

Parade of Senior Services



Above is the Dennis Baxely display - just one of the many displays at the Parade of Senior Services. View more pictures on page 8.



OCALA—Residents of Salt Springs Village display handmade baby quilts they donated to the Florida Department of Health in Marion County Healthy Start program. The Salt Springs Village residents partnered with the department to donate 100 handmade quilts to help Healthy Start families. Each quilt is signed by one of the residents to give it a personal touch. The community's quilting project donates about 100 quilts to Healthy Start each year. "I just can't tell you how much these quilts mean to our clients in need" said Lynne Hough, Healthy Start program administrator. "They are greatly appreciated, often kept for generations as the baby's first keepsake. These quilts are lovely, soft reminders that they are not alone, there is a community that cares." Healthy Start helps pregnant women, wom

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The 2015 Home, Garden & Lifestyle Expo was a great success. It was held at the Klein Conference Center in the Ewer's Century Center at the College of Central Florida. As you walk in the reception area and to your right was this COX display that covered a whole wall. Cox is a Platinum sponsor for the event. Some 50 plus venders were displaying in the Ewers Century Center. View more pictures on page 6.

Marion County Sheriff's Office Promotes New Bureau Chief



April 3, 2015 - Sheriff Chris Blair continues to make history by promoting Assistant Bureau Chief Mike Rolls to the rank of Ma-

jor, making him the first African American in the agency to achieve this rank. Major (Continued on Page 2)

Tom's Picks: Appliance Repair, Restaurants: Mojo's, Harry's, Terry's



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We have completed six weeks of session and accomplished much for the good people of Florida. Our focus in the House this week centered on tax cuts, education accountability, and conscience pro-

tection for child-placing agencies. We also welcomed two new members to the House, Representatives Paul Renner of Palm Coast and Cyndi Stevenson of St. Augustine, who joined our Republican majority.

Last Thursday, the House passed two important bills that are part of our joint Work Plan 2015. The first bill, House Bill 7141, is our No Tax Is Safe \$690 million tax cut package. This wide-ranging proposal cuts numerous taxes on everything from cell phone and TV bills, to college textbooks, property taxes, and taxes on our veterans and deployed military personnel. I believe these tax cuts will provide substantial savings to Florida families and businesses and infuse more money directly into our economy to help create jobs.

The second Work Plan bill we passed, House Bill 7069, addresses legitimate concerns about student testing while maintaining a strong accountability system. I believe these reforms promote quality instruction in the classroom, increase transparency to provide clear and consistent information about student learning, and maximize flexibility for our local school districts.

The House also passed House Bill 7111, relating to conscience protection for private child-placing agencies. This bill will protect faith-based private adoption agencies from being compelled by the government to violate their written religious or moral convictions. In my view, private child-placing agencies have helped to build forever families and truly enriched the lives of many children in this state, and the protection provided by this legislation will help them continue to do so. We are now at a point in Session where we will be spending more time on the House floor debating bills and voting on their final passage. I look forward to supporting good legislation that I believe will help the people of Florida in meaningful ways

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began his career at MCSO as a Corrections Assistant in 1990, and within two years, achieved the position of Corrections Officer.

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1994 and promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2002. Three years later, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and then Captain one year later. In 2011 he was promoted to Assistant Bureau Chief of the Patrol Division and today he has been promoted to the rank of Major over the Corrections Bureau. His accomplishments include: Second Vice President of the NAACP,

He was assigned to the Patrol Division in

America Hometown Heroes, Medals of Distinction, Valor, Purple Heart and 2003 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. " It's truly an honor to achieve this rank under the leadership of Sheriff Blair and I would like to thank the Senior Staff for entrusting me with such a prestigious leadership position." - Major Mike Rolls

"It is my great honor to promote Major Mike Rolls to this milestone, he is truly a shining star here at the MCSO, and I could not be more proud of him." - Sheriff Chris Blair

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en who are between pregnancies, infants, and children up to age 3. Healthy Start provides education, resource information, case management and care coordination services in order to improve birth outcomes and de-Healthy Start is crease infant mortality. open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment, call 352-629-0137, ext. 2275.

Politics!

By TomL

After a Candidate runs on issues like "NO NEW TAXES" they don't always do what they say they are going to do. Things change every day, conditions, and situations. If you promised your son a boat ride and after you got started the boat spring a leak, would you continue? Conditions change. It is what the politician does and how they react to problems from day to day. If they stand for what they campaigned on no matter what the boat could sink, so how they weigh the problem and react to it matters. If an in-office politician feels the need to change their view, explain in the news release and proceed to fix the problem.



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Part 2 : Choosing Denmark

In spring of 2014 I took a family policy class at my well known Florida university. This class covered both the history and current state of American laws and policies as well as their implications and impacts on society. At one point we covered maternity leave. In America, we have the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993. This allows for 12 weeks of leave in the case of a qualifying family illness or birth. But this leave is unpaid and also doesn't apply to businesses with fewer than 50 employees. This means that only around 60% of American workers actually have the financial stability or opportunity to utilize the full time allotment. I myself had never worked a job that would allow for any type of paid maternity leave, if I were to become pregnant, and very few of my friends and certainly none of my peers, did either. In this section we also then learned about how the U.S. compares to other countries. I was shocked to learn that according to the International Labor Organization, the United States and Papua New Guinea are the only two countries that don't provide paid leave out of 170 countries, not all of which would be considered developed. In comparison, we learned that Denmark offers 52 weeks of paid leave. The mother gets eighteen weeks, the father gets two, and then the rest of the time is able to be split between

them however they please. This revelation piqued my interest with learning more about Danish society. The more I learned the more interesting and curious of a place it seemed to be; seemingly so different from our American social policies in particular. While it also seemed to be highly successful economically and in terms of the population's general well-being. So when I began looking for where to study abroad, this was my first choice. Ultimately, I choose a program that was based in the heart of Copenhagen Denmark.

So in May of 2014 I flew out to Copenhagen, all alone, on my first transcontinental flight. I first arrived to Oslo Norway for a layover of a few hours. Now, I'm a natural blonde and all of my life I've been hearing something along the lines of, "blondes are a dying breed". Well let me tell you... that is not the case. Nearly every small child and the vast majority of the adults here were all blonde. And you could tell by their eyebrows and skin tone that this was natural. So, if you ever worried... don't. There's plenty of natural blondes still in the gene pool.

The other thing I noticed in Oslo, the toilets were crazy! They were not American style toilets. Now as this was my first European international toilet and I wasn't so practiced in, as I say, "how to travel" at that time, I didn't think to take a picture of the toilet. And in truth I saw so many more in all the other countries I went to that I couldn't accurately describe it without blending it with one from Italy, Hungary, Spain, or elsewhere. But, this toilet, made me laugh at its seemingly diminutive ridiculousness. This began another more strange fascination of mine; seeking out other strange toilets of the world.

I landed in Copenhagen a day early and met up with a couple other students (whom I met through the school's facebook page). We arranged to stay at the same hostel together and go out to explore the city a bit on our first night. This was a very comforting idea so I didn't have to feel so alone in a foreign

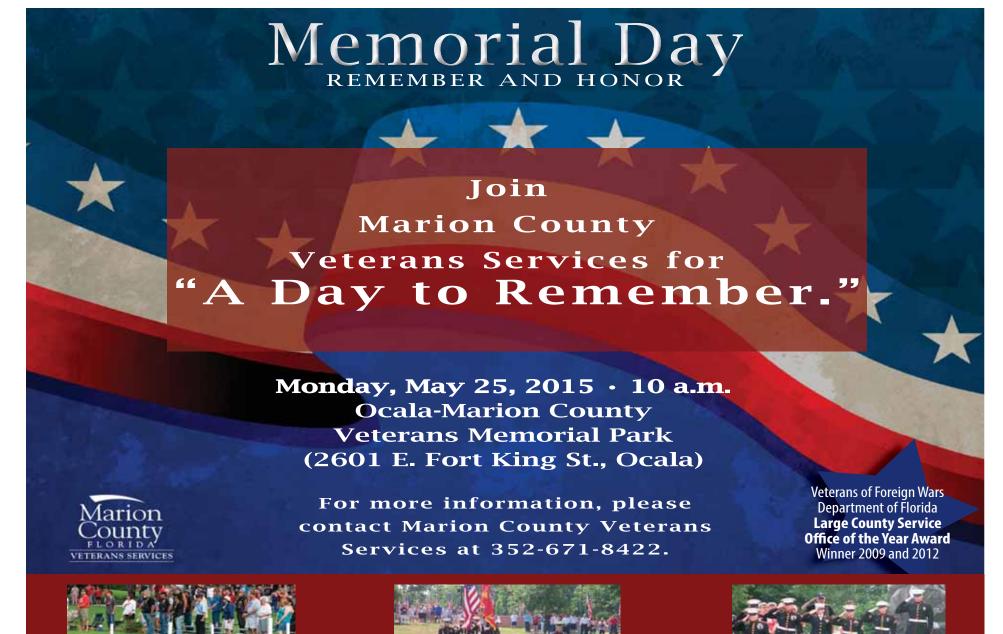
city. Before leaving American I just couldn't hear the end of it from my coworkers and customers about how I was going to get kidnapped and or murdered if I went somewhere in Europe AND stayed in a hostel alone. I heard these same sentiments expressed over and over. Far too many people, including family and friends, expressed their fears for me traveling alone. I ended up being in a co-ed room on the bottom bunk with a total of 8 beds total. And when I awoke in the morning ... at 3 am because that is when the sun rises in Denmark in the summer, I awoke to see a very hairy man in the equiva-

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lent of "speedo" style underwear, sleeping above the covers on the bunk nearest me. But along with his underwear I could see he was wearing a wedding ring so I felt a little more comfortable about this. After missing the chance to take a picture of the wonderful toilets in Oslo, you can be certain I didn't let this photographic opportunity pass me by. When I had internet connection I sent it to all my friends and family that were wondering if I had arrived safe. I sent with it a message saying that things were just peachy in Europe and that I was making new friends with my neighbors.

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Tom Loury PUBLISHER'S NOTES

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ADVERTISING / Marketing

In reading an online piece called DELTA ONLINE, it talks about car dealers up north in 'Wisconsin.' The online sales person contacts the car dealer. The car dealer's reply, "It takes a lot of marketing muscle to pull something like this off, what are you going to do to promote it?" Hold that thought.

In Ohio a couple of car dealers are bundling online with print newspapers. It seems to be working. When you're counting on your full page online ad to be seen and it's not, the value is lost. A newspaper ad with good circulation can direct the buyer to your online ad and once you have them there "sell them a car" or sell them a car on your first ad, in print. I would say spend your money in print and back it up with online. When buying a large ticket item I believe people still go to the newspaper. Newspapers have to have some legitimate credibility to its offer, or you can call the publisher and complain. Someone online offering a deal out of town, out of state could be less honest. Recently a man was arrested for getting a buyer to meet him and then robbed them. I'm not saying all online deals are not honest, "I'm saying buyer beware!" I like to see the picture, feel the newspaper, local news around the ad.

One last thing about online sales, if you shop online the stores around you will dry up, close and free enterprise will die. If you have to buy online keep in mind the person or online store you're buying from. What if they will not service the product you buy

will show that we endorse the Constitution from them. I was talking to a guy who does lawnmower repair. He says he services only the lawnmowers he sells, so keep that in mind when buying.

Social Media, there are predictions that Social Media is back sliding, I would say probably because there are no regulations, but regulations will be its downfall. Social Media will affect freedom of speech and freedom of the press, once the regulations are imposed it will be easier for the government to regulate print.

POLITICAL

Who will prevail as a Democratic or Republican candidate? Will there be a strong Independent candidate / Tea Party candidate? Should we be looking for a career politician who knows the ropes or should we be looking more towards honesty, integrity, common sense, someone who will reduce the size of government and be true to the taxpayers, HAVE A PLAN! Show other foreign Leaders how strong the United States is without firing a shot. Did I just describe someone you have in mind? There is someone like that! Will they emerge as the candidate of choice? I don't know but I will endorse that person -actually two persons. It is not Jeb, it is not Hillary, it is certainly not Marco. We will talk more about this as time draws nearer.

On the lighter side, I grabbed a quick bite at a Wendy's the other day, taking a short break from an EXPO. The music that was playing in the restaurant was kind of uplifting, had a good beat. I did not realize we

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Kevin Sheilley CEP/OCALA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



Spring brings warmer weather, high school proms and graduations, and the beginning of planning for the CEP's amazing leadership programs. For nearly 30 years, Leadership Ocala Marion

(LOM) and Leadership Ocala Marion Youth (LOMY) have been training and providing opportunities to train new generations of leaders on the needs of this community and how they can engage.

Leadership Ocala Marion

In mid-May, the 33 member of Class XXVIII will graduate from Leadership Ocala Marion. The program's beginnings can be traced back to Mr. Frank Stafford who was serving as President of the Board of the Chamber in 1986 when the decision was made to hire a consultant to help the Chamber start a leadership program. The first class began in the fall in 1987. While methods and details have changed over the years, the principles and mission remain the same: Leadership Ocala Marion (LOM) is designed to engage, develop, and inspire

developing leaders in our community. LOM seeks to prepare, involve and sustain leaders from diverse backgrounds who are committed and competent to address community challenges and improve the business climate, economy and quality of life in Ocala and Marion County.

For those unfamiliar with LOM, the program is engaging yet rigorous. After an application and interview selection process, a class of up to 40 leaders embarks upon program which includes an orientation retreat and once a month, all day sessions. Each session focuses on a different area of community life and seek to help the leaders understand the inner-workings of those areas including economic development, quality of life, human services, government, justice, agriculture and education. The LOM calendar runs September through May.

The deadline to apply for Class XXIX is June 19. For more information on applying, please visit the CEP's website-OcalaCEP. com/supporting-business.

Leadership Ocala Marion Youth

The success of LOM led the Junior League to approach the Chamber about starting a leadership program for high school students. With an initial gift, the Chamber began Leadership Ocala Marion Youth in

1989. LOMY follows a similar schedule to LOM but works around the school day calendar. The orientation retreat is on a Saturday and each monthly session is approximately 4-hours long and occurs after school. The exception is a day-long trip to Tallahassee when students experience state government at work.

While the topics are similar, the competition to be accepted into LOMY is quite fierce. For example, each of the last two years saw approximately 100 students competing for just 40 spots. The requirements for the program means those 100 students are already among the best in Marion County. This past year's applicant pool represented 11 high schools from throughout the county. The application period for the 2015-16 year has already closed, again with nearly 100

Tom Loury

applicants. The review process has begun

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and the new class will be announced in midto-late May. The cost for LOMY is kept to a minimum.

However, we do have a scholarship program for those students needing assistance. Again, Frank and Pamela Stafford have been stalwart in supporting this effort.

It has been said that everything rises and falls on leadership. Investing in and building up leaders is essential for our community to be the best choice to live, work and play.

Pull Quotes:

"In mid-May, the 33 member of Class XXVIII will graduate from Leadership Ocala Marion."

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES

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were going to be entertained. A group of four people finished their lunch and half way to the door the woman started dancing to the

music, she was very good dancer. I thought now there is a happy lady. Why can't all of us be that happy?



Select Business Associates

SBA of Ocala is an Association of non-competing, professional business people who meet on a weekly basis to share information pertaining to the local business communities as well as each individual business. The purpose of SBA is to bring together like-minded professionals to increase their business through building relationships and sharing knowledge.



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2015 Home, Garden & Lifestyle Expo

The 2015 Home, Garden & Lifestyle Expo was a great success. It was held at the Klein Conference Center in the Ewer's Century Center at the College of Central Florida. The event was free to the public and was bigger and better than the previus year, hundreds of visitors took advantage.

Business and industry leading organizations joined together to provide a unique experience where homeowners and homebuyers (particularly first time home buyers) would be able to find professional advice on housing options and available ne financing, innova-

home financing, innovative products, creative remodeling ideas, DIY advice and great deals from a variety of experts all under one roof. The Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership (CEP), the Marion County Building Industry Association (MCBIA), and the Ocala/ Marion County Association of Realtors (OMCAR), brought together a diverse and talented group of experts to bring local residents the latest and innovative ideas and practical advice for homeowners along with useful information to help first-time home buyers. There was also be a full range of exhibits on site, featuring these innovative products and services.

The 2015 Home, Garden, & Lifestyle Expo is more than just windows and doors. The Expo offered great deals and shopping experiences related to home, gardening, remodeling and home décor. Along with everything you need for your home and yard, local residents will have the chance to learn from real estate experts and be entertained by DIY how-to classes and product demonstrations.

The Home, Garden & Lifestyle Expo was an excellent, cost-effective opportunity to showcase their business and services to area businesses and consumers that attend the event. Watch for the announcement for next year's event in this newspaper.











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Southeastern Youth Fair Winner

Brianna Fryer aspires to be a professional dog trainer and she is well on her way. Fifteen year old Brianna along with her eight year old Rat Terrier, Jazzy, are the winners of the Advanced Class trophy, sponsored by the Ocala Downtown/Seniors Voice newspapers.

Brianna, a member of Town and Country 4-H Club has been training and showing her dog, now two dogs, for five years. To get to the Advanced Class she first began with the Sub-novice or beginner Class. A first or second placement qualifies for advancement to the Major Class and then the Advanced Class Along with training and showing, Brianna has to keep and submit a record book detailing such as expenses, vet. records and a story about her project telling what she learned, safety practices, etc.

Brianna says that when she began the

dog obedience project she didn't even know what breed of dog she had, now she competes in American Kennel Club events. She also trains for Agility, Rally and Conformation.

Congratulations Brianna and Jazzy, keep up the very excellent work.

As one of my own obedience instructors once said, "Once you have lived with a obedience trained dog, you won't want to live with any other kind"

The Southeastern Youth Fair, where FFA and 4-H Club members showcase the projects they have worked on all year, has been running consecutively for 74 years "Growing blue ribbon young'uns", to quote a youth fair director.

So come on over to the fair next February and get a look at the leaders of the future.



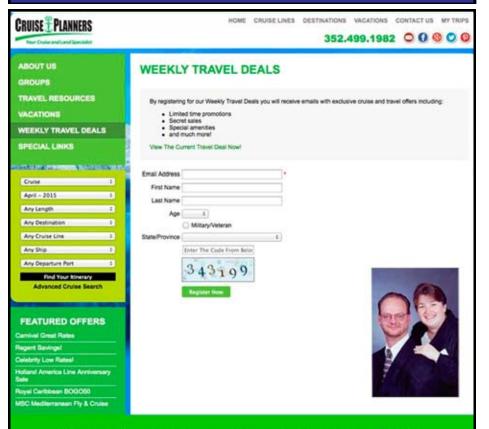




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Parade of Senior Services

Parade Of Senior Services was a great success; County Agencies, State agencies, doctors, hospitals, insurance companies, etc were all there. Pictured are a few of the venders showing their services. Hundreds of visitors browsed through the Ewers Center. Lots of free gifts and door prizes were given out.



















LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr.Loury:

How many readers know what GMO'S are? Genetically Modified Organisms. Corporations playing games with food and seeds, also additives {adding God knows what} is another way to play with food.

What is this doing for us, or to us?

The store had a buy one get one sale on my kind of bread.

I decided to buy. When I got home I put out a new loaf, and took the old loaf, which was several weeks old and, I had just about put it in the trash, when a light bulb came on in the cranium. This has been here several weeks, and it has NOT begun to mold, why not let it sit until it does begin to mold? After 4 months I took it to Toastmasters, and did a speech about it. It was my prop. It is still sitting, and still has not begun to mold. I promised to bring it back for an encore appearance in a year if it has not molded by then. 5 months and holding.

I would prefer not to be embalmed, so as a bit of humor, I have told everyone, when I feel that my time to leave is near, I plan to start eating as much of this bread as I can, and I will probably never decay.

Perhaps, my family can get a refund on



the embalming?

This might be humorous, but this is a deadly serious issue.

I am afraid to eat anything. No one under the age of 50 has ever eaten real food. I would do something drastic for a real apple, {one depression luxury we had was a bushel basket of apples at all times under the utility table in the kitchen, they cost \$1.50 per bushel, u-pick. We ate as many as we liked any time we wanted.} or, a pear, or, a dough-

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nut, or, a slice of bread, or, a pat of butter, or, a steak {I buy Green Beef} but it is not like the old beef, or, a bottle of ketchup etc. Food is not food any longer. Only Corporations and God know what we are eating.

Would you like a slice of my 5 month old bread? It is not hard. Not soft either. Nor, has it begun to mold.

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"Not All Who Wander Are Lost"

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The next day me and the other couple students walked with our luggage down the cobblestone streets that date back to the 1400's, to take the metro to meet up with our school and fellow students for the welcome arrival. Myself and the other hordes of students met at the hotel connected to the airport and began to socialize while we waited. We were then bused to our living arrangements in various places throughout the city.

Before departure from America we were each given the name of our roommate (if we elected to choose a living situation in and which we shared a room). Since I was going to know no one and be in a foreign country I figured it would be beneficial to at least have someone else to bond with in hopes that we could become friends and bumble around a foreign country together. Being the millennial I am, as soon as I was given her name while I was still in the U.S., I did a facebook and google search to see if I could initiate the friendship process. However, she didn't seem to have a facebook or at least kept it private and my search was to no avail. So when I arrived first to our kollegium (similar to a dorm- one large room, bathroom, and kitchenette shared by two people). I anxiously waited and prayed that she would be a great roommate and future friend. When she finally arrived, the first then she did when she walked into the room was give me a huge smile and say, "Where I'm from we hug!" and gave me a great big hug. It was perfect and I knew things were going to be okay.

Contact info/ Post Script

Kailah is a Senior who will be graduating in May 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 reasonably affordable. If you have any questions or comments she can be contacted by email at: abroadwithclass@gmail.com



SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MOVIES FOR MAY 2015

8TH AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH & 13TH, 2015 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON – THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 14TH & 15TH, 2015 AT 1:00 PM

"LEFT BEHIND" STARRING: NICO-LAS CAGE, CHAD MICHAEL MURRAY, CASSI THOMSON, WILLIAM RAGS-DALE AND JORDIN SPARKS

In the blink of an eye, the biblical Rapture strikes the world. Millions of people disappear in an instant as terror and chaos spread around the world and darkness enfolds the planet. Airline pilot Rat Steele is in the air at that moment and struggles to save the lives of the passengers that remain on his flight, as the world below loses its ability to help his plane to safety. Running out of fuel, his equipment failing, his crew panicking, Ray must guide the plane with the help of GWN reporter Buck Williams, who takes over the role of co-pilot in the face of the crisis. On the ground, Ray's Daughter Chloe frantically searches for her mother and young brother in the chaos and destruction. RATED PG-13

8TH AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH & 27TH, 2015 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON - THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 28TH &

29TH 2015 ST 1:00 PM

"ANNIE" STARRING: JAMIE FOXX, QUVENZHANE WALLIS, ROSE BYRNE, BOBBY CANNAVALE, ADEWALE AK-INNUOYE-AGBAJE

It's a hard-knock life for Annie, an orphan with a big heart, who is temporarily adopted by a wealthy businessman and tries to win over his heart. RATED PG

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.

COMING EVENTS FOR MAY 2015 SENIOR TRIP: TAMPA RAYS BASE-

BALL When: Wednesday, May 27th, 2015 Where: Tampa, Florida

Cost:\$46.00 per person

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

What: It's time to play ball. Come and cheer on the Tampa Rays as they get ready to play the Seattle Mariners at the Tropicana Field where there is entertainment and air conditioning.

Lunch on your own Pre-paid registration is required. Seating is limited to 45 persons. For more information, please call Grace at 629-8357.

COMING EVENTS FOR JUNE 2015 AQUABILITY When: Wednesdays, June 3 thru June 24th

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

Cost: \$25.00 per participant for each 4 week session

Time: 1st Session: 5-6pm 2nd Session: 6-7pm

What: Adaptive aquatic swim program for individuals of all ages with a disability.

Register online @ RecreationAndParks. OcalaFl.org (beginning April 15th)

For Additional Information Call 352-401-3916

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Participants are required to have a buddy/volunteer in the pool at all times.

Buddy/volunteers are required to become a registered volunteer with Ocala Recreation & Parks, if they are not an immediate family member.

2. Any participant unable to swim or with a disability that prevents the individual from keeping their head above the water without assistance, must wear an approved adult personal flotation device.

3. Participants with incontinence are required to wear swim diapers. Regular diapers are not permitted in the pool.

4. If participant currently uses a personal flotation device please bring to the pool.

5. Appropriate swim wear is required. No shorts, cutoffs, or items with metal fasteners, rivets, zippers or buckles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To Mr J

I am the publisher of the Village Spectator, replying to your letter. I don't usually write letters but your accusations are unfounded. First, let me thank you for your 37 years of service, not many people can say that. I support the Veterans, I support the Wounded Warriors and I am a proud American that helps every person that I can.

I believe in the Constitution, which gives us our laws and rights. What should I do when a columnist writes something in my paper that I don't agree with? Do you say suppress his opinion? I don't think so!

As a Constitutional newspaper it is the right of every person to their opinion, "freedom of the press" and "Freedom of the Speech!"

But again it is your right to express your opinion and the right not to read our newspaper. I do not support an un-American, non-Christian, Muslim loving person, as you called one of the writers, but I do support his right to his opinion, as I support your right to your opinion.

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I have always stuck up for the residence rights in any c ommunity including the Villages and I think you have the wrong idea about me. Thanks for being a past reader. I will tell my carriers not to throw at your address.

Have a nice day! TomL



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This 60-minute overview is a casual format for you to learn more about the CEP and how partnership in this progressive organization will provide you with additional resources, connections, and advocacy to help in YOUR business development and growth initiatives.

For more information and the date of the next session, please contact: Felecia Prather at 352-629-8051 or felecia@ocalacc.com

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