qualified college credit classes. Then when the classes end the grades and credits transfer back to the students home university and count towards their degree. This meant, that if I was accepted I could take a vacation and still take college classes! Allowing me to stay on track to graduate in December! Perfect! Two birds- one stone, win-win.

It seemed most common that students study abroad in England, France, Germany, China and Australia. But, my custom of habit is usually to take the roads that are slightly less traveled. Ultimately, I choose to study abroad in Copenhagen Denmark and for two reasons. First, I was fascinated by the social safety net they have in place. I wanted to see how something so different than our own American system could exist and simultaneously seem to work so Publishers Notewell. The Danes are consistently in the top 5 “Happiest Nations on Earth”. Second, the classes offered by the school I attended were so unique and exciting! Some memorable examples were; The Neuroscience of Fear, Positive Psychology, Danish Furniture

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What I Stand For

As the Sheriff of Marion County, I always have citizens come up and ask me questions--whether it's at a Town Hall Meeting or when I'm eating at a local restaurant.

Their questions can vary from, "How's the family?" to "Tell me where we are when it comes to public safety." But at our most recent Town Hall Meeting at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on March 3rd, several people stood up, took the microphone and asked me, "Sheriff Blair, will you protect our 2nd amendment rights? What do you stand for?"

My answer was quite simple. I strongly believe in the 2nd Amendment and I believe that people have the right to bear arms to protect themselves and others from imminent danger.

I host a concealed weapons course several times a year and I'm a range master at the College of Central Florida. Our next concealed weapons class will be at St. Mark's Methodist Church on April 12th from 2-6 p.m. Our partnership with R&D Tactical allows us to take those who attend the course to their indoor range so they can get hands-

on training. Safety is always the number one priority when handling any type of weapon and it's the main point I focus on when training citizens to conceal carry. I believe in arming our citizens that want to be armed while also ensuring that they can carefully and properly manage---and use---a firearm.

The funds we raise from the admission to these classes are donated back to our community organizations. H.U.G.S. is a charity we have donated these funds to before; they raise money for families who have children with cancer. In the future, the proceeds will go to Kimberly's Center, which assists those impacted by domestic violence and other forms of abuse. These classes are truly the perfect opportunity to give back to the people of Marion County and to give our citizens the ability to exercise their rights bestowed upon them in our Constitution. You can't get any better than that!

We are also having a gun buyback program on April 4th at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion's Auditorium from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Our crime rate in Marion County has been decreased nearly 10 percent since I took off office two years ago and I believe this gun buyback will continue to help us prevent crime in our community. For instance, what if you have a gun in your house that you don't want any more? In law enforcement, we sometimes come in contact

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Tom Loury:

Another drop of fuel on the fire. The news is ablaze with more news of VA care. Even with all that media coverage, vets have a little clue how badly they are being short-changed.

There are levels of care: horse and buggy, and Cadillac, and something in between. Vets are getting horse and buggy care, in many instances.

If a vet is not aware of the latest advances, he is not informed of new techniques, and gets the old stuff.

Research, research, ask questions, questions. Or, you might be saddled with barbaric procedures. Example: if you have cancer, standard drastic surgery may be the only options offered to you, no matter how grave your condition.

Other options available are Da Vinci and Cyber knife, two robotic procedures. They are available in certain VA hospitals, but not most. Some vets get them others do not, no matter the need. The procedures, survival and recuperation are drastically different.

In certain circumstances referrals are possible, but they depend on superficial reasons unrelated to the severity of your condition. Your distance from facilities is the reason, not your imminent threatening condition. If your condition is life threatening, you deserve choices.

As with all government entities common sense is blatantly absent.

When bonuses are on your mind, it is hard to worry about care, too.

If you are a vet, and in dire straits, do your research. I have been in the presence of several vets who didn't research, and they are no longer with us.

The money is there. We the people want it to go for care, not bonuses,

Or, parties. How many machines could be bought with all the bonus, and party, money? Isn't that what it is budgeted for?

Thank you for your service. Live long and healthy, and prosper.

D.I.

Ocala, Fl

To the Editor

Seems to me that Obama and Kerry are turning out to be "on the wrong side of history." First, not going to the Paris march and now boycotting Netanyahu's speech. The rest of the world is moving on without the United States. The Arab world seriously does not want a nuclear Iran. Of course, I don't understand why they don't take action on their own; but the world is used to having the U.S. take the lead. I have a feeling that Obama isn't happy with this response.

Tzvi Yechezkieli, the Arab affairs expert of Channel 10, said that many Arab commentators supported the content of Netanyahu's speech. . . . Yechezkieli said that the Arab countries are convinced that Obama will not safeguard their security interests in the current negotiations with Iran and will not protect them against Iranian aggression."**

The Saudi Daily Al-Jazirah published an article written by Dr. Ahmad Al-Faraj, who supported Netanyahu's decision to speak to the U.S. Congress against the upcoming deal with Iran. He called Obama 'one of the worst American presidents' and said that Netanyahu's campaign against the deal is justified because it also serves the interests of the Gulf States."**

Read more at <http://www.westernjournalism.com/arab-commentators-back-netanyahu-speech-congress/#I0gQrPMOOeOTDG0L99>

Public Health Emergencies Bill

PROTECTIONS TO SAFEGUARD CITIZENS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES PASSES FIRST COMMITTEE

TALLAHASSEE - Senator Dorothy L. Hukill's (R-Port Orange) Public Health Emergencies bill has passed the Health Policy committee today with unanimous support. The bill would allow the Department of Health to quarantine or isolate individuals, animals, and premises that have been exposed to a communicable disease such as Ebola.

During public health emergencies, it is important to be able to quarantine or isolate

individuals who have been exposed or are showing symptoms of the disease. It is critical that this is handled in a timely manner in order to prevent any more exposure. The Department of Health will have the authority to quarantine or isolate these individuals as well as receive assistance from law enforcement to enforce these orders. These measures will better protect the citizens of Florida.

"Florida is a travel destination for many tourists and business people from all over the world and at times this exposes us to various types of communicable diseases," said Senator Hukill. "Granting the Depart

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Brody left his friends to catch up on the news.

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Tom Loury

PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Believe it or not: You ask "Is Hillary Rodham Clinton telling the truth?" - you decide!

As a 27 year old staff attorney for the White House Judiciary Committee while the Watergate Investigation was underway, Hillary was fired by her supervisor Jerry Zeifman,

democrat.

Zeifman said he fired her because "she was a liar, she was an unethical, dishonest lawyer, she conspired to violate the Constitution, the rules of the House, the rules of the committee and the rules of confidentiality." WOW!

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The editorial policy with this paper is that everyone has the right to see their opinion in print. Tony Powell in our Villages' papers says things are better with our economy and the President is doing good. In all due re-

spect I have had a number of people complaining to me that his views and information is full of holes.

First, I disagree with Tony's opinion on Obama and the economy, but he has the right to his opinion. I urge you to send me a letter to the editor with your op-ed on my opinion, his opinion or just your opinion.

Is anyone disappointed with the new immigration bill that passed? The republicans were stomping around swearing that they were going to stop Obama. Well, they failed the first big test. Look at this and see how your congressional representative voted. Look how the senators voted. Pay close attention to who is voting for or against what!

Our world, yes world is going into a critical phase. The internet is helping our enemies grow and recruit. They are keeping in touch with their fellow Isis fighters and other terrorist groups with their plotting and planning, using Twitter and other tools available free. Oil money is keeping them financed with arms.

They don't produce anything, they just kill, kidnap, rape, pillage, take hostages and take from the working people. If you don't believe in their god they execute you. Who is going to plant crops, produce products, drive cabs / buses, invest in grocery stores, make shoes, clothes, keep power plants operating, teach school, police local communities? There is no infrastructure other than

war, kill, destroy and recruit. They come into a town and rob the banks.

To stop the onslaught we need to cut off the oil supply, or anything supplying them with money, stop supplies and arms. Obama has put into writing that he will stand with the Muslims. This may be the only time he has told the truth.

Political Candidates

Republican - Jeb Bush might be a good candidate. Marco Rubio has proven to me that he is untruthful. Ben Carson seems to be truthful, has a lot of common sense and has the guts to tell it like it is. Ben Carson said in a meeting standing just a few feet away from Obama that our president has forgotten who he works for! Amen!

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Who said this?

"I will stand with the Muslims should the political winds shift in an ugly direction" Barack Obama...page 261, Dreams from My Father. I truly believe Obama is ashamed of American history. I don't have a problem with the color of his skin but the blackness in his heart. His says the most beautiful thing he has ever heard is the Muslim call for prayer. I don't have a problem with Muslims praying to their god, it's the radical Muslims that say it's our religion or death. I truly think the Muslims need to do more about the radicals in their name.

What say you? tloury@att.net

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12am, April 29th

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I am often asked about the “site selection” process for new companies. While this phrase is used all of the time, it is really a misnomer. The process of competing for new employers is not one of being selected as much as it is one of not being eliminated.

Companies are trying to narrow the field from literally thousands of options to one. The task is so daunting, the process becomes one of narrowing the field instead of simply selecting one option. The challenge for our community and the CEP is to ensure that we are not eliminated at each winnowing point.

So how do we do that? How do we continue to remain a viable option as other communities are being eliminated? A significant part of the elimination process is to minimize risk and one of the biggest risks for a new location is the facility itself. As a result, it is vitally important for our community to have “shovel-ready” sites and buildings. For the last several years, the overwhelming majority of projects have been looking for move-in ready buildings. Again, if viewed

from the lens of minimizing risk, this makes perfect sense. If the building already exists, one does not have to worry about unforeseen construction issues, permitting challenges, weather delays, etc. It had gotten to the point where 90+% of all projects were looking for existing buildings. However, the demand has largely out-stripped the supply of quality buildings. While buildings continue to be in demand, we are seeing a growing number of companies looking to build.

Today, Ocala and Marion County are much better situated to assist these projects than we were just a few short years ago. The CEP has a Sites & Buildings database which lists more than 2000 acres of shovel-ready sites. These are sites that are zoned correctly, the infrastructure is in place, and a company could purchase and develop a new facility with minimal risk. The newest of these sites is also arguably the finest industrial site in Florida—the Ocala/Marion County Commerce Park.

Developed through a unique tri-party agreement between the City of Ocala, Marion County, and the Ocala 489, LLC developers, this site abuts I-75 and US 27. While it has many unofficial names (489, Magna, etc.), it is probably best known today as the home of the now under construction FedEx Ground

Hub. This massive development includes a \$170 million first phase which will employ 350 when it opens in the Third Quarter of 2016. While FedEx is the first tenant in this development, it certainly will not be the last. Two other recent announcements, while not creating jobs in the short-term, will further make this site and our community one which is hard to eliminate.

Recently, CSX announced they had certified an 86-acre site at the Park as a CSX Select Site. This made the Commerce Park (and thus Ocala/Marion County) as the home to the first CSX Select Site in Florida and one of a handful of Select Sites in the Eastern U.S. This significant designation tells any major rail user that CSX has determined that they can serve most any company’s rail needs at this location. Literally thousands of sites across the country advertise that they can be rail-served, but CSX is promoting just these few sites. If minimizing risk is important and you need rail, who would not choose the location the railroad said is ready for service?

Additionally, the principals at Ocala 489,

LLC have announced their plans to build approximately 300,000 sq. ft. of high bay speculative space on a parcel on the northern edge of the site. Buildings minimize risk and a new speculative space further minimizes that risk. Having a space such as this near the FedEx site will significantly increase the likelihood of shipping customers to locate near the massive new hub.

One of the primary attraction targets for the CEP is Logistics. As an organization, we can market and proclaim this area as the logistics hub for Florida. However, it is the presences of FedEx, I-75 and the CSX Select Site in one central location which demonstrates to the world that Ocala/Marion is the Logistics Hub for Florida.

Pull Quotes:

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SENIOR TRIP: BARBARA LEE SCENIC CRUISE

When: Wednesday, April 29th, 2015

Where: Sanford, Florida

Cost: \$70.00 per person (includes

Transportation, Meal, Admission)

Time: Leave: 8th Ave. at 8:30 AM Return: 6:00 PM

What: From its home port on Lake Monroe in charming downtown Sanford, the Barbara-Lee cruises the St. Johns. Serving superior food, live music and dancing. You’ll also get close-up views of the area’s abundant wildlife. It’s great experience for everyone. Pre-paid registration is required. Seating is limited to 45 persons. For more information, please call Grace at 629-8357.

SENIOR FISHING DERBY

When: Monday, April 20th, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Where: Tuscawilla Park

Cost: FREE

Travel Series

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Design, and of course, Prostitution and the Sex Trade in Europe. Who wouldn’t be curious to attend at least one of those lectures?

Most college students tend to apply and make their plans to study abroad a year in advance. In my case it was a last minute idea and I applied the very week that applications were due. So I applied and was accepted, ordered my passport, and shared the good news with my family and friends. I was very blessed to have some people who loved me donate to a portion of the cost of tuition, without me ever asking or even insinuating. Within three months I was flying on my first Trans-Atlantic flight to a foreign county, traveling alone and as the only student from my university. I remember on the flight having the realization of, “How did I get here and what am I doing!?” This was my first step into the great unknown. Little did I know, how far, how long, and how soul shifting this journey would end up becoming.

Contact info/ Post Script:

Kailah is a senior who will be graduating in May of 2015 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. She plans to incorporate her travels into her future career and volunteer endeavors and eat as much gelato as is reasonably affordable. If you have any questions or comments she can be contacted by email at: abroadwithclass@gmail.com



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with those who have lost loved ones and don't want their weapons to remain in the house any longer but they do not know how to safely dispose of them. I think it's important to have this gun buyback program to encourage people who have unwanted guns

to give them to us so we can dispose of them properly. We have seen many cases where these guns remained in these households and were stolen during a burglary and then used in criminal activities. Additionally, the serial numbers of all the guns will be run to see if they have been reported stolen. If so,

we will return the firearm(s) to their rightful owner.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office has partnered with our local Walmart stores, enabling us to provide \$50 Walmart gift cards for each gun turned in on April 4th. We will also be having a pill take back program that Saturday as well. You can turn in your unwanted or unused pills at three locations on April 4th: the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion's auditorium, MCSO's South Marion District Office (8230 S.E. 165th Mulberry Lane, The Villages, FL) and MCSO's

Southwest District office (9048 SW SR 200 Ocala, FL).

So know this, The 2nd Amendment is what I stand for. The citizens of Marion County have the right to protect themselves and their families. I also stand for preventing crime in our community. I hope that you will support our concealed weapons class and our gun buyback program this April so you can stand with me, too.

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Friday, February 27, 2015

Sheriff Chris Blair and his staff held their 2nd annual Awards Banquet to celebrate the dedicated service of the men and women of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Employees are nominated by their peers for awards such as Deputy of the Year, Corrections Officer of the year, Detective of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Unsung Hero awards and many more. Sheriff Blair began holding this annual banquet in 2014 so our award winners would be able to have their family present while they are being honored for their accomplishments and bravery. Thank you to AutoMax, Executive Info Services and Cody's Original Roadhouse for their generous donations to make this night possible! Thank you also to MCSO's Community Relations Department for their hard work in putting this event together.

A great time was had by all!

All of these awards are being presented by Chief Fred LaTorre (left) and Sheriff Chris Blair (right)



MCSO SWAT team and various patrol deputies receiving their Medals of Honor for acting bravely in apprehending an armed subject during a standoff.



Volunteer Stan Barfield accepting his Sheriff's Star award for outstanding service and commitment to MCSO



Deputy Anthony Oswald accepting his award for Deputy of the Year



Corporal Donald Buie accepting the award for Specialty Unit Deputy of the Year for his work with the US Marshals



Sergeant Michael Dodd accepting his award for Detective of the Year for his outstanding accomplishments in the Internet Crimes Division



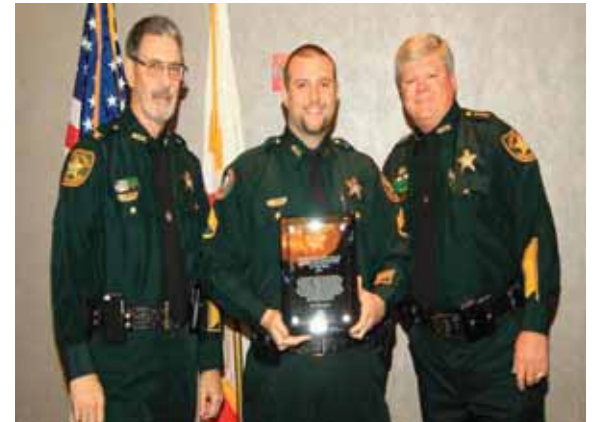
Captain Alicia Walker accepting her award for Patrol Supervisor of the Year



Corrections Officer Vernon Phillips accepting his award for Corrections Officer of the Year



Volunteer of the Year Mary Callahan accepting her award



Sergeant Richard Fowler accepting his award for Corrections Supervisor of the Year



Seen here is Ron Maiellaro, the local Fair Tax guy. Ron and Elaine Maiellaro speak all over the area informing the people about progress on the Fair Tax movement. Here Ron is informing the Ocala Business Leaders on the progress being made and how they can help. Sounds like it has merits.

Marion County Genealogical Society Meeting

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet on Thur Apr16 at 2PM. A brief business meeting will be followed by our program, Cemetery Resources and Preservation presented by Jeff Moats, FL Public

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shoes. In 1984 Walt Jr needed more room so the Krumm family built an 18,000 square foot building for the dual purpose of performing brake services and other repairs on cars and large trucks as well as a distribution center for Bendix and other brake associated parts.

This building is known today as Walts Brake & More. Walts Brake is a AAA certified repair shop and is inspected once a year by a AAA employee to make sure the building and services still meets AAA qualification. We are also ASE certified. Our staff here at Walts Brake & More works well

together and our employees are the heart of our business. They go above and beyond what is expected of them on a daily basis.

The Krumms have expanded from a simple one man brake service to a 22 bay full service auto repair shop for cars, trucks, RV, and other heavy duty vehicles. The business has three generations of Walts working here today. Walt Sr. , Walt Jr. and now Walt III also known Rusty who joined the team in 2008. Walts Brake & More has overcome many obstacles to get to this historical anniversary. We wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the support of our amazing customers as well as our community.



Pictured above is four generations of the Krumm family attending the 50th anniversary celebration of Walt's Brakes and More.

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