Business in the Keys



Volunteers included Elks and Masons members, Sheriff's Department Explorers, and High School student volunteers



Pictured left to right, Frank Veltri, Past Exhalted Ruler, as Elroy the Elk, Damian Vera, Sierra Acs, Jacob Matthews, Anthony Vera, Nancy Acs.



Drug Awareness Day at The Elks



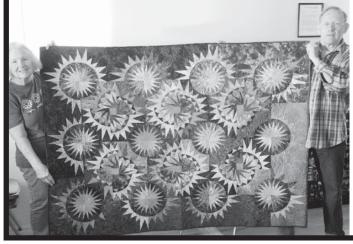
The Florida Keys Elks Lodge 1872 held a drug awareness event in cooperation with the Mason's Child Identity Program, on September 17.

Forty seven children went home with a free DVD of personal information with their height, weight, picture, DNA swab, fingerprints and more.

Drug identification displays were set up as well as helpful Elks brochures for parents. Hot dogs, hamburgers,

cotton candy, popcorn, face painting and drug awareness items were given to all the children.

Florida Keys Quilters Support Long Walk Home



The Long Walk Home provides programs for our /eterans. Judv Ebbert also personally donated a auilt to raffle, to assist in keeping the organization and facility going Judy is a founding nember of the Florida Kevs Quilters and her generous donation is greatly appreciated.

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The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczenski

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October has finally arrived and one of the biggest festivities is the annual Oktoberfest held in Munich, Germany. This festival, which brings millions of people to the city, originated to celebrate the wedding of Bavaria's King von Ludwig I in October of 1810. The participants join in to listen to music, dance, drink brew, and of course indulge in incredible food. One of my favorite German dishes is hot potato salad. It goes so well with sausages such as bratwurst and this recipe Is absolutely delicious. I usually make extra sauce to put over the potatoes. It can be eaten cold the next day... so enjoy!

KARTOFFELSALAT (HOT GERMAN POTATO SALAD)

8 medium russet potatoes 10 slices of bacon 2 medium diced onions 3 tablespoons of flour 3 tablespoons of sugar

 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup plus 1 tablespoon of white vinegar $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of water Salt and ground pepper Fresh minced parsley

Peel the potatoes and slice into thirds. Boil in a large pan for approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Using a fork, test the potatoes (they should be slightly al dente.) Drain the potatoes in a colander and rinse with cold water. While the potatoes are cooling, fry the bacon in a large skillet until crisp. Remove the bacon from the pan and drain on paper towels. In the bacon fat, sautee the diced onions until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the flour and sugar to the pan and stir until the flour is lightly browned. Stir in the vinegar and water.

Slice the potatoes and add to the pan. Crumble the bacon and add as well. Mix all the ingredients, cover the pan and simmer for 20 minutes. Add more water if needed. Salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with the minced parsley over top.