

March V.I.P. has long history in Citrus County

John Osborne earns this month's honor

JOHN OSBORNE

Originally from Texas, John moved to Punta Gorda, Fla., in 1978 to begin work for Punta Gorda Isles, Inc. (P.G.I.), a land development and home building company. Shortly thereafter, John moved to Homosassa, to work for a subsidiary company of P.G.I. developing Sugarmill Woods, for about 4 1/2 years. While there, John furthered his residential construction experience and also became a licensed Florida Real Estate Salesman in 1980. In 1981 he also became qualified as a State Certified Building Contractor. In April of 1984, John moved back to Punta Gorda to work for the parent company (P.G.I.).

In March 1986, John returned to Citrus County to manage Talon De-

velopment Corp. While working for Talon, he became a Florida Real Estate Broker in July of 1986, continuing to manage both the home building business, and serve as Real Estate Broker.

In July of 1988, John formed Pinecrest Building Corp. to build new homes in Citrus County, and became eligible to upgrade his contractor's license status to that of General Contractor. The company has constructed many custom and semi-custom homes throughout the area, as well as several commercial remodel projects. Most recently, Pinecrest completed a commercial office remodel project within the Progress Energy, Crystal River Nuclear Power plant facility.

Some other accomplishments in-

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clude winning the Citrus County Builders Association's (CCBA) "Builder of the Year" award three times, chaired several committees, and held several offices within the CCBA, including President, currently is a "Life Director" on the CCBA Board of Directors and is an active "Builder20" member, which is a national peer group organized by the National Association of Home Builders, and is on the Green Building Council.



CCBA is fishing for participants

The CCBA will hold its 14th Annual Family Fishing Tournament at the Homosassa Riverside Resort on April 25 and 26. Sponsored in part by B & W Rexall Drugs, Citrus 95, Fox Classic Hits, True Oldies 106.3, Sherwin Williams and Capital City Bank, the 14th Annual Fishing Tournament boasts more than \$12,500 in cash and prizes based on 125 paid boat entries and is open to all, including professional guides. With a totally separate Youth Division that is sponsored by Coastal Conservation Association, the 14th Annual CCBA Family Fishing Tournament truly offers something for everyone.

There are still many levels and opportunities left to get involved in this very well attended and advertised tournament. For more information on how to regis-

■ CCBA 14th Annual Family Fishing Tournament.

■ April 25 and 26 at the Homosassa Riverside Resort.

■ Regular Entry includes three anglers, two T-shirts, two Captain's Meeting tickets. (entries may be accepted after April 17 subject to availability and \$25 late fee) is \$195.

■ Extra Anglers in my boat at \$45 each (three anglers included in each entry this year).

■ All participants aboard my boat agree to abide by amended IGFA rules.

ter, sponsor or volunteer, call Executive Officer Donna Bidlack at (352) 746-9028, ext. 3, or go to the fishing page on www.citrusbuilders.com.

Builders love a parade

Event to feature Citrus, Hernando businesses

The CCBA is pleased to announce that the 2009 Spring Parade of Homes for Citrus and Hernando counties, sponsored by Progress Energy, will support Citrus Builders Care by providing collection jars in select models of the Parade of Homes for the "Your Change can Bring Change" drive. The Citrus Builders Care has offered up its support of the Covenant Children's Home by collecting spare change to donate to the construction of the much needed facility. Visit 22 fantastic Parade Models during the Spring Parade of Homes from March 21 to April 5, and drop your spare change in the

designated jars to see the best that Citrus and Hernando county builders have to offer while supporting a great cause.

The CCBA 2009 Spring Parade of Homes is proudly sponsored by Progress Energy, Bright House Networks, Holiday Inn Express, All Performance Title, and Infinite Energy Solutions. Citrus Builders Care is a non-profit organization whose mission is to correct substandard housing for individuals on fixed incomes who do not qualify for other county programs. For more information about the 2009 Spring Parade of Homes, call Executive Officer Donna Bidlack at (352) 746-9028, ext. 3, or go to www.citrusparadeofhomes.com.

For more information on the "Your Change can Bring Change" drive or how to become involved in Citrus Builders Care, please call Karen Balzanti at (352) 746-9028 ext. 1.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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Thank you Web Marketing Solutions for setting up the Hall for our membership meeting, and Schlabach Security & Sound and Franklin Reality for pitching to set decorate. We also want to thank Rheinfels Custom Embroidery for donating a beautiful embroidered apron presented to the Best Presentation winner! Thank you to for all the wonderful chili entries we had.

Can't wait to be king

Restaurants to compete for local title

The Citrus County Builders Association has partnered with the Inverness Olde Towne Association to provide a first ever Citrus County King of the Wing Competition to promote commerce in Citrus County.

Open only to Citrus County restaurants and other Citrus County businesses, the First Annual Citrus County King of the Wing, scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at Liberty Park in Inverness, will give local area restaurants the opportunity to compete for a massive, 5-and-1/2 foot trophy, bragging rights for one year and the title of 2009 King of the Wing. The event, presented by Progress Energy and sponsored by Nature Coast Web Design, Citrus 95, Fox Classic Hits, Bright House Networks and the



Committee Chairman Roger Carlson of Franklin Realty Consultants, Doug Lobel of Inverness Olde Towne Association, Co-Chair and Presenting Sponsor Cyndi McRee of Progress Energy, CCBA President Elect Tommy Long of Long Enterprises of the Nature Coast, CCBA Executive Officer Donna Bidlack, and Charles Richer of the Inverness Olde Towne Association.

Citrus County Chronicle will offer many local area business exhibits, games for the children, celebrity judges, a special appearance by music legend "Elvis Presley," and will

also feature live entertainment by Christi Vale and the Sequel Band provided by Entertainment Sponsor Citrus Cardiology Consultants. Many opportunities to participate in this excit-

ing event are still available.

For more information, call Executive Officer Donna Bidlack at (352) 746-9028, ext. 3, or go to www.citruskingofthewing.com.

Chili cook-off winners



Event spices up meeting

The Annual February General Membership Meeting Spike Chili cook-off was quite fun, and the winners were: Best: Ross (Florida Rock Industries) Most Unusual: Evelyn Meeks (Meeks Water Treatment) Hottest: Joe Bell (Surfaces Flooring) Best Presentation: Melissa Keesling & Anjela Wright (Web Marketing Solutions)

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