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Thin Line

There is a line in the song, "Fruitcakes" by Jimmy Buffett that I both appreciate and think of often. "There's a thin line between Saturday night and Sunday morning." As is typical of Jimmy's hundreds of songs, there is an amusing perspective on reality in that line.

In very late July, I had a total knee replacement from which have emerged several of those "thin lines." Having been remanded to physical therapy (PT), I was instructed to push myself. "It will be painful," they said, but necessary for your recovery. In the next breath, I was told not to over-do it. I would suggest that there is a thin line between pushing yourself and not overdoing it.

I was instructed many times about being aware of possible signs of infection or of blood clots. When my leg, ankle, and foot had swelled up like a carnival balloon and turned multiple shades of red, blue, and black, I became concerned. Ok, so I might be a bit neurotic, and I called the Doctor. Yes, it was the middle of the night, but *they're* the source of my neuroses. After a brief discussion with the very sleepy on-call Doc, I was told not to worry about it. Again, apparently, there is a thin line between "LOOK OUT FOR!" and "don't worry about it." As I write this, blessedly, I'm doing great and expect to be back on my bicycle very soon.

Of course, there are many more thin lines in medicine, the law, and certainly in the field of ethics. The fact is that we live in a world of blacks, whites, and many, many grays. Even in MWF, we have a number of those gray areas we have to navigate. There are thin lines in the deed restrictions and the by-laws. Take the deed restrictions as an example. Restriction #15 states: "all livestock will be restricted to those animals generally considered as not obnoxious, such as cows, horses, dogs, cats and other commonly accepted animals. Obnoxious animals, such as hogs, goats, etc., are prohibited." There are additional limits on the number of permitted animals as well. The thin line exists because "hogs" and "goats" are specifically prohibited as are other "obnoxious" animals. There is a thin line between an obnoxiously loud donkey, an obnoxiously aggressive dog, and those that are not. There is a thin line between a house broken, pet pot-bellied pig and a hog. I could go on, but you get my point.

Our job, as Board members and Control Committee members is to walk that thin line as fairly and consistently as possible. It is not easy and we can NEVER make everyone happy. We can only continue to do what we believe is best for our community and all of its residents. We only ask that you appreciate that we are doing our volunteer best to make MWF the best place in Florida and beyond to live. Please be patient with us as we continue to walk the thin line.

I'll see you around the neighborhood. -- Jim

Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

September 7th - 7pm

General Association

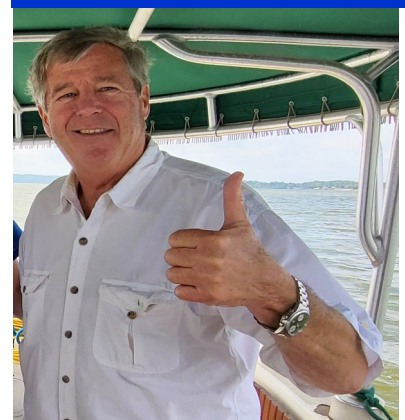
September 14th - 7pm

Meetings will be held at
Friendship Park under the
Pavilion.

Minutes are posted on the
website after all Board and
Association meetings:
www.mwfpoa.com

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A few tips now that Hurricane Season is upon us once again. It could be said that for us living here in Ocala, that we had a "trial run" with Hurricane Idalia. If you've lived in Florida as long as I have (born and raised), then these storms are just part of the price we pay to live in paradise. It's important to be prepared each year with food and water for ourselves, our family, and our animals. This can be a challenge with large farm animals if you get your water from the well which all of us here in MWF do. If you don't have a generator yet, give it some serious thought. It makes life easier for those times when we may be without electricity for an extended time. If you have gas powered generators with old gas in them left from last year, siphon it out and start with new gas. Don't wait until the storm is on it's way to buy storm supplies such as water, batteries, and gasoline. We've all seen the long lines, empty shelves and the occasional scuffle over the last pack of bottled water. Watch the news but don't let it panic you. The weather is not that different from the regular news where they like to make big headlines and scare people. However, keep an eye on the weather channel and always make the right decision to stay or to evacuate as recommended. If you do decide to leave, don't wait until the rest of the state is already on the highway. Do not use expired supplies! Please check the dates on all foods etc to make sure it's safe to eat. Keeping calm and being prepared well in advance are the two most important things that you can do during this time of year.

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — September 2023

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - Thursday
September 7th 7pm
- ♦ **General Association Meeting** - Thursday
September 14th, 7pm
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting**— September 28th 7pm
- ♦ **Line Dancing** - Returning in October! Dust off those dancing shoes



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IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED AS A MEMBER/USER ON OUR WEBSITE YOU ARE MISSING OUT! IT'S EASY, JUST CLICK ON REGISTER NOW AND IF YOU ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR PASSWORD.

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Treasurer,

Karen Reade @treasurer@mwfpoa.com

Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: www.mwfpoa.com

Become a Member for full-access

What is available on our website?

- ♦ **Neighborhood Directory**
Names, addresses, and contact information of your neighbors
- ♦ **Neighbor to Neighbor **NEW****
A list of Agents & Contractors that are tried and tested by your neighbors. Eliminate the guess work
- ♦ **Newsletter in Full Color**
- ♦ **Meeting Minutes**
- ♦ **Advertisers**
They support our association, so please support them!
- ♦ **Board Member Contact Info**
- ♦ **Committee Member Contact Info**



Coming Soon: Complaint form to submit for deed restriction violations

Neighborhood Facebook pages

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook:

- ♦ **Meadow Wood Farms**
- ♦ **Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club**
- ♦ **Meadow Wood Farms Garden Exchange**

Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFAngels@gmail.com or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



ALZHEIMERS WALK IS BACK

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The Meadow Wood Memory Walkers, our group of neighborhood volunteers (along with friends and family), will be participating in our ninth consecutive "Walk to end Alzheimer's." Our team of Walkers, with staunch support from our MWF neighbors, has been one of the top teams for many years. We are looking for new team members to join us and help raise funds to support the objectives of the Alzheimer's Association. This year we will be joining the rest of the Ocala volunteers and will be walking at the World Equestrian Center. Team members who raise \$100 or more will receive a special commemorative t-shirt (mailed to your address).

Facts from the August 2019 Newsletter: "Alzheimer's is a disease that is guaranteed to eventually affect almost all of us on a very personal level. One in ten people currently sixty-five or older has some form of Alzheimer's, and one in three seniors will die of it. Deaths attributed to Alzheimer's have risen 145% since 2000, and it kills more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. It robs us of our memories, our independence, our confidence, even of our families and friends. It carries a huge price tag in terms of finances and the emotional and physical toll it takes on caregivers. Please consider joining our team this year and/or financially supporting our cause toward a world without Alzheimer's.

To join and/or contribute use this link to my Alzheimer's page:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=personal&px=11115300&fr_id=16458.

From there you can join the team, contribute, and follow our progress by clicking the team link.

Thanks again for supporting your neighborhood team. For more information, contact team captain Robert Coveney at 352 229-4243 or rwcoveney@yahoo.com.



Ocala Comic Con 2023

EMBARK ON AN ACTION-PACKED JOURNEY, DIVING INTO A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK OF YOUR FAVORITE COMIC BOOKS AND SHOWS.

Every year, fans from all realms of the entertainment universe unite at Ocala Comic Con, meeting special guests, browsing through an array of vendors and experiencing engaging exhibits. Explore special items and memorabilia that showcase popular characters from television shows, movies, comic books, manga, and more. Immerse yourself in this lively event that celebrates your favorite entertainment medium with celebrity signings, rare prop displays, and cosplay.

WHEN & WHERE - This two-day event will run from September 16 to September 17. Event goers can expect to attend on September 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hours on September 17 will run from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ocala Comic Con will be held at the World Equestrian Center Expo 1 Building, which is located at 1284 NW 87th Court Road, Ocala, Florida 34482

FEATURED EVENTS - Celebrate top-tier entertainment with a variety of things to do at Ocala Comic Con. Whether you're looking to take pictures with celebrities from popular franchises such as "Star Wars" and "Attack on Titan" or hoping to add intricate keepsakes for a collection, Ocala Comic Con offers many exciting activities for fans of all ages.

Celebrity Guests - Experience starstruck meet-and-greets with your favorite celebrities. Engage in on-site autographs and photographs with actors from shows such as "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" and "Gotham." Take Instagram-worthy photographs with "Star Wars Jedi: Survivor" star Cameron Monaghan and receive an autograph from voice actress Luci Christian, who voiced Ochaco Uraka from the hit anime "My Hero Academia."

Capture exciting moments with anime stars such as Lindsay Seidel and Aaron Dismuke. Share lasting memories on social media with Emmy-nominated actor Sam Witwer and prolific award-winning actor Keith David. Get the chance to meet more talented individuals from beloved movies, shows, and books.

Creator Guests - Meet talented creators such as DC comic book artists Simon Bisley and Mike Spicer. Relive nostalgic dreams with Disney animator Peter Raymundo and "X-Men" comic book artist Karl Moline. Get your comic books signed by renowned creators such as Marvel illustrator Chris Stevens and "The Sandman" artist Glenn Fabry.

Trading Card Games - Participate in thrilling rounds of popular games with anime- and lore-driven themes. Engage in rapid sessions of "Alpha Clash," participating in a Super Smash Bros-like brawl and using cards that feature powerful warriors and heroes. Navigate through complex situations with the "Fabled Sagas," playing through magical complexities and experiencing anime-inspired adventures.

Iconic Props - Looking to capture more social media-worthy content? Discover a replicated vehicle from the popular fantasy show "Supernatural" and revisit childhood trips to the movie theater with a life-sized version of the Pizza Planet truck from "Toy Story."

Live Music Attend the Ocala Comic Con After Party at the Reilly Arts Center and groove to rock tunes of the Galactic Empire, a heavy metal John Williams tribute band. Immerse yourself in rich acoustics while dancing to rock renditions of songs such as "The Imperial March" and "Duel of the Fates."



Unwelcome visitors in my yard

Feral pigs are called by many names including; wild boar, wild hog, razorback, piney woods rooter, and Russian or Eurasian boar. No matter the name they are a dangerous, destructive, invasive species. Wild hogs are the same species as domestic pigs found on farms (*Sus scrofa*). Florida's wild hogs arrived in the region with Hernando de Soto in May 1539. Early explorers, native Americans and settlers used the hogs as a source of food.

Wild hogs are capable of growing to a maximum of 5 feet in length and 420 lbs. in weight. Sows begin breeding at 6 to 8 months of age and have two litters of four to eight piglets, every 12 to 15 months during a life span of 4 to 8 years. Let's say an average litter is 4 piglets and half are female. You do the math. I can see these 9 turning into approximately 120 in 2 years.

You can find wild hogs in all 67 counties of the sunshine state. The population is said to be over 500,000. The endangered Florida panther consumes up to 40% of its food as wild pigs. They are cautious of people despite having a huge size and sharp tusks. Contrary to a common assumption, wild pigs do not have any contagious illnesses that are easily spread to people. The colors of wild pigs range widely, from black to reddish brown to white. They may also be plain in color or feature speckling. Long snouts, massive tusks, wedge-shaped heads, and stiff hair are further identifying traits. The female wild pigs are smaller than males and have a few obvious differences. Wild hogs must have a water source and they like to wallow in mud holes.

A basic license is all that is required for shooting on public property. **There are absolutely no rules or permits needed on private property.** There are hog bag limitations in some Wildlife Management Areas, and hunting is only permitted during specific seasons of the year.

Wild hogs are among the most destructive invasive species in the United States today. Two million to six million of the animals are wreaking havoc in at least 39 states and four Canadian provinces. Wild hogs tend to be most active in the early morning or late evening. Although, if you are hunting in the winter months, they may be just as active during the middle of the day as they search for food. My game camera records them between 1:00 AM and 4:00 AM. They are attracted by the compost piles and mineral licks. They have an excellent sense of smell and their hearing is very good also (they run at the first shot gun blast).

In April there were 5 hogs now there are 9 hogs that frequent my property, there has been very little damage to the grass areas at present, BUT!!!Getting rid of these critters is very difficult. I have only seen one in daylight and it succumbed to ferrous metal poisoning. If you think the county is going to help you then let me take you back to the road issue, road flooding, obnoxious animals, illegal retail businesses, the fill pit, to date they are battling 1000. We are on our own when it comes the counties involvement.

You can try a product called Wild Hog Scram (Amazon), live traps and snares or I have seen ads on Craigslist for hog trappers.

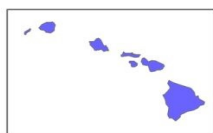
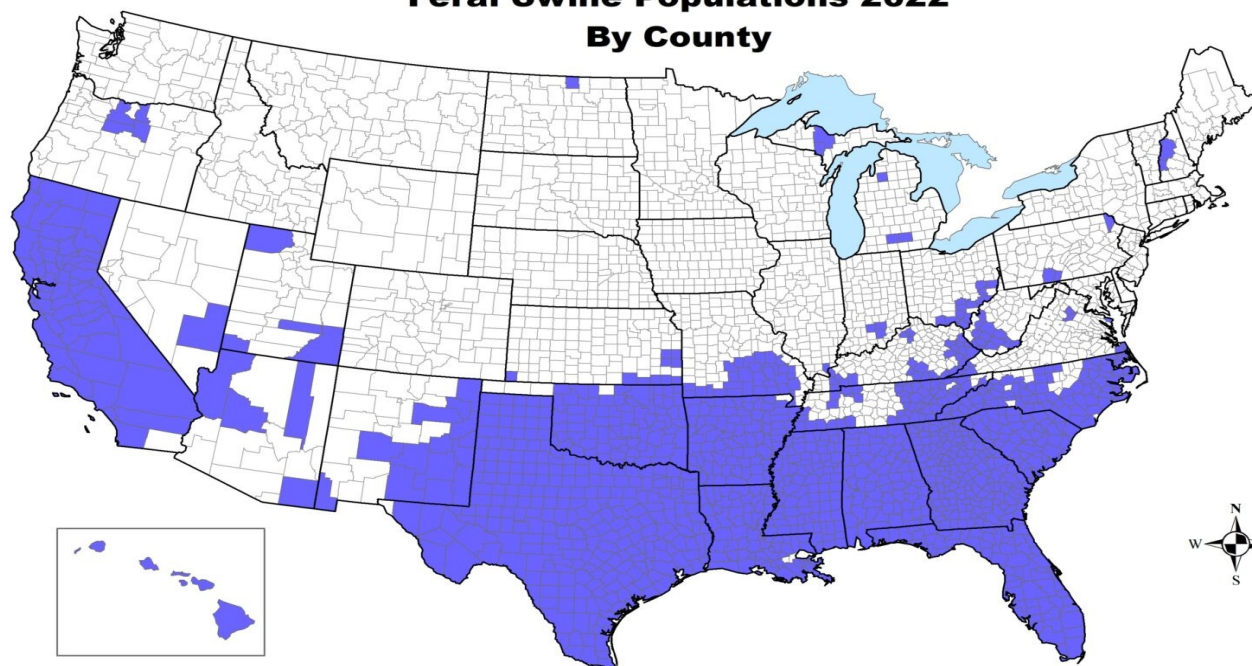
If anyone has more information to share, please attend the MWPOA general meeting.

Information sources are

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AZ Animals and HUNTWISE.

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Feral Swine Populations 2022 By County



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FY22 Counties

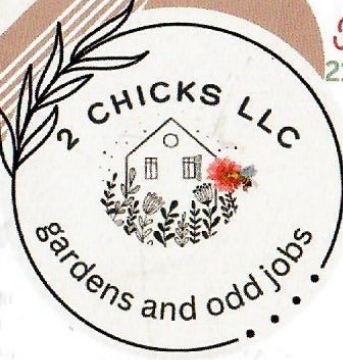
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3 Cards were sent out in the month of March: A pet Sympathy to Jim Bain, a Thinking of You to Kim Cooper, and a thank you to Marny Donnelly for tables and chairs!

Thanks Jennie!



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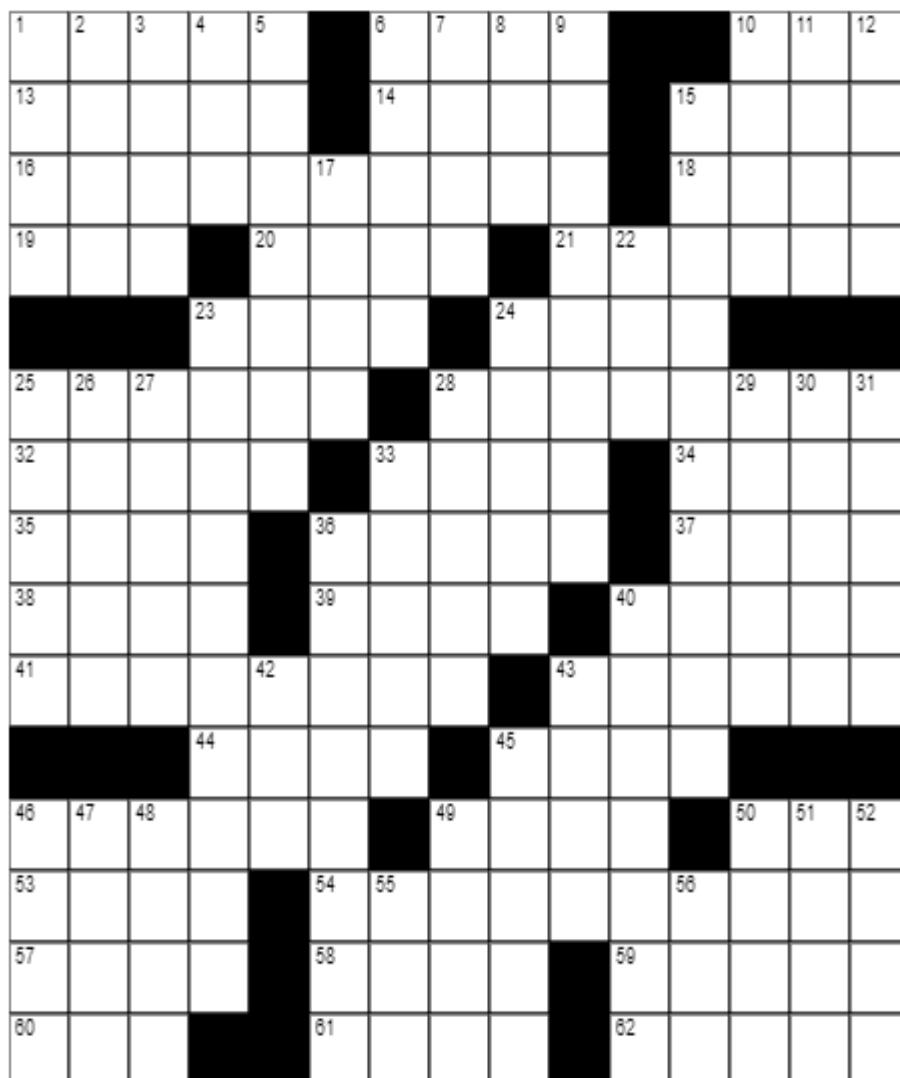
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PUZZLE - ROCKY TOP

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1- Goat-man deities; 6- "___ Wonderful Life": 1946 film; 10- Gossip; 13- Luminous; 14- Lunchtime hour; 15- Buffalo's lake; 16- *Greenhorn; 18- Pro or con; 19- Govt. agency that has your number; 20- Rank above viscount; 21- Spring holiday; 23- Europe's highest volcano; 24- Like Mother Hubbard's cupboard; 25- Placed at intervals; 28- Copyrighted; trademarked; 32- Eagle's claw; 33- Mickey and Minnie, e.g.; 34- Domesticated; 35- Auth. unknown; 36- Pay tribute to; 37- Ancient Andean; 38- City near Lake Tahoe; 39- Business letter abbr.; 40- One of "three men in a tub"; 41- Periodic table entries; 43- Actor Grammer of "Frasier"; 44- "Othello" villain; 45- Type of lager; 46- Fastening tape; 49- Fizzy drink; 50- Datebook abbr.; 53- Brainchild; 54- Athletes at one SEC University; the first sounds of the starred entries provide a clue to the state; 57- Close, as an envelope; 58- Distinctive flair; 59- Happening; 60- Epilogue; 61- Rip apart; 62- Packed;



Down

1- Nickname for Domino or Waller; 2- Long, long time; 3- Forearm bone; 4- Doze (off); 5- Add sugar, perhaps; 6- Prefix with red or structure; 7- Item in the shed; 8- Michigan's ___ Canals; 9- Aardvark; 10- Abrasive particles; 11- Adjutant; 12- Brewer's output; 15- *Necessities; 17- Big name in mapmaking; 22- "We ___ Family"; 23- *Cost-effective; 24- The "B" in BLT; 25- Rude look; 26- Discussion group; 27- Single-handedly; 28- Pub orders; 29- Combat vehicles; 30- Roast host; 31- Honeybun; 33- Slogan; 36- "Morning after" issue; 40- Like some birthday wishes; 42- Musical ability; 43- Pottery oven; 45- Poet Ezra; 46- Workbench attachment; 47- Genesis locale; 48- Detective's need; 49- Extended family; 50- Freshman, probably; 51- Coffee dispensers; 52- One of four direcciones; 55- Flamenco cheer; 56- New Year's ___;



Membership Information

If you aren't a member, we would love for you to join us. The MWFPOA provides all kinds of services for your neighborhood (including this newsletter). Please use the form below to accompany your check.

Need to find out if you've paid? Contact Karen Reade at 352-622-2030 or email her at treasurer@mwfpoa.com.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

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(Annual Dues Effective June 1, 2022, effective through May 2023)

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____ **YES** ____ **NO** Deliver my/our newsletter to my/our address.

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