



On January 12, 2016, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners honored the first responders of Marion County with a Proclamation to recognize law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and EMTs. These men and woman work bravely and selflessly to save the lives and protect the citizens of Marion County, visitors and businesses every day. The BOCC proclaimed that the week of January 11-15, 2016 be known as "Marion County First Responder Appreciation Week".

## Hospital Price Gouging

Gov. Scott: New FHA Website Latest Evidence of Need to Protect Florida Patients from Price Gouging

THE VILLAGES, Fla. – The Florida Hospital Association (FHA) unveiled a new website that shows how much hospitals in Florida markup their fixed prices for uninsured and out-of-network patients over the actual, negotiated amounts hospitals accept as full payment from commercial insurers. The website shows that virtually all procedures and illnesses have a markup of at least more than double the average payment amount, with some hospitals having markup of more than 10 times.

Governor Rick Scott said, "We need to protect patients from one-sided price fixing by Florida hospitals. Patients should have a place to go when they believe their hos-

pital bills are unconscionably high. That is why we want patients to have the ability to ask for a third-party review of their changes. We must address the high costs hospitals pass on to patients if we are going to make healthcare more affordable and accessible in Florida. That means we must also empower patients through more public information and transparency about hospital spending and pricing. But we must also give patients a place to go when they feel they have unfairly received an outrageously high bill for a hospital service."

In September, Governor Scott announced that he will work with the Legislature to increase transparency for Florida hospitals and empower patients to fight against hospital price gouging.

## TRUMP

By TomL

Donald Trump has brought more to this country during his campaign than any Washington politicians. But not just information but proving to the Washington Tribe that the people of America "Are mad as hell" and "Sick and Tired of all the Lies!" They are about to implode unless they are on a monthly government check. Few people have taken the time to research Trump.

Let us look at some of the things he has brought to light:

Trump believes that if we are fighting in a country that has oil that we should take charge of the oil. I agree that we should use a portion to pay for all of the military expenses, including helping the wounded financially. After all has been compensated for - then turn the oil wells back to the people of the country.

No one talks about how China manipulated the dollar, Trump is. We made China financially successful with all of the imports  
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Jean Henning

## Ocala Electric

Jean Henning, speaker at the OBL business breakfast, was sharing the following:

There's two reasons Ocala Electric Utility (OEU) customers are celebrating the New Year; Lower Electric rates and Energy Star Rebates!

As of November 1, 2015 the OEU Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) rate decreased from \$0.02758 to \$0.0190 per kilowatt hour. The PCA is the mechanism by which fuel costs are passed on to customers. When we save, our customers save! For the Residential customer this means approximately a 7.7% decrease or about \$8.58 per month. For commercial/industrial customers the average rate reduction would be 9.7% per month.

When comparing the City of Ocala electric part of the monthly municipal bill to that of surrounding electric utilities OEU is coming in as one of the lowest on residential rates. However, rates do fluctuate from utility to utility within the state, sometimes from month to month, but in the big picture all are fairly close. What makes the difference from bill to bill and neighbor to neighbor is how the energy is consumed, and that's the part we all can help ourselves with. Learning how your home or business uses energy and paying close attention to the power grabbers can make a difference in the bottom line.

In the home typically air conditioning accounts for over 50% of the monthly energy  
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Florida House of Representatives

## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Tuesday, January 12, marked the opening day of the 2016 Legislative Session. In Speaker Crisafulli's opening day remarks, he expressed his desire for a productive, meaningful, policy-focused session, outlining a number of issues he would like for the House to address this session. Over the next 60 days, the House will consider legislation aimed at providing broad-based tax relief for Floridians, protecting our natural resources, providing tools for success in jobs and education, embracing new technology and cutting regulatory red tape, eliminating barriers to healthcare, and modernizing the Florida Retirement System. Addressing these important issues will create a lasting legacy of opportunity for

Florida families.

Most importantly, he highlighted the need to complete the Work Plan the House and Senate committed to last year, including passing legislation that would establish a comprehensive water policy for Florida, strengthen pathways to economic independence for individuals with disabilities, and increase options in education. I am proud that the House was able to pass these three priority pieces of legislation with overwhelming bipartisan support during the first week.

In our first day in session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 552 to address Florida's water quality and supply challenges in a comprehensive, statewide manner. Water is one of our most precious resources, and ensuring a clean and abundant water supply is critical to Florida's future. This bill modernizes our existing water policies to reflect the progress we have made in protecting our resources and focuses our efforts on the

water quality and supply challenges we continue to face through the use of scientifically sound, responsible solutions. SB 552 is a great step in ensuring that Floridians, today and in the future, have abundant and clean water to meet the needs of our environment and our families.

House Bill 7003, which also passed the House on the first day with unanimous support, strengthens pathways to economic independence for persons with disabilities. The legislation creates the Financial Literacy Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to provide information and outreach to individuals with disabilities to assist them in establishing economic independence. Additionally, this bill creates the Employment First Act and the Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program, which will help those with disabilities find stable employment. Ensuring those with disabilities have the opportunity to achieve economic independence is important to making Florida an even better state to live, work,

and raise a family.

Finally, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 672 relating to Educational Options. The bill increases postsecondary education and employment opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities. In addition, through the Personal Learning Scholarship Account program, families of students with disabilities will be able to provide a more customized education for their children to better meet their unique abilities. By continuing to increase educational options for students and schools, we will further strengthen Florida's education system and prepare our students for success.

I am very proud of what the House was able to accomplish during the first week of the 2016 Session. In my view, this was a productive first week of Session – and we are just getting started. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to pass legislation that I believe will help improve our state.

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## From the Office of THE MARION COUNTY SHERIFF



Keeping Our Businesses Safe

I am pleased to tell you about a new and exciting program being provided to Marion County business owners by the Marion County Sheriff's Office. In our

efforts to continue to lower the crime rate here in Marion County, we have developed a new alert system that will assist you and your business at no cost to you!

Over the past two years, we have successfully lowered the crime rate in Marion

County by more than 10%. You are certainly safer now than you were just two years ago! This new program, Business Sheriff Alert For Emergencies (B-SAFE) will be a way for us to contact you with vital crime and safety information that pertains only to your type of business and continue to reduce crime.

Here's how it works: when a crime occurs to a business similar to your own, we are able to immediately send you information via email and text from the scene. You may receive photos of a suspect or suspect vehicle and information about the type of crime. You may also receive information regarding a suspicious incident occurring at a business similar to yours as well.

This is just another example of the Marion County Sheriff's Office pioneering new crime prevention techniques and programs that we feel will be an extremely effective way to protect your business from crime. Using this new program in conjunction with our award winning Crime Prevention Kiosk

Program, we will make Marion County an even safer place for your business. Thank you for partnering with us against crime!

To sign up for the B-SAFE program, please email [sheriffalert@marionso.com](mailto:sheriffalert@marionso.com) or call 352-368-3593.

*Happy Valentine's Day*

## Ocala Electric

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consumption. Making sure the system has routine maintenance, keeping filters clean, ductwork sealed, good level of insulation in the attic area (recommend R-30), and thermostats functioning properly will all help keep air conditioning costs down. Temperature setting also makes a difference on how often the system has to run. The lower the temperature setting, the longer and more often the system will have to run. Recommended setting for air conditioning is 78 degrees, raising at least 5 degrees when gone from home most of the day.

In businesses typically most of the energy consumption is comprised of air condition and lighting. Just like in the home, paying close attention to anything that will make the air conditioning system run more than normal should be looked into.

There have been many advances in lighting. With the number of lights and the amount of time they are on in the business setting, upgrading to a more efficient system that takes less power but with same or higher light levels makes good sense and pays for itself!

Ocala Electric Utility has rebates for upgrading lighting as well as attic insulation. There are also rebates available for Energy Star central air conditioning/ heat pump systems and appliances. Energy Star Certified appliances cost a little more but use 10% – 50% less energy than standard models.

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■=Tom Loury

## PUBLISHER'S NOTES



### ENDORSEMENTS!

Newspapers as a rule don't endorse candidates until the very last minute. We are not going to wait, candidates that did a good job should hear about it early, so here we go.

Dennis Baxley

Florida House of Representatives

His persistence, faith and mild manner carries him through his days in Tallahassee. It seems to me that I have never heard a negative word from him about another person. He will speak strongly on issues. He is the Best of the Best! I Endorse You!

Chris Blair

Marion County Sheriff

Again the Best of the Best. The Sheriff has led his team to lower crime in Marion County, catch the bad guys, start the Ceos program which has fast response to show the public missing children within three minutes or show a picture of Marion County's most wanted. The Marion County Sheriff's Office leaders are a very professional team! They are starting new programs every month and we have the WORLD CHAMPION SWAT TEAM, yes World. Ocala will be the host of the next World competition because of this Team. I Endorse You!

### NOT FOR RE-ELECTION GOV RICK SCOTT

Governor of the State of Florida is in his last term.

I can't go without mentioning Gov Scott for creating thousands of jobs, addressing corruption in the VA and price gouging in the other hospitals and putting the right people in the right jobs. I Endorse You!

I will have more endorsement in the future issues naming my Best of the Best!

### "The Art of the Deal"

What I think is the difference about "The Art of the Deal" and Congress passes a bill is for instance, Trump will say I will trade you a basket of Oranges for a basket of Tomatoes. Congress would say OK but the baskets need to come from this state, the shipping needs to be done by this union, and etc, etc, etc, until the bill is so big and cumbersome you can't even recognize it.

A good simple clean bill won't happen anymore in Congress because everyone wants to add on something related or not for themselves or their special interest.

Many people look back at what happened the last year. I would like to look back even further for a reason. We had a writer that lived in the villages and was retired military - his name Robert Belfar. He worked for Ike Eisenhower and wrote for the Stars and Stripes. He loved to write. He wrote for us for many years. He wrote about military history and played golf. One day he said the

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## Newspaper Deadlines

### Editorial & Ad Copy for March

Seniors Voice & Ocala DownTown

12am, February 17th

Lady Lake Magazine & Village Spectator

12am, February 24th

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## Letter from Air Force Major

Dear Tom

Enjoyed your Publisher's Notes comments about community newspapers. However, it is distressing that only 40% still read newspapers. I live in a community of 128 homes in the Tampa area. Only two people receive the Tampa Tribune on their driveway each morning and another three get the Tampa Times. When I moved here 10 years ago it was about a dozen of each paper. The free weekly community papers sit on the driveway waiting for the next recycling effort.

Having worked in the newspaper industry first as a paperboy, copy boy, sports-writer and sports editor, I can not start the day without a paper. People tell me they get their news online and from television. Television news is horrible and I do not think they get anything off the internet for when you attempt to have a conversation about local and national news they have no idea.

Another case in point, I sit on the Service Academy board for my Congressman. We always ask students how they get their news. Of the 29 students interviewed over the last two years not one said they get it from a newspaper. One said they had no time and they attend the high school closest to my home. At the front of the school, the Tampa Tribune, Tampa Times and Wall Street Journal sit for students to take as part of the papers' school programs. Too bad they end up in recycling.

I did enjoy reading your little paper and

the news it had. Your column really did a nice job on Ryan's legislative agenda.

Wish you the best in keeping your community paper alive for they are so much fun to read.

Kirk

Major, USAF, Retired

Publishers Note: Dear Kirk, I appreciate your feedback and encourage you to read us (villagespectator.com or ocaladowntown.com) and respond as you did this time. Our main goal is that we believe all people have the right to see their opinion in print!

I think that your opinion is even more important because of your credentials.

Please give us your opinion more often, we print every month.

Your comments on weekly free newspapers is what we are, I think we have a little more to offer than a recycle offer. It is easy to say that the free papers don't get picked up but we do get read, you read us and we appreciate it.

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Kevin Sheilley

## OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Last month, we began to relay highlights of the past year. The previous column listed a few of the successes in our Business Attraction and Business Retention efforts. This month, we will look at

Business Creation, Business Services and Business Advocacy and provide a glimpse of what is to come in 2016.

### Business Creation

Growing and assisting entrepreneurs is

a unique aspect of our efforts to create and retain jobs. This community has a strong legacy of growing companies and we want to nurture that effort into the future. While it has taken several years, by the end of 2015 the Power Plant had expanded into three buildings. The newest facility is the former city credit union complex. The building is now the Ocala Health Center for Health Services Innovation and is completely leased. Just think, we have a facility full of businesses focused on growing and developing new approaches for the health care sector. Currently, the Power Plant Incubator complex has 21 businesses with room for a couple more.

But not every business we assist needs to be in the Incubator. This past year, our team worked with approximately 150 business start-ups on a wide range of ideas, products and services.

### Business Services

Our efforts in Business Services are focused on three main areas: Talent Development, Networking and Business Education. In each sector we have a number of different programs all focused on providing a return on our partners' investments and helping to create or retain jobs.

Some of the most well-known CEP programs are offered through our Talent Development initiative. Talent Development is composed of our Leadership Ocala Marion (which saw Class XXVIII graduate and 35 leaders join Class XXIX); Leadership Ocala Marion Youth (this year's class is composed of 40 outstanding juniors selected from

nearly 100 applicants); Young Professionals Ocala (our dynamic young professionals); and, eXperienced Leaders of Ocala for our area's many retirees.

Our partners consistently tell us that networking is the number one reason they partner with us. We now have seven NetWorks groups with more than 120 participants. We hosted five NetPerking events (networking before hours) and four MBAs (Marion Business Advantage), our boutique networking event. Our premier (and the community's) networking event continues to be Business After Hours which experienced another great year.

Finally, our Business Education initiative has been composed of three primary programs: TuesdayTalks, FridayTalks and special topics. The first and third Tuesday of each month, the CEP hosted two sessions (morning and afternoon) of topics of interest to our business partners. Approximately 400 partners attended these sessions in 2015. FridayTalks is our education program in Southwest Marion County and attracted more than 100 attendees. Rasmussen College will be our sponsor for this series again in 2016.

### Business Advocacy

2015 was a great year for our advocacy efforts with record crowds for our monthly exCEptional Mornings breakfasts. In fact, we increased our year over year average monthly attendance by 30%! We worked with several other partners to successfully encourage the County Commission to raise the Tourism Bed Tax (which funds more tourism activities and is almost exclusively paid by those who do not live in Marion County) by two additional pennies.

Perhaps most significantly, we worked closely with the County in putting together a coalition of businesses to review the proposed new impact fees. This led to a significant reduction in the proposed fees and to the upcoming sales tax vote. The CEP is a strong proponent of this initiative as the best way to fund much needed transportation and safety needs in our community.

The CEP had a great year in 2015 in working to keep our community Moving Forward. The momentum will not stop there and we look forward to sharing more information and opportunities as we move through 2016 and beyond.



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## SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### COMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2016

MOVIES FOR FEBRUARY, 2016 8th AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH & 10TH, 2016 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON – THURSDAY & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH & 12TH, 2016 AT 1:00 PM

“WAR ROOM” STARRING: PRISCILLA SHIRER, T.C. STALLINGS, KAREN ABERCROMBIE, BETH MOORE AND JADIN ALEXIS HARRIS Tony and Elizabeth Jordan seemingly have it all – great jobs, a beautiful daughter, their dream home, but appearances can be deceiving. In reality, their marriage has become a war zone and their daughter is collateral damage. But with the help of Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman, Elizabeth discovers she can start fighting for her family instead of against them. With her newly energized faith, Elizabeth’s real enemy doesn’t have a prayer. RATED PG

8TH AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD & 24TH, 2016 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G. WASHINGTON – THURSDAY & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH, 2016 AT 1:00 PM

“MAX” STARRING: THOMAS HADEN CHURCH, JOSH WIGGINS, LUKE KLEINTANK, LAUREN GRA-

HAM, AND ROBBIE AMELL Max, a precision-trained military dog, serves on the frontlines in Afghanistan alongside his handler, U.S. Marine Kyle Wincott. When things go terribly wrong on maneuvers, Kyle is mortally wounded and Max, traumatized by the loss of his best friend, is unable to remain in service. Shipped stateside, the only human he seems willing to connect with is Kyle’s teenage brother, Justin, who has issues of his own and isn’t interested in taking care of his brother’s troubled dog. But Max may be Justin’s only chance to discover what really happened to his brother that day on the front, and with the help of a tough-talking young teen, Carmen, who has a way with dogs, Justin begins to appreciate his canine companion. Justin’s growing trust in Max helps the four-legged veteran revert back to his heroic self, and as the pair race against time to unravel the mystery, they find more excitement- and danger – than they bargained for. But they each might also find an unlikely new best friend in each other. RATED PG

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When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting February 1st, 2016 thru April 15th, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Cost: FREE

Where: 8th Avenue Adult Recreation Center, 830 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

What: AARP Tax Help is available on these days. Please bring all your necessary documents including Social Security Card, W-2 Forms, 1099 Forms, last year’s taxes, driver’s license and some form of ID.

#### SENIOR TRIP: FLORIDA STATE FAIR

When: Wednesday, February 10th, 2016

Where: Tampa, Florida

Time: 8:00 AM - Return 7:00 PM Bus leaves promptly at 8:30 AM

Cost: \$35.00 per person (Lunch on your own)

What: The fair is a salute to the state’s best agriculture and equine industry. Excitement is in the air and all over the fairgrounds with plenty of free entertainment. Enjoy an abundance of shows, music, displays, rides and shopping. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited to 45 persons. For more information please call Grace at

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3. Played with a paddle and a plastic ball.

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## Letter about Fair Tax

Letter to the Editor:

America has big problems and to solve them, we need big solutions. Let's take our income tax system as an example. What started out as a simple flat tax on the wealthiest of Americans has turned into a corrupt, inefficient, and criminal behemoth. It stifles growth, punishes producers, rewards the non-productive and has become so complex that even the IRS doesn't know what it says. Many politicians are now talking about reforming our tax code. However, most are still using the income tax as a base and "tweeking" the system instead of replacing it. Many are talking about a "flat" tax. Unfortunately, it will stay flat only until the lobbyists start asking for exemptions and the politicians start manipulating the code to buy votes. The only long lasting remedy to our income tax problem is to eliminate

the income tax completely. It is difficult to think outside the box - to actually implement something that is unfamiliar and seems strange at first glance. But, those of us who have studied the FairTax have come to the conclusion that the FairTax is efficient, fair, transparent, simple and would be a gigantic boon to our economy.

What is the FairTax? In a nutshell, it is a national consumption tax. Instead of being taxed on your productivity, you simply pay your taxes when you purchase a new product or a service. The FairTax eliminates all federal taxes based on income - personal and corporate income taxes, capital gains tax, taxes on interest from savings and investment, inheritance tax and federal withholding taxes from paychecks. Under our current system, taxes are high but compliance costs are even greater. One study

shows that a small business pays around \$729 in compliance costs for every \$100 they pay in taxes. Nationally, that means for businesses and everyday taxpayers, we spend over \$400 billion dollars a year just to comply with the tax code. Under the FairTax, your tax obligation is satisfied when you make a purchase at the store. No record keeping, no filling out tax forms, and NO ONE needs to know how much money you make. The retailer sends in the taxes collected, and YOU are anonymous.

The FairTax is a bill in Congress (HR25 in the House and S155 in the Senate) and it has 81 sponsors and cosponsors. This is a bill every Representative and Senator should get behind as it will help our entire country no matter what political affiliation you have.

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## Marion County Genealogical Society Meeting

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet on Thur Feb 18 at 2 PM. A brief business meeting will be followed by our program, "Black History Month" presented by Marya Latson.

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Busy Months Ahead for Rainbow Springs State Park

Many fun and interesting programs and events will be happening in the park in the coming months.

On February 2, the Introduction to Florida Friendly Living will begin at our park, with the next three sessions being held at the Dunnellon Public Library. This series is aimed at helping you learn how to save time and money with your home and is sponsored by the Marion County Extension. Yilin Zhaung and Jack LeCroy will be the presenters. There is a \$35 charge for the series and lunch will be provided. Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Session 2 concerns Water, Session 3, Landscaping and Session 4, Energy. We are delighted that they chose Rainbow Springs for the first presentation. This has recently been part of the Master the Possibilities Program at On

Top of the World. To reserve your spot call the Extension Office at 352-671-8400. Both new-comers to Florida and longtime residents can benefit from this series.

Our talented and knowledgeable Rangers will be presenting the Rangers Choice Programs. From wildflowers to birds, Timucuan Indians to the days of the private Rainbow Springs Attraction, join a Ranger for a fun, interesting and educational program on a variety of historic, cultural and natural resource related topics. Talks will be given on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday in February and 1st and 3rd Friday in March and April. Free with regular \$2.00 per person park admission. Topic, location and time will be announced on Florida State Parks.org or by calling 352-465-8555

A Wildflower Gardening program will be on February 18.

The Guided Bird Walk for February will

be on the 27th at 8 a. m. at the Tubing Entrance parking lot. Call 352-465-8555 for the address and /or directions. No RSVP required. Bring water and good shoes. A few pairs of binoculars may be available for use.

Saturday, February 27, will be Florida Frontier Day (formerly called Cracker Days ) beginning at 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Life in Florida in the 1800's. Handcrafters and

Demonstrators, Campfire cooking, turkey calls, grit grinding, cattle whip cracking and more. Live Florida Cracker Horses, Bluegrass by the Shadetree Pickers, Dulcimer Folk music by the Front Porch Folks, and Betty Breck Violinist. Food, Games and Good Ole' Fun!

For information call 352-465-8555 or go to Florida State Parks.org

## Ocala Rotary Club

Ocala Rotary Club announces February 2016 programs:

(Ocala FL Jan. 19, 2016) Ocala Rotary Club will host the following speakers for the February 2016 meetings:

Monday, Feb. 1: Nicole Stewart, Jazz on the Green, April 1st at Jumbolair

Monday, Feb. 8: Christine Lopez (572-9192), Physical Therapy

Monday, Feb. 15: No program

Monday, Feb. 22: Julie Shealy (875-2419), Fine Arts For Ocala

Monday, Feb. 29: Steve Albright (875-6972), The First Tee Program

The club meets each Monday at the College of Central Florida in the Ewers Center Room 100. Lunch service begins at 11:45 AM, with the call to order at 12:15 PM. Guests are welcome.

## TRUMP

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to us, then manipulate the dollar costing us even more. Trump wants to put an import tax on China to offset the dollar being manipulated. "SMART!"

Trump also believes that National Security is the number one priority. So he said put a hold on the immigrants - that was smart. Take time to set something up to vent these people. He suggested better yet set up a temporary city in their country, protect them, train them to fight, feed them, that way we don't have to deport or worry about terrorists infiltrating our country. But one thing for sure, the foreign countries that expect Trump to apologize better not hold their breath because they will suffocate first.

Under our current administration social security, Food Stamps, housing, unemployment, free healthcare, Free school program free lunches and federal assistance just to name a few will be paid for by the middle class worker who is making 20% less and most have lost company paid healthcare.

Trump wants to change personal income tax to: Up to \$30,000 taxed at 1%. From \$30,000 to \$100,000 taxed at 5%. From \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 taxed at 10%. \$1,000,000 and above taxed at 15%.

First we need to build the military. That will send a message that we have had enough. We will no longer apologize, we will not back up, it's onward and upward!

Last but not least Trump says we need to deal with entitlements. I looked up entitlements online. It mentions Social Security and other, all of which the people on these benefits, but the government has taken it too far. Food stamps, housing, aid of all sort but in the definition of entitlements it says entitlements are earned that paid in for them. There are many who never worked a job, never paid in are collecting, and in some cases making more than the people working every day, including people living here illegally - proof that the system is broke and no one is making moves to fix it. Just a lot of lip service from Washington!



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## Letter from RT

Tom Loury.

I read your article about government waste, and let me tell you, with absolute confidence, that there are so many government programs out there that are a joke, including the IRS, Dept. of Agriculture, and hundreds of programs that be stopped through sunset legislation. And hypocrisy, like spending billions of dollars on non-smoking programs and then subsidizing US tobacco farmers.

One thing though, the front page banner saying: "Support Wounded Warriors", should somehow disassociate the comment with the Wounded Warrior Charity. I say this because unfortunately I had volunteered to aid in their charitable work, and asked

them to send my some literature and donation envelopes, which I would distribute at Parades, public gathering, etc. They sent me back a price list for which I could buy brochures. I was shocked beyond belief. Accordingly I now only donate to local veteran help programs. Sincerely,

R. T. Lady Lake

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PUBLISHERS NOTE:

Hi RT

My way of supporting our wounded warriors is to advertise urging people to support our wounded warriors. That means support them in any way they know how. Sometimes

it's just thanking them, sometimes there are contributions. I appreciate your note and please write more. I will mention you and

your opinion in the paper without using your name.

TomL

■—Tom Loury

## PUBLISHER'S NOTES

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doctor told him he had cancer. He choose not to have an operation because it would mean he could not play golf in his last year. One day he asked me for a favor, he asked if he could submit more than one article per month and after he was gone his articles could go on for a while. I said I agreed to that and that the readers would like that. Some six months went by and he passed away in his sleep. I ran his articles for a year in his remembrance. He loved what he did. That's why I'm still here putting out this newspaper, telling it like it is, helping people with publicity and I believe everyone has the right to see their opinion in print. So here I am way past retirement and still working

Again looking way back to a Childhood friend that has just died a short time ago. His name was Harry Guy LaBree and I have about 100 pages I could write about him but won't right now. He was known to some as the Bare Foot Artist. Some of his art is in the Smithsonian National Museum. He works normally werre wildlife, everglades and the Seminole Indians. He was named as the Seminole Indian official artist. I hear

there is a biography written on him. I am sure I could add some pages on Harry's early years. My first new bicycle was stolen while Harry and I were gator hunting. He will be missed by many

The NAACP has stated that Marion County is unsafe because a Confederate Flag is displayed at a County building. Many black confederate soldiers died fighting for that flag. Things change over the years. Lincoln was a republican and died fighting to free the slaves. I think Martin Luther King was a republican and now many people of color are voting Democratic. I have trouble understanding some of this history. I think Trump just made the smartest move he has made during his campaign, "Sarah Palin"! I hope she is going to be his running mate. She is energetic and stands up like Trump! She might be able to help with the woman's vote. She has been traveling the country speaking since she last ran for VP and people like her very much. YOU GO LADY!



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- Narrow your search to a thermostat that's compatible with the heating and cooling system installed in your home.

- Choose one that will work for those who use it. Some have traditional push buttons while more advanced models feature intuitive touch screens for quick and clear navigation.

- Consider a Wi-Fi®-enabled thermostat, such as the Luxaire® Acclimate™ Residential Communicating Control, which will allow you to control the temperature in your home, even when you're away.



The 2016 Parade of Senior Services will be held Friday, March 25, 2016 at CCF's Ewers Century Center from 10am-3pm.

This event has been in existence for 33 years and continues to be a favorite among the senior citizens of our community.

The Parade is a show of non-profit agencies that provide a variety of services from social, health, education, and more to the senior citizens of Ocala, Marion County and surrounding areas.

Many attend this yearly show to obtain information on services they are seeking or may be in the future.

Many for-profit agencies have desired to be a part of the show because of its uniqueness. As a result, a sponsorship program was developed to allow for-profit organizations to participate through financial support.

This financial support is used solely for expenditures of this event, such as advertising, printing, mailings, facility rental, etc.

Since the Parade is for non-profit agencies who provide free or low cost services to seniors,

only twenty-five (25) for-profit agencies are given the opportunity to participate through a sponsorship.

For information call 401-3916 or email at [HYPERLINK "mailto:dleaf@ocalafl.org"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:dleaf@ocalafl.org) \t "\_blank" dleaf@ocalafl.org.

## Jobless Rate Continues to Drop

Jobless rate, along with size of labor force, continue to drop

OCALA, Fla. (Jan. 22, 2016) – The December unemployment rate for the Career-Source Citrus Levy Marion area dropped by 0.1 percent over the month to 5.8 percent, a decline of 0.8 percentage point from December 2014..

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