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Honor Flight Mission 57

U.S. Army veteran served in Korean War At age 97, it was Jim Kalivoda's turn to fly to Washington for his thank you

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Veterans Group

By Terri Mikszenas

June 6, 2026, marked the 82nd anniversary of D-Day when 4,413 Allied servicemen gave their lives so that freedom would endure.

As we remembered their sacrifice, we were also reminded of the importance of honoring those veterans who answered the call to serve in the years that followed.

On June 9, On Top of the World resident Jim Kalivoda, 97, traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of Honor Flight Mission 57.

Of the 78 veterans participating in the flight, only four were Korean War veterans and Jim was proud to be recognized as the oldest veteran on flight.

Jim served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War. A native of Detroit, Mich., he completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

Known for his advanced gymnastics skills and exceptional physical ability, Jim completed formal leadership training and served as a drill sergeant. He also proudly represented his unit in numerous Army sports competitions.

Following demolition training, Jim was selected to appear in a United States Army training film, a distinction reserved for soldiers who demonstrated outstanding military proficiency and leadership.

Adding to the significance of this day's journey, Jim's daughter, Lynn Conrad of Michigan, served as his Honor Flight guardian.

Family members living close to Washington, D.C., also traveled to the Capitol to share in the experience, including Jim's grandson, Caleb Conrad of Fairfax, Va., and niece, Karen Kalivoda, of Baltimore, Md.

Jim and his wife, Jerry, recently celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary. The couple moved to On Top of the World three years ago and reside in the American Colonial building.



Korean War veteran Jim Kalivoda stops for a photo at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. with members of his family. Joining him for this special remembrance are his daughter Lynn Conrad (far right) who served as Honor Flight Guardian. Also in the picture is Jim's grandson, Caleb Conrad, of Fairfax, Va., and Jimmy's niece, Karen Kalivoda, of Baltimore, Md.



Korean War veteran Jim Kalivoda (with microphone) proudly leads fellow veterans and guardians in the Pledge of Allegiance during Honor Flight of West Central Florida's orientation prior to Mission 57. Jimmy was given the honor as the oldest veteran when Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., took place on the June 9.



Whether you want to buy your dream home or sell your property for top dollar, this July is time to act.

The summer market is officially sizzling.
The buyers and sellers are out in full force.
Don't let the season pass without making your next big move.

LOOKING TO SELL?

Peak Demand:

Corporate relocations and families moving before the school year mean highly motivated buyers are looking right now. And local inventory is dropping, so you can see quicker results.

Maximum Curb Appeal:

July sunshine makes your home look its absolute best, driving up interest and offer prices.

Top Dollar:

Capitalize on the historic summer rush to maximize your equity return.

LOOKING TO BUY?

Market Fluctuations:

July is experiencing a drop in inventory, even though prices are lower, so you can't waste a minute.

Beat the Fall Rush:

Settle into your new neighborhood and backyard before autumn arrives.

Exclusive Access:

Get matching alerts for off-market properties that fit your exact budget and all the features on your list.

READY TO GET STARTED? TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

The summer market moves fast, and the best opportunities won't wait.
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Two years later, hurricane repairs continue in our community

The last of Hurricane Milton repairs are soon to be underway. As I noted in last month's column, it has been a real slog to obtain all the building and environmental permits necessary to accomplish pond and stormwater related repairs related to hurricane damage.

The small pond adjacent to the pavilion is cleared to proceed with needed repairs to stabilize the pond embankments and replace damaged stormwater concrete pipes. The selected contractor had taken on additional jobs while this project was in permitting. As I write this, it looks like late-July to mid-August to get them on site to start work. The duration of work is estimated at 30 days.

A concrete slab project has commenced at the East Activity Center. The purpose is to direct storm flow away from that building.

Being solidly in storm season, this is not the ideal of time for SCA Amenities Ltd. to undertake this project, but sometimes you deal with what you have and make the very best of it. We expect there will be very short-term disruption of parking access to a minimal number of parking spaces. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Tangential to this project is work to stabilize a stormwater detention pond behind Building 90.

Your Board authorized Parkway to seek an engineering proposal to design and create a repair plan and to pursue permits for work through the appropriate regulatory agencies.

The purpose of these ponds is to capture stormwater flow and allow sediment to settle before the water flows to Arbor Lake. This is a best management practice (BMP) developed by Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDEP) many years ago.

Lake Arbor is in good shape, so we know the detention ponds are doing a good job.

Practical Preventative Maintenance of Your Condo

From May through October, your air conditioning systems will be running full tilt. These systems don't operate by themselves without proper care and maintenance.

For a helpful short video on practical things you can do to service your air conditioning system to keep it functioning efficiently, visit the website <https://ontopoftheworldinfo.com/home-owner-maintenance/#airconditioning>.

Steps you can take include changing filters monthly and pouring vinegar into



the main condensate pan to keep the main drain flowing without obstruction. Check the outflow outside near the compressor. If you don't see the cleaning solution coming out, the drain line is blocked and needs immediate attention.

You really do want to take steps now to prevent condensate overflowing the HVAC condensate pan and affect the interior of your home. An ounce of prevention.....

July is a good time for an air conditioning check-up. If you don't have regular maintenance on your air conditioner performed, this is a good time to start. A twice-a-year check-up is a great first option to keep your air conditioner in top operating condition.

Failing to get an annual inspection could leave you hot and sweaty in the summer. High heat and humidity can become a serious threat to life, especially at an advanced age. A competent, licensed AC professional will clean the coils in both the air handler (in home) and the compressor (outside), as well as clean electrical connections, and make sure the motors are operating properly.

Safety Check-Up in Your Condo

Let's begin with a simple question: What do I do if...?

Ask yourself, do I enjoy walking or biking in the community in the evening or early morning hours?

If the answer is yes, do you wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight for signaling oncoming traffic, or have proper flashing red lights on your bicycle?

I enjoy walking in the community in the cooler weather and I'm the first to admit that sometimes I forget to take precautions. Note to self: Practice what I preach!

Another lifesaving question to ask is: If I were to have a kitchen fire, do I have



A project study has started behind Building 90 to stabilize the storm detention pond pictured above. The pond banks have eroded and your Association Board has given permission to Parkway Management to create a repair plan.

a fire extinguisher handy and could I use it?

If the answer is "No," hustle off to Lowes and by a small fire extinguisher to install in your pantry or other location easy to reach in a panic. A fire blanket is also good to have.

If I had a water leak into my unit, would I know what to do or who to call? Community service maintains an after-hour emergency contact number, 727-799-1115. Post it on your refrigerator. During business hours, please report an active leak to the Community Service Office at 727-683-6981.

If I'm getting out of the tub or shower, is my bath mat absorbent and non-skid?

Do I have a grab rail that is properly installed in my tub or shower?

Simple measures can prevent slips and falls.

Have I overloaded any extension cord with too many plug-in items?

This is much more common than you realize! This is also a very common cause of home fires.

If I have a washer and dryer, did a licensed professional properly install them?

If you cannot answer "yes" to that question, you need to call a licensed and insured electrician to make sure the dryer is not overloading the electrical panel. Sadly, this is much more common than most people appreciate and has resulted in a very devastating fire.

Is the washer draining into at least a 3-inch drain?

If not, you may flood out yourself and several neighbors. Instead, have a li-

censed and insured plumber check the drain connection.

Condominiums with dryer vent connections are the owner's obligation to have serviced. Regardless if you have an originally built-in dryer vent or if it was added in later.

Is it free of lint accumulation?

When did you have it last serviced by a professional?

Lint accumulation presents a very real fire hazard. Call an appliance specialist to arrange a cleaning. Whether you have a vented or a ventless dryer, you must still clean the internal lint trap regularly.

Do you have a first aid kit in the home?

How old is it?

Do you maintain an up-to-date emergency contact list?

Do you remember where it is and is it up to date with the latest contact information?

When was the list last updated?

The best recommendation is to keep a clearly legible list of current emergency contacts, including your primary physician and any medications you may take in a clearly identified vial in the refrigerator.

You'll also want to post a reminder on the refrigerator door that vital information is stored there. This can be a life-or-death difference to you should emergency responders be needed.

The Good Neighbors Association offers Files of Life for free and they can be picked up during events in the East Activity Center.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer. Happy 250th USA!

Food Truck Night Saturday, July 11

Stevie D's Philly Cheesesteaks and Kona Ice



3-7 pm, EAC Front Parking Lot

First 25 people in the Kona Ice line get a free Kona Ice.
All day long, get \$2 off Smoothies - \$6 !



On Top of the World Clearwater

Saturday, July 11th, 2026
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Join your neighbors and be among the first residents to try Kona Ice's NEW! Fresh-blended smoothies! Know a family, friend, or neighbor who loves Kona Ice? Let them know about this event! What's your favorite flavor?



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Please submit service requests yourself -

To ensure the most efficient processing of your maintenance or service request, please submit your request on AppFolio.

If you are unable to access the online system, visit the Community Service Office (CSO) in person. The office is located in the East Activity Center.

Or you can call the CSO at 727-683-6981 and leave detailed contact and service request information. We will return your call as quickly as we can during normal business hours.

Submitting your request yourself is the only way to ensure that your request has been conveyed correctly and has been received. Please do not rely on board members or neighbors to submit a service request on your behalf.

Once your request is received, in most cases a work order will be generated and forwarded to the appropriate department for resolution.

In some instances, we may need to contact you for additional information or clarification regarding your request. Be sure to provide accurate contact information, detailed information regarding your request and respond promptly to any inquiries.

Submitting multiple requests for the same issue is unnecessary and slows down our response time.

If you have questions about your request, please call our Service Request Line at 727-683-698.

Should you see something that needs to be repaired, please report it and don't assume that someone else has reported it.

Did You Know Concerns vs. Service Requests

Often times it can be difficult to distinguish between a concern and a service request. Equally difficult is deciding when to put something in writing, call the service line, or visit the Com-



munity Service Office (CSO). When trying to decide, a good rule of thumb is to identify:

- (A) Is your concern about a possible rule violation within the community?
- (B) Will it require action from Management Company service personnel?
- (C) Will it require additional information or some action on your part?
- (D) Or will it require an in-person visit?

Once you have established your question, you may decide on the appropriate course of action that is required based upon your specific circumstances. Being prepared before you visit the CSO will ensure that your visit is streamlined and speedy.

Community Service Office staff members are not equipped to deal with disputes between neighbors, however, they are always ready and available to assist you with any of your service-related needs.

Painting/Waterproofing

As July arrives, the weather will dictate when the painting contractor will continue to repaint the front façade of buildings.

As of this update, the contractor has Buildings 77 and 90 slated for a late

July/early August start date.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating closely to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property. Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

A specialty underground utilities contractor is anticipated to be on property throughout the summer months performing sanitary sewer inspections and corrective repairs. This work will be performed in the southernmost section of property with Buildings 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17 seeing these contractor activities.

Residents in the affected buildings also may be asked to limit water usage during this project.

Much of the equipment required for this project will be operating within close proximity to these building's back patios, so in the interests of safety we ask that residents please stay clear of any active work zones. Thank you for your cooperation.

Recurring Reminders for All Community Residents

As a reminder, in 2023 the Management Company recommenced its enforcement efforts by removing all unapproved items placed in building common areas. This includes, but is not limited to, plants (live or artificial), personal items, non-exterior rated furniture, rusted chairs/tables or in disrepair, tchotchkes, etc., as these items are not permitted to occupy common spaces.

These items will be removed and disposed of without further notice.

These ongoing efforts help keep the areas safe for first responders as well as maintain an aesthetically pleasing community for all to reside in.

We ask that residents help keep the community's common areas in compliance by reporting violations of this nature to the Management Company. We appreciate the community's cooperation and support in reporting any violations of this nature so the Management Company can investigate and correct if necessary.

The Management Company would also like to thank the residents who live on the second and third floors for their cooperation in making the On Top of the World community a safer and more aesthetically pleasing place to live by removing their floor mats from the common area. The community's response for compliance was astounding, as has been the feedback regarding these efforts.

Now that the notification and compliance piece has been completed, the Management Company will continue the ongoing compliance enforcement of these common areas where the mats were once located, as well as repainting areas that could not be cleaned up to community standards.

As a reminder to all residents and in keeping with condominium rules governing common areas, any floor mats placed in the second or third floor balcony walkways or center core areas will be removed without any further notification. Please assist us in keeping these walkway areas clear while making your community a safer and more beautiful place to live.

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PREPARE TODAY FOR A HURRICANE

Don't wait for a bad storm to be hours away.

Don't think, "It will never hit here."

The photo at left was taken Aug. 4, 2024. It did hit here.

Your Pre-Storm Checklist

1. Map out an evacuation route and choose a final, fortified destination well-inland. Tell family and friends where you intend to be during a storm. You should have one post-disaster contact - one person who is out of the danger zone, who you can contact and who will share your information with other loved ones. You may be short on power so consider limiting your contacts to one person.
2. If you stay behind, keep the following in stock: 1 week supply of bottled water and non-perishable foods, refill prescriptions, bottle opener, flashlight and battery operated radio. Do you know where these items are stored? Don't go searching for them as a storm is closing in. Keep tape and cardboard handy should a leak develop.
3. Create an inventory of your home. Use photos and videos in case some day you need to replace your items or determine the value of items lost. Special items should be stored away from your home in a safe place. Store important documents in sealable, water proof containers.
4. Bring in porch items and anything outside that could become a projectile.
5. Fill vehicle with gas. Don't wait until the mad rush starts.
6. Don't assume a storm is over. Stay indoors. Please use a flashlight and not candles. Keep refrigerator closed as much as possible.
7. Get cash. Money machines could be out for weeks.
8. Review your insurance policy once a year to make sure you are covered for a major storm. If you need to file a claim, do so immediately after a storm. Make a list of damaged items. Keep receipts. Be patient.
9. The OTOW activity centers are not storm shelters. They will not be open during a storm. If you live on an upper floor or may need assistance after a storm, plan ahead. There are nearby evacuation shelters.
10. OTOW will provide weather updates if possible using RAVE, OTOW-TV 901 and the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED

- A. If you evacuated, do not return home until authorities give you the OK.
- B. Do not go outside. Do not begin cleanup on your own. Let OTOW management personnel remove limbs, wires and all damage.
- C. Do not drive into a flooded road. Turn around - don't drown.
- D. Traffic lights may be out. Stop at all intersections where a traffic light is not working. Treat each intersection as a four-way stop.
- E. Do not use sink water until authorities give the OK. Do not eat spoiled food.
- F. Do not wear flipflops outside. Wear sturdy shoes.

Sign up for RAVE alerts.
Community updates will be posted on RAVE,
OTOW-TV Channel 901 and the
Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

www.nhc.noaa.gov

do not rely on other residents, family

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services Team, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle. This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hanger brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels and other wall and ceiling penetrations. In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice. Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future. Inspection Services representatives also will be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproof coatings during the current improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied. If for some reason you are not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit from the coating vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in

making this project a success across the community. First floor unit owners will continue receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department as the Management Company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but also have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike. The Management Company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience. The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The Management Company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future. Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times, decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, always apply for approval before you install. Inspection efforts continue to focus on the tagging and removal of portable barbeque grills, including propane, charcoal, or electric, which are not per-

mitted in any buildings common areas as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents. Only grills meeting the approved Clearwater Fire Department standard are permitted on the patio of first floor units. If you're a first-floor unit owner and not sure if your grill complies, please stop by the Community Service Office to request a visit from our friendly Inspections Services staff. The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East. Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the Management Company. Thanks for your cooperation.

After-Hours Emergency Information

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, after hours, in the event of an emergency, such as a water intrusion into your condo. For all other inquiries regarding gen-

eral issues or questions that are not service-related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and the "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll. You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page. Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply. OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warnings of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared and never solicited. It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives! As a reminder, when signing up for community and emergency alerts, be sure to enter your building number. You can select to receive notifications via text, telephone call, and/or email. You can select one, two, or all three notification options. Should you wish to change your notification options, you can do that by visiting the Community Service Office, calling 727-683-6981, or email at clearwaterinfo@otowfl.net.

Must be present for water to be turned on.

Did you know there are 3 ways to turn your water on or off?

(1) **CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)**
Service hours are 7:30-5:30, Mon-Fri, and 7:30-11:30 am, Saturdays.
Requests during this time frame are free.

(2) **VISIT the East Activity Center Community Service Office**
during business hours from 8:30 am - 3 pm, Monday-Friday.

(3) **GO ONLINE to otowclearwaterinfo.com.**
Go under the service tab to fill out a request.

After hours service is available 6-9 pm, Monday through Friday, 11:30-9 pm Saturdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. Sundays, by calling 799-1115. There is a \$35 fee for all after hours services.

Service Policy
Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. No exceptions. Payments are checks only.

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Many ways to celebrate a 250th birthday

Happy Independence Day
Saturday, July 4.
The 250th anniversary of the United States, officially called the Semiquincennial, celebrates 250 years since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.
(Remember the Bicentennial? It was so much easier to say!)

Movie Night
The next Movie Night is 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.
In celebration of our nation's 250th birthday, the movie musical "Hamilton" will be our featured film.
The production year was 2020. The director was Thomas Kail and the studio was Walt Disney Pictures.
The movie is PG-13 with a run time of 160 minutes.

Hamilton presents the tale of American founding father Alexander Hamilton. This is a film version of the original Broadway smash hit musical which is about America then, but told by America now.
The cast includes Lin-Manuel Miranda, Leslie Odom Jr., Phillipa Soo, Daveed Diggs and Jasmine Cephas Jones.
Seating is available for 80 people, first-come, first-served. No reservations are required. Popcorn is free - one bag per person.

Gerald Colen Lectures
In recognition of our nation's 250th birthday, two lectures will take place in July by Gerald Colen.
"The Founding Fathers" will take place Monday, July 13 and "the US Constitution" will take place Monday, July 20. Both lectures will be 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. in the Auditorium. No registration is required. Seating is first-come first-served.
Without "The Founding Fathers," the United States of America would not have come into existence when it did, if not for the tireless energy and conviction of the men who met on Sept. 17, 1787, to discuss, debate and ultimately compose the most decidedly American document.
United States Constitution founders, such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and others brought their great intellect and political courage to the task of creating a new experience in governance.
Deeply influenced by the Enlightenment, they created a new government based on reason and individual liberty.
We will look at the men, with their virtues and their flaws, and we shall decide for ourselves whether without them, the United States might very well be an entirely different country than it became.
Thanks to The US Constitution, the United States of America is the oldest federal democratic republic in the World. It holds that distinction because on Sept. 17, 1787, 39 members of a Constitutional Convention, all of whom we call founders, came together to sign a document that begins with the words "We the People of the United States of America."
The document is our American Constitution.
Embattled as it may seem, our Constitution has held us together through the



years. It is our beacon shining brightly, reminding us, we were and are a nation of laws with the goal of justice for all.
Jerry Colen will speak to us about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.
This will be an intense discussion and Jerry will also discuss some current controversial issues, all while focusing on what our Constitution has to say about the world in which we now live.

Unplug to Reconnect
Rediscovering the Joy of Face-to-Face Community
When was the last time you watched a TV show without reaching for your phone?
Do you find it hard to read more than a chapter or even a page at a time?
You are not alone.
Our attention spans are shrinking and our use of smartphones has added tremendously to the issue.
While smartphones help us stay connected, they also make us feel more isolated.

Why?
Because smartphones and the world of social media (Facebook, NextDoor, TikTok, Instagram) cannot replace meaningful face-to-face conversations or the warmth of being together in person.
According to research conducted by the Center for Disease Control and Mayo Clinic, social connections do more than just make us feel good, they are critical to our overall health. In-person socialization reduces stress, improves quality of sleep, sharpens memory, builds emotional resilience and leads to a longer life.
We do not need to quit our devices cold turkey, but we do need to be more intentional with them. Here are baby steps to help unplug and lead us back to community:
1. Eliminate notifications. Keeping senseless notifications on is one of the biggest attacks on your attention span. Narrow down notifications to the enormously important only (ideally only phone calls). Take advantage of Do Not Disturb. It is your time and attention, and you need to protect it.
2. Set a screen curfew. Turn off your TV and put your phone in another room at least an hour before bedtime.
3. Put your phone down and only check social media and email two or three times a day, in 15-minute blocks.
4. If you rely on TV for background noise to sleep, swap it for music, an audiobook, or nature sounds.

5. Designate tech-free zones in your home such as your dining area or patio.
- Next, start building connections with others from your own living room or patio. Here are six suggestions for activities to do with your friends or soon to be friends at your condominium.
1. Coffee & Conversation: Invite 2-3 neighbors over for morning coffee and light conversation, strictly device free, swap books at these meet ups.
2. Recipe Swap & Tasting: Everyone brings a dish made from a cherished recipe to share and discuss.
3. Puzzle & Game Night: Organize a rotating board game, card, or jigsaw puzzle group.
4. Walking Buddies: Start a morning or evening walking group to get fresh air, exercise and conversation.
5. Documentary or Masterpiece Series Night: Follow the schedule at WEDU for a program or choose a platform like PBS Passport for documentaries. Meet to watch and discuss.
6. Start a monthly or bimonthly book club and for all these meetups share or alternate hosting at each other's units.

The Big Leap
Start a Club or Activity at the Activity Centers
Have you started your own group? Is it growing? You may want to open it up to the community to join in.

If so, we can easily move these meetups into the activity centers. It's just a matter of completing a set of SCA forms for approval and reserving a room to start an official OTOW club or activity. The activity centers are the perfect place to expand!

Arts & Crafts
Over the years, I continue to meet residents who have experience and an interest in hosting an arts & crafts class at the East Activity Center, but for one reason or another it never gets off the ground.
In June I received an email from Carol Lake, an incredibly talented, experienced resident crafter who loves to teach. She would like to host an arts & crafts class Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon, twice a month.
She is seeking a resident to assist her who has a similar wish and can alternate hosting the class.

Carol also will need two or three additional residents to assist in other important leadership roles. It must be a shared commitment among all the leadership to bring this activity to On Top of the World.
Please call or email me at general_activity@scaclw.com if you have a serious interest and I will share her contact info.

OTOW Saturday Farmers Market
Farmers Markets will continue each Saturday in July from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Activity Center front parking lot.
The Farmers Market is being provided by Life Farms of Clearwater.

"We are so happy to have the opportunity to serve the On Top of the World Community," states Life Farms. "We are in the process of putting together a broader selection of produce (vegetables, fruit and herbs). We are in a transitional season for growth, so we haven't had the variety in our recent markets. We will be bringing in more produce to OTOW in the upcoming weeks, and we are even looking at the possibility of expanding our hours of operation."

So, please remain patient that seasons will play a role in the types and amounts of produce for sale.
Stop by and say, "Hi!" and please give your feedback directly to Dean during your visits. Please follow up with a short email to me, Nancy, at: general_activity@scaclw.com.

Food Truck Nights
Summer Saturday Food Truck Nights will take place once or twice a month in the East Activity Center front parking lot from 3 – 7:30 p.m.
This will be a grab and go operation

with one food vendor and one dessert or refreshment vendor.
The next Saturday Food Truck Night will be held July 11.
Stevie D's Philly Cheese Steaks and Kona Ice of West Clearwater will be here.
Please welcome Heather from Kona Ice, who will be here for the first time. She will be serving the traditional shaved ice, but also delicious, healthy smoothies!
To celebrate her first visit to OTOW, all smoothies will be discounted by \$2. We hope to see you there!

OnSpot Dermatology
OnSpot Dermatology Mobile Unit "Derma Drive" will be back on Friday, July 17 at the East Activity Center front parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
To book your appointment call 941-444-0011 or visit onspotdermatology.com/otow or click on the flyer/link posted at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.
Walk-ins are welcome, but you may have to wait or be asked to return at a specific time.

OneBlood
OneBlood will be in the East Activity Center front parking lot on Thursday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board at otowclearwaterinfo.com, in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a \$20 Ecard, a Big Red Bus T-shirt and a mini wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!
Take this opportunity to save lives!
Our last blood drive on June 11 was an amazing turnout of donors and many thanks to you all (Orlando's got nothing on us!) Thank you, again, for saving lives!
Honor Roll below:
Carmel Leblanc, Julia Fletcher, James Blamble, Charles Fuhr, Manuel Galan Jr, Andrew Dianiska, Karin Robinson, Linda Herron, Audrey Fontaine, Lisa Doherty, Mary Lou Wall, Michael Hartman, Susan Janiczak, Roger Bruton, Brian Buzek, Suellen Beals, Dominique Schauer, Joseph Scolari and David Robinson.

Message To OTOW Clubs
The 2026 Fall Festival and Expo will take place Saturday, Nov. 7.
Registration starts Monday, July 13.
OTOW clubs will not be required to complete a lengthy form online to register, only a simple email to me at general_activity@scaclw.com.

Type in the subject line: Fall Fest & Expo 2026.
In the body of your email, note the name of your club or activity, plus provide a name and email address of one rep to host the table and receive emailed event information. Please provide a second name in case of the first person's absence.

The deadline to register will be Friday, Aug. 21.
Last year, all clubs received a complimentary table to encourage participation. Arts & Crafts and sports-themed clubs hosted their tables outside to create a more festive atmosphere. However, all other clubs opted for inside which reduced outdoor foot traffic and made it harder for outside vendors, including food vendors, to succeed.

This year, outdoor tables will be free to encourage more participation outside, while indoor tables will incur a fee, \$25 each.
I hope this change will not deter club participation in large numbers, but the success of this event is a goal we all should share.

As always, please plan to decorate your tables in a big way, which also adds so much to this event. Décor is based on either the theme of your club or the fall season. A first and second prize will be awarded to the best decorated "club" table. It will be a wonderful day!

Join The Honor Roll

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July Calendar

Special Events (open to everyone)

Thursday, July 2, 1 pm - Association Board Meeting, East Activity Center Auditorium
Wednesday, July 8 - Movie Night, 4 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
Thursday, July 9 - OneBlood, 10 am - 3 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
Saturday, July 11 - Food Truck Night, Stevie D's Chesesteaks and Kona Ice, 3 - 7 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
Monday, July 13, Gerald Colen lecture on "Founding Fathers," 10:30-11:45 a.m., East Activity Center Auditorium
Tuesday, July 14, - New York-New Jersey Club Dessert Night, 5-8 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
Friday, July 17 - OnSpot Dermatology, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
Saturday, July 18 - Entertainment Committee Dance, Louie Bravo Trio, 7:30-10:30 pm, EAC Auditorium
Monday, July 20, Gerald Colen lecture on "The Constitution," 10:30-11:45 a.m., East Activity Center Auditorium
Friday, July 10, 17, 24, 31 - Feeding the World Food Pantry 10 am to 12 pm, Kitchen/Clearwater Room (none July 3)
Saturday, July 4, 11, 18, 25 - Farmers Markets, 9 am - 1 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
Club Information Tables, Thursdays only, 8:30 - 10:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium
There will be no Association Board Meeting in August

Clubs and Groups

	Art Guild - Board Meeting, none in July		Italian Language & Culture Class: Off for summer
	Art Guild - General Meeting: 1-4 p.m., Friday, July 10, EAC Largo Room		Kibitz Corner: 9-10 am, Mondays and Wednesdays, Kitchen
	Art Guild - Class with Instructor: none in July		Knitting Group: 9-11 am, Wednesdays, Crystal Beach Room
	Art Guild - Painting Pals: 1-4 pm, Wednesdays, Largo Room		Lambda Social: 6-10 pm, Friday, July 10, Oldsmar Room
	Baby Boomers: 5:30-6:30 pm, Wed., July 8 and Thurs., July 23, Largo Room		Lambda Chat: 10:30-12, Fridays, July 3, 17, Ozona Room
	Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am-1 pm, Thursdays, Learning Lab		Lambda Activity Day: 2-4 pm, Sunday, July 5, EAC Clearwater Room
	Bible Study: 2-3 pm, Fridays, Crystal Beach Room		Lawn Bowl: Practicing all summer.
	Bingo: 6-10 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Auditorium		Living With A Strong Mind: Tuesdays, July 14, 28, 3-4 pm, Belleair Room
	Canadian Club: Summer break		Music Group: 3-6 pm, Tuesdays, Dunedin Room
	Canadian Club: Summer break		New York-New Jersey: 5-8 pm, Tuesday, July 14, Auditorium
	Caring and Sharing: 9 am-12 pm, Tuesdays, Clearwater Room		Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Rom
	Chorus: Chorus rehearsals resume in September		Plant-Based Living Club: 1 - 2:30 pm, Wednesday, July 1, Learning Lab
	Coloring Book Club: 12-3 pm, Wednesdays, Crystal Beach Room		Pickleball Club Board Meeting: 1-3 pm, Monday, July 13, Crystal Beach
	Computer Club: 9-10:30 am, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Learning Lab (No 7/4)		Pickleball Club Game Night: 6:30-9:30 pm, Monday, July 20, Belleair Rm
	Democratic Club Board: 2-4 pm, Thursday, July 23, Crystal Beach Room		Pray For America: 10 am-12 pm, Saturdays, Crystal Beach (No 7/4)
	Democratic Club Meeting: 2-4 pm, Thursday, July 9, Learning Lab		Press Association: 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Tuesday, Aug. 4, Crystal Beach Room
	Democratic Club Happy Hour: 6-8 pm, Tuesday, July 28, Learning Lab		Republican Club Meeting: 6-9 pm, Tuesday, July 7, Belleair Room
	Entertainment Com. Board: Next board meeting will be in September		Spanish Club: Finished for season
	Fixers Club: No upcoming events		Speak English: 10-11 a.m., Thursdays, EAC Dunedin Room
	Freebirdz Weight Loss Group: 10:30 am-12 pm, Fridays, Crystal Beach		Tennis Club: No special events
	French Language & Culture: 11 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, Dunedin Room		Texas Card Game Club: 5-10 pm, Friday, July 31, Clearwater Room
	Good Karma Book Club: 10-11:30 am, Thursday, July 16, Crystal Beach Rm		Theater Workshop Meeting: No meetings this summer.
	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee: Back Sept. 10.		Theater Workshop: No other events scheduled
	High Vibe Tribe: 7-9 pm, Tuesday, July 14, Kitchen/Clearwater Room		Travel Club Meeting: 1-3 pm, Friday, July 1, EAC Oldsmar Room
	Irish Club: Summer break		Travel Club Event: No extra events in June
	Italian-American Club: Summer break		Veterans Club: No events in July
	Jesters Board Meeting: Summer break		Women's Bible Study Group: Fridays, July 10, 10:30-12, Largo Rm
	Jesters Meeting: Summer break		World Quilters: 9 am-2 pm, Tuesdays, Largo Room
			Writer's Ink: 1:30-3:30 pm, Thursdays, Dunedin Room

Exercises and Games

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, EAC Pool	All-In: 1:30-4 pm, Friday, July 24, Largo Room
Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Largo Room	Board Games: 1-3 pm, Wednesdays, Palm Harbor or Belleair Room
Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Exercise Room	Blackout: 6:30-9:30 pm, Thursdays all year, Belleair Room (Canadian Club members)
Cornhole: 1-3 pm, Mondays, Belleair Room	Bid Euchre: 6:30-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Room
Gentle Movement Exercises: 11 am-12 pm, Tuesdays and 3-4 pm, Fridays, Auditorium (July 7 only)	Casual Bridge: 1-4 pm, Tuesdays 9 am-12 pm, Thursdays, Ozona Room
Ladies Exercises: 8-9 am, Monday-Friday, Exercise Room	Cribbage: 10 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, Ozona Room
Line Dance Club Practice: 9-10 am, Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays - East Activity Center Largo Room	Dominos: 5:30-8 pm, Tuesdays, Ozona Room
Moving 'n Grooving Line Dance: Off June, July and August	Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30 pm, Wednesdays and Sundays, Ozona Room
Qigong: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Exercise Room	Ladies Bunco: 6-9:30 pm, Wednesday, July, Crystal Beach Room
Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, Exercise Room	Mahjong: 1-4 pm, Tuesdays, Fridays, Palm Harbor Room
OTOW/Snowbirds Line Dancing: 9:30-11:30 am, Wednesdays, Auditorium	Beginner Mahjong: 2-5 pm, Sundays, Safety Harbor Room
Social Dance with Howard: Taking a break in July and August. Will return in September.	Mexican Train: 1-5 pm, Thursday, July 2, July 9, Safety Harbor Room
Tai Chi Flow: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Exercise Room	Qwirkle: 1-4 pm, Mondays, Dunedin Room
Yoga Align and Stretch: 10-11:30 am, Mondays, WAC Belleair Room (One day summer only)	Rummikub: 12:30 - 3:30 pm, Mondays, Ozona Room
	Samba: 5:30-9:30 pm, Fridays, Ozona Room
	Spike's Euchre: 6 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, Dunedin Room

9 Ladies Golf: 8:30 am, Tuesdays
18 Ladies Golf: 8:30 am, Tuesdays.
Billiards 8 ball: 6-10 pm, Mondays and Tuesdays
Billiards: 9 ball: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays; 6 - 10 pm, Thursdays;
Billiards Events: none
Mens Golf: 8 am, Wednesdays
Mixed Golf: 9 am, Fridays
Lawn Bowling Summer: Mondays, Wednesdays 6 pm; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 9 am
Pickleball: 10am-1pm Mon, Wed, Fri | 8-10am, Tue, Thu, Sat | 5:30-7:30pm Tue, Wed, Thu | 9-12 Sun.
Ping Pong: 10-1, Tuesdays-Fridays, Belleair Room
Shuffleboard: 4 pm, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Softball: 8 am, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Safety Harbor City Park
Tennis: 7:30-10 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | 10-1 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

Alonzo Poker: Off for summer
Barry's Poker: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, Ozona Room
Bob's Poker: Off for summer
Carol's Poker: 6-9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
Laura's Poker: 5-9 pm, Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
Richie's Poker: 5-8 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, Ozona Room
Tom's Poker: 5-9 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room

Building Events

Bavarian Chalet, Saturday, July 18, 4 - 8 p.m., Potluck Dinner at Clearwater Room

Pavilion

Pickleball Picnic, 12-3 pm, Sunday, July 5

Swimming Pools (October-April): 8-6:30 Mondays-Saturdays, 9-6:30 Sundays
Swimming Pools (May-September): 8-8 Mondays-Saturdays, 9-8 Sundays
Library: 10-12 Mondays & Thursdays, 1-3 Wednesdays
Woodshop: 8 am-12 pm Monday-Friday, EAC Woodshop
Lapidary: 1-3 pm, Monday-Friday, EAC Lapidary Room



Louie Bravo is back July 18

The Entertainment Committee knows that as soon as On Top of the World residents see Louie Bravo's name in print, they circle it, buy tickets and come to the East Activity Center to dance and have great time.

So Louie is coming back July 18 and he's bring the Trip with him. We may need extra chairs for the entertainment on this day.

Louie Bravo is an OTOW favorite. Not only has he performed here in the past as a soloist, but he has also appeared during Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee.

Is it the voice? The music? Or everything rolled into one? Make sure you have your tickets for the Louie Bravo Trio set to be here 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 18 in the Auditorium.

The Entertainment Committee never takes a month off because we know most of our residents are here year round and they never take a month off.

Come and enjoy the music of this trio and make July 18 a special evening.

Our summer nights continue on Aug. 22 when we welcome back Bittersweet for an evening of dancing and then on Sept. 26 we will be bringing back the Boomer Band for more good dancing.

Tickets for all three of these dances are \$10 apiece. You can purchase tickets, ask questions and get a 2026 schedule by visiting the Entertainment Committee information table 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Thursday morning in the Auditorium in July.

These three dances are monthly events coming up soon, but the Entertainment Committee has much more coming up in the near future.

The show "One Hit Wonders" is coming up on Oct. 29, "Alter Eagles" - a tribute to the Eagles, on Nov. 19 and "Voices of Jazz" on Dec. 17.

Don't miss our Halloween special - "Big Time Jukebox" on Oct. 31. Yes! Our Halloween dance will actually be on Halloween! How often does that happen. Don't miss it. Tickets are \$15 apiece.

Flashback will be here on Nov. 21 and The Southshore Cruisers will ring in New Year's Eve on Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Please note, New Year's Eve sells out early every year. Tickets are \$30 and go fast. Don't wait until the last minute.

Were you here for the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra free concert in May?

If you missed it, guess what? You can still see it! Thanks to our community TV station, channel 901, everyone at On Top of the World will be able to enjoy that free concert from their own living room. The event was recorded and will be rebroadcast at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 4. You can watch before you go out to see fireworks. This free concert was sponsored by the Entertainment Committee and is being re-broadcast for you by OTOW-TV. You must have Summit Broadband to watch it.

A couple of reminders. Our dances are Bring Your Own Favorite Beverages or BYOB. You can come alone, buy a ticket for a guest or purchase a table for people from your club or building to watch together. Having a birthday in July? Come celebrate with us.

The Entertainment Committee does have a dress code and we strictly enforce it. Please do not wear shorts to our dances. You will be asked to leave. This includes men and women.

Need more information about upcoming events? You can always check this newspaper. We have slides on OTOW-TV 901 that promote upcoming events. Our monthly and annual schedule is also on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). If you check your building bulletin board, you will see additional announcements.

See you July 18 at the Louie Bravo Trio dance in the Auditorium.

**Tickets on sale at the Entertainment Committee information table
8:30-10:30 am, Thursdays only in July and August
in the EAC Auditorium.**

Committee



Attend
shows and
dances as
a group!

At the Entertainment Committee information table, you don't have to buy tickets for just one or two people. You can buy tickets for everyone in your building or everyone in your club. We will do our best to seat everyone close to each other or perhaps keep you together at the same tables. But please, if you know you are coming as a group, give us enough notice so we can help keep you together. If you wait too long, only single seats will be available. Does your building or club want to watch together on Halloween night or for our New Year's Eve bash? Stop by in July and get your tickets. Don't wait until October.

Entertainment Committee Calendar

JULY

18 - Louie Bravo Trio (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10

AUGUST

22 - Bittersweet (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10

SEPTEMBER

26 - Boomer Band (dance), 7:30 p.m., \$10

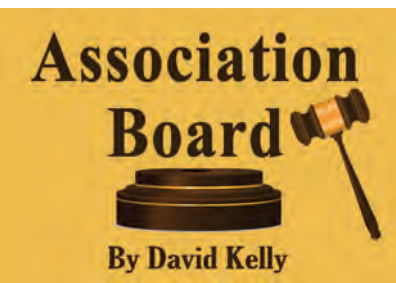
27 - Sunday Meet & Greet, Horse Races, 2:00 p.m. Free

Reserve vote changes after review

As required by Florida law, the Membership Meeting in June included a vote on whether to waive the collection of reserve funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

The vote-counting process, conducted by two dozen community volunteers, lasted nearly three hours. At the conclusion of the count, the reserve waiver was reported as having failed to reach the statutory threshold, meaning reserve funding would be required. The announcement came as a surprise to many residents. For homeowners, the failure of the waiver would have resulted in an average increase of approximately \$68 per month in assessments to fund reserve accounts.

In the days following the meeting, the Association received inquiries and concerns from members regarding the final vote totals. Given the narrow margin involved and after consultation with legal counsel, the Association Board Chairman directed the Management Company to conduct a reconciliation



of the vote counts reported by each counting table. During that review, a significant discrepancy was identified at one counting table.

Further examination determined that not all tally sheets had been included when the table submitted its final count.

As a result, more than 100 valid votes were inadvertently omitted from the totals announced at the June 4 meeting.

To verify the findings, three members of the Association Board of Administration conducted an additional review and retabulation of the tally sheets and counting materials. Their review confirmed the results of the Management Company's reconciliation.

- The final certified vote totals are:
- Yes to Waive Reserves: 2,560
 - No to Waive Reserves: 164
 - Invalid Ballots: 46

With all valid votes included, the reserve waiver exceeded the threshold required under Florida law and has therefore been approved. As a result, reserve funds will not be collected during the upcoming fiscal year.

Association officials acknowledged that the revised outcome is likely to generate a range of reactions within the community. While many residents may welcome the result, others may have concerns regarding the counting process and the circumstances that led to the correction.

Association representatives emphasized that all ballots and counting materials were secured immediately following the original count and that no ballots received after the commencement of counting were included in either the original tally or the subsequent reconciliation. The revised totals reflect only the inclusion of votes that had been properly cast but were inadvertently omitted

from the original count.

In response to the incident, board members and Management Company have begun evaluating additional safeguards and procedural enhancements designed to further strengthen the vote-counting process in future elections. The following improvements have already been informally mentioned as options under consideration:

- Initiating the voting process earlier by distributing budget and proxy materials four weeks in advance of the membership meeting.
- Evaluating whether the vote-counting process should be conducted separately from the Board of Administration meeting to allow for greater focus and accuracy.
- Reducing unnecessary distractions within the vote-counting area to support a more controlled and efficient counting environment.
- Establishing an additional verification table to review and confirm the vote totals submitted by each counting team before final results are announced.

These and other potential en-

hancements are being reviewed to strengthen the accuracy, transparency and integrity of future vote-counting procedures.

The board and the Management Company are confident that the reconciled totals accurately reflect the votes cast by the membership.

Residents may hold differing views on the merits of waiving reserves versus fully funding them. However, regardless of where individuals stand on that issue, there is broad agreement that every valid vote should be counted and reflected in the final result.

Association officials emphasized that the revised outcome was not the result of a policy change or a reconsideration of the vote itself. Rather, it resulted from the inclusion of valid votes that should have been included from the outset. Once the discrepancy was identified and verified, the corrected count was reported to ensure that the final outcome accurately reflected the will of the membership.

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Patriotic Movie Night

Rumor has it, some of you were dancing in your seats when On Top of the World presented “Mama Mia” during Movie Night in June.

Although SCA does not recommend dancing in your seat, we are glad you had a good time.

The next Movie Night is 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

In celebration of our nation’s 250th birthday, the movie musical “Hamilton” will be our featured film.

The production year was 2020. The director was Thomas Kail and the studio was Walt Disney Pictures.

The movie is PG-13 with a run time of 160 minutes.

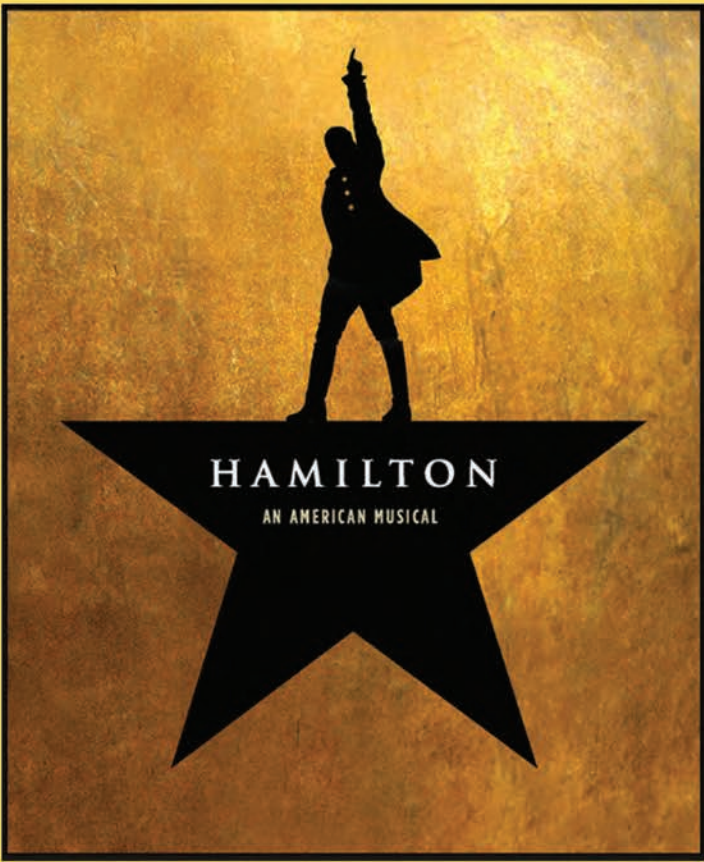
Hamilton presents the tale of American founding father Alexander Hamilton. This is a film version of the original Broadway smash hit musical which is about America then, but told by America now.

The cast includes Lin-Manuel Miranda, Leslie Odom Jr., Phillipa Soo, Daveed Diggs and Jasmine Cephas Jones.

Seating is available for 80 people, first-come, first-served. No reservations are required. Popcorn is free - one bag per person.



Movie Night in June featured ‘Mama Mia’ and there were about 40 people who attended.



OTOW Movie Night

“Hamilton”
the movie musical

4 pm, Wednesday, July 8
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Each resident gets a free bag of popcorn

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Speed control devices are used where vehicles need to go under 15 mph for everyone’s safety

Speed bumps are a class of traffic calming devices that use vertical deflection to slow motor-vehicle traffic in order to improve safety conditions.

Variations include the speed hump, speed cushion and speed table.

The use of vertical deflection devices is widespread around the world and they are most commonly used to enforce a speed limit under 25 miles per hour.

Although speed bumps are effective in keeping vehicle speeds down, their use is sometimes controversial — as they can increase traffic noise, may damage vehicles if traversed at too great a speed, and slow emergency vehicles.

Poorly-designed speed bumps that stand too tall or with too-sharp of an angle can be disruptive for drivers and may be difficult to navigate for vehicles with low ground clearance, even at very low speeds.

Advantages of Speed Bumps

Speed bumps are highly effective traffic calming tools primarily used to dramatically reduce vehicle speeds in high-pedestrian or sensitive areas

Speed “bumps” are designed to slow vehicles down to approximately 2 to 5 mph. This is more aggressive than speed “humps” which typically allow for 10 to 15 mph

By forcing vehicles to slow down near crosswalks, schools and parking lots, drivers get more time to react to pedestrians, significantly reducing the risk of collisions.

Lower speeds mean that when accidents do occur, they are generally less severe and cause fewer major injuries or fatalities.



Research has shown a 53–60 percent reduction in automobile-related injuries or death where speed control devices are present.

Unlike speed signs, which drivers might ignore, speed bumps provide a physical cue that forces compliance to protect the vehicle's suspension

Speed control devices are a relatively inexpensive way to manage speed compared to permanent law enforcement presence or complex traffic signal installations.

Environmental Benefits: Speed control devices today can be made out of modern rubber or plastic made from recycled materials like old tires or milk jugs.

Some of the Disadvantages

If a driver knows a speed control de-



Speed humps are installed where motorists need to be traveling 10-15 miles per hour for the safety of others in the area.

vice is coming up, the driver may divert to a different street, which could be in a more residential neighborhood.

Altering routes into a neighborhood street could increase noise and pollution for residents living in that neighborhood.

Speed control devices can cause damage to some vehicles.

It is costly to purchase required signs, street lighting and white lines where speed control devices are added.

Speed control devices can cause discomfort for drivers and passengers. There are documented cases of spinal damage and aggravated chronic back-ache.

Speed control devices can cause problems for emergency services and buses, and can distract drivers from hazards on the side of the road.

Pinellas Speed Bumps

Unincorporated Pinellas County: According to reports, the county cut its speed bump program in 2009 for budgetary reasons.

City of St. Petersburg: Uses a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. In 2024, the city saw 110 requests for intervention, with 14 qualifying for new measures

City of Clearwater: Traffic calming measures, including speed humps, are managed through their traffic engineering team.

City of Largo: Offers a speed reduction policy for local residential streets and utilizes traffic calming devices.

Requests for speed humps generally require neighborhood surveys and traffic studies to determine eligibility based on traffic speeds and volume.

Source: Wikipedia, AI



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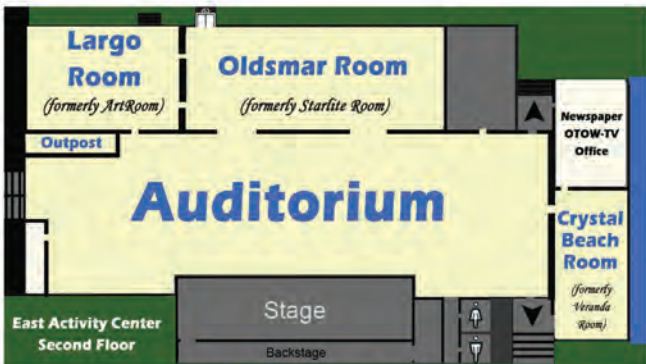
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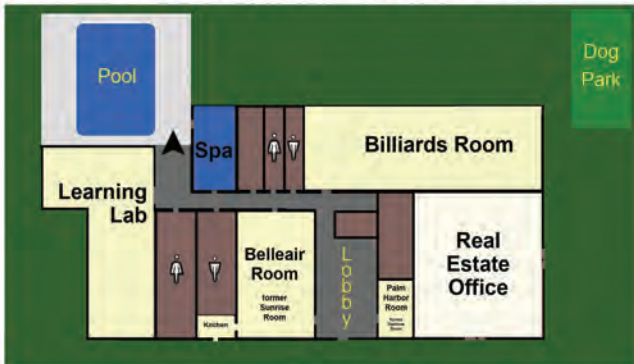
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Two Patriotic Lectures in July

The United States of America would not have come into existence when it did, if not for the tireless energy and a conviction of the men who met on September 17, 1787, to discuss, debate and ultimately compose the United States Constitution. On Monday, July 13, from 10:30 to 11:45, A.M., attorney Jerry Colen will be with us to talk about some of the Founders of our Country. We will look at the men, with their virtues and their flaws, and we shall decide for ourselves, whether without them, the United States might very well be an entirely different country than it became.

The United States of America is the oldest federal democratic republic in the world. It holds that distinction because on September 17, 1787, 39 members of a Constitutional Convention, all of whom we call Founders, came together to sign a document that begins with the words "WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...."

The document is our American Constitution.

On Monday, July 20, attorney Jerry Colen will be with us to speak about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.



Jerry Colen

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10. All route changes are at the discretion of Management.

This schedule is subject to change without notice.

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What’s the difference between a community property state and a common law state

Scam Alert.

Recently, I got a couple of texts which said something like “Hi, I am moving to Clearwater. Can you give me some places we ought to visit and some restaurants we should try?”

These types of texts, emails or direct messages appear to be from someone seeking friendly help about the area.

But these are scams.

Now, I know what some will think. “How can I get into any trouble if I just answer with a few comments on my favorite place or restaurant?”

Yeah, well, when you answer, they now have a “live” email or text address, plus a phone number.

Look folks. The less information we give out, the better off we are.

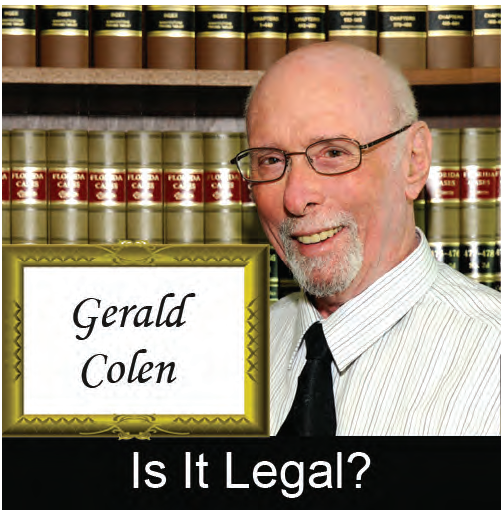
Q. I recently moved to Florida from (a western state). I understand that Florida is not a community property state like my former state. What are the main differences?

A. There are too many “main” differences to discuss in this column. I will briefly touch on one.

In a community property state, with no prenuptial agreement, ownership of property acquired during a marriage is owned by the community — the married couple.

A lawsuit against one of the two owners that results in a money-judgment can be enforced against all the property of the community, other than what state law exempts from creditor claims.

In a common law state, such as Florida, a money judgment against



only one of the two cannot be enforced against property owned by the two as a tenancy by the entireties, which is the husband-and-wife estate.

So, Florida offers a degree of asset protection in the event only one of the couple gets sued.

There are also potential estate and capital gains tax issues, but it is necessary to discuss such issues with a knowledgeable attorney of your choice.

Q. My wife and I live in different states, have not been together for a very long time and we are not contemplating a divorce. We do have a very detailed “Marital Property Settlement Agreement” drawn up by her lawyer, in (a midwestern state). I know I can’t get married without being divorced, but am I correct I do not need my wife’s consent or her signature if I decide to sell my home and buy another home with a

friend, who feels she needs protection if our relationship “goes sour.”

We would own it together and her name would be on the deed.

The lawyer my wife and I used for the marital agreement said that a Separation Agreement would be all I need if I want to sell my present home without my wife having to sign.

A. Hmmm. I wonder how much research your out-of-state lawyer did on Florida homestead laws.

Oh, well.

There’s too much to unpack in what you wrote. I can’t do it in a column like this which only offers general information that hopefully, folks find interesting.

However, I can tell you that the State of Florida’s homestead laws are very complex. Unless a marital agreement has very specific and enforceable waivers of a married spouse’s homestead rights, and those waivers are in full compliance with Florida’s laws on waiving homestead rights, both spouses will have to sign to make a valid conveyance of a homestead.

And by the way, throughout my many years in law practice, I’ve seen very detailed property settlement agreements drawn by attorneys who do not actually live in Florida. The agreements contain precise homestead waiver language, but even so, not one complied with Florida homestead waiver requirements. Not one.

Florida’s homestead laws are very complex, or did I already say that?

Q. I found out that my wife of some 42 years has had a secret boyfriend for several years. Now I wonder about who is the father of our children, who are both in their 30s.

What legal rights do I have and can I demand a DNA test?

A. Don’t ask me. I’m staying out of this one. Ask your wife and maybe (or maybe not) discuss it with the kids?

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What if we add six more floors to the East Activity Center



I recently came back from a cruise to Key West and Cozumel, and it has given me an inspiration to redesign the East Activity Center.

(Relax. This column is just for fun.)

I think many of you will agree with my ideas, especially those from the Travel Club who took the same trip I did two weeks before me.

The most important part of my plan is to add six more floors to the East Activity Center. There should be nine floors overall.

After adding the new floors, the EAC swimming pool should be moved to the ninth floor, along with three new hot tubs.

On one side of the swimming pool should be a buffet with cheeseburgers, fried onions, secret sauce, pickles, lettuce and several condiments.

On the other side of the swimming pool should be a pizza restaurant with slices of pizza to go. The pizza shop would be open until 1 a.m.

Lastly, there should be a tiki bar offering your favorite drinks, such as coconut margaritas, lime margaritas and strawberry margaritas. Anything tropical.

Yes. That would do it. Your new ninth floor at the East Activity Center: Pool, hot tubs, cheeseburgers, pizza and tiki bar.

I forgot to mention! There is no roof



If we add six more floors to the East Activity Center, we could add a karaoke lounge like the one above.

on the ninth floor. Everything is outdoors with clouds and sunshine above you!

Yes. This is starting to bring back great memories! But wait. I'm not done yet. Now for the other floors.

The redesigned second floor should have an atrium with live entertainment and a bar. Flip flops are allowed, of course.

Behind the atrium should be a casino with slot machines, blackjack tables and roulette wheels.

OK. OK. I know that would be a little illegal. Maybe we can just have a bingo hall instead?

Past the casino would be a sports bar with seven TVs featuring a variety of sports.

There would be a couple of other small bars featuring live music, such as piano players, small bands or violin players.

At the far end of the second floor

(behind the ~~casing~~ bingo hall) would be a main dining restaurant. There would be additional seating on the third floor, which would be in a circle. There would be a hole in the middle so you can see people dining on the second floor. You could wave to your friends below you.

Opposite the restaurant on the second floor would be a new Auditorium featuring a stage with trap doors and acrobatic ropes. The main seating area would be on the second floor, but there would be additional seats higher up on the third and fourth floors.

Yes, above the stage!

What else could our redesigned EAC feature?

How about a disco floor, a karaoke stage, a game room for grandchildren, a tattoo parlor, information tables, a souvenir shop, and maybe even a second restaurant for reservations only – yes, our own steakhouse!

Mary Lou Wall from OTOW News

could wear an orange shirt and take photos for anyone who wants to buy pictures. Want photos of your group at the restaurant, at a bar, at a show or in the bingo hall? Just pay Mary Lou.

What else?

Oh. I forgot the first floor.

The first floor (basement) would be off limits to residents and guests, but would provide housing to community employees. In order to live there, however, the employees would be required to learn how to make towel animals for residents, such as elephants and snails.



Towel Animals

OK. I hear some of you shouting for a very small 10th floor deck away from the swimming pool. You want enclosed pickleball courts on the 10th floor? Really? OK. OK. I hear you. But first let's try to get the ninth floor swimming pool.

So there you have it. An exciting, inspirational idea to redesign the EAC.

Confused? Is Doug losing it?

No. I'm perfectly fine. But there are at least 80 other people in our community who are shaking their heads right now saying, "Yes. Yes. Yes!"

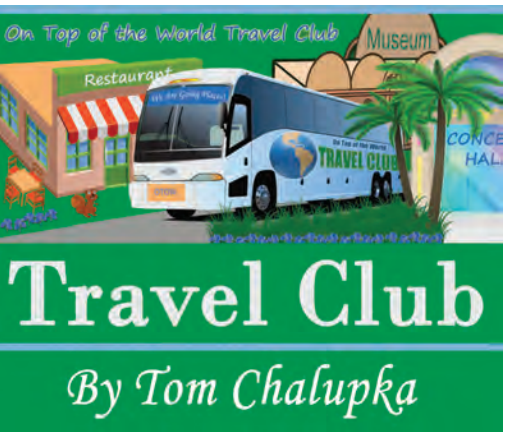
But I have to admit. I kind of stole this idea from the Margaritaville Islander cruise ship. Everything I suggested is the layout of the ship.

I know. You all like my plans for the EAC. Unfortunately, I don't think it's going to happen.

Instead, if you want to experience these nine floors, you'll have to join the Travel Club by April 5, 2027, and sail the Margaritaville Islander (pictured below) to Grand Bahama.

And yes, the Islander does have pickleball courts on the 10th floor.

Travel Club books another cruise in April - this time to Grand Bahama Island



The On Top of the World Travel Club would like to thank our members for the great support they have shown for our events over the first half of 2026.

The club arranged and sold tickets to 36 different activities with over 90 percent of the tickets quickly selling out.

The highlights included a lunch at the Jacobson Culinary Arts Center in Tarpon Springs and a five-night Margaritaville cruise to Mexico attended by almost 80 club members.

Because of the great success of the cruise, we have already scheduled another for next spring.

This will be another five-night Margaritaville cruise on Islander stopping at Key West and Grand Bahama Island. It will leave Tampa on Monday, April 5, and return on Saturday, April 10.

We started selling tickets for this cruise at our monthly meeting on June



More than 80 residents took a cruise on Margaritaville at Sea Islander this year and will get another chance in April 2027.

5 and we have already sold more than 70 tickets.

Other events that we have scheduled for this fall are also selling fast. For example, we are taking a trip to Branson, Mo., which has sold out and has a waiting list.

Our bus trip to Mount Dora, Fl., for its annual craft fair sold so quickly we had to arrange for a double-decker bus to accommodate everyone.

We are going on a two-night trip to

St Augustine for its annual Nights of Lights Christmas Celebration and we sold 75 percent of available space in just two days of sales.

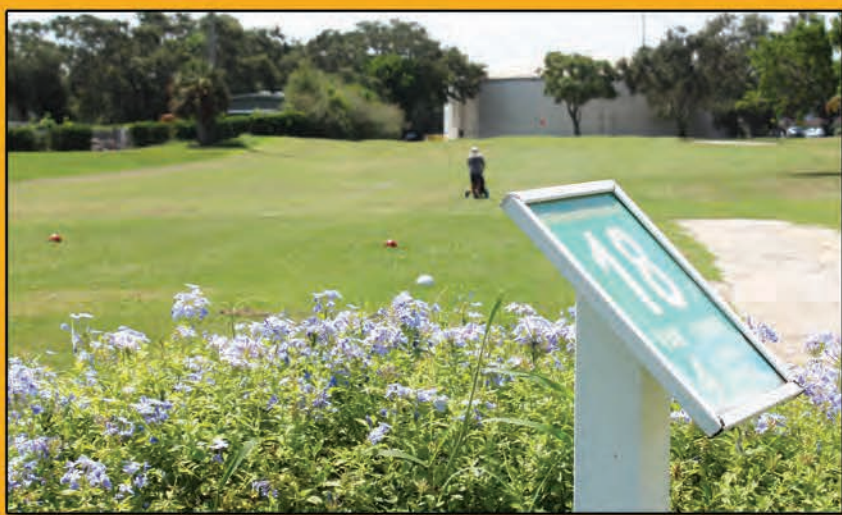
Members of our club are notified by email of new events, information about the trips and when tickets will go on sale. We will still be adding more events to the schedule for this fall and next year so anyone on our email list should keep watch for email notifications.

Our information table will be closed during the months of July and August so that we can give our Travel Club board and volunteers a vacation from planning and selling trips.

We hope everyone has a healthy and safe summer and we will see you in September.

Again, thank you for your support and remember our motto, "We're Going Places."

ACTIVITY REPORTS



Pride Month isn't just an annual event - it's a celebration of our way of life

June was a special month for the Lambda Club being it was Pride Month.

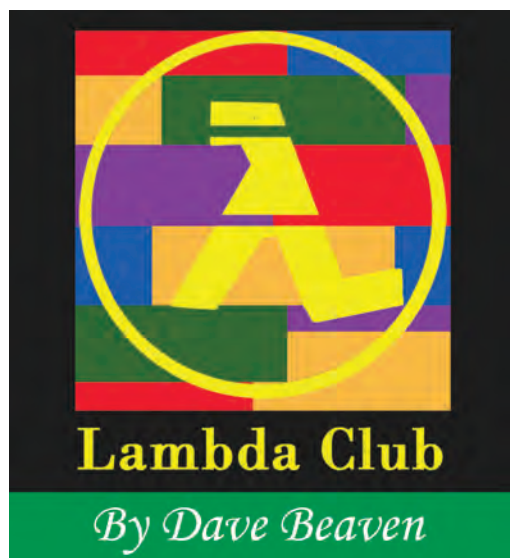
It was a time to reflect on tolerance and acceptance of peoples' differences.

Being of a certain age, our members grew up in a time when being gay was not considered acceptable. This caused a lot of conflict within individuals and their families. The pride movement was started to reverse that. It said yes, we are different, but we are here and live worthwhile lives in society - with a little flair to boot.

You can see our flair in this month's picture.

Here at On Top of the World, we are proud to be your neighbors and can count many friends in our buildings and various other clubs to which we belong.

July is also a special month for our club as it marks our 17th anniversary



of existence. We began in 2009 and 17 years later we have had a ton of fun get-togethers.

So a celebration is in order.

Come join us at 6 p.m. on Friday,



July 10, in the Oldsmar Room. A nice cake will be ordered and there will be some silly games, too.

As usual, our potluck table will be filled with tasty dishes provided by the members. Long may we party.

Lambda Club is a social club for our LGBT residents and our straight neighbors as well. You can find out more about us at our webpage: lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Mark Ostrowsky wins first Texas tournament



The Texas Card Game Club had a great turnout for our tournament in June. We had 25 players.

This was our longest tournament play of this year. After three hours of play, we finally got down to two players.

It was Mark Ostrowsky versus last year's champion, Warren Levene.

In the final round, Mark drew pocket aces on his first hand and called Warren's "all in."



Late into the evening, there were five people left during the Texas Card Game Club Tournament in June. From left to right are Mark Manns, Warren Levene, Mark Ostrowsky, Ann King and Ben Halevy.

Mark won his first tournament since joining the club five years ago.

The next tournament will be on Friday, July 31, at 6 p.m. in the East Activ-

ity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

Each player's activity card will be checked as June is the month to update them.

For more information on joining the Texas Card Game Club, please send an email to joegdechiaro@yahoo.com.

91 and still teaching Tai Chi



Last year was a big event when Tai Chi Instructor Ruth Pittman celebrated her 90th birthday while still teaching classes here at On Top of the World. Well, we have another year in the books and Ruth's students wanted to mark another milestone - 91 years young. More than 30 people were present as Ruth (center in purple shirt) was treated to a potluck dinner and birthday cards. See you all again in June 2027.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Let's ask our brains which healthy foods taste best

The Life with A Strong Mind Club focuses on daily lifestyle habits, which can be a big help in maintaining a healthy brain and a happy life.

Daily lifestyle habits are a proven strategy that can strengthen or even maintain a strong mind.

Come join us on Tuesday, July 7, at 3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room as we will host a taste-testing event of foods that are healthy for the brain. This is a popular topic and an easy way to help our brains thrive.

With the departure over the summer of many residents, our club will shift to one meeting per month on the second Tuesday. Plus, we will focus on experiential gatherings. Our summer will focus on fun and learning from actual experiences.

We have a great group of folks in our class and deal with topics that are important. It is done in an educational and interactive format with humor and understanding of different approaches for different situations. Come check us out.



Life with a Strong Mind

By Randae Van Denover

10-11 am, Thursdays, Dunedin Room

Learning English is easier when food is around

It is always a pleasure to have a surprise guest.

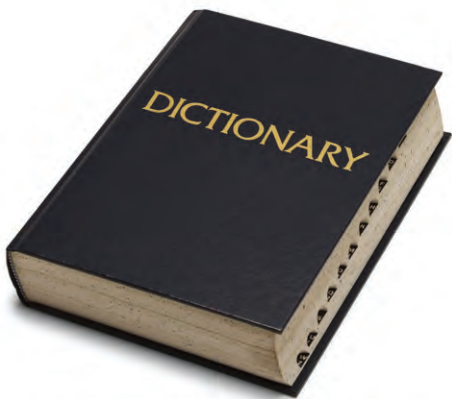
Ben Farrell and his son, Lenny, dropped by the Speak English class in June and taught us culinary methods during a class lesson.

Eugene Zazulak and Lola W. Dickert were the instructors. Christina Jün, Yolanda DeJesus and Unmie Bocchar were some of the students. We learned new words like pareve and kosher.

Any other new vocabulary words or two syllable words brought up during the cooking demonstration were looked up for definitions. Idioms were introduced.

Then Ben used his magic to pop out chocolate chip cookies by the batches and decadent desserts with ice cream, nuts, fresh whipped cream, sprinkles and cherries.

We all learned a bit more history in the process.



Speak English

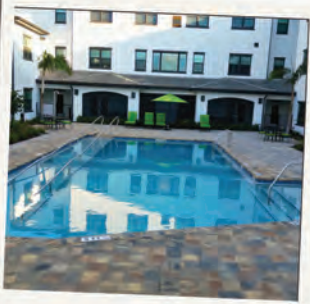
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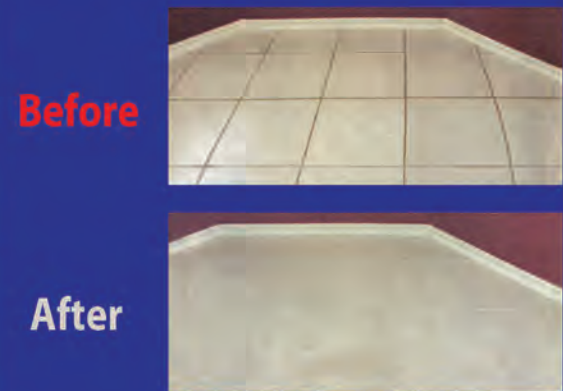
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Carla Hines is back!

The New York-New Jersey Club has the cure for those "Summertime Blues!" Come join the fun on Tuesday, July 14, when Carla Hines brings alive the music of the '60s.

We will be serving New York cheesecake with either strawberry or cherry toppings. Cost for the evening is \$12. The evening starts at 5 p.m.

Also, on Tuesday, Aug. 25, we will host our Summer Social featuring the husband and wife duo of Kathy and Paul.

This couple has gotten us up dancing at many events and we are pleased to have them back in our group of DJs.

Dinner will be delivered by Felice's Italian Catering and will include ziti with meatballs, salad, bread, butter, dessert, coffee, water and ice. Price for the event is \$20 per person.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the New York-New Jersey Club will present its first annual Sock Hop.

DJ Scott McParland will be our host and dinner will be McDonald's burgers, potato chips and Dixie Cup ice cream.

Coffee, water and ice will be provided. Cost is \$15 per person.

Then our Snowbirds finally come back and rejoin us.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, the New York-New Jersey Club will host its fifth annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party.

DJ Frank Lebano from Brooklyn will host the event. Felice's Italian Catering will provide ham, mashed sweet potatoes, baked ziti, meatballs and tossed salad. We will also have dessert, coffee, water and ice. Cost for the event is \$30.

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all residents from On Top of the World and membership is still only \$5. Come visit our information table on Thursdays from 8-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center for tickets and information. Meet the friendliest people you ever met from the Northeast.



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Bingo players donate food to benefit students out of school during the summer

On Monday, May 18, On Top of the World Bingo held its last bingo night of the 2025/26 season. This was the last bingo before our summer break.

On that day we held a food drive to benefit Dunedin Cares, a local food pantry in Dunedin.

The foods collected were to help feed kids over the summer since schools are closed and they won't get their breakfast at school every day.

We collected piles of non-perishable foods, including peanut butter and jelly, cereal, crackers, snack foods and more. Those foods are usually the favorite.

Plus, \$43 in cash donations was also collected.

We are very lucky to live in a community full of such generous people. Our residents are people who care and are willing to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

For every food or money donation, each bingo player was given a free bin-



go card that was good for one regular bingo game with a prize of \$50. That's the only time, win or lose, our players are always happy. They know that their contribution will make a difference.

Our new season of bingo will begin on Monday, July 6. Calling will start at 6 p.m. Get there early to get your lucky seat and collect those lucky bingo cards you've been dreaming about for the past month.

Oh, and did I mention, the first Monday of the month is birthday Monday. Cake and coffee are free to all of our players to celebrate any birthdays that



This is a glimpse of some of the donations made to Dunedin Cares during the final night of bingo in May. Anyone who made a donation got a free game of bingo.

occur that month.

Get your dauber ready for the bingo on July 6. Time to get back to the fun and socializing that Monday night

bingo brings. New players are always welcome!

We hope to see you there!



July 10
July 17
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Ayurvedic education

Kathy Brumbaugh, right, welcomes Jessica Oker to a Plant-Based Living Club meeting in June. Jessica is an ayurvedic practitioner and she enlightened residents about ayurveda's 5,000 year old holistic system of wellness designed to teach us how to live our lives without disease or suffering. Jessica is the owner of Wildcraft Ayurveda in Dunedin.

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Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office stops by to tell us about scams

The On Top of the World Computer Club recently learned about how to avoid scams.

Nicole Estrella, a crime prevention liaison with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, discussed current scams and how to prevent becoming a victim. She told the club about cases where victims of scammers lost anywhere from thousands of dollars to \$1 million.

One way scammers try to steal our money is by using technology, such as voice cloning and artificial intelligence to impersonate family members. The “family member” says they need money and asks the potential victim to pay by using gift cards, wire transfers or Bitcoin. The money is supposed to be used to bail the family member out of jail or to pay an expense. This always ends in a scam. Nicole said legitimate organizations never request payments by these methods.

Some other ways to avoid getting scammed are:

- Pay expenses using credit cards rather than debit cards, because credit cards have more built-in protection than debit cards.
- Use “tap to pay” instead of inserting a credit card into a payment terminal. This avoids the possibility of a skimming device reading your card number.
- Don’t make quick decisions when someone is asking for money.
- Never call a phone number that pops up on your computer screen that says, for example, that your computer is at risk.

Nicole encouraged club members to report suspicious calls to the sheriff’s office non-emergency line, 727-582-6200.



Computer Club

By Joe Wisinski

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Meetings take place both in person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

For assistance with technology-related issues, come to a help session in the Learning Lab on any Wednesday morning from 9 to 10:30. Please arrive before 9:30 so we have enough time to help you. Our services are free.

For more information about the Computer Club, or to ask computer service-related questions, email otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com, or click our link on the OTOW Box Office website, otowboxoffice.com.



Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office crime prevention liaison Nicole Estrella speaks to the Computer Club about avoiding scams.



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Press Association staff has the month off, but they can still take a style quiz



The Press Association did not have a meeting in June nor does it have a meeting in July. But just because the staff has two months off from meetings doesn't mean everyone can forget everything they have learned.

Time for a mid-year quiz. Answer true or false to the following questions.

(1) It is OK to submit a story using only a person's first name. Afterall, people in the same building or same club probably know the person's name. Not using the last name saves time and saves the printing company from wasting ink.

(2) It is a federal, state, county and Clearwater law that a comma must appear before the word "and" every single

time the word "and" appears in a sentence.

(3) OTOW News never ever uses a person's nickname in a story. Never.

(4) If the first word in your story is the word "We," you need to rewrite your first paragraph.

(5) Anyone who submits 12 stories a year wins a cruise to Cozumel, so it is highly encouraged that everyone on staff submit 12 stories a year.

(6) The assistant editor for OTOW News is a penguin and he gets mad when people turn in stories on the 16th of the month.

(7) When you submit a story for the newspaper, the subject line of your email should say "Hi Doug."

(8) The best time to take a picture

for the newspaper is when people have food in their mouths, their shirts have food stains, there are multiple beer bottles on the table and paper plates are full of animal carcasses.

(9) The correct name for the building in our community which houses the Auditorium is the "Recreation Hall on the East Side."

(10) When writing a story, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday should never ever be abbreviated. But it is OK to spell "Sat" for Saturday and "Sun" for Sunday.

Answers: (1) False (2) False (3) True (4) True (5) False (6) True (7) False (8) False (9) False (10) I certainly hope you said false.

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Democratic Club celebrating 250 years by sharing democracy with members

Happy 250th, America!

There are a lot of celebrations going on this month in honor of our country's founding. So I decided to check out our nation's founding document - the Declaration of Independence.

The main statement to me was: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Thus was established our democracy giving citizens the right to say how their government was run, and why we have our political parties to facilitate that consent.

Whether one is a Republican or a Democrat or an Independent, our country depends on us to respect each other's opinions and vote as we decide individually.

Here's to another 250 years and many more years for the USA.

In our Democratic Club, we play our part in democracy by giving like-minded



residents the opportunity to learn about issues and candidates in elections as they come up.

We host speakers and volunteer in campaigns.

But we also support our local community regardless of political party.

At our monthly meetings, we collect food and cash donations to support a local food bank, Dunedin Cares (dunedincares.org).

Club members also take their own initiatives by helping neighbors, tutoring at a school, working at the voting



Democratic Club members load up a vehicle full of food for delivery to Dunedin Cares Food Pantry. (OTOW News photo by Donna Gagnon)

polls, etc. Of course, these and similar actions are taken by many of our citizens - helping each other. And that is what makes this country the great place that it is.

The Democratic Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.

in the East Activity Center Learning Lab. You can also find us every week at our information table in the Auditorium on Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m.

To learn more about our club, visit our web page at worlddemclub.blogspot.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Women's Bible Study Group discusses whether they think prayers are answered

The Women's Bible Study Group at On Top of the World set out to explore if people believe their prayers are being answered.

Most people who pray believe God hears and answers their prayers, though views vary on how.

Polls indicate that a large majority of praying adults report seeing at least some of their prayers answered, often attributing positive outcomes to divine intervention while accepting that the answer can sometimes be "no" or "not yet."

Studies show that an overwhelming majority of Americans who pray (up to 87 percent) believe God has answered their prayers within a given year.

Do you think God answers prayers?

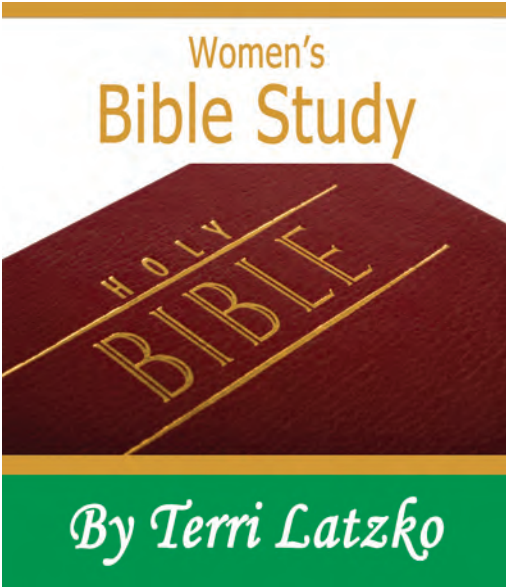
During class discussions, there was overwhelming belief to say God answers prayers when there is proof He answers them.

It is much more difficult for us to confirm prayers are answered when we wait for results. Waiting can be tough!

As instructor of the Women's Bible Study Class, and based on knowledge I have learned, I told everyone in class that God is the most qualified to decide when our prayers should be answered.

So, don't lose heart. Keep asking repeatedly.

Here are some personal experienc-



es shared from our group:

- After being fired from a position at the United Nations in my 20s, my world collapsed. The high cost of living in Manhattan created immediate panic. Desperate and fearing homelessness, I bought a newspaper, spread the job ads out on the floor and fell to my knees. "God, I have no idea what to do next. I'm going to close my eyes and point. Please show me where to go." When I opened my eyes, my finger was resting on a listing for a dental professional — a field I had previously trained

for but wasn't currently pursuing. I was hired on the spot by the dentist himself. God's plan went much deeper than the relief of a steady paycheck. It was at that very dental office that I met the mailman who delivered our daily correspondence. Today, we have been happily married for 33 years. In hindsight, losing my job at the UN felt like a devastating rejection. In reality, it was God's redirection, guiding me exactly where I needed to be to meet the love of my life.

- I was in a hurry to sell my townhome, so my realtor arranged the first open house. Sadly, the weather was awful, with storms on the horizon. Nevertheless, one courageous individual came by and made a cash offer on the spot. It felt like a miraculous response to my prayers, and it couldn't have gone any better. I'm genuinely thankful!
- Years ago, while I was employed at a factory, I developed a painful case of tendinitis in my elbow from lifting heavy parts. I was worried about losing my job. I learned about a healing minister who was visiting a local church. To prepare for the service, I spent the entire week reciting Bible verses about healing to strengthen my faith. During the service, the pastor prayed for various ailments, including someone with an elbow issue! Throughout the weekend, I felt a tingling sensation in my elbow, but it wasn't until I returned to work on Monday and began loading parts that I realized the pain had completely vanished! I was overjoyed and expressed my gratitude to God for my healing! Remarkably, the pain never returned, even though I continued in that job for another year.

I don't know about you, but I am willing to wait for something or anything beyond my imagination that God is preparing. You don't often realize it at the time, but some of life's roadblocks, detours and rejections are answered prayers.

Looking for a refreshing break from your routine, a chance to deepen your faith, and the opportunity to meet new friends? We warmly invite you to join the Women's Bible Study Group!

Gather with us on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Largo Room.

Please contact Terri Latzko at tlatzko@gmail.com with any prayer requests. The group would be happy to pray for you in a private and confidential way.

Line Dance Right Through Summer

Just because the weather is turning hot and humid doesn't mean the OTOW/Snowbirds Line Dance Club is taking a break! Don't hide from summer. Stay active. Give line dancing a try. Everyone is welcome 9:30-11:30 am, Wednesdays, in the EAC Auditorium.

Line Dance Practice: 9-10 a.m., Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, EAC Largo Room

Summer sessions are taught by committee. Come meet Carol, Ute and Leila. Take the practice classes to learn the Wednesday line-up.

Coloring books are not just for kids. They are for big kids, too!

We know you love to color and create art.

The On Top of the World Coloring Book Group is not a club. You do not join. You attend whenever you want. No membership is required. We have no dues.

We just get together for fun and laughs, and color in pictures in the air-conditioned Crystal Beach Room. We always have a spectacular view and occasionally we share snacks.

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Republican Club listens to speech about bringing back basic education and faith



From left to right are Tom Rivera, Steve Keiner, Karen Tatge, Rev. Anthony McDaniel, Louanne Feist, Debbie Hill and Russ Bolin.

The On Top of the World Ronald Republican Club enjoyed a very memorable June meeting featuring the Rev. Anthony McDaniel, leader of Turning Point USA Faith of Pinellas County. Anthony, who has been a reverend with the Abundant Life Church in Largo for 26 years, spoke about the various facets of the Turning Point groups and the activities that the Faith group is currently involved in.

A dynamic speaker, Anthony promoted freedom through faith and hope. The primary focus of his group is to take the education system back to the basics of English, math and history while combining conservative civic education with faith-based activism. Anthony's enthusiasm energized the membership and the board received many compliments on his engaging delivery. Mark your calendars for our next meeting on July 7. Our featured speaker will be gubernatorial candidate Paul Renner.

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Anyone out there want to make bowling, in air conditioning, a summer event for Boomers?



Bowling, for many of our Baby Boomers, is a hoot.

Our Wayne Dubrawsky has kept bowling a club interest on our group website for a decade and new Baby Boomers have come out to join us every season.

Many of us had not bowled in decades, but got so hooked on the fun, laughter and movement that some people even bought a new ball and shoes.

Having our own equipment makes it about \$3 for two games on Mondays at Dunedin Lanes.

For those who just want to check out Boomers Bowling, there are plenty of balls and shoes available at the venue.

For now though, our Baby Boomer balls and shoes are at rest. We will be awaiting Snowbird season before we start throwing strikes again.

One would think the Florida heat would create a desire to be indoors and bowl in air conditioning, but with the lack of interest, bowling and biking are on hiatus.

Does that mean no Boomers over the summer?

Whoa Nelly!



Nothing but smiles at a previous bowling night for the Baby Boomers.

We do have other things happening. For those who want to venture out and enjoy a good time this summer, make suggestions on Google Groups. Members are encouraged to share and put out great ideas for gathering around town.

As of this article going to press, Trivia Night is being planned at Capognas Dugout for food, drinks and laughs. Baby Boomers are getting together to

get a table to form a team, impromptu basis, no encyclopedia needed.

Other game nights at other venues are happening, too.

Also shared on Google Groups are meetups and carpool ideas for music jams, concerts and local music outings this summer.

If this sounds like something you'd like to join in on, come join us.

Attend a meeting to find out what's

happening. The Baby Boomers meet 5:30 p.m. every first Wednesday and third Thursday of the month in the East Activity Center Largo Room. So on July 6, head on over to the EAC. You never know who you will meet. Could be a fun future there for you.

Have a great summer y'all. Keep on moving as much as possible.



Tennis Club members met at Hog Island Fish Camp in Dunedin.

Still playing tennis in the summer

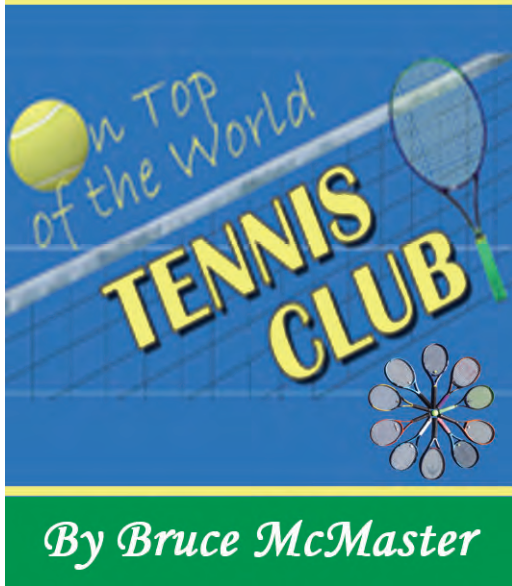
The On Top of the World Tennis Club cooled off from the hot tennis courts with a nice luncheon at Hog Island Fish Camp in Dunedin.

Cool drinks and great seafood specials were enjoyed by all.

The turnout for tennis this summer has been good considering the hot and humid conditions. If you would like to join us, just bring your racquet to the courts. The Tennis Club supplies the balls.

Our hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30-10 a.m., Tuesday and Saturday 10 a.m. - noon, and Sunday is 4-6 p.m.

We hope to see you on the courts.





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Philosophy Club meets 10 a.m. each Tuesday

Everyone who lives at On Top of the World is welcome to join the Philosophy Club. We are a friendly and diverse group of men and women with different levels of education.

We meet every Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Crystal Beach Room overlooking the East Activity Center swimming pool.

We start our meetings by watching a Ted Talk presentation on a large TV then we open up for discussions. In July we'll be celebrating our wonderful country's 250 birthday. Have a thought to share? Come and join us.



The overall lowest handicap score for 18 holes appears to be 51 - can anyone beat it?

Since its opening in 1967, the On Top of the World 18-hole golf course has had many modifications to offer golfers a range of challenges.

One of the challenges has been to register the lowest score possible.

Although I cannot say for sure what the lowest handicap score in course history has been to date, I am researching it in my files and so far found that number to be 51.

There have been many players to register 55 and above, but 51 seems to be that magical obstacle.

I believe Billy Higgins is the only player to register a 51.

There are five players who have turned in a handicap score of 54. They are Pete Gagnon, Henry Rejman, Mike Smith, Jim Mutschler and Stanley Doran.

These records are based on my writings so if anyone prior to 2021 who has a 54 or lower, just let me know. I would like to be accurate. Now the latest scores.

**May 20
Hamburger Luncheon
Flight A**
Top Scores: David Johnson, 60, Doran Stanley, 62, Jim Anzalone, 62, Mike Crit-



Men's Golf Association

By Barney Hanrahan

tendon, 64, Paul Cairns, 66.
Flight B
Top Scores: David Baldwin, 59, Tom Sullivan, 64, Lester Whynot, 64, Mark Ostrowski, 65, Pete Gagnon, 65.
Flight C
Top Scores: Peter Gauvin, 62, Joe Ventimiglia, 63, Jack Sousa, 64, Orville Friesen, 66, Guy Bertuzzi, 67.
Flight D
Top Scores: Jim Valloro, 64, Tennyson

Spiceland, 65, Robin Hendricks, 65, Joseph Dowe, 73. Pete Gagnon, 64, Ron Lafond, 64.

**May 27
Flight A**
Top Scores: Bob Beals, 64, Nilson Sabadin, 65, Stanley Doran, 65, David Johnson, 66, Mike Crittendon, 66.
Flight B
Top Scores: Keith Miles, 62, Dermot Keane, 64, Mark Ostrowski, 64, Bill Haener, 66, Mike Schuyler, 67.
Flight C
Top Scores: Roger Armundson, 62, Jay Laracuenta, 62, Joe Ventimiglia, 63, Orville Friesen, Bob Ellis, 66.
Flight D
Top Scores: Tennyson Spiceland, 59, Irving Hernandez, 64, Tim Palmquist, 65, Joseph Dowe, 65, Robin Hendricks, 67.
**June 3
Flight A**
Top Scores: David Saccone, 65, David Johnson, 68, Mike Crittendon, 65, Stanley Doran, 68, Jay Schwallie, 69.
Flight B
Top Scores: David Baldwin, 61, Keith Miles, 62, Mark Ostrowski, 64,

Flight C
Top Scores: Orville, 60, Jerry Jordan, 62, Sal Vasapolle, 62, Peter Gauvin, 63, Daniel Morey, 63.
Flight D
Top Scores: Tim Palmquist, 66, Joseph Dowe, 67, Roger Schockley, 68, Robin Hendricks, 76, Irving Hernandez, 76.
**June 10
Flight A**
Top Scores: Nilson Sabadin, 58, Stanley Doran, 60, David Johnson, 63, Mike Crittendon, 63, Bob Beals, 65.
Flight B
Top Scores: Henry Rejma, 61, Gary Piccoli, 65, Glen Meyers, 66, Mark Ostrowski, 67, Dermot Keane, 67.
Flight C
Top Scores: Peter Gauvin, 58, Guy Bertuzzi, 61, Len Picone, 61, Roger Admunson, 63, Jerry Jordan, 66.
Flight D
Top Scores: Robin Hendricks, 64, Joseph Dowe, 66, Irving Hernandez, 68, Roger Shockley, 70, Tim Palmquist, 71.

Softball ends season with final five games

By Bob Rittner

The On Top of the World Softball League has a designated hitter (DH) rule designed for injured or painfully slow runners. It allows them to bat without running the bases.

They get a hit if the ball is bobbled in the infield or touches the outfield grass. A ball that gets by the outfielders is a double. A pinch runner takes over if the DH gets a hit.

Bo Voigt has a fractured ankle and does not run or play the field. Since moving to DH, he is batting .889 with one double.

In this game, a 13-7 victory for Red over Blue, in the last inning, he decided to play third base just for fun. But sure enough, with two outs, a missile was hit in his direction. He reached out, got a glove on the ball and it bounced out. Then the ball bounded across his body and settled into his bare hand.

This all happened in a split second. At first there was stunned silence, but then the crowd roared in relief. Bo's face was lit by a 1000 watt smile.

Through the top of the seventh inning, the score was tied 7-7 each. Blue scored six unanswered runs over the next two frames to clinch victory.

Key hits for Blue were an RBI single by Guy Bertuzzi and a two-run double by Eddie Ramirez, a two-RBI double by Elbe

Ramirez and another run-scoring single by Joe DeChiaro. This was Joe's 99th hit of the season.

Ray Woolsey drove in three Red runs with a home run and a two-RBI triple.

Tara Gunning turned another spectacular double play as the pivot in the middle infield. She received a perfect throw from Eddie Ramirez and followed with a throwing a strike to Eric Ortiz at first base.

Red 9, White 9, Blue 8

Outstanding defense marked the game. Tara Gunning turned another smooth double play, using a quick release and powerful arm to get the trail runner at first base after touching second for a force out.

Julie Bernard, catcher, caught a ball for an out at home plate and snagged foul tips twice to retire batters.

Jorge Bernard, Richard Mierzejewski, Dan Joyce and Elbe Ramirez all homered.

Red 16, Blue 5

The score does not fully express the nature of the rout.

After the first inning ended, the score was 3-2 in favor of Red. Mark Manns led off the top of the second inning with a long home run and Red went on to score in every inning but the sixth inning. Four times

Red got the maximum allowable three runs.

Meanwhile, the Blue bats were silent, not scoring again until pushing across one run in the sixth inning and two more in the ninth inning.

Joe DeChiaro did all he could to rally his troops, going 3-for-3 with a double and two runs scored, and playing outstanding shortstop defense.

But his teammates could not get the offense on track while three Red batters, Joe Harrington, Mark Manns and Bryan Beckman had four hits. Five others, Rob Bishop, Bob Wood, Ron Shields, Guy Bertuzzi and Bo Voigt each had three hits, including four doubles.

Bryan Beckman raced around the bases for a two-RBI inside-the-park-home run, and Elbe Ramirez patrolled left field intercepting a series of line drives and fly balls, turning them into outs.

Blue 10, Red 7

Three Red players, Rob Bishop, Mark Manns and Ray Woolsey, homered, but it was Jorge Bernard's homer in the eighth inning and a single by Steve Letourneau, a single by Mierzejewski, a triple by George Morgan and a single by Joe DeChiaro in sequence in the ninth inning that broke a tie giving Blue the win.

Red 12, Blue 10

After Red went down in order in the top of the first inning, Ray Woolsey led off for Blue with a towering home run over the right field fence.

But Blue faltered as Red scored three runs in each of the next three innings while Blue could muster just four more scores.

Every Red batter contributed to the nine run barrage as they accumulated 10 singles and three doubles while making just four outs.

Over the next five innings, Blue outscored Red 5-3 and had the tying runs on base in the ninth inning, but Jorge Bernard hauled in a long fly ball to end the game.

The play of the game was a catch in right center field by Julie Bernard that short circuited what looked like an incipient big inning for Blue.

Vying for the honor was catcher Kate Joyce, Dan Joyce's daughter, who nabbed two tipped balls for strike three and a short pop-up for another out.

This game ended our season which will begin again in September.

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Lisa Muchler, Rich Spang win Friday mixed outings in June

Friday Mixed

Golf League

By Ken Smith

The Friday Mixed Golf League had 45 players out on the course for a hot and humid Florida day in June, turning in a fantastic pace of play to finish the round in just under four hours.

After breaking ties with a match of cards, Lisa Muchler took first place at plus-6, followed by a six-way tie at plus-3 . Steve Caffey secured second place, Don Auger third place, Mendy Payne fourth place, Ken Smith fifth place, Joan Smith sixth place and Mike Dietterich seventh place.

Fred Schick rounded out the leader-board in eighth place at plus-2.

Steve Caffey also earned low gross honors with a phenomenal 64 (37 points). Nice round, Steve!

Closest-to-the-pin went to Fred Blatz (Hole No. 3), Bob Beals (Hole No. 5), Fred Schick (Hole No. 6), Suk Kim (Hole No. 9), David Saccone (Hole No.

13), Loren Payne (Hole No. 15), and David Johnson (Hole No. 16).

Meanwhile, skins were claimed by Paul Meyers (Hole No. 8), Mike Schuyler (Hole No. 9), Steve Caffey (Hole No. 12), David Saccone (Hole No. 13), Gary Piccoli (Hole No. 16), and Fred Schick, who carded a stellar eagle on Hole No. 17.

Results for June 5

We had 48 players out on the course for a beautiful Florida day, turning in a fantastic pace of play to finish the round in just over three hours.

After breaking ties with a match of cards, Rich Spang took first place at plus-11, followed by Irving Hernandez in second place at plus-8,

Lisa Muchler was in third place at plus-6, and Steve Caffey was in fourth

place at plus-5.

There was a four-way tie at plus-3 which saw Roger Shockley secure fifth place, Bruce MacPherson sixth place, David Johnson seventh place and David Saccone eighth place.

Steve Caffey also earned low gross honors with a phenomenal 63 (38 points) Nice round, Steve!

Closest-to-the-pin went to Joe Wisinski (Hole No. 3), Mike Dietterich (Hole No. 5), Harry Barbin (Hole No. 6), Art Reilly (Hole No. 9), Ken Smith (Hole No. 13), Irving Hernandez (Hole No. 15), and Bill Higgins (Hole No. 16).

Meanwhile, skins were claimed by Bruce MacPherson (Hole No. 3), Mike Dietterich (Hole No. 5), Rick Muchler (Hole No. 8), Gary Piccoli (Hole No. 10), Steve Caffey (Hole No. 16), and Rick Muchler, who carded a stellar eagle on Hole No. 14.

We will take a weather delay for greener grass

Summer has arrived at On Top of the World and as expected the Red, White & Blue Golf Club has settled into its annual warm-weather rhythm.

Many of our Snowbird members have headed north for the season, leaving a smaller but loyal group of golfers enjoying the course throughout the summer months.

Summer has also brought the return of Florida's rainy season and the course is beginning to show the benefits. The regular afternoon showers have helped green up the fairways and rough while creating some of the best playing conditions we've seen in months.

While an occasional rain delay may interrupt a round, the healthier turf and improved course conditions are well worth the inconvenience.

In the meantime, the local contingent will continue representing the Red, White & Blue colors on the fairways



By Peter Spokus

and keeping the spirit of the club alive until the full group returns.

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On July 15, High Vibe Tribe will be inviting the Crystal Healing Team of Light

July is a special month as it represents the 250th anniversary of the formation of the United States.

As I am a daughter of the American Revolution through ancestral lineage, I feel a depth of appreciation for all those courageous individuals who put lives on the line for freedom.

I believe George Washington was guided and protected by benevolent energies. Some might call them God, angels or even celestial star beings.

I also believe that today, more than ever, our country is at a critical juncture. It is time to reevaluate our institutions and weed out the corruption.

However, for this month's group activity, I am acting with courage to do a presentation on our galactic star families.

I recently took a three month course which introduced and explained to me the origins and gifts of the different star families and team of light.

I plan to introduce each star lineage, their gifts and healing frequencies available to us.



Some of our members may already be aware of their presence. For others, this may be new material. I ask that you keep an open mind. I will discuss the specific frequencies and gifts these benevolent beings frequently offer.

There are 16 members of the Crystal Chamber Healing Team of Light. They are the Arcturians, Pleiadians, Lyrans, Andromedans, Sirians, Alpha Centarians, Mary Magdalene, Kuan Yin, Mother Mary, The Fairy Queen of Light, the Fairy Queen of Protection Fairies, the Fairy Queen of Healing, White Buffalo Calf Woman, Yeshua/Jesus/Lord Sananda, Archangel Raphael and Archangel Michael.

As a special first time group offering, I will invoke the Crystal Chamber Healing Team of Light to form a circle of ceremony to facilitate and support healing for the highest good of those present.

This will be a sacred ceremony holding the purest and highest intentions of our guides, energies of Light, sacred geometries, and elements who can pass through the purity of the soft cosmic gold light to facilitate and support us.

Ceremony is a space for communion, wonder and play within the dimensions. It is a space of being held, allowing and receiving. When we gather, the collec-

tive healing frequencies profoundly uplift all involved.

When I call in the team of light and each person presents team of light, we are collectively holding space and facilitating healing together.

Often the guides will stand in a circle around us. Different guides may step forward at various points to facilitate different parts of the healing or offer healing energy, gifts or upgrades to the recipient. Love is the healing energy which is key.

So on July 14, consider attending my prayer-filled introduction to the benevolent beings and an invocation offering the Crystal Chamber Team of Light's support for all present.

Our metaphysical group meets once a month on the second Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the Clearwater/Kitchen Room of the East Activity Center.

This is a free group and all interested residents are welcome and permitted to bring a guest.

For questions contact me at otowoowoo@gmail.com.



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COMMUNITY REPORTS



Lost phone number didn't stop Bob and JoAnne Wallend from getting married 40 years ago



Bob and JoAnne Wallend met by chance in 1981 at a party with mutual friends at the Sheraton Hotel in Long Island, N.Y.

Bob asked Joanne for her phone number and then somehow he lost it.

Two months later, JoAnne called him and they went on their second date.

They both agreed it was love at first sight and after that second date, Joanne's mother asked Bob, "What are your intentions for my daughter?"

Joanne had three grade school children and Bob had a college graduate son, but their families blended wonderfully. After five years of dating, vacationing and enjoying all the fun things families do, they got married on May 18, 1986.

In December 1988 they made their first trip to Florida for vacation and after enjoying the beautiful weather they made the big move, leaving behind the cold, snow and dreary weather of New York.

They lived in Palm Harbor and Land O Lakes, and in 2011 they moved into their home at On Top of the World.

Joanne and Bob are very strong Christians and they found a home



JoAnne and Bob Wallend celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in May. A community ceremony was held in the Auditorium.

church - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church - which both agree, the many friends they made there have been the glue that holds them together.

One member learned of Bob's design skills and asked him to design the logo for the church, which is still used today.

Bob and Joanne's family has grown by adding 10 grandchildren to their beautiful family.

They enjoy boating, entertaining and Joanne enjoys cooking and sharing.

On May 17, 2026, this couple renewed their wedding vows of 40 years at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with

their church family in attendance.

On May 31 approximately 150 family and friends gathered in the Auditorium at On Top of the World to enjoy a delicious dinner and dancing as part of the celebration.

Joanne is one of the building captains for Bavarian Chalet.

Granada grandparents get to watch nephew graduate from ROTC Air Force program

A double honor!

Granada resident Tony Cocuzzo had the honor of receiving his nephew David Ansaldi's first salute as a newly commissioned United States Air Force R.O.T.C. Second Lieutenant at a military ceremony held in Boston.

Tony received a traditional silver dollar from David as part of the Airman's Coin Tradition.

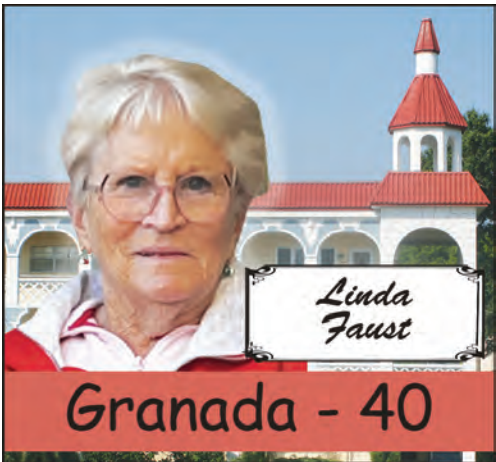
David was also honored as a Distinguished Graduate of 2026.

David will report to Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado to complete US Space Force Officer Training.

Later that day, David graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering and a minor in Material Science Engineering.

Aunt Jean Cocuzzo (US Army Veteran) was very proud.

A nice summer break brought building friends to Red Lobster for a great lunch. It's always a chance to get to-



gether.

Please check the bulletin board for our July 13 sign-up sheet. We will be visiting Johnny's Italian Restaurant.

Our Meeting on the Green will be held Thursday, July 23. Bring a snack. Ice cream will be served. Please bring any story ideas for me to share in this newspaper.

Please be safe and stay well.



United States Air Force ROTC Second Lieutenant David Ansaldi (left) and proud grandpa Tony Cocuzzo at graduation ceremonies in Boston.



July 2001

By Randae Van Denover

World Events

July 23: 178 nations reached a climate agreement that preserved and modified the Kyoto Protocol, a significant step in international environmental co-operation. The agreement made it possible for countries to continue toward ratification of the Kyoto Protocol instead of letting the negotiations collapse. Developed countries also pledged extra money for climate activities in developing countries.

U.S. News

A National Fourth of July celebration in 2001 blended resilience, a burst of new technology and told stories that still shape how we live today.

Economic Initiatives

July 11: Iraq ended a 5-week halt in oil exports, protesting a U.S.-British-UN Security Council resolution. Faced with declining international support for and failing compliance with the current sanctions, the United States and the United Kingdom pushed a major package of sanctions “reforms.” The US-UK proposal would allow some civilian goods into Iraq, while tightening embargoes on others and retaining the UN’s financial control over the Iraqi economy. The UN Security Council, led by Russia, did not support the sanctions. As a result, Iraq received little to no humanitarian relief and Iraq’s economy remained highly centralized and cash poor.

Sports News

July 13: The announcement that Beijing, China, would host the 2008 Summer Olympics was a turning point for the country. China already had a fast-growing, reforming economy, but winning the 2008 Olyympics accelerated infrastructure investment, boosted international visibility and reinforced China as a rising global power.

Medical News

July 2: A groundbreaking artificial heart procedure took place in Louisville, Ky., when Robert L. Tools received the first fully self-contained artificial heart, marking an important medical advance.

TV Trends

On TV, people are watching popular shows such as “The West Wing”, “Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction,” “The Royale Family” and “Malcolm in the Middle.”

The Movie World

The summer of 2001 saw the release of several acclaimed films that would become cultural touchstones, The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, which began its U.S. theatrical run in July. These films sparked a surge in global interest in fantasy and adventure storytelling.

The Music World

July 2001 was marked by high-profile album launches, chart dominance by pop and R&B acts, and a moment when multiple artists chose to release music on the same day, making it one of the more unusual release days in music history

Weather

July 14: Emergency officials reported that 18 sinkholes had formed in a 15-16 block residential area of Spring Hill (Brooksville, Fla..) after heavy rains over the previous days. The largest holes measured between 50 and 100 deep. While no fatalities were reported, an emergency worker narrowly avoided injury when the ground collapsed beneath him while clearing debris. The event was unusual for the area, which normally sees only two or three sink-hole reports per week. Officials attributed the sudden surge to the combination of heavy rainfall and the ongoing drought. This incident highlighted the vulnerability of Florida’s karst landscape to sudden ground collapse and underscored the importance of preparedness for such natural hazards. Karst is a type of landscape where the dissolving of the bedrock creates sinkholes, sinking streams, caves, springs, and other characteristic features. Karst is associated with soluble rock types such as limestone and gypsum.



Rio Riviera residents enjoy dinner at Carabbas. We were on our best behavior. How can you tell? How often do you see a happy waiter after serving dinner to 20 people?

Rio Riviera dinners don’t stop in summer

The fun at Rio Riviera continues in the summer months.

Jim and Sue Ellis planned a Memorial Day dinner at Carabba’s. A group of 20 attended. It was not quite as large as the group attending our last outing, but we still have fun.

There were no Snowbirds, but the party went on. The company was great and our waiter was entertaining. He did a great job of keeping our orders straight.

As you can see in the picture above, our waiter was still smiling - even at the end of our dinner.

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(photos by Mike Wood)

Dressed for winter at Glacier National Park.

11,000 miles and 405 gallons of gas later ...

Mike and Charlie Wood can honestly say they have explored the planet



They say life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

After spending 60 days on the open road, Mike and Charlie Wood can officially attest to that belief.

To celebrate our country's 250th anniversary year, we finally put a lifelong dream into motion: A massive road trip across the North American continent.

By the time we pulled back into our Rizal parking lot on June 14, our odometer told an incredible story. By the numbers, our two-month journey included:

- 28 states
- 2 Canadian provinces
- 60 days away from home
- 11,233 miles driven and 405 gallons of gas purchased
- Temperatures ranging from a freezing 22 degrees farenheit to a scorching 104 degrees.

After visiting dozens of National Parks, forests and historic monuments, it was nearly impossible to pick one favorite milestone.

We stood in awe at the edge of the Grand Canyon, watched a sunset over the Grand Tetons, tracked geothermal wonders in Yellowstone and braved the winding paths of Glacier National Park.

Our route seamlessly blended natural wonders with deep pieces of history.

We walked the historic streets of Tombstone, Ariz., looked up at the



T-Shirt weather in Badlands National Park

massive faces of Mount Rushmore, looked down upon the man-made wonder of Hoover Dam and explored Colonial Williamsburg.

We even crossed the border to witness the thunderous power of Niagara Falls from both the U.S. and Canadian sides.

Beyond the wilderness, urban America offered its own unforgettable thrills.

The absolute highlight took place in New York City on June 9. Between the time we purchased tickets to the Broadway musical, Schmigadoon!, and the day we attended the show, it won the Tony Award for Best Musical. We were in the audience on the evening of the first show - post Tony Awards!

We brought home thousands of pictures, but no photo can truly capture

the crisp smell of mountain pines, the roar of the waterfalls, or the feeling of standing small against a vast canyon.

If you have ever felt the pull to pack up a car and explore the endless wonders of this planet, consider this your sign.

Don't wait — just do it.

You do not need a community celebration to honor veterans - you can host one at your building



At the Flamenco building, it was time for us to take a break from our semi-busy lives to remember those who served and fought to protect our way of life.

Memorial Day was a time to remember those who gave of their time, their energy and in some cases, their very existence, to keep us safe.

Ed Cichon, of Chicago, is an Army veteran who lives in our building. He is



Ed Cichon, eighth from left, and his wife, Mary Lou, enjoy a Memorial Day celebration at the Flamenco building.

a kind and gentle soul. Along with wife, Mary Lou, they always answer the call to help those of us who need it. They are always willing to come to the aid of the oldest among us.

As Flamenco residents always do,

we held a small party in honor of our veterans. We had hot dogs, meatballs and shrimp, along with multiple desserts.

The celebration was organized and hosted by Loraine Gendron.

It was a simple gesture, but one worth while.

Military service changes a lot of things in the ways we live our lives. My father left a proud tradition of moon-shining in the fertile hills of Knoxville, Tenn., at the age of 18 to join the Navy.

Why did he join the service at 18? Because that's what proud Americans did.

He ended up working on an aircraft carrier during World War II where he flagged down planes as they landed on the ship.

My father was not a great man, but he was a good man. I ended up being born at a Naval base in Corpus Christi, Texas, during one of his tours.

I was born into the military and I hope we never stop remembering.

We all have many personal differences, but we all agree on one thing. We are fortunate to live in the greatest country on Earth.

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As we celebrate America’s 250th birthday, Bedford residents ask how did we get our name?



D-Day and Flag Day have come and gone. We are all now waiting for our country's 250th birthday - the Fourth of July.

One of our newer Bedford residents, Vicki Bromboz, was wondering how our building got it's name. So she Googled "Bedford" and found out that the Bedford Boys were from Bedford, Va. They were a group of 35 men who were recognized globally for their ultimate sacrifice during the Normandy invasion on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Maybe our building is named in their honor?

Another resident, Robin Becker, had a second opinion. Our building (68) is located next to the Hemingway building (69) and we all know Ernest Hemingway was a great author. Well, Hemingway founded a theater in New York called the Bedford Playhouse. Maybe that's the connection? We are in honor of his playhouse?

Want a third option also in relation to the Hemingway building? There is a famous city in England known for its literature. Guess what it's called? Bedford.

So our building name could come from England, New York or Virginia.

The people who named the build-



Celebrating Flag Day were, in the back row, Robin and Dave Becker, Alan and Barbara Wong, Phyllis Dumdie, Jayson Bromboz, Sylvia Auch, Joe and Cindy Popelik, Jerry Jordan and Sally Herman. In the front row were Nickie Arbucho, Sandi Cole, Vicki Bromboz and Nancy Casey.

ing are all deceased, so we may never know. Guess that makes us a mystery.

What's not a mystery is our 250th birthday. We celebrated flag day with flags and a backyard potluck dinner. We all had a great time and plenty of good socializing.

Those same flags will be back on the Fourth of July. Look for us and let us know if you have a theory about our building name.

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Happy birthday America - Let's eat!

(CAUTION: If you are trying to control your appetite this Fourth of July, do not read this column!)



The centerpiece of most Independence Day celebrations include grilled meats with hot dogs reigning supreme due to their simplicity, affordability and cultural significance.

Hot dogs are the staple of backyard barbecues and public events across the U.S.

Burgers are a close second, offering customizable topping and a juicy, satisfying alternative.

Regional barbecue favorites, such as ribs, pulled pork and brisket are also popular, especially in the South, though they require more preparation and cooking time.

Hot dogs are considered a quintessential Fourth of July food, often paired with buns, condiments and other traditional side dishes like bake beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, coleslaw and watermelon.

The holiday not only drives high consumption, but also celebrates American culinary traditions and summer cookouts.

The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that around 150 million hot dogs are eaten on Independence Day making it one of the peak days for hot dog consumption in the U.S.

To put this in perspective, if all these hot dogs were laid out end to end, they could stretch from Washington D.C. to Los Angeles more than five times.

Let's not forget desserts. Desserts also reflect patriotic themes with red, white and blue colors. Favorites include apple pie, trifles, mini pavlovas with berries, chocolate bark and marshmallow pops.

These treats celebrate American culinary tradition while adding a festive, colorful touch to the holiday table.

Last, but not least, beverages and adult treats. Some celebrations include

white wine sangria with fresh fruit, rum-soaked cherries or other boozy desserts. Lemonade, iced tea and fruit punches are common non-alcoholic options that complement the summer menu.

Overall, the Fourth of July menu combines grilled classics, fresh fruit sides and patriotic desserts to create a communal and celebratory atmosphere that reflects American culture and tradition.

Need an idea for this Fourth of July. Some suggestions are shown below.

White Sangria

Ingredients

- 1 bottle dry white wine (Pinot Grigio)
- ¼ to ½ brandy
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 3 cups mixed fruit (peaches, apple grapes and strawberry)
- ¼ cup fruit liqueur (peach schnapps)
- Sparkling water, club soda, or lemon-lime juice
- Fresh mint for garnish

Directions

1. Wash the fruit and slice all the fruit.
2. Place fruit in a large bowl or pitcher, sprinkle with sugar and gently toss. Let it sit at least 5 minutes, preferably overnight in the fridge, to release juices and enhance flavor.
3. Stir in brandy and liqueur with the macerated fruit.
4. Pour the chilled wine over the fruit mixture and stir gently. Refrigerated for at least 2-4 hours, or overnight for best flavor.
5. Fill glasses with ice, add some fruit, pour sangria over, and top with sparkling water or soda. Garnish with fresh mint.



Chili Cheese Dog Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 package (8-1/2 ounces) cornbread/muffin mix
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 can (15 ounces) chili with beans
- 1 package (1 pound) hot dogs, halved lengthwise and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1cup shredder cheese divided

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare cornbread batter according to package directions. Spread half the batter into a greased 8-inch baking dish.
2. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat, add green peppers, onion and celery. Cook and stir until crisp-tender, 5-7 minutes. Stir in the hot dogs. Cook and stir until lightly browned, 3-4 minutes. Stir in chili, brown sugar and garlic powder. Heat through. Stir in ¾ cup of cheese.
3. Spoon hot dog mixture over cornbread batter. Top with remaining batter. Sprinkle with remaining ¼ cheese.
4. Bake uncovered until a toothpick inserted in the center and comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Let stand five minutes before serving.

Hot Dog Mummies

Ingredients

- 1 package (1pound) hot dogs
- 1 8-ounce tube crescent rolls
- 8 bun-length hot dogs
- 1 slice white American cheese
- Ketchup and/or mustard

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Open the crescent dough tube and unroll the dough onto a work surface. Pinch together the seams to create a rectangle. Cut the dough lengthwise into eight long strips.

3. Take one hot dog and one strip of the dough and wind the dough around the hot dog while pulling gently to stretch the dough. Crisscross the dough every so often so it looks like mummy wrapping. Near the end of the hot dog, leave a narrow strip of hot dog exposed so you can add eyes after baking. Yes, eyes. Place the wrapped dog on the prepared baking sheet and repeat with remaining dough and hot dogs. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

4. While hot dogs are baking, use the narrow end of a wide piping tip to punch out 16 small rounds of cheese for the mummy eyes.

5. Remove the hot dogs from oven. Using a toothpick, smear some ketchup on one side of each cheese round and "glue" it to the open area of the hot dog to create two eyes. Using the same toothpick, put a dab of ketchup or mustard in the center of each eye to create a pupil.

Black-Tie Cole Slaw

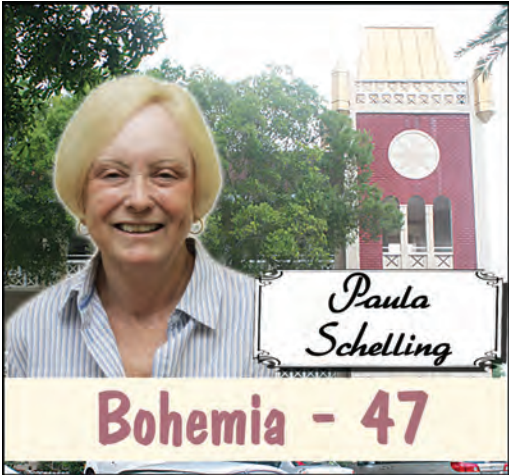
Ingredients

- 1 medium green cabbage, cored and shredded
- 1 large red onion
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 2 cups crumbled blue cheese
- Finely ground black pepper and kosher salt

Directions

1. Combine the cabbage and onion in a large bowl and set aside.
2. Combine the vinegar and sugar in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour the hot dressing over the vegetables and let it set 15 minutes. Drain the cabbage and onion well and return them to the bowl.
3. Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream and blue cheese in a small bowl. Stir until creamy. Add cream to the cabbage and onions, season well with salt and pepper, and toss. Let sit at least two hours or overnight, covered, in the refrigerator before serving. Adjust the seasoning and add more cheese if necessary before serving.

Bohemia celebrates its own milestone anniversary - 25 years of healthy walking



This year, as the USA celebrates it's 250th anniversary, the Bohemia Women's Walking Group celebrates too.

It was 25 years ago that an idea was suggested that in order to maintain a healthy body and aid in weight control that our building develop a walking group.

From the very first day there were eight women who started the group. They began by walking primarily the streets of, On Top of the World.

As their confidence and endurance grew, so did the distances they traveled. They began venturing beyond the gates of OTOW to Sunset Point Plaza and beyond.

As years passed and the girls aged, weather became a factor, especially the intense summer heat. The girls pondered how they could continue their routine under the circumstances.

The idea of mall walking was discussed and adopted.



Bohemia residents visited Rumba Island Bar and Grill and went during a time it was much easier to get a peaceful table.

Among the original group, two walkers remain. Health issues and location moves are the main reasons the originals have dwindled, but the group has gained new members, including some from other buildings.

The guidelines, developed at its origin, still apply. Walk at your own pace and bring only enough money to purchase a beverage to hydrate when we

gather at the end of the walk.

Happy anniversary girls!

Whiskey Wings was our monthly outing for June. This is only the second time the dining out group has been there.

One thing you can count on at Whiskey Wings are tasty steamed mussels and good music if you happen to go on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Everyone has heard of Christmas in July, but it was a steamy Saturday morning in June that led to a group of volunteers pulling out our Christmas decorations. Each light and ornament was examined to see what needed rejuvenation or replacement for the upcoming season.

A thank you goes out to all who gave time to help.

August 2 is National Coloring Book Day.

OTOW News in August will include a picture for everyone to color in.



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Valencia residents know where to go for a great view



One of our many favorite places to have a Valencia building social in May is the Madeira Beach American Legion Post 273 waterside patio on the Inter-coastal waterway.

There are great drinks, great views, live music and delicious food.

Carpooling extends our chat time and makes the drive go by quickly.

June brought us a watermelon side-walk social, but this year it also included do-it-yourself s'mores.

July is the time to head over to a Clearwater Threshers game where a new scoreboard makes it easier to follow the game.

After the game, fireworks will light up the sky and our hearts. Summertime is fun time at the Valencia building.



Valencia residents enjoy a waterside patio at the American Legion Post in Madeira Beach.



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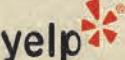
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Above is a picture from Bonnie Mack’s fifth visit to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. She calls the view ‘incredible’ and you can see why.

Eleventh trip to Africa in 52 years - Does this make Bonnie Mack our African Queen?

By Bonnie Mack

As a youngster, I would watch Mutual of Omaha’s “Wild Kingdom” on Sunday evenings. I had no idea that one day I would be exploring the wonders of Africa, too.

In 1973, I was concluding a trip to South America with a boat ride in Rio’s Guanabara Bay when I met a man from South Africa. By the time our excursion concluded, the images he painted of Africa’s beauty and incredible wildlife made me determined to make my own discoveries of the “Dark Continent.”

My first of several safari visits began in 1974. It wasn’t until my second safari in 1983 that I realized I had caught the African virus author Peter Matthiessen described in his book, “The Tree Where Man Was Born.”

Peter wrote, “Africa is like a virus for which there is no cure.”

I recall tears welling in my eyes when my plane landed in Nairobi. There was a tightness in my chest and I felt I had returned home.

I totally fell in love with Kenya and Tanzania, but after four safaris over a period of years, it was time to explore the other countries – the Southern side - Botswana, Zimbabwe (it was Rhodesia when I was there in ‘74), South Africa, Namibia and Zambia.

My first trip to Botswana was in 1992. It was far different from subsequent safaris, but the additional adventure was not having en-suite bathroom facilities, mosquito netting around my bed, tents on raised platforms, or electricity.

There was also the excitement of flying over Botswana’s Okavango Delta in a five-passenger plane – with a woman bush pilot – and wading in the delta’s icy water (in a former hippo path).

On my most recent safari this past April, it was as though I left one paradise (On Top of the World) and landed in another paradise, only in this paradise the wildlife was so varied that I could barely keep count of what I saw.

I’d had never seen 14 giraffes at one time!

My trip leader and I marveled at encountering more than one leopard, because they are so elusive.

Having traveled around the world for more than five decades, people often ask if I have a favorite place.

“It’s not so much a place, as it is an experience,” I have responded. “And my favorite thing is being on a safari.”

I love the en-suite tents (with mosquito netting and electricity).

Aside from a continental breakfast before an early morning game drive, there’s brunch when I return - high tea before our afternoon lecture and road journey, and dinner at the day’s end.

During our game drives, we stop in the morning for refreshments. The late afternoon drives include watching a glorious sunset with a “sundowner” (beer, wine or soft drink) in hand.

Open-sided safari vehicles, with three seating levels, add to the adventure, especially when an elephant comes a little close to check us out, or lions decide to bask in the shade of our vehicle.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention how exciting it is to fly in a 5 to 12-passenger bush plane that lands on a dirt runway. There are no terminals and no security checks – just a man on a motorcycle who drives around the “runway” to dissuade any wildlife from interrupting our take-offs or landings.

When my travel companions learned this was my 11th safari, someone declared me the “African Queen.” That’s a title I’m proud to hold.



Above is an African sunset.
Below is a rare sighting of a leopard in the wild.



A man and a woman are standing in a forest next to a wooden sign. The sign is mounted on a wooden post and has two parts: the top part says "VA / WV" and the bottom part says "STATE LINE". The man is on the left, wearing a bright yellow shirt and a backpack. The woman is on the right, wearing a grey shirt and a backpack. The background is a dense forest with many trees.

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Good luck on your future hike. Your new building neighbors are proud of you both.



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Alice Rosenthal celebrated her 95th birthday in May.

Between a Spring Fling and a June Bug was a 95th birthday

April, May and June were busy so-
cial events for neighbors in the Queen
Victoria building.
In April there was a "Spring Fling"
social hour.
In May there was another milestone
birthday to celebrate!
Alice Rosenthal is an original owner
here. Neighbors gathered to surprise
her and to celebrate her 95th birthday
with her adult son, Joe, who lives with
her.
She really appreciated the surprise
and the neighbors.
In June, neighbors gathered again
for a "June Bug" themed party where
"pin the bee on the flower" was played
and chocolate was won.
On the Fourth of July there will be



another fun event by Lake Arbor and
we will get a chance to enjoy seeing
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Janice Wisinski marks 10 years playing ping pong in On Top of the World club

Our Ping Pong Club spotlight this month is on Janice Wisinski, who has been playing ping pong for 10 years. She had only played a little until she joined our club.

Janice is loving the club, saying, “We are a friendly, fun loving group - like a family. We teach newcomers, are very welcoming and encouraging, with fun as our main objective, as evidenced by playing oldies music every session.”

Janice grew up in Endicott, N.Y., until age 11, moved to St. Petersburg and then back to Newark Valley, N.Y., where she graduated high school.

She received her Associates in Arts Degree in music from Clarks Summit University.

She then received her Bachelor in Science Degree in church music from Clearwater Christian College, where she graduated in 2008.



She has two children. Jennifer is residing in San Diego, making her living as a banquet server for several major hotels. Jim lives in Largo, working as a warehouse supervisor for H.I.T. Productions.

Janice worked for Eckerd Corporation for 15 years as an executive assistant to the vice president of store operations.

Janice will soon be retiring as choir director from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Dunedin after 12 years of service directing adult, handbell and children’s choirs. Her final day, July 5, will be a worship service that includes a celebration of the 250th Anniversary of our great country. The public is invited to attend and stay for lunch.

One way Janice plans to celebrate retirement is with a two-week dream trip to Switzerland with her daughter, Jennifer, later this summer.

She also will do some other traveling, plus volunteer work and of course, ping pong.

Our Ping Pong Club continues to meet in the West Activity Center Bellear Room every Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. People of all playing categories are welcome!



Janice Wisinski

Pet of the Month



Each month, OTOW artist Irene Piper will be providing each Pet of the Month winner with a pet portrait based on their submitted photograph.

The owner will be contacted when each portrait is finished.

If you would like to contact Irene and request your own pet portrait, she is receiving emails at loislane96@hotmail.com.

Irene does not take the initial photograph. You must submit a photo and she will create the painted portrait based on the picture.

Irene also can be reached at 727-313-0500.

My name is Piper Moon.

I am a mixed terrier, 8 years old and live in the South Seas building with my mom Barbara Moon.

She picked me up from Orange County Rescue when I was 1 1/2 years old. I was so scared and had terrible anxiety, but now things have changed.

Since moving to OTOW, I have met many new furry and people friends. I participate in agility training and am now a certified therapy dog. We visit people living in assisted living facilities and people at home.

Let me know if you want a visit from me.



Each month, OTOW News will feature a Pet of the Month. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one perfect photo and a brief reason why your pet deserves to be Pet of the Month. Email to otow.newsroom@gmail.com. You must include your pet's name, owners' names, breed of dog, age of dog and building you live in. You can enter more than one pet per household but they all must be in the same picture. The winning pet each month will receive a portrait for Irene Piper. The newsroom will notify you when your portrait is finished. Each monthly winner then becomes eligible for the State Farm Pet of the Year, which takes place with an online vote each January. Your pet must still be a resident of OTOW on Jan. 1 to be eligible for the State Farm Pet of the Year honors. The State Farm Pet of the Year will be announced in February and gets invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade.

Will the owner of Ripley, the Pet of the Month for March, please stop by the newsroom and pick up your prize.
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Emerald Isle holds summer luncheon at Rumbas

The residents of Emerald Isle had another terrific turnout for our monthly luncheon.

We had 16 residents meet at Rumba's Grill on the corner of Gulf to Bay and Keene Road.

We waited to have it in May and It was a good decision because it was not nearly as crowded. We had a lovely table in the corner, where all of our residents were able to eat and talk comfortably.

We are looking forward to having a picnic to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday and America's 250th birthday.

We look forward to a good turnout.



Sixteen Emerald Isle residents enjoy dinner at Rumbas.



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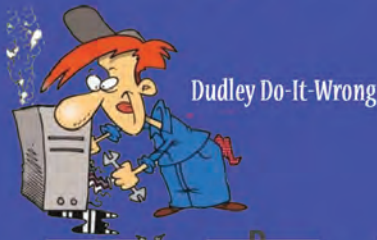
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Answers to May puzzle (answers could vary): Bee, Lab, Beet, Able, Bale, Veal, Gave, Vegetable

There may be more than one answer for a word.
Your answers might not match the answers listed next month.
None of the words below are plural.

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WORDMIX

Unscramble the six words listed below.
If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.
If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.
Please note, none of the secret words are plural.

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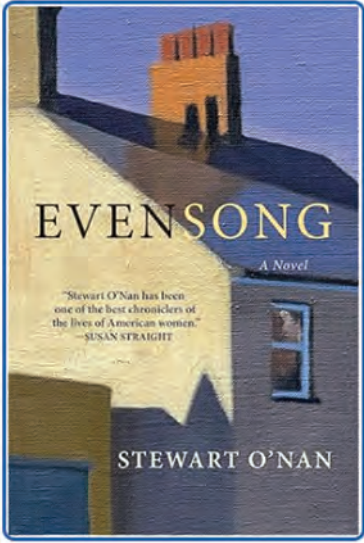
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Patriotism at the Good Karma Café

You may have already noticed, when months, seasons or holidays change, the windows at the Good Karma Café also change. Thanks to Ruby's artistical talents, and the magic of temporary markers, each special holiday can be captured in beautiful colors along the café windows. In May, Ruby designed and colored in a beautiful display for our nation's 250th birthday. The display remained up in June and will remain on display for the Fourth of July. If you haven't seen this beautiful artwork, please stop by the café before it's too late. What will the next decoration be? The start of football season? The fall season? Maybe school starting again? Check out the café to see the next design. Ruby is a part of the SCA maintenance staff.

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