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Good-bye, Girl

Well, the week prior to our Association meeting turned out to be a whirlwind of delightful surprises. With this virus going around and not one volunteer to steer the ship, so to speak, I was preparing to put my Captain's cap back on and head back out to sea for another year. After all, you can't just leave the ship adrift.

Then, a little breeze started to blow, and I'm very grateful to that breeze that gently reminded us of why we live here in MWF. We truly are a community of people who care where this ship is heading and who know the importance of maintaining what we have here. We can't just let this community run aground, without someone steering the ship, making sure the roads look good, the bills are paid, and the park and entrances are neat, tidy, and safe.

So, I am pleased to offer a wonderful group of volunteers and a slate of officers for the next fiscal year. This group that stepped up brings a wealth of talent, expertise, and experience that our Board is known for and that will help MWF continue to be the great community that we love. And I thank that little breeze again for giving our residents a little push.

It's been a pleasure serving the community for the past 6 years, the last 3 as President. I feel we have accomplished quite a bit: We tweaked the committees a little, made the financials more reader-friendly, and invested our CDs to produce more interest. We purchased new seats for the swings in the park and provided some security to the park that prevents kids from climbing the rafters and hanging upside down and that eliminated vandalism. And we have new signs at both front entrances that should last a long time. I have also made some great friends and look forward to socializing with you in the near future.

At the Association meeting, I presented the Board with a small token of my appreciation. It has been an honor and privilege to work with all of you and to call you my friends. I also presented Elaine Hager with a special thanks for the wealth of information she has provided, having lived here for many years. Elaine has served as Chair to the Control Committee, which in the past has not been an easy job. She always stepped up to the plate when asked and offered her expertise and guidance whenever needed. Thank you, Elaine, for helping to make MWF a great place to live. [Dale Kennedy is our new Chair.]

With that, I will close and thank you for your support and friendship over the last several years. Stay safe,

Leslie Pope-Hall

Upcoming Events *(subject to change)*

Board Meetings

June 11, 2020

July 9, 2020

Association Meetings

July 16, 2020

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings Neighbors!

Isn't this a wonderful neighborhood! Thanks to everyone who came out for the association meeting and participating in the election of board members. Our neighborhood wouldn't be as great as it is without the many years of service and dedication of Leslie and Heidi. A tip of the hat to Karen and Lisa for continuing to serve as our Secretary and Treasurer, and a hearty welcome to Marilee McGinnis as our new Vice President. I thank you for trusting me as your new President. I am humbled by your confidence in me. As your new Board, we know that we have a tough act to follow, but we will do our best to live up to expectations. To make it even better, we have volunteers for all of our committees. Thanks to all who stepped up and to those who continue to serve on our committees.

As we move on to the future, I reflect upon something I heard from someone much wiser than me, but I can't remember who: "What we need is not social distancing; we need social connecting with physical distancing." Although it is very important to follow health guidelines, perhaps we need to think differently about how we can continue connecting with each other until this pandemic passes. MWF can be a really fun place. I ask each of you to think about ways we can connect socially, while still maintaining our distance, at least for the next several months. We have had great activities in the past, and we can think of ways to have some in the future. Got an idea, let someone on the Board know!

Now if I can just remember which way I was supposed to go down the grocery aisle...

Jim Thomas

President MWFPOA

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Sunshine	Chair: Jennie Adams	352-854-1914
Beautification	Chair: Chris Banks	706-889-8310

New Equine Club

Now that things are getting back to some semblance of normal, I would like to invite all MWF neighbors to consider joining up with a Meadow Wood Horseman's Association. There are about 13 people who are interested so far. Please consider joining and helping to form this association. Many of us here in MWF were members of the Meadow Wood Equine Club, which gave us discounts at local tack stores and had a lively Christmas party.


You don't need a horse to get involved. Everyone is welcome! I would like to set up a meeting, perhaps toward the end of June, so this idea can become a reality. If you are interested, please email me at vannospa@gmail.com.

Anyone who has expertise in financials (treasurer) or loves to write and take notes (secretary) or any other capacity is more than welcome. Any feedback on this idea is greatly appreciated.

We have many friends and neighbors who would welcome the opportunity to have an organized club, and I hope you are one!




Pat Van Nostrand



Special thanks to everyone who donated to the food drive that will help families in need in Marion County. It was great to see all those who stopped by and fun to meet some new neighbors!

Barry & Kelly Nelson

Sunshine Report



If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 352-854-1914.

Newsletter Delivery

The Newsletter will be delivered to everyone in MWF who has requested it. Mailing tubes have been attached to your mailbox stand to make these deliveries legal in the eyes of the USPS. If you're not getting one, contact Pat Van Nostrand at vannospa@gmail.com. If you need a tube, contact Ian Reade at at20146@earthlink.net. Please include your contact phone number or email.

Meadow Wood Farms Website

www.mwfpoa.com

If you live alone, you may want to be in contact with a neighbor on a daily basis, as a sort of virtual health & safety check. You can arrange with a friend on your own to call or text each day or, if you would like to be put in contact with a neighbor, complete the Phone A Friend form, found on our website.

- ◆ Phone A Friend Emergency Info Form: From main page, click on **Phone A Friend**
- ◆ Neighbor to Neighbor Directory (Business Referrals): From main page, click on **Neighbor to Neighbor**
- ◆ The newsletter is ALSO available in **color** on our website: From main page, click on **Newsletter**, and then select the month

To join the Meadow Wood Farms email blasts and conversation, send a note to Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules... no politics, or religion, or any attachments or offensive material. This site is offered by a private member of the association. It is an extremely useful tool, and we are grateful to that person.



Line Dancing at Friendship Park!

Join our Line Dancers at the park on **Saturday mornings at 10 am** and **Wednesdays at 7 pm**. We maintain our distance from one another but can still enjoy great exercise and fun outdoors! As needed, we walk through with instructions before each dance.

What Did You Do during the Pandemic?

Friends and neighbors all around us certainly seemed to keep busy in recent months, despite a pandemic, lockdown, and social distancing. Some people used the time to take care of projects in and around the house that had been “waiting” for just the right time. Others took up new hobbies, many of them creative and engaging for themselves and for other family members. From what I hear, there were lots of Zoom meetings and even Zoom happy hours. Personally, I made a little more headway on my genealogy research, but now can’t wait to be able to travel and dive into records at a few county courthouses, in areas where my ancestors resided.

Well, as some of our restrictions started to loosen just a bit, our very own Elaine Hager and Leslie Pope-Hall offered several free dog obedience refresher classes, held in Friendship Park. Weekly classes began on May 12 and will end on June 11. For those who were able to take advantage of the lessons, it proved to be a fun time to socialize at a safe distance with neighbors and best four-legged friends.



*From left to right: Dorothy Henry & Lacey,
Sonja Haught & Zaza,
Doreen Heywood & Kit,
Leslie Pope-Hall & Austin, and
Sandy Mollberg & Jessie*

If these types of classes are of interest, you may want to check out obedience classes that are set to begin again in June at Marion-Alachua Dog Training Associates (MADTA). The facility is near the airport, behind J & J Tack. MADTA is a volunteer nonprofit club that welcomes all dogs to classes in obedience, rally, agility, and even lure coursing trials. Elaine is a volunteer there and invites all dog owners to join in the fun and training (for dogs and humans alike). You can find out more about what they have to offer at MATDA.org.

Sydney Smith

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.

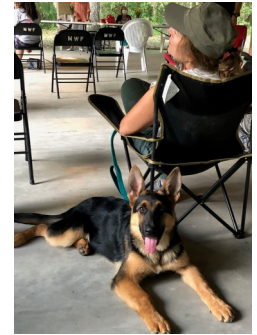
To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFAngels@gmail.com or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



Newly Elected Executive Board

We had a very successful Association meeting on May 21, held at our very own Friendship Park. Even with social distancing in place, it was clear that attendees were just happy to be able to socialize with friends and neighbors again!

The current Board provided their reports, but also acknowledged and thanked other volunteers, as well as shared their appreciation for the community's support throughout their tenure. Leslie Pope-Hall shared heartfelt good-byes as President, and Heidi Boynton, stepping down from the Vice President position, shared that she will be moving over to chair the Membership Committee.



On behalf of the Election Committee, I was delighted to present a full slate for the Board elections. Our new Board, unanimously approved for the term from Jun. 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021, consists of:



◆ *President, Jim Thomas*



◆ *Vice President, Marilee McGinnis*



◆ *Secretary, Karen Reade*



◆ *Treasurer, Lisa Yanes*

Sydney Smith

Election Committee Chair

Not Everything is Cancelled

FRIENDS Aren't Cancelled

Keep Looking Up

Fear does not stop death, it stops Life,
and Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles
It takes away today's peace.

Just Think About It... how privileged are we that during a global pandemic,
we can just stay at home comfortably reading, working, watching TV, listening to music
AND

Do remind yourself to be grateful today
Might not be tonight, tomorrow, or the next day,
BUT everything is going to be okay.
To make a difference in someone's life,
you don't have to be Brilliant, Rich, Beautiful or Perfect...
You just have to CARE.

Jeff Rice

Directory Updates and Corrections

The 2020-2021 Meadow Wood Farms Telephone Directory was distributed in April and May. You can contact Karen Reade to request a copy (at20146@earthlink.net). The following are corrections to the directory:

- ◆ **Camp**, Carolyn's name is misspelled (There is no "e" at the end of her name.)
- ◆ **Corso**, Tom and Vickie's email is Thebestofocala@aol.com
- ◆ **Henry**, Dorothy and Buddy's phone number is 352-817-7494
- ◆ **Kalberkamp**, Mark and Beverly is incorrectly listed as "Balberkamp," and their email is Kalberkampb@gmail.com
- ◆ **McGinnis**, Marilee's phone number is 561-723-3615
- ◆ **Moats**, Mark's email is markmoats60@gmail.com
- ◆ **Rufus**, John and Grace live at 4 Never Bend Drive
- ◆ **Smith**, Tim's email is tscruisr@gmail.com
- ◆ **Cicerone** family at 43 Lake View Drive West has moved
- ◆ **Cosentine**, Jerry and Jill are *new* owners at 58 Lake View Dr W, 352 401-0369
- ◆ **Diamond** family at 18 Never Bend has moved
- ◆ **Pritchard-Jones** family at 3 Lake Wood Circle has moved



SECO's Storm Preparations Underway

Back in April, a tornado crossed over I-75 in southwest Marion County near County Road 484. This powerful weather system knocked down poles and lines in the area, causing electricity outages for roughly 3,500 Marion County SECO customers. Fortunately, no physical injuries were reported.

June 1 is the official start of hurricane season, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is warning of a very active season for 2020. The forecast from their Climate Prediction Center calls for a 60-percent chance of 13 to 19 named storms, with 6 to of those that could become hurricanes. It's time for all of us to, once again, make preparations.

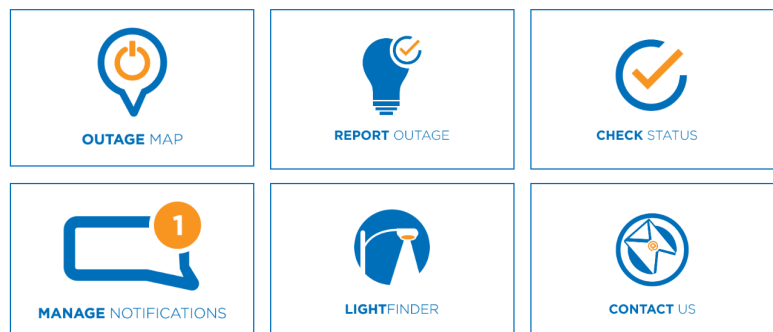
With that as the background, many of us in MWF have noticed a lot of recent activity from SECO's tree trimming contractor, Nelson Tree Service. Trees that are too close to power lines can interfere with electric service, especially during storms. Therefore, SECO regularly prunes or removes trees that threaten electric service to their more than 210,000 members. Trimming requirements vary according to facility type, tree species, and line proximity. The goal is to prune branches and remove trees that may create a safety hazard or cause power outages. From SECO's website:

- Pruning helps prevent power outages. Trees are a leading cause of electric outages; one of the best ways to reduce interruptions for members is to maintain adequate clearance between trees and power lines by trimming regularly.
- Well-maintained rights of way allow better access for personnel and vehicles during storm restoration. By maintaining this access, SECO can get members' power restored more efficiently and safely.
- Because trees are pruned to International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) standards, they are more likely to maintain a healthy structure and appearance.

One of our neighbors reached out to SECO for answers when she (and others) were concerned about how aggressive the tree cutting seemed to be in MWF. A day later, one of SECO's supervisors made an appointment to meet with her. Together, they walked up and down the property frontage area, and the SECO representative explained why each tree was marked to either be trimmed or taken down. Having experienced such responsiveness from a knowledgeable supervisor, she had a better understanding about the trees they select and why, and what SECO is trying to accomplish. (SECO even offered to provide a few replacement trees.)

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You can keep in contact with SECO through their Storm Center at SECOEnergy.com/stormcenter.



Sydney Smith

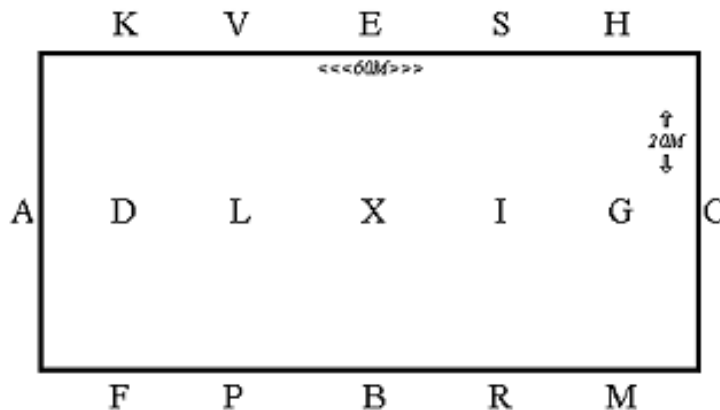
Dressage 101, 201, 301... etc.

As many former hunter/jumper riders get older and decide that jumping fences has become a bit risky (although most would never admit it), they are turning to dressage as a means of continuing to show, train, school, and in general work with their horses in an effort to bring them to their greatest potential. Dressage (translated from French, to mean “schooling”) helps all horses, no matter how they are ridden, whether over fences, on the flat, on the trail, or around barrels.

As most people will tell you, watching dressage is only slightly more exciting than say, watching paint dry or grass grow, and some riders have actually said they would rather go have a root canal than ride or watch a dressage show. The little known secret is—it is not as simple as it looks!

Try riding where you have to immediately, no questions asked, trot or canter your horse at a certain point in the ring—or better yet, stop at a particular point with all four feet squarely underneath your horse. Add to that a pattern to remember, and it becomes a daunting task (although at the lower levels, you are allowed a reader who hopefully stays on track with you and doesn’t lag behind or read too far forward). No wonder the schooling sessions work wonders for both horses and riders.

But in looking at the dressage ring and the letters around it, who in heck came up with how they are laid out??? What language did they actually use? Sure, we can remember All King Edward’s Horses Can Manage Big Fences, but really, that doesn’t even make sense. Now, more sensibly, A would be E, where you Enter. X would be H where you Halt. C would be J where the Judge sits. And B, E, R, S, P and V would be C, I, R, C, L, and E as that is where you, ah, circle. Duh!



Actually, if you follow the letters from A to X, you crisscross the arena so many times, you would probably bump into yourself on the way up or back. And let’s not mention there isn’t even an N, J, or O. The way it is currently set up, K is where your horse Kicks, V is Veer, B is Bolt, and E means Evade!

So, considering that riding dressage is hard enough, the tests should flow so that the letters are followed. This way it makes it easier to remember and harder to go off pattern. If we must start with A, then we should head to B, do something like trot, go to C, circle there (C, after all), then head to D, followed by E, then F, etc. etc. Now that would be less confusing!

Dressage is a great way to school and condition both horse and rider. It helps you develop an eye for executing round circles (also harder than it looks) and in making a plan to prepare your transitions at a particular place in the ring so you hit the letters as precisely as possible. It encourages the horse to listen to you and to travel in a round, collected frame so you CAN execute those round circles.

If only those silly letters made a whole lot more sense...

Pat Van Nostrand

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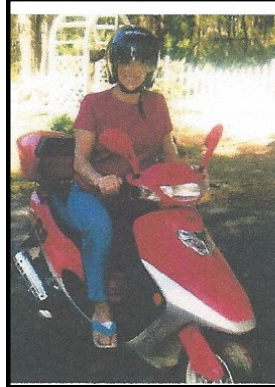
"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locust to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Jim Bain, St John's Admin Council Director

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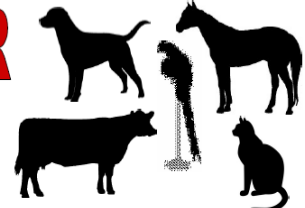
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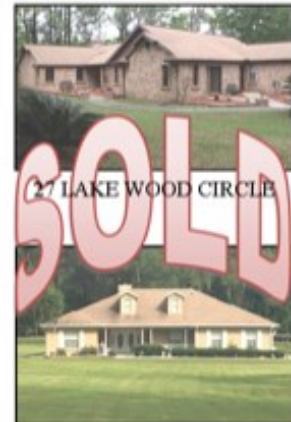
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Gee, I thought I might write about “the virus.” Big shock, huh? Needless to say, the Covid-19 virus has dominated the media, dominated our local, state, and national government, and dominated our lives. The only part of that domination over which we have any real control is our own lives. Before I go any further, please understand that I believe that each and every one of us has to make our own decisions as to how we should react. Should we self-isolate? Should we wear a mask? Should we go out to the now partially open restaurants? These are all personal decisions, based on our own vulnerability, our own tolerance to risk, and our own sense of the reality in which we are living.

With that as background, my wife and I flew to Indiana over Memorial Day weekend. The occasion was my Mother-in-Law’s surprise 90th birthday. Incidentally, she is a very healthy 90 years old. As I like to tell folks, she is from good old Midwestern farm stock. She lives in her own home, exercises 3 to 4 days per week, plants her own flowers, drives wherever she needs to go, and lives an exceptionally healthy lifestyle. She held her own in a couple of very competitive croquet matches, too. Beyond that, she isn’t overly worried about “the virus” – especially when it comes to spending time with her family. This small band of family included two doctors, one nurse, one bio-medical engineer, and one attorney—just in case ;-). I was there, too. For the greater part of the weekend, it was just nine of us, all family. Five of us traveled up from Florida. The other four were local Indiana family. We spent the entire weekend in one place. The only exception was the actual birthday party, which we held at a local catering facility with fewer than 20 total attendees.

Here is the thing. It felt as if we had just been paroled from a 2-month jail sentence. Much like any parolee, we had restrictions. We wore masks at the airport and on the airplane. We limited (but simply could not eliminate) the hugging and kissing that usually happens at these family gatherings. We had hand sanitizer available and were careful not to share cups, glasses, or utensils. There were restrictions, but it still felt as if we were free.

We were free to have a few drinks, share several wonderful home cooked meals, talk, reminisce, laugh, and most important, love one another. It doesn’t really matter where you stand on the shutdowns or re-openings. It doesn’t really matter if you happen to watch CNN or Fox. It doesn’t really matter which of the myriad medical opinions you believe. What matters is that spending time with your loved ones is therapeutic. I’m praying to God that none of us happened to pick up anything that even resembles “the virus.” But, in all honesty, if it happens, no one will be able to take away that weekend of freedom and love – simply being Out & About.



Stay healthy. Be as careful as you feel you need to be. But do your best to get **Out & About** – especially with your dear friends or your family. It will make a world of difference in your life.

Jim Bain



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