



Pictured is Russ Moore explaining to the Ocala Business Leaders about all the services that PAKMAIL offers. Russ’s son, Walter Arnold, operates the business and he and the staff have a pleasant way about them and they are always making you feel welcome. Russ says they can ship anything and they can box anything that will sit still long enough for them to do it. It’s true! Visit them at 303 SE 17th Street in Ocala.

Flags at Half Staff

Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of Military Troops Killed in Tennessee Shooting
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – July 20, 2015- Governor Rick Scott directed the flags of the United States and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff in honor of the five service members who were murdered at recruiting centers in Chattanooga, Tennessee last week. This is effective immediately throughout the state of Florida until sunset on the day of the final military member’s date of interment.
On Saturday, Governor Scott issued an executive order directing Florida Adjutant General Michael Calhoun to take three im-

mediate actions:
Relocate all Florida National Guard personnel at the state’s six storefront recruitment centers to the nearest Florida National Guard Armory until there are recommendations made to improve the security of storefront recruitment centers.
Begin discussions with local law enforcement agencies to arrange regular security checks for Florida National Guard Armories.
Ensure that all qualified fulltime guardsmen are adequately armed for their personal protection.



Steve Vazul of Cruise Planners playfully puts his hand in the alligator’s mouth at Gators Dockside in the Villages. The gator in the picture was dressed up like Uncle Sam on Independence Day. Don’t try this at home kids!

Sanctuary Cities

Is the law really the Law?
By TomL
Last year in an eight month period 9,000 illegal immigrants were released that were charged or convicted of serious crimes. Now today more than a quarter of them have been re-arrested for new crimes committed.
New federal statistics just released shows 75% of the federal drug arrests were illegal immigrants, it also accounts for 1/3 of all

federal arrests.
The cities that are making up their own laws need to lose their federal funding. That action is going through the system now, who knows if it will happen.
Like him or dislike him Trump has brought the world’s attention to the problem. A city that is labeled a sanctuary city should be a sanctuary for the citizens of our country, not someone who has broken the law.



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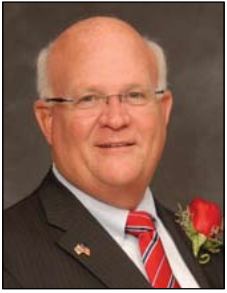
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DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Last week, five servicemen were tragically killed in Chattanooga. While our military are tasked with protecting us against all enemies, foreign and domestic, we must empower them to also protect

themselves.

Here in Florida, Gov. Rick Scott is making protecting the military a top priority. The governor ordered the temporary relocation of National Guard members from six “storefront” recruitment centers to armories

through an executive order issued over the weekend.

The executive order will put firearms in the hands of the military. As stated in the order, Florida will provide for the “provision of arms” for full-time Florida Guardsmen who don’t have their own weapon issued to them. Additionally, the state will also expedite the application process for members needing new concealed weapons permits.

What has happened has again demonstrated the danger of gun-free zones. They create a sterile target for those that would do violence. It is the hope that this move will allow soldiers to be armed and prepared to stop violence rather than be the victims of violence. It is very difficult for a soldier to

be a defender and protector when disarmed. This is exactly why law enforcement officers

open carry, and our military should have the same protection.

BP Settlement Will Help Florida Invest in Key Projects

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott released the below statement following the announcement from BP on settling with the United States and Gulf coast states impacted by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. As part of the agreement in principle, Florida will receive at least \$3.25 billion. This includes \$2 billion for economic damages, \$680 million for natural resource damages and \$572 from the RESTORE ACT (subject to approval from the RESTORE Council). In addition, it is estimated that the Florida entities designated in the RESTORE

ACT will receive an additional \$250 million. Also, up to \$1 billion will be available to resolve economic claims of the vast majority of local governmental entities located in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Governor Rick Scott said, “This agreement will help Florida implement key projects and invest in environmental priorities to keep our state beautiful. I want to thank Attorney General Pam Bondi, Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission Executive Director Nick Wiley and Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Jon Steverson for their hard work on this agreement with BP.”

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News for Older Americans

Aging In Place Made Safer & Easier (NAPSI)—A recent Harris Poll released by HomeServe USA found some surprising facts about Americans 50 and over.

Not Going Anywhere

For one thing, many have no intention of leaving their homes until well into retirement, if at all. Forty-one percent plan to stay where they live now until age 81 or older.

Feeling Safe At Home

The majority are confident about growing old in their homes, too. Only 37 percent expect they’ll need to make modifications so their homes are safer and easily accessible as they age.

Handling Emergencies

The survey found that two in five have experienced a home emergency in the past 12 months. A faulty heating or air-conditioning system was the No. 1 most common home emergency, with 14 percent needing to repair or replace one of these systems over the last year. The second most common was a blocked or overflowing toilet (10 percent), followed by a faulty electrical circuit, switch or outlet, and a water heater repair or replacement (each 7 percent).

Many Are Unprepared

Many Americans 50-plus are not prepared to cover the expenses of unexpected home emergencies. Close to a third report they have not set aside money to cover an emergency home repair, while 17 percent have \$1,000 or less put away for emergency home repairs.

Despite this, saving for unexpected expenses ranks a close third among 50-plus Americans’ top financial concerns, with 26 percent reporting it as the one that worries them the most. The No. 1 financial concern is identity theft (30 percent), followed by running out of money in retirement (27 percent).

With identity theft top of mind for Americans 50-plus, letting a stranger in the house to do repairs may be a source of anxiety.

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Kevin Sheilley CEP/OCALA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



What Ocala Means to the CEP's Kevin Sheilley

Recently, I was asked to answer several questions regarding our community. I thought my answers to those questions would be an interesting take

for this month's column.

Q: What does Ocala mean to you?

A: At the CEP and in economic development circles, we often talk about Ocala as a Logistics Center because of our central location and transportation network. It is a place where logistics comes together. I think the

same could be said of the community—it is a place where things come together.

It is where Old Florida meets the 21st Century. A place where families, singles and retirees all can find a place. It is where a growing metro area meets small town charm and neighbors. It is a place where dreams meet opportunities. Ultimately, it is a place where you find home.

Q: What most prominent quality makes a successful leader?

A: Leadership is many things but I think one of the essentials is vision. People want to be part of something that is winning and making a difference. To accomplish that there must be a vision. The leader needs to know where the organization/team/entity needs to go and the route by which to get to

the goal. It is also about having the ability to communicate that vision. Finally, the leader needs to be able to keep everyone focused over the long-term and when the bumps and surprises come.

Q: What advice would you give to young professionals?

A: Life is short. This is not a practice run. You will spend far more time at work, so focus on what you love, about what you are passionate and pursue those opportunities. All the money or prestige or titles will not make up for the misery of a job one hates. Pursue your passion and enjoy each moment.

Q: What are you passionate about?

A: I passionately, deeply enjoy building organizations that make an impact on communities. I love knowing that when we help a company locate in our community or expand here or start here, we are helping create jobs which impact families. We are helping

people find opportunity. While the attention is almost always on the big announcement from a new company, the jobs that are most important to any person is their job, a job for their family member and a job for their friend. Each job, each opportunity is incredibly important to someone. I consider myself very blessed to be able to work each day on making this kind of impact. I don't know of anything more rewarding.

Q: What do you envision for the future?

A: My vision for the future is that the Ocala Metro is seen as the place for opportunity in Florida. That our combination of location, infrastructure, and quality of life attracts a diverse array of businesses and people. We will be widely recognized as a place that knows how to get things done and can tackle big projects.

As young people graduate from college, families prepare for the future, and empty nesters think about retirement, all of them will think first of Ocala. They will recognize it as the center of the "other Florida," the benefits of Florida besides just beaches and the Mouse.

Pull Quotes:

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Checking References

That may be why 74 percent say it's important to get references before hiring a technician, though only 43 percent actually do so. Similarly, 62 percent believe it's important to check that the work will be guaranteed but only 38 percent follow that advice. 58 percent believe it's important to perform a background check before hiring a home technician but a meager 18 percent have actually conducted one. 65 percent believe it's important to do a cost comparison before hiring a contractor but only 44 percent have done so.

Finding Help

Fortunately, there is a convenient way to find a trusted resource in a time of need. Home repair service plan provider, HomeServe USA offers a better way to pay and manage home repairs with service plans that protect against the expense and inconvenience of water, sewer, electrical, HVAC and other home emergencies. The company just launched a new program in partnership with AARP, with a suite of specially designed service plans for AARP members. HomeServe USA plan holders can access a Repair Hotline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to bring local, licensed and insured technicians right to their home for repairs. All technicians have been prescreened and all covered repairs are guaranteed for a year.

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Tom Loury

PUBLISHER'S NOTES



I heard an interesting stat the other day. The top four of the top ten cattle producing ranches are in Florida. We are constantly forgetting we are a leader in that industry. Agriculture is a very important

industry in Florida.

The Federal Government has Apache, Blackhawk and Lakota helicopters, Tomahawk missiles and we used code name Geronimo in the attack that killed Osama bin Laden. However, Washington objects to the name Washington Redskins. Where is this going to end?

I was recently asked to get involved with "Save Our Libraries". There was talk about privatizing them. I emailed all five commissioners with the listing of the Marion County FL emails. Earl Arnette's did not work, David Moore was the only one that answered by personal email. I received an email from the commissioner's secretary with an answer which referred me to a workshop.

As I understand it they are considering reducing the budget or privatizing which

both means less services. Apparently the taxpayers do not want less services.

It is my opinion that you can cut taxes and hurt the County, which I think they are doing with the Sheriff. Yes they found some more money for them, but it's a far cry from where it should be especially with the direction our society is headed.

The murders continue of innocent bystanders by illegal immigrants. I agree that all hispanics are not all bad, but we have more than our fair share of the bad ones. Donald Trump is on the edge of being right. In my opinion he casts too broad a net when he condemned all hispanics, and he has since retracted the word 'all' to 'some'. I have to admit I enjoy listening to Trump campaign, he knows how to run a business and that's what our country needs more of, BUSINESS SENSE!

I don't want another politician as president but Trump is not the answer. Some of the young guns just out and out lie. I guess that could make them successful if you tell the people what they want to hear. Rubio is not the answer. I met him in Ocala and at first I was impressed. The things he said turned out to be a lie. That's the worst thing you can do is make promises and not keep them without purpose. Ben Carson is not a politician, I don't know if he has skills to

run a country but he has got guts, common sense, is intelligent and can't do any worse than what has been done.

The field is not finished announcing but this tells me something about my republican party. They are not united because there are 16 different people and each have their own ideas on how to run the country, each a republican. If we ever hope to win we must unite to stop the socialism movement that has its grasp on us.

I think the Muslims in the world could set a world wide organization to point out the terrorists to the different governments and help in that manner. Muslims could probably recognize terrorists quicker than us bible thumpers. When I say bible thumper I mean it in a broad sense, after all it is about religion.

I think the growth of the terrorist armies is based on taking children from the villages and training them for their army. The answer will not be simple and it will take everyone working together to solve it.

We should not show pictures and names of terrorists that kill our people, it is giving them recognition. Just report the news and leave out the picture and the names of the terrorists.

I'm going to risk telling a true short story

that will probably backfire on me but here it is.

When I was a child of 9 yrs I was trying to make money caddying at the local golf course in the small town where I lived and I was the only white. Most were a lot older, there was one younger boy who was of color who was being picked on terribly. One day when I rode my bike home for lunch the young boy said he was hungry so I said get on the handlebars and we'll go to my house and my mom will feed us. When I got home with company my mom made us sit on the back step where she brought us a sandwich. We went back to the golf course but that night I was told I did a good thing by wanting to feed the boy but not to do it again because the town was full of racists and we would get run out of town. I did not know about race problems until then.

Three or four years later I made friends with a person of color at the grocery store where I worked. I stood up for him and was reminded of my place. For many years, I have been reminded of my place by both persons of color and whites. I asked myself exactly what is my place? I decided, "my place is with my fellow men and women no matter the color!" When I write a story about a bad guy and the person is of color, it is because he or she is a bad guy, not a person of color.

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The Marion County Sheriff's Citizens Academy and Partnership (CAP) program, a free 12-week educational course about the operations of the Sheriff's Office, is accepting applications for the fall course. The class will be offered at three locations:

The Villages will host a Tuesday afternoon class from 1-3:30 p.m. beginning August 25, 2015. The class will be held at Villages Mulberry Recreation Center, 8445 SE 165th Mulberry Lane, The Villages. To register for this class, email Jenifer Lowe at JLowe@marionso.com or call 352-368-3598.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office will host a Tuesday evening class from 6-8:30 p.m. beginning August 25, 2015. The class

will be held at MCSO Central Operations, 3300 NW 10 Street, Ocala in the Multipurpose Conference Room. To register for this class, email Jenifer Lowe at JLowe@marionso.com or call 352-368-3598.

On Top of the World will host a class on Thursday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. beginning August 27, 2015 at its Master the Possibilities learning center. Registration for the OTOW class is open to the public but must be done through Master the Possibilities by calling 352-854-3699 or online at MasterThePossibilities.com.

During the program, MCSO staff will highlight all units within the Sheriff's Office, giving citizens an in-depth understanding of what the agency is doing for the community. Each week will focus on a different

aspect of the agency, personnel, equipment, policies, procedures and overall function. Students will have an opportunity to view specialty unit equipment, hear from experts in the field of law enforcement, investigations, corrections and prosecution. After

Saving Water

Drought Or Not, Every Drop Counts (NAPSI)—As summer and warm-weather activities heat up, it may be tempting to leave the water running to keep yourself and your lawn cool. However, as seen on the West Coast, droughts rob communities of the rain or snow that replenishes their much-needed water supplies, so saving water for the future becomes more important than ever.

graduation, students will be offered an exclusive chance to obtain their concealed weapons license through a firearms safety course taught by licensed firearms instructors.

Drought may not be an issue in your region right now, but water shortages strike different areas at different times of the year, so saving water is always in season! Wherever you live, make it a water-savvy summer with the following tips:

- Take a sprinkler break. Grass doesn't have to be bright green year-round. It's natural for it to turn a little brown at the tips during summer's hottest months. You can cut back on watering and maintain a healthy lawn, so skip that shower for your landscape. For every 20-minute watering session missed, you could save 2,500 gallons of water or more!

- Consider an upgrade. If you're thinking about a bathroom update, now is a good time to replace old plumbing fixtures with water-saving models. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® program labels toilets, faucets and showerheads that have been independently certified to perform well and use less water and energy than the standard ones.

- Follow the rules. When in drought, your community may need to enforce temporary water restrictions to save limited supplies for those who need it most, including firefighters, hospitals and utilities. Respect requests to use less water on your lawns, cars and other outdoor uses during water shortages.

- Go the extra mile. If you want to go above and beyond, you can collect water in a bucket while waiting for the shower to warm up or when washing pots, and use it to water container plants or flower beds. Use your imagination to come up with creative ways to save water or visit www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/drought.html.

In the future, consider landscaping with plants that are suited to your area's climate and use less water. Learn more at www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor/landscaping_tips.html. And if you live in a drought-prone area and already gave your landscape a makeover with plants that use less water, post a photo to Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #watersavingyard to show your friends and neighbors how beautiful a drought-tolerant yard can be.

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“Not All Who Wander Are Lost”

Part 6: Arriving American, Departing Spaniards

By: Kailah Netherclift

It was July of 2014, and I had arrived early to the airport in Istanbul to make absolute CERTAIN, that I would not miss my flight. In fact I stayed up all night in the Starbucks café as to make sure I wouldn't miss my gate opening. Side note, if you ever make a bet that there is a Starbucks in every airport

no matter the country, you will normally be the winner of that gamble. Also, Istanbul is a great city to buy gifts for your family and friends in. Of course the more touristy areas will have higher prices but overall it was my experience that any local individual that owned his own business was willing to negotiate, especially if you buy multiple things.

I made it to my plane, “Sleepless In Se-

attle” no, not Seattle... but sleepless none the less. Again I flew with Turkish Airlines and what an absolute stellar service! Full on board meal, chicken in sauce, bread, vegetables, and a piece of Turkish Delight candy. It was the type of service you imagine that used to exist commonly in the past but has become now like a White Rhino... nearly extinct.

I arrived in Ireland and spent the next three days traversing the whole country by car with my family. We literally drove across the whole country. Our mistake was that we tried to see too many places with too much distance between them, in a short period of time. Other than that the countryside was beautiful. Yes the rumors are true: green, very green. But as native Floridians my family said on more than one occasion that they could never live there because it was too “gloomy”, not enough direct sunlight. But, this certainly made all the flowers and plants extra happy. In Florida it seems life half the year most of the grass is just burnt up from direct exposure. It also took some terror induced time to acclimate to the fact that we were driving on the “wrong” side of the road. Sheer terror I tell you to come around a country road that already felt too tight, and too fast, to see a car coming at you in the direction everything inside of you says, “Oh no that is the wrong side- Red Alert!” So that made for some humorous videos of my mother and I having multiple mini panic attacks.

After our three days in Ireland it was time to separate from my family, taking with her

the plane ticket my mother had so graciously bought me, back to the U.S. I instead hopped on a plane alone to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. There I would meet the host who I would be living with for a total of 6 weeks for the first time. The arrangement was that I would do about 4 hours of work per day in exchange for food and lodging in her home. My work was to tutor her in English as she had a big exam in September. For me it was a great opportunity to strengthen my Spanish, immerse myself in a new culture, and travel alone- which was something that really scared me. Largely this is why I had to do it.

I never saw a picture of her and was very nervous upon arriving in the airport. Everyone was only speaking Spanish around me. Then I saw a sign with my name on it. “Maria?” She greeted me warmly and with a hug, as a complete stranger. In this moment my fears were laid to rest and I knew that this was where I was supposed to be. We went to her apartment in the coastal city of A Coruña, Spain (pronounced Ah- Kar-oohn-ya). In the morning we woke up and the first thing we did was go sight-seeing. She took me to a light house that was built in the 2nd century and nearly 2,000 years old, built by the Romans, that was still in use to this day. There is nothing like this in the U.S. and it was amazing to walk in and touch something so old, so precise, and so ageless

Maria's English was not so bad, but not so good. However, her kindness and patient spirit was transcendent of language. She was

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a wonderful host. For the first week or so I was anxious as I felt we didn't do enough studying. But what Maria was wanting most was conversational practice. Maria herself had the equivalent of a Master's Degree in Education and had certification as a pedagogue. Pedagogy is much more common in Europe than in the U.S. I myself had never heard of it previously. Essentially it takes a more holistic approach to the learning process of children. So think of it as if teacher dispenses information, pedagogues dispense life skills. Maria needed to pass her English language exam so that she would be better qualified for work in English speaking countries, such as Ireland or England.

Spain has a very high unemployment rate, one which rivals Greece yet we don't

hear about it as often. There is a mass exodus right now of qualified individuals leaving the country to pursue higher paying professional level jobs. Her sister, for example, had recently graduated with her PhD. in biology and was set to begin a contract with a university in Oklahoma at the start of the fall semester in August. Having me around was to help Maria improve her English pronunciation and conversation skills. And once she was able to pass her exam she would be one step closer to qualifying for better paying work.

Ireland seemed to be like Valhalla to the Spaniards and America akin to the Promised Land; the pinnacles of hope for career and life satisfaction. I met many people, both adults and youth alike who were traveling to Ireland for camps to train them in English.

Spain is notorious among Europeans for having lower levels of English speakers. The main reason that was cited amongst many different Europeans, is that most countries play English movies and television shows in English with subtitles at the bottom. But in Spain they are just dubbed over with Spanish voices. This seems like a small point but challenging your brain in small ways consistently over time by using subtitles versus dubbing over is a really simple way to become better at a foreign language as it acclimates your brain to pick up on common words and phrases. Especially since English television and cinema dominate the market there, “Game of Thrones” and “Breaking Bad” was a universal topic I could bring up

with a stranger that could bridge nearly any language barrier.

Throughout my time in Spain Maria would ultimately take me on many sightseeing trips, amongst them a trip to Barcelona, a hike in the Pyrenees Mountains, a cremation facility, a huge gorge, and several beaches.

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Travel Tips

How To Road Trip—A Survival Guide (NAPSI)—With summer in full swing, now is a perfect time for a vacation. If you're planning to be among the one in four people expecting to take a road trip this year according to AAA, there are a few steps you can take to prepare for your trip to ensure it goes off without a hitch. Whether you are traveling near or far this summer, these five tips will keep your car and travel companions in good spirits from point A to point B and everywhere in between.

1. Plan ahead and include all your travel companions. Be sure everyone in the car will have a special destination or point of interest to look forward to during the trip. Gather ideas of potential pit stops along your route

in advance and let your group weigh in to chart the course. There are a variety of on-line trip planning tools that make it easy for everyone to offer suggestions and rank their choices.

2. Road trip activities. Good playlists and great conversations are the cornerstone for all memorable road trips. The games you played on road trips during your childhood are still fun and entertaining. Eye Spy, the license plate game and 20 questions are all good, low-tech ways to engage all your travel companions who are along for the ride. Try a seated “scavenger hunt.” Write out a list of likely items to spot along the route or at the sites you visit and the first one to

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The Confederate Flag

By TomL

Downtown Ocala was the place of protest. Why is it important? Because a historic battle flag is in question. Protesters from both sides were present, but the “keep the flag up” was well represented as you can see in the above picture. A peaceful protest was held and it sent a message to the town and the county how the residents felt. The following was information about the history of the Civil War.

The Forgotten Black Confederate Soldier

This issue pops up every so many years, because a special interest group is allowed to take a historic battle flag and use it as their symbol. Many media and citizens of

the United States refused to study the Civil War.

Thousands of people of color died for the Confederate flag and it should be honored in our history. Congress should pass laws that say no historic battle flags shall be burned, defaced or treated with disrespect and that any historic battle flags cannot be used as symbols for any special interest group. THEY ARE OUR HISTORY!

Things are being misrepresented; some of the people not knowing our history are leading the charge on the street. Did you know that many times during the Civil War people of color led the charge. If a retreat was ordered the troops of color would pick up the white soldiers that were wounded

first. So when you see a Confederate flag remember the history and don’t let anyone disrespect it. Courthouse “fly it high!” Educate the people wanting to take it down, it is not showing disrespect to anyone.

No it is not the American flag but it is our history. Don’t let special interest groups take it down!

Travel Tips

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check off the whole list gets to choose the next rest stop.

3. Keep the car comfy. Anticipate the various needs and comfort of your travel companions by stashing a few pillows and blankets in the car. Having a pillow will allow your passengers to take a quick nap before it’s their turn to drive. And keeping an extra blanket or two in the car will eliminate the

battle over the air conditioning. Bring along cookie sheets or cutting boards for the kids to have on their laps so they can write, draw or do small puzzles in the car.

4. Pack smart snacks. Keep your body fueled while you’re on the road with portable and shareable snacks. Granola bars, fruit and crackers are easy options for snacking in the car. If you can’t decide between sweet and savory, try COMBOS Sweet & Salty Caramel Crème Pretzel and COMBOS Sweet & Salty Vanilla Frosting Pretzel. The new snack is perfect for road trip noshing and satisfies both sweet and salty cravings! For more information visit www.Facebook.com/COMBOS and www.COMBOS.com.

5. Prepare for the unexpected. Even the best-laid plans can hit a bump in the road. Road construction, flat tires and traffic can all put a damper on your road trip causing delays and frustration. Make sure your car is road ready before you head out—check the oil and wiper fluid levels and make sure all the tires, including the spare, are properly inflated. And as a precaution, program the number of a nationwide emergency automobile service in your phone.

Portable Food Ideas

Two new snacks feature sweet and salty flavors combined: COMBOS Sweet & Salty Caramel Crème Pretzel and COMBOS Sweet & Salty Vanilla Frosting Pretzel. They’re handy on car, plane and boat trips or tucked into your purse or backpack. Learn more at www.Facebook.com/COMBOS and www.COMBOS.com.



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BARBARA G. WASHINGTON-THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH & 14TH, 2015 AT 1:00 PM

“McFARLAND USA” STARRING: KEVIN COSTNER, MARIA BELLO, MORGAN SAYLOR, ELSIE FISHER, NATALIA CORDOVA-BUCKLEY

In 1987, novice runners in an economically challenged town in California’s farm-rich Central Valley give their all to build a cross-country team under the direction of Coach Jim White, a newcomer to their predominantly Latino high school. Coach White and the McFarland students have a lot to learn about each other, but things begin to change when White sees the boy’s exceptional running ability.

Something beyond their physical gifts become apparent-the power of family relationships, their unwavering commitment to one another and their incredible work ethic. With grit and determination, the unlikely band of runners eventually overcomes the odds to forge not only a championship team, but an enduring legacy as well. Along the way, Coach White realizes that his family has finally found a place to call home, as he and his team achieve their own kind of American dream. Based on a true story
RATED PG

8TH AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH & 26TH, 2015 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON – THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 & 28TH, 2015 AT 1:00 PM

“PADDINGTON” STARRING: HUGH BONNEVILLE, JIM BROAD-

BENT, JULIE WALTERS, NICOLE KIDMAN, SALLY HAWKINS

A young bear in Peru has always dreamed about seeing England. He stows away on a ship and finds himself lost in London’s Paddington Station, where he’s taken in by the kindly Brown family. Now, armed with only a coat and a suitcase far too small to actually fit everything he manages to cram inside, the little bear in the big hat must brave the thrills and pitfalls of big city life while evading the revenge-crazed taxidermist known as Millicent. RATED PG

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COMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2015

AQUASIZE: WATER AEROBICS FOR ADULTS

When: Thursdays, August 6th – 27th, 2015

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 PM Age 18 and up
Cost: \$15.00 per participant for 4 sessions

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

What: Class activities include: stretching, cardio, toning, strength training and abdominal workouts. Buoyancy equipment is used. Modifications will be demonstrated for all fitness levels. For more information, please call Diane at 401-3916.

AQUABILITY

When: Mondays, August 3rd – August 24th Tuesdays, August 4th – August 25th

Time: Mondays - 5:00-6:00 PM OR 6:00-7:00 PM Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 PM

Cost: \$25.00 per person for 4 week session

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

What: An Adaptive Aquatic Program for individuals with Disabilities of all Ages. For more information and registration, please call Diane at 352-401-3916.

BOOMERS OPEN SWIM

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 4th – August 27th, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM to 10:50 AM Ages 50 and up

Cost: \$3.00 per participant

Where: Hampton Aquatic Fun Center, 255 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ocala
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When: Saturday, August 15, 2015

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: 8th Avenue Senior Center, 830 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

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Jobless Rate Drops

Area bucks 'summer slump' trend, posts drop in jobless rate

OCALA, Fla. (July 17, 2015) – For the first time, stretching back to at least 2008, the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion area has bucked the seasonal summer trend – when unemployment typically begins to spike before peaking in July – and posted a drop in the June unemployment rate.

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion's jobless rate in June was 6.7 percent, down 0.2 percentage point over the month and a drop of 0.9 percent over the year. Out of labor force of 194,446 there were 13,069 unemployed, a decrease of 548 since May and 1,961 fewer than the same time last year.

According to the June employment summary released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Levy County continued to hold the lowest rate in the three-county area at 6.1 percent, followed again by Marion County with 6.5 percent and Citrus County at 7.6 percent. The comparative, not-seasonally adjusted jobless rate for both Florida and the nation is 5.5 percent.

DEO reports that unemployment rates decreased over the month in 44 of Florida's counties, remained unchanged in nine and rose in 14. That is the first break in the seasonal summer slump typically experienced at this time of year caused by drops in public education and agriculture employment.

By way of comparison, in last year's report for June, only four counties posted drops

in unemployment rates, seven remained unchanged and rates rose in 56 counties, including Citrus, Levy and Marion.

All 25 metro areas experienced job gains since June 2014. The Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) added 3,400 non-farm jobs over the year for a 3.6 percent growth rate, which was the fifth highest rate in the state.

At the same time, however, normal seasonality has impacted the area, which saw across-the-board drops in the number of employed and contraction of the labor force.

Kathleen Woodring, chief operating officer of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, said those drops may reflect a number of factors, including education support personnel taking vacations in June and not looking for summer employment during the month.

"Yes, the numbers of unemployed are down, but the drop in the rate is likely caused by the shrinkage in the labor force," she said. "But this isn't cause for panic. If you aren't working, and you're not looking for work, you aren't in the labor force, and those taking summer vacations or sabbaticals aren't in the labor force."

Woodring added that strong over-the-year job growth in the Ocala MSA particularly, and a boost in employment heading into June when 900 jobs were added, helped keep the summer slump at bay.

"We gained 900 jobs in May in the Ocala metro and lost 1,100 in June. That's not a surprise," Woodring said. "The good news

is, we know jobs are out there and that employers are hiring. We held a dozen hiring events in June and so far in July we've had 15 hiring events and more are scheduled."

Here's a breakdown for each county in the region:

- Citrus County's labor force decreased by 849 to 47,085, the number of employed fell by 676 to 43,505 and the number of those without jobs dropped by 173 to 3,580. The unemployment rate in June 2014 was 8.5 percent when there were 4,171 unemployed.

- Levy County's labor force fell by 156 to 15,975, the number of employed dropped by 151 to 14,995 and the number of unemployed decreased by 25 to 980. Over the year, the number of jobless has fallen by 169 when the unemployment rate was 7.0 percent.

- Marion County's labor force fell by 1,540 to 131,386, the number of employed decreased by 1,190 to 122,877, and those without jobs dropped by 350 to 8,509. Compared to the same time last year, there are 1,201 fewer unemployed than when the unemployment rate was 7.3 percent.

The Homosassa MSA continued to hold the highest unemployment rate among the state's metros, The Villages ranked fourth at 7.0 percent, and Ocala was fifth. The Homosassa metro area had 32,000 nonfarm jobs, unchanged over the year.

Total nonfarm employment for the Ocala MSA in June was 97,300 up from 93,900 jobs in 2014.

Six major industries gained jobs over

the year in the Ocala MSA, including trade, transportation and utilities, and leisure and hospitality (+800 jobs each); education and health services (+700 jobs); government (+600 jobs); and professional and business services, and manufacturing (+300 jobs each).

Growth in leisure and hospitality (+7.2 percent), government (+4.7 percent) and manufacturing (+4.1 percent) grew faster in the area than statewide. The Ocala MSA had the highest growth of all Florida metros in government, and the fifth highest growth rate in manufacturing.

The industry losing jobs was information (-100 jobs). Mining, logging and construction; financial activities; and other services remained unchanged over the year.

The employment report for July will be released on Friday, Aug. 21.

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