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Dr. Phillips High School freshman Brendan Valdes won the 2018 Drive, Chip & Putt competition. **PAGE 11.**



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Florida by flight

Pilot and Dr. Phillips resident John Lewe has taken off from and landed at all 102 public, paved airports in Florida. **PAGE 4.**

Pilot and Dr. Phillips resident John Lewe has had a fascination with aviation from a young age.

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County approves proposed ski course on Lake Bessie

The new ski course would measure 902 feet and occupy less than 1% of the lake's total surface area.

GABBY BAQUERO
NEWS EDITOR

Orange County commissioners approved a request pertaining to a proposed ski course on Lake Bessie in Windermere, located east of Oakdale Street, during its March 20 meeting.

The approval came with certain outlined conditions, including the prohibiting of the ski course for commercial use.

One of the applicants behind the request, Windermere resident Thomas Fry, assured they intend to limit usage to only private residents.

Lakefront property owners who spoke against the installation of the proposed ski course, which would measure 902 feet long, said they had concerns regarding

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HIGH TEA & HATS
The event benefits Seniors First. **SEE 9.**

YOUR CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12
ART HISTORY TRENDING**
6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Winter Garden Art Association's SoBo Art Gallery, 127 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden. "Pop Culture, Social Media & Instagram" is this month's discussion in the series of art historical topics through the lens of today's social media and pop culture trends, such as selfies and food pictures. Register at wgart.org/events/lecture-arthistorytrending. Information at (407) 347-7996.

**FRIENDS OF LAKE APOPKA
MEET-AND-GREET**
5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, 21 E. Plant St., Winter Garden. Learn about the creation of "The Lake: A Documentary Exploring the Land and People of Lake Apopka," a photography and painting ex-

hibit through April 25 in Winter Garden. (407) 656-3244.

**WEST ORANGE REPUBLICAN
WOMEN FEDERATED
GENERAL MEETING**
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the West Orange Country Club, 3300 West Orange Country Club Drive, Winter Garden. Guest speakers are Betty Turner, administrator at the Russell Home for Atypical Children, and Bobby Olszewski, District 44 House representative. Buffet lunch is \$20. RSVP to rebeccatmellen@gmail.com or (407) 230-5968.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13
ORLANDO BALLET'S
'BEST OF BROADWAY'**
8 p.m. Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Garden Theatre, 160 W. Plant St., Winter Garden. This glittering spectacle honors Harriett Lake and highlights the greatest hits from some of the biggest Broadway shows. Tickets are \$34 (\$30 for students and seniors). For more, visit garden theatre.org/more.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14
BLUE HIKE:
GOURDNECK SPRINGS**
8 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14, with the Oakland Nature Preserve, 747 Machete Trail, Oakland. Join ONP President Jim Peterson for a guided paddle tour of Gourdneck Springs on Lake Apopka. Bring sunscreen, eyewear, hat, water and other outdoor essentials. Call (407) 905-0054 for launch point, to register and to reserve a kayak.

**BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE
SCHOOL PARTY IN THE PARK**
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Deputy Scott Pine Community Park, 6865 Ficquette Road, Windermere. This event will feature kid entrepreneurs, food trucks, music, vendors, games and more. For more, visit bit.ly/2GJEnm1.

**WINDERMERE 5K/10K
RUN AMONG THE LAKES**
7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at Windermere Town Hall, 520 Main St. Experience this beautiful and unique 5K run/walk and 10K run that travels the dirt roads of Windermere under a canopy of century old oaks and along several lakes. This is a family-friendly event benefiting Windermere Parks and Recreation. (407) 876-2563, Ext. 5321.

**MONDAY, APRIL 16
EARTH DAY, HOORAY!**
10:30 a.m. Monday, April 16, at the Southwest Library, 7255 Della Drive, Orlando. Celebrate Earth Day with nature-friendly stories, crafts and activities. Ages 2-4. (407) 835-7323.

**SMARTER SENIOR
SERIES: DOWNSIZING**
6:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Southwest Library, 7255 Della Drive, Orlando. This workshop will provide information especially for adult children who are helping their aging parents with the difficult process of downsizing. Part of the Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, certified senior hours professional. Registration or RSVP required at yourfloridahaven.com or by calling (407) 340-5291 or (407) 835-7323.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19
WINTER GARDEN WINE WALK**
6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 19, beginning at the market pavilion, 104 S. Lakeview Ave., in downtown Winter Garden. Enjoy wine, food, music and shopping at the annual wine walk hosted by the Garden Choir. Tickets are \$10 to \$30 and available at wintergardenwinewalk.com.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21
INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN'S
RETREAT: 'JOY IS A CHOICE'**
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 4851 S. Apopka-Vine-land Road, Orlando. This retreat will feature guest speaker Ann Joyner, a published Christian author, who will share her faith journey. Cost is \$30 and includes a continental breakfast, retreat program, craft activity, catered lunch and a copy of Joyner's book. For more information, visit st.lukes.org/umwretreat or contact Karen Brown, (407) 342-4204, or Rosemary Gates, (407) 620-8122.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24
SOUTHWEST BOOK CLUB**
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Southwest Branch Library, 7255 Della Drive, Orlando. This month's selection is "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. Hesitating to treat the newborn of a white supremacist couple who has demanded that a white nurse assist them, a black nurse is placed on trial in the tragic aftermath after the baby suffers a cardiac crisis. The legal case raises painful questions and prompts everyone involved to consider their own views on racism and prejudice. Open to ages 18 or older. No registration required. (407) 835-7323.



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Pooches permitted?

Currently, Winter Garden is the only West Orange municipality that has an ordinance allowing doggie dining. West Orange Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Stina D’Uva is working to change that.

ERIC GUTIERREZ
STAFF WRITER

Some dog owners enjoy taking their four-legged friends along with them to dine outside of restaurants on days when the weather is nice. Some restaurants welcome their patrons’ dogs and even set up water bowls for them.

But are they following the rules? It depends on whether their local government has an ordinance in place that allows for dog-friendly dining at restaurants.

West Orange Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Stina D’Uva said for dog-friendly dining at restaurants to be allowed, the local governing body of where a restaurant is located must have an ordinance in place to allow it.

“Right now, there’s a state statute that allows for municipalities and counties within the state to enact an ordinance that would then — by a permit process — allow restaurants with outside dining areas to allow owners and their dog pets to be outside,” D’Uva said. “Currently the city of Winter Garden (and) the city of Orlando ... already have an ordinance (and) a permit process. Unincorporated Orange County — like the Gotha area, Dr. Phillips area — does not.”

THE LOOPHOLES

Florida Statute 509.233 covers the rules for dog-friendly dining at restaurants. Dogs only are allowed at outside dining areas of a restaurant, and the restaurant must have sanitation measures available in case of accidents. Additionally, local municipalities are in charge of regulation and enforcement of the procedures outlined in the statute, among other requirements.

“There are certain things in the state statute that are very specific that would have to be adhered to,” D’Uva said. “Dogs are becoming more compatible everywhere you go, and we’re not talking about ser-



vice dogs. Of course, service dogs would be allowed inside and outside of an establishment no questions asked, but this is not for the service dog. It’s for just pets.”

D’Uva added she has been working with local officials to allow for dog-friendly dining at restaurants in West Orange.

“We are trying to help our businesses,” D’Uva said. “The chamber board of directors (is) supportive of an ordinance that would allow (dog-friendly dining at restaurants)”

WINDERMERE

Brad Cornelius, of Wade Trim, works with the town of Windermere and handles planning review and consultations.

“The town’s code is silent to the issue of doggie dining,” Cornelius said. “For doggie dining to be allowed in the town, the town would have to adopt an ordinance that puts in place the specific requirements for doggie dining.”

ORANGE COUNTY

Chris Testerman, assistant county administrator for Orange County, said the Orange County Board of County Commissioners will have a work session June 5 to address whether to adopt a dog-friendly dining ordinance.

“The board is going to have a work session to see if they want to adopt such an ordinance,” Testerman said. “(At) the work session, we’ll give an overview of the concept and the board will give us direction of where to go from there (and) whether to go forward and draft an ordinance to bring back for public hearings.”

OCOEE

The city of Ocoee also lacks a dog-friendly dining ordinance, however, adopting one may be possible in the future, said City Manager Robert Frank.

“(Although) the issue has come up sporadically in the past, there have been no requests to look into the issue by restaurant owners;

most likely due to the lack of sidewalk dining-type areas in the city,” Frank said. “Although we don’t have such an ordinance, this is one issue that will be addressed as the downtown redevelopment project progresses. The plan for downtown includes expanded-width sidewalks and pedestrian areas, so we will be adopting some rules for the use and enjoyment of these areas in the near future.”

OAKLAND

Oakland Town Manager Dennis Foltz said the town currently does not have many restaurants. However, he also said an ordinance is something that could be considered in anticipation of more restaurants coming to the town.

“It is an issue that has not been raised,” Foltz said. “I’d like for us to be looking at it in anticipation (of more restaurants). I think it would be good for the commission to talk about early on as we’re updating our codes. ... We don’t have the restaurants right now.”



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DANIELLE HENDRIX
BLACK TIE EDITOR

Touching down at Miami International Airport in June 2017, local pilot John Lewe felt a sense of pride and accomplishment run through him.

First, it was because he didn't mess that opportunity up or make any mistakes in the process. But mostly, it was because he knew he'd finally accomplished his goal of taking off from and landing at all 102 airports in Florida.

FASCINATION OF FLYING

Lewe, a Dr. Phillips resident, grew up in Chicago and first became enamored with airplanes when he was about 7 years old.

"My parents had gotten divorced, and my mother had remarried a South African," he said. "I ended up spending a lot of time flying across the ocean in a 747, and it was just the coolest thing. My dad stayed in Illinois, and my mom had moved to South Africa with her new husband, so I would go back and forth in the summers and Christmas and whatnot.

"It was so neat, and back then they actually let you go up in the cockpit," he said. "Being a 7-year-old kid in the cockpit of a 747 — it was the coolest thing."

His fascination with aircraft and the piloting aspect never left. In 1997, when he was 27 years old, he decided to fulfill his lifelong dream of obtaining a pilot's license.

Lewe completed his first solo flight at 12.3 hours and later received his license at 65 hours. But flying in Chicago presents the challenge of a limited amount of good flying weather — especially for someone who mainly flew on Saturdays. He increased his total flying time to 98 hours but then moved to Orlando with his wife, Rachel.

The couple had their daughter, Kate, and for 14 years, he put flying aside to focus on his family and his business, a software company called Aspire Technologies Inc. But as his daughter grew up and his company became more established, the itch to get back into flying came in 2015.

He found a flight school and instructor in 2015 to refresh his

"You can learn things in books, but the only way to get real-world experience and actually talking to people and experiencing things is just to get out there and do it."

— John Lewe



John Lewe will sometimes take his wife, Rachel, on flights with him.

Courtesy photo

LEWE'S LIST

- **Public Airports in Florida:** 102
- **First Airport:** Orlando Executive
- **Last Airport:** Miami International
- **Smallest Airport:** Cedar Key (2,300-foot runway)
- **Largest Airport:** Miami International
- **Favorite Airports:** Albert Whitted, Merritt Island, Arcadia Municipal, Venice Municipal, Airglades, Peter O. Knight, St. George Island

piloting skills and invested in his four-seater plane, a Cessna 172S, currently based at the Odyssey Aviation FBO at Kissimmee Gateway Airport. Although he owns it, he leases it out to a local flight school, Aerostar Training Services, which helps mitigate his costs.

After easing back into the world of aviation, he decided to challenge himself with a new goal — to take off from and land at all 102 airports in Florida.

"You can learn things in books, but the only way to get real-world experience (is) actually talking to people and experiencing things (and) just to get out there and do it," Lewe said. "I figured,

what better way to do that than to basically just go to every single airport? I was going to talk to different controllers and controlling agencies and towers, learn different procedures and different things. It's a really great way to learn something."

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Because there is no defined list of all the airports across the state, Lewe researched online and found bits of information, which he then put together to discover that there are 102 public, paved airports in Florida. He set off on his journey in March 2015.

"Florida has so many interesting airports, so rather than just practicing with the instructor in the pattern and practice area, I asked the instructor if we could start doing some cross-country flights to give me more of the hands-on, actual practical experience I would need," he said.

In aviation, a cross-country flight is defined as one that spans at least 50 nautical meters from the original point of departure. He and the instructor went on cross-country flights doing touch-and-go landings and take-offs. After the first eight airports, Lewe started out on his own.

"To be efficient in landing at all these airports, each trip was a string of airports," he said. "The largest string was 10 airports in four-and-one-half hours. Doing those strings was a technical challenge that really sharpened my skills. ... If I just flew to one airport a weekend, this would have taken me eight years or something like that, so I had to string them together. I would geographically

decide which airports to fly to in a string in order to get me the most efficient route of getting the most number of airports."

He flew just about every Saturday for two-and-one-half years and captured video footage of his landing at every airport using oPro HERO4 cameras in the cockpit and on the wing. He even got to fly into a restricted airspace once as he did a low approach over the 15,000-foot NASA shuttle-landing facility.

FLIGHT FEAT COMPLETE

It all paid off in June 2017, when Lewe landed at his final airport on his list: Miami International. He accomplished his goal with about 250 total hours of flight time logged.

"I was elated," he said. "It was so neat, because it was such a big airport and you really felt like part of the really professional lair of individuals going through that whole process and doing it right. That felt really good."

With his original goal accomplished, Lewe now plans to stop at airports with restaurants so he can spend more time getting to know the different airports and the people who work at them.

Eventually, he plans to fly to the Bahamas, which he said will be a great new learning experience because it includes all the requirements for leaving the United States and re-entering by plane.

"When you really think about it, all I did was just day by day took a couple more steps, and then all of a sudden it's like, 'Wow, I've landed at every airport in Florida now,'" he said. "That felt really good."

WINDERMERE

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Friedrich Hayek

"Road to Serfdom," 1944

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Ski course coming to Lake Bessie

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increased boat traffic, potential shoreline erosion and a negative impact on lake views and local wildlife.

"Lake Bessie is the smallest lake of the Butler Chain of Lakes," said Thomas Luca, a 30-year Windermere resident. "It is landlocked, so it is a very pristine piece of property. And I'm not opposed to people who want to do water-skiing. But that lake, in my opinion, is not large enough to really justify that. ... This property is pretty much a residential property, and it's designed to be for

the pleasure of the resident. Yes, boating is allowed on it — but only by Windermere residents and lakefront property owners. It's not accessible to the general public ... and I think the resident move there because they like it to be quiet, and a ski track would attract more boat activity."

During a presentation explaining his vision for the slalom ski course project, Fry emphasized the course only would occupy less than 1% of the lake's total surface area — an expanse of 173 acres.

"Some of the residents are concerned about the tremendous amount of boat traffic that might

ensue by having a ski course, but there is no ski club, there is no ski school, and no other organization planning to use this course," Fry said. "It's simply not allowed by the permit."

Fry also argued that concerns regarding erosion and wildlife disturbance should not be a reason to oppose the ski course because the watercraft used usually produces small wakes averaging three to four inches high.

In response to concerns about the view of the lake, Fry added that there would be a total of 22 buoys dispersed throughout the course, and the closest distance

to the shoreline would be 310 feet.

County staff also determined the use of the ski course's buoys would not prohibit others from using the lake or create a navigational hazard because the buoys are made of soft plastic that can be easily pushed aside by boats, are easily visible by boaters and are barely visible from the shore.

"The visible portion of the course consists of the floating buoys, which are relatively unobtrusive and do not impede the view of the lake," Fry said. "They are less visible from a distance and will be placed at a minimum of 300 feet from the shoreline."

Walk for Autism Festival will benefit DP's Special Hearts Farm

The farm gives Dr. Phillips High students with autism and other disabilities an opportunity to learn a variety of skills.

ERIC GUTIERREZ
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Phillips High School will honor Autism Awareness month Saturday, April 14, with its Walk for Autism Festival.

"The autism walk that we're having ... helps raise money and supports our Special Hearts Farm, which is our on-campus job site for students with autism and intellectual disabilities," said Kathy Meena, who teaches students with autism and intellectual disabilities at DPHS.

In addition to raising money for the Special Hearts Farm, the purpose of the walk is to help raise awareness for individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities.

The festival begins at 9 a.m. and will be held at the Bill Spoons stadium. The cost is \$5 to participate in the walk. Shirts will be available for \$20, and donations will be accepted to benefit the farm.

The event is organized by the schools Youth PALS club. PALS stands for "Providing Autism Links and Support." The PALS program is sponsored by the University of Central Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD).

Attendees will enjoy a variety of vendors, food trucks, coffee and doughnuts from Krispy Kreme, Papa John's pizza, bounce houses, a petting zoo of animals from the

Special Hearts Farm and a performance of a shortened version of "The Lion King" featuring theater students and students with autism and intellectual disabilities, Meena said.

"A lot of the vendors are companies that specialize in serving individuals with autism," Meena said. "The theater magnet students actually mentored and have taught our kids with autism and intellectual disabilities 'The Lion King' ... We'll be performing four songs and a couple of speaking parts. We'll do that right at the beginning of the walk after the national anthem."

In addition to the vendors, the Special Hearts Farm will be selling handmade goats-milk soap and rustic signs. The soaps come in a variety of scents and cost \$5 each. Additionally, members will be selling special soaps shaped as a puzzle piece in honor of Autism Awareness Month, Meena said.

The soaps and signs are made by DPHS students with autism and intellectual disabilities as part of the farm. Selling the soaps and the signs is a way to teach the students the business side of farming, Meena said.

The farm, now in its fourth year, gives Meena's students a meaningful task during the school day and has gained attention support from the community.

"We've had lot of guests (who

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have come to see and tour the farm," Meena said. "We've had our School Board member, Pam Gould (tour the farm), and she's become a big supporter of our farm. ... She's brought a lot of folks to see the farm."

Although farm has had success at DPHS, Meena worries about what lies ahead for her students after they graduate.

"What we really need is an overall exposure on the lack of programs for kids with autism and intellectual disabilities (offering) meaningful job experiences," Meena said. "Our main concern is ... what's going to happen to them when they age out? So, we really want to bring awareness not only to autism but (also) to the fact that we need to continue as a community to find meaningful experiences for them to do and opportunities once they age out of the public school system."

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— GABBY BAQUERO

day and expanded the Disaster Preparedness sales tax holiday to seven days, permitting Floridians to save on qualifying storm supplies for hurricane season. The Back-To-School sales tax holiday will be from Aug. 1 to 3, and the hurricane preparedness sales tax holiday will be from June 1 to 7.

CONSUMER FINANCE. HB 386, which was also approved by the governor March 19, has a provision establishing a maximum delinquency charge that may be charged for consumer finance loans and allow certain loans to be repaid in periodic installments every two weeks, semimonthly or monthly — rather than only monthly, as was the case under previous laws. The maximum charge is \$15 per default if one payment is due in a month; \$7.50 for two payments; and \$5 per default for three payments.

NON-NATIVE ANIMALS. SB 168, which also was signed by the governor, establishes a pilot program for the eradication of priority invasive species for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and specifies procedures for the capture and disposal of animals considered invasive species. The bill defines the term “priority invasive species” to include tegu lizards, red lionfish, common lionfish and devil firefish.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE. SB 1392 appropriates \$1.75 million for the purpose of creating a centralized criminal justice data collection; provides for the establishment of civil citation and prearrest diversion programs intended to reduce juvenile arrests; and requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules that provide an avenue for expunging nonjudicial arrest records of minors who successfully complete a diversion program.

MARRIAGE LICENSE. Florida legislators also passed a bill that bans marriage under age 17 and requires parental consent if 17-year-olds wish to marry. If the 17-year-old receives parental approval, he or she still is restricted from marrying anyone more than two years older.

ETHICS. Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed SB 186, otherwise known as the resign-to-run law. The bill requires elected officials who qualify for federal public office to resign from the office they presently hold if the terms run simultaneously.

FIRST-RESPONDERS. Lawmakers approved SB 376, which defines post-traumatic stress disorder as an occupational disease for first responders, such as firefighters, police, paramedics and emergency medical technicians. Under this bill, workers compensation benefits are expanded to include PTSD. Before the passing of this bill, first responders were eligible for worker's compensation for job-related PTSD only if accompanied by a physical injury that kept them from returning to duty.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. Scott signed a bill known as the Sunshine Protection Act that would allow the state to stay in daylight saving time year-round, which would place Florida out of pace with the East Coast. The bill, however, will require approval from Congress.

HIGHER EDUCATION. Legislators passed SB 4, a bill permitting students to use certain Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards (The Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars Award) for summer term enrollment beginning this year.

SCHOOL SAFETY. In a controversial move, lawmakers passed SB 7026 in response to the recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. The bill appropriates \$400 million for school hardening; safety and mental health programs; includes change to background

checks; raises the minimum age to purchase a gun from 18 to 21; outlaws the sale and possession of bump stocks; provides measures to keep firearms away from those diagnosed with a mental illness; and establishes a voluntary school marshal program allowing certain school personnel to carry firearms on a school campus.

PUBLIC RECORDS. SB 7024, which was unanimously approved by the House, makes the address of a victim of an incident of mass violence exempt from any public records requirement. The bill defines an act of mass violence as an incident in which four or more people, excluding the perpetrator, are severely and intentionally injured or killed. The exemption provision has an expiration date of Oct. 2, 2023, unless the Legislature reviews and saves the exemption from being repealed before then.

NURSING HOMES. Following the 13 heat-related deaths of patients from a nursing home in Broward County after Hurricane Irma knocked out electricity last September, lawmakers passed a bill that requires nursing homes and assisted-living facilities to have emergency generators in the event of a power outage.

K-12 EDUCATION. With the passing of HB 7055, Florida became the first state to offer private-school vouchers to parents whose students are bullied or physically attacked in their public schools. The so-called “Hope Scholarship Program,” will be funded by sales taxes from vehicle purchases.

SALES TAX HOLIDAYS. The approved budget also includes a provision that kept the three-day Back to School sales tax holi-



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Out of the blue

After losing her twin boys prematurely, Jenna Dail finds hope in her family's story — and purpose for the boys' lives — through her nonprofit The Color Blue and Hope.

DANIELLE HENDRIX
BLACK TIE EDITOR

There are times when Jenna Dail sees a random blue balloon — trapped in a tree, stuck in a gutter, floating along in the sky — and immediately feels a sense of hope.

It's always a blue balloon, and she believes it's never a coincidence. It's a sign her boys are always there, even though they aren't physically.

Dail, a Winter Springs resident, and her husband are parents of four children — “two here to hold and two we long to see again in heaven,” she said. They lost their twin boys — Grady Dean and Ryder Dylan — three years ago. She went into labor at Florida Hospital in September 2014 at 22 weeks pregnant. Grady lived for three hours after birth; Ryder was born sleeping.

Through her pain and grieving, she felt as though God wanted to use her story to help other women in similar situations, and that's where the story of her Orlando-



Photos by Mindy Dunlap

Above: Jenna Dail and her family have found healing and hope through their mission of serving moms on bedrest.

Top: Boxes of Hope are given to mothers on bed rest and those admitted to the hospital long-term.

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SPREADING HOPE

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based nonprofit, The Color Blue and Hope, began.

THE COLOR BLUE

Three-and-one-half years ago, Dail was placed on bed rest for about a month at a hospital in Miami, four hours away from her family and friends in Orlando. She was diagnosed with twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome, a rare, serious condition that can occur in pregnancies when identical twins share a placenta and blood flows unevenly between the babies.

She underwent a laser surgery to correct the TTTS, but her water broke, and she was given an amniopatch.

"I couldn't even sit up while eating; I wasn't allowed to roll to my side," she said. "Through that journey, I realized there was nothing there — I didn't have family to go to the store to buy stuff I needed, because everyone was here in Orlando. I needed lotion — my skin was peeling, because I hadn't showered for so long. Finally after a few days of begging (for lotion), a nurse brought her own lotion from home. That's where the Boxes of Hope came to mind: I was like, 'Oh my gosh, there needs to be a service or box to give to these moms when they're here long-term.'"

After Dail went into premature labor in September 2014 and ultimately lost both sons, her way of dealing with the grief was through writing and journaling. She wanted to write to be able to remember and look back on their journey, so she started a blog called "The Color Blue," named for the boys.

"The color blue is the boys," she said. "The boys were born premature in September, which is (a) sapphire (birthstone). I had friends who came to visit, and they gave me bracelets with the boys' birthstones on it. Ever since then, the color blue is the boys. If I see blue anywhere, it's them. The 'hope' part (of the nonprofit's name) is the hope that I found in our story."

SPREADING LOVE AND HOPE

From Dail's own experience, she realized there was a need in both hospitals and the community. That was the need for supplying women in similar situations with things necessary for long-term hospital stays.

Boxes of Hope are provided to women who are on bed rest, and Boxes of Love can be curated and sent to women who have lost a baby. The mission is always to

THE COLOR BLUE AND HOPE

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600 CAMPAIGN

Dail's organization has launched its "600 Campaign," which aims to help 600 women by packing and distributing 600 boxes. Florida Hospital South alone serves 600 mothers on bed rest annually, and her goal is to serve each of those women through The Color Blue and Hope.

To donate or volunteer for the cause, learn more about the boxes or help with the 600 Campaign, visit thecolorblueandhope.com.

spread hope in seasons that feel hopeless, she said.

Boxes of Hope contain items such as facial wipes, deodorant, books, stationery, combs, colored pencils, nail polish, lotion and hand sanitizer — anything moms might need or want while staying in the hospital.

The organization became a nonprofit in early 2017 and partners primarily with Florida Hospital, where Grady and Ryder were born. The hospital serves a few dozen mothers on bed rest or those with high-risk pregnancies each month.

"The moms are looking at the box as a gift from the nurse, and it's helped create this strong bond and relationship between the mom and nurse," Dail said. "We've heard from moms who say it's been a reminder to them that there's still hope in their story and not to give up and they're not alone."

To date, The Color Blue and Hope has packed and distributed about 400 Boxes of Hope.

Boxes of Love serve as a reminder that the mother has loved ones supporting her. Friends and family can choose items to fill a Box of Love, and it will be sent to the mother along with a personalized note and support resources.

"It's an emotional roller-coaster," Dail said. "First and foremost, it keeps me going. I feel like if I didn't have this mission at hand, I'd feel hopeless in our story. It gives our boys purpose and that gives me drive instead of being stuck in a dark place. ... It's been good to see and hear their names being spoken so often now, so it keeps their story going and gives them purpose, which in return helps me heal."

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Amy Pennock enjoyed a fun afternoon out with her daughters Madison, left, Delaney and Savannah.

Seniors First's High Tea & Hats 2018



Linda Fledell and Judy Mazzotta donned some of the most colorful hats around the room.

Magic 107.7 personalities Chad Pitt and Leslye Gale served as judges for the hat parade.



For Seniors First's annual High Tea & Hats fundraising event — held April 8 at the Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes — attendees were encouraged to get creative with their hats, and they didn't disappoint.

Some were adorned in brightly colored bows and flowers, while others were meticulously crafted with jewels, miniature figurines, feathers and more.

Guests enjoyed a lively afternoon tea, a hat parade and contest and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event, now in its 11th year, benefit seniors needing services from Seniors First.

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Nita Stanoytchev, Jackie Siegel, Mary Carpousis and Mala Lindsay struck a pose in the photo booth.

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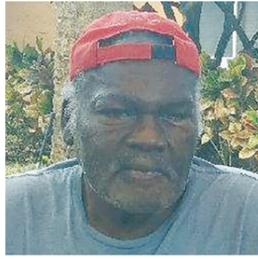
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WILLIE LEE 'LIGHTNING' LIGHTNER
DIED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

Willie Lee 'Lightning' Lightner, 73, of Winter Garden, Florida departed this life on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

Willie was born on May 16, 1944 to the late Willie Mae Lightner and Willie B. Patterson in Clayton, Alabama. He worked in the citrus industry for several years.

Willie is survived by his wife, Dorothy Lightner; stepchildren, Darrol (Gretchen) Ward, Chantina Hayes and Danza Petty; 10 siblings; 15 grandchildren; a host of other relatives and many friends.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 13, at St. Paul AME Church, 330 Center St., Winter Garden. A service of celebration will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the church. Interment at Winter Garden Cemetery. Postell's Mortuary is providing service for the Lightner family.

JUDY RUSSELL
DIED FEB. 13, 2018.



Judy Russell was a beloved wife, mother, Gran, sister, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, and friend. The love for Judy will never die, because love never dies. Judy Russell passed away February 13, 2018 in her home surrounded by many of those who loved and cared for her.

Despite life's obstacles, Judy radiated a grace and dignity that is rare to find. When asked by a minister if there was anyone she needed to make amends to before she died, the family noted that Judy had no one who had anything but love both from Judy and for Judy.

The world, as well as Judy's husband, her four children, and all of her family and friends lost a beautiful part of their lives. However, Judy's gift of love will live on within each and every person whose life she touched.

Judith Joyce Russell was born Nov. 6, 1942 in Stafford Kansas. She was the daughter of the late Marjorie and Anthonie Polzin.

Judy is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Ron Russell of Ocoee, Florida. She is survived by four children, Cindy Fabry and her husband, Paul, of Winter Garden, Florida; Andria Cadman, of Kansas City, Missouri; Tom Russell, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Diana Harmon and her

husband, Bob, of Alpharetta, Georgia. Judy, better known as Gran, is also survived by 12 beautiful and loving grandchildren and their spouses; as well as 16 great grandchildren. Judy is survived by many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

In addition, Judy is survived by two sisters, Melinda Amio and Deanna Hamaker and two brothers, David Polzin and Steven Polzin. Judy was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Polzin.

The family wishes to acknowledge their overwhelming gratitude to Judy's wonderful and dedicated caregivers, Sharita Wright and Lupe Cisneros. Both Sharita and Lupe have become a valuable part of our family, taking Ron under their wings, as well. The family also wants to thank Kim Hogan, their neighbor, who provided help and support throughout Judy's battle with dementia. Arrangements entrusted to Collison Family Funeral Home, 3806 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, FL, 32792; (407) 678-4500.

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SPORTS

Seventh-grader Mia Williams is verbally committed to the Florida Gators and is making an impact for Windermere Prep this spring. **Page 12.**



HIGH 5

1 Dr. Phillips senior Avinash Jawahir placed third in the state in the 169-pound weight class at the FHSAA Boys Weightlifting State Championships last weekend. Jawahir benched 310 pounds and successfully cleaned-and-jerked 295 pounds for a meet total of 605 pounds. His clean-and-jerk lift is a school record. Teammate Shaquille Kellyman placed seventh in the 219-pound class.

2 The Windermere Prep middle-school girls tennis team won the Great Orlando Athletic Conference championship last week. Congratulations to Reagan Parker, Carissa Ruiz, Reese Parker and Isabella Scherer on a job well done.

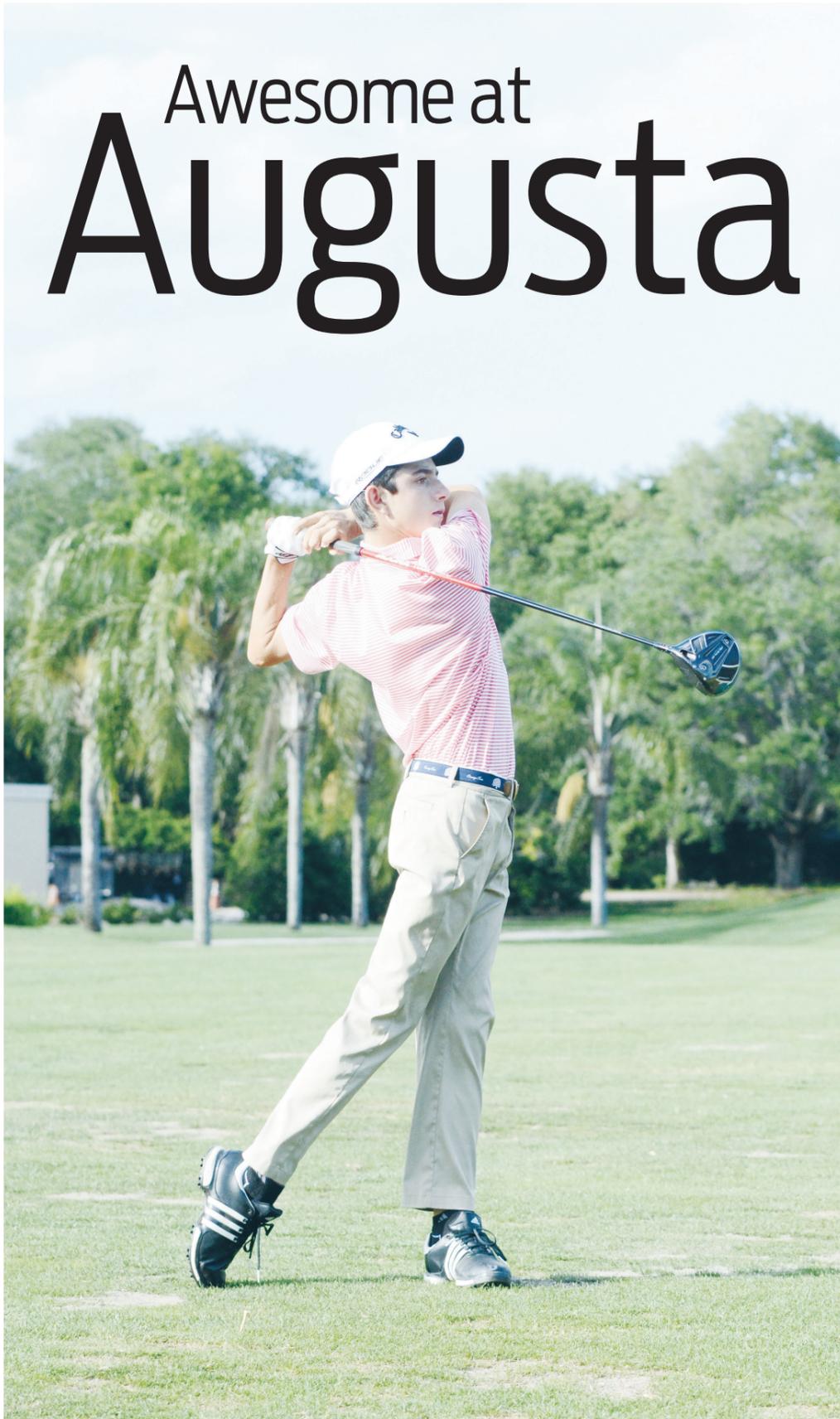
3 Dr. Phillips senior girls wrestler Remy Vargas, a state champion, has committed to wrestle collegiately at the University of Jamestown in North Dakota — making her the first female wrestler from Dr. Phillips to advance to a college career. Vargas went 18-1 last season.

4 Olympia High senior Thomas Russo — a two-sport varsity athlete — also has excelled in the classroom and will be recognized as a 2018 valedictorian. Russo competes for the Titans in swimming and water polo.



Courtesy photo

5 CFCA senior Caleb Brenyo signed to play his college football for Geneva College in Pittsburgh last week. Brenyo was a leader for the Eagles last season, starting at quarterback and helping to guide a young program through its first season under new coach Jeremy Campbell.



Brendan Valdes, pictured here at his home course of Orange Tree Golf Club, is motivated to get back to Augusta National one day and compete in The Master's.

Photo by Steven Ryzewski

Awesome at Augusta

Brendan Valdes traveled to Augusta National Golf Club earlier this month and won his division of the 2018 Drive, Chip & Putt competition.

STEVEN RYZEWSKI
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Brendan Valdes and the Drive, Chip & Putt competition go back a few years.

Back in 2014, Valdes was cast for the first commercial for the upstart national event, and he also was pictured in an ad for it.

A talented junior golfer, the Dr. Phillips resident and Orange Tree Golf Club member competed in the competition that year — and each year after — with the goal of making it to the event's national finals, held at none other than Augusta National Golf Club.

But it wasn't until this year that Valdes — now a freshman at Dr. Phillips High — finally was able to advance all the way through the local, sub-regional and regional rounds of the national tournament and make it to Augusta.

Of course, the local golfer did more than just make it to the mecca of golf in America. Valdes had a "Sunday moment" at Augusta National. He bested the competition April 1, even edging the event's runner-up in a playoff tiebreaker, to win the 14-15 boys division of the 2018 Drive, Chip & Putt. Two-time Master's winner Ben Crenshaw presented the championship trophy to Valdes.

Back practicing at his home course last week, where a banner hangs from the clubhouse to celebrate his accomplishment, Valdes couldn't help but smile when describing the experience — and Augusta.

"Word can't explain it," Valdes said. "Just getting to one of the nicest courses of the world and being able to play on that course — to drive on that course and chip on that course, it's mind-blowing. ... It's the perfect golf course."

After coming up short in his past four tries, Valdes admitted he had some nerves when he arrived in Georgia, but he said he

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Windermere girls track wins Metro West

The Wolverines took first place at the Metro West Conference Conference Championship this April 7.

STEVEN RYZEWSKI
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The Metro West Conference Championship for boys and girls track and field took place April 7 at Deputy Scott Pine Community Park — home of the Windermere High Wolverines.

The meet, which included all 10 schools from the western half of Orange County's Metro Conference, was dominated by local teams, with upstart Windermere

High winning the girls championship and West Orange High winning the boys championship.

"It's a huge stepping stone for the program — it creates a standard," Windermere head coach Jason Greer said. "And our boys are not too far behind. I'm very proud of both programs."

Individual highlights for local competitors at Windermere, Dr. Phillips and Olympia included several first-place finishes.

For Windermere, Amaya Ugarte won both the girls high jump and long jump competitions; Danielle Ficka won both the girls shot put and discus throw; and Onix Ortiz won both the boys 800- and

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Steven Ryzewski

Amaya Ugarte won the girls high jump and long jump events.

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

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Mia Williams

Mia Williams still has two years before she can get her learner's permit and start driving, but already she is a major contributor for the varsity softball team at Windermere Prep and has a scholarship offer from her dream college — the University of Florida. A verbal commit to the Gators, Williams is playing for the Lakers (7-5) for the first time this season and has made an instant impact as Windermere Prep's starting shortstop.

THE BASICS

Grade: Seventh
Age: 13
Height: 5-foot-8
Positions: Shortstop, third base
Travel team: Georgia Impact
Other sports: Soccer, volleyball

Why did you decide to join the softball program at Windermere Prep this season?

I felt that I could really make a good impact on the team and help create a good vibe on the team.

As a veteran of the travel softball circuit, what do you enjoy about playing for your school for the first time?

I just love it, because they all respect me, because I'm committed and everything. They're all so nice. I feel like I can really help the team get better.

What is it like playing at the varsity level, where some of your opponents are 17 and 18 years old?

I always want to do my best, and I always want to try hard, so I just get more competitive and try harder.

What is it like to have been offered by the Florida Gators as a seventh-grader?

I've always been a Gators fan. My mom and dad both went to

UF, so it's always been in my blood. It was emotional (to get the offer) — I started crying. I'm really thankful for it.

What are some things you are trying to improve?

I definitely need to get better at, when we're down, I need to get better at bringing people up. As a middle infielder, I really need to talk more.

What's something you've learned from playing for Windermere Prep head coach J.D. Wood?

He's really teaching us to always have a good attitude, all-around — to block out the negativity and bring in the positivity.

Do you have a favorite college softball player?

I like Amana Lorenz — she plays for the Gators, and Hannah Adams, who also plays for the Gators.

Have you learned about anything this year that you found particularly interesting?

We learned about sea animals. They're interesting because the teacher is amazing, I love her.

What do you think you would like to study in college?

I want to study sports medicine, and I either want to coach college softball, or I want to work on campus and help with (physical) therapy.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I would go to either Iceland or Australia. Australia, I like their accents, and it's beautiful there. Iceland, I don't know, it's far away, and I'd like to go there.

What's your go-to postgame meal?

I crave pasta all the time. But I'll usually go for something light, like a salad.

— STEVEN RYZEWSKI



Track

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1,600-meter runs. For Dr. Phillips, Isabella Bartczak won both the girls 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs, and Franklin Ivey won the boys 3,200-meter run.

For Olympia, Hannah Douglas won both the girls 100- and 200-meter dashes; Kathryn Carter won the girls pole vault; Jordon Loch won the boys pole vault; and Alfonso Powell won the boys high jump.

For the new track and field program at Windermere High, the meet also represented an important opportunity to not only compete but also show its peers in the Metro Conference's western portion what the Wolverines program and facilities are all about.

"It showcases our school, our facility, our athletes and how we do things," Greer said. "It's a great attribute to our program to have an amazing training facility."

West Orange additionally placed third in the girls championship, and Olympia placed



Steven Ryzewski

second in the boys championship. Dr. Phillips placed fourth in both championships.

Dr. Phillips senior runner Isabella Bartczak won the girls 1600 and 3200 meter runs.

ONLINE

For full galleries of local competitors at the Metro West Conference Championship April 7 at Deputy Scott Pine Community Park, visit ObserverPreps.com.

Golf

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did his best to turn those into a positive.

"There are always going to be nerves — being at that golf course," Valdes said. "You just have to use those nerves to your advantage."

As the name would indicate, the event pits contestants against one another to see who can drive, chip and putt the best.

Valdes has had much success on juniors tours and was a top-10 finisher at the FHSAA Golf Championships as a freshman last fall, but he said the Drive, Chip & Putt — an event where competitors take just a handful of shots and only five of those count — requires a different skill set.

"It's very, very, very different versus playing a two-day tournament," Valdes said.

His success has led to some

local and national attention. He has been interviewed on Golf Channel, among other national outlets, to cap a wild stretch of events since the first of the month.

"It's been crazy; I've done tons and tons of interviews," Valdes said. "Seeing that banner up here (at Orange Tree) — that's amazing."

There's no rest for the wicked, though, and Valdes is back training daily at Orange Tree, with a competitive summer schedule of events in the AJGA and other junior golf tours ahead.

He said his experience only has served to motivate him. He enjoyed playing at Augusta National so much that he will do whatever it takes to make it back — even if that means qualifying for a tournament at which they hand out green jackets to the winner.

"I, for sure, want to get back there," Valdes said. "Now I have to get (to Augusta) another way. Pretty much the only other way is to get to The Master's."



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Brendan Valdes was all smiles with his trophy in front of the Clubhouse at Augusta National.

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Olympia sweeps Dr. Phillips in water polo

The boys and girls water polo teams from neighboring rivals Olympia High and Dr. Phillips High met in the pool April 3 at the YMCA Aquatic Center on International Drive.

The two teams from Olympia bested their counterparts from Dr. Phillips, earning two Metro West Conference Championships in the process.

First, the Titans girls team held off a rally from the Panthers to secure an 11-9 victory.

Shoshana Scanlon led Olympia with six goals, four steals and two blocks.

Later, Luke Carey scored a game-high eight goals to lead the Titans boys team to a 15-12 victory against the Panthers.

The win earned Olympia its first Metro West Conference title in boys water polo.

Dr. Phillips' Dan Magrino assisted on three goals during the match, bringing him to 73 assists on the season — a new program record for Dr. Phillips.

For Olympia head coach Stephanie Johnson-Possell, the victory is a milestone for a youthful roster putting together an impressive 2018 campaign.

"They're doing really well — I'm very, very happy with how they're progressing," Johnson-Possell said. "They are really fun to coach."

— STEVEN RYZEWSKI



Photos by Steven Ryzewski

Above: Luke Carey attempted a shot with a trio of defenders closing in on him.

Right: Olympia's Shoshana Scanlon attempted to get a shot off with Dr. Phillips' Hope Miller looking to contest.



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West Orange Chamber announces Dannel J. Petro matching grant campaign, begins construction





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Top right: Joe Alarie - Alarie Design Associates, Stina D'Uva - WOCC, Dawn Willis - Observer Media Group, Rob Maphis - Collage Design & Construction Group

Bottom right: Maria Hockman - RLF Architects, Doug Mathews - Collage Design & Construction Group



Winter Garden, FL | April 2, 2018 – The West Orange Chamber of Commerce (WOCC) today announced a matching grant program to raise \$70,000 to create the **Dannel J. Petro Conference Room**, as part of its Growth Matters capital campaign.

The Growth Matters campaign will transform the WOCC headquarters to create a state-of-the-art interior with expanded meeting areas, new member service stations, upgrades to the building's exterior and accommodations for a growing staff to meet members' needs. Construction on the project commenced on March 29.

The Chamber's growth would not have been possible without many amazing leaders like Dannel J. Petro. Dan exemplified the Chamber's mission through his service as a teacher, Marine, business owner, entrepreneur, mentor and philanthropist.

Thanks to the generosity of Bright Future Electric, the Petro Family Foundation, the children of Dannel J. Petro and Chamber Board members, dollar-for-dollar donations will be matched up to \$35,000, helping the WOCC raise \$70,000 toward completing its goal. This money must be secured by May 31 in order to fully execute the renovation that is needed to serve our dynamic business community, while facilitating economic growth and stability.

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The *Windermere Observer* is hosting this weekly contest, and winners will have their photograph featured and receive a \$20 prize. To enter, email your photo, along with your name, city and a caption, to amyq@orangeobserver.com; put "I Love West Orange" in the subject line. Please include your mailing address to receive your prize.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12

High: 81
Low: 63
Chance of rain: 10%

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

High: 85
Low: 67
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SATURDAY, APRIL 14

High: 89
Low: 72
Chance of rain: 10%

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

High: 82
Low: 60
Chance of rain: 80%

SUNRISE / SUNSET

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday, April 12	7:05a	7:50p
Friday, April 13	7:03a	7:51p
Saturday, April 14	7:02a	7:51p
Sunday, April 15	7:01a	7:52p
Monday, April 16	7a	7:52p
Tuesday, April 17	6:59a	7:53p
Wednesday, April 18	6:58a	7:53p

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Tuesday, April 3	0.01
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Friday, April 6	0.00
Saturday, April 7	0.05
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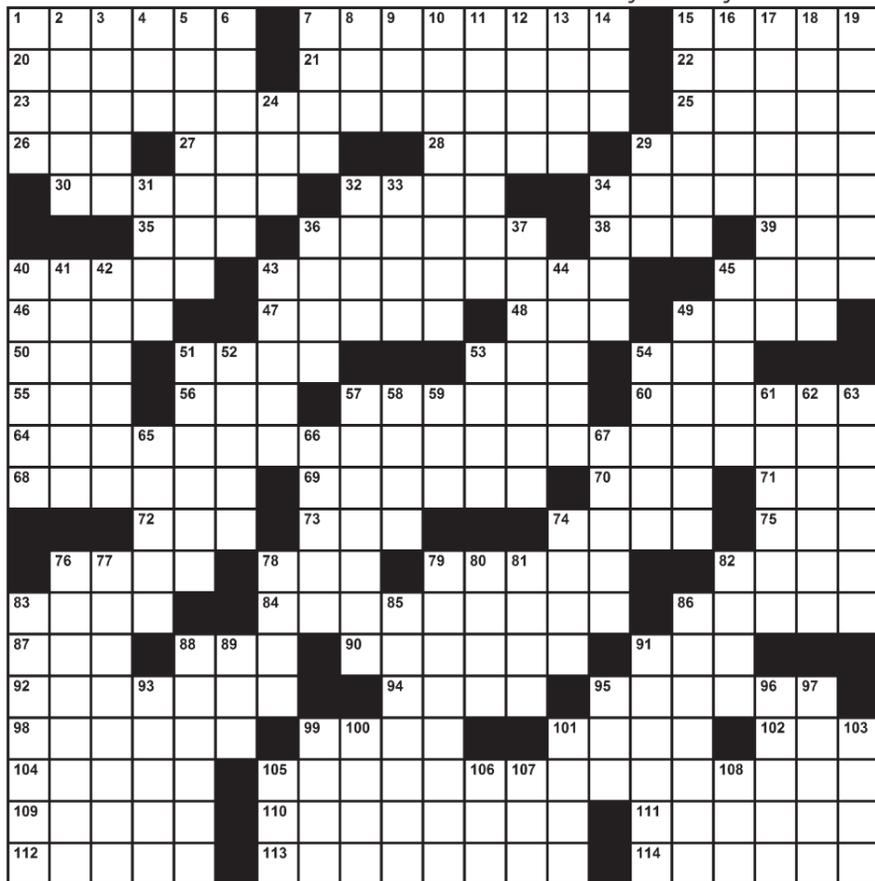
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CROSSWORD THE PLACES WE WILL GO by Timothy B. Parker



- ACROSS**
- Secret information
 - Impaired or immobilized
 - A Flintstone
 - Mammoth trapper
 - Annul or rule against
 - "Hasta la vista"
 - Rewards excessively
 - Sometimes-congested body part
 - Talk or rally type
 - Patella location
 - Home baker
 - Make a decision
 - Close again, as a Ziploc

- Teen blemish cause
- Any blade sharpener
- Letter of 90 degrees
- Self-centeredness
- Longish propeller
- "Despite this ..."
- Jungle ropes
- Store more than one can sell
- Mani-pedi places
- Part of, as a scam
- Button on a stopwatch
- Mr. go-with
- Tarot card reader, supposedly
- Space bar neighbor
- One of the zodiac's 12

- Shade of green
- Like many first-graders
- Writer's point?
- In the manner of
- Canaries' relatives
- Models of perfection
- Where this clue's solution is
- One-through-nine game
- Like how you're working now
- Hither's partner
- Little Ms. Bobbsey
- Ruby, for one
- UCLA part

- "Correct answer!" sound
- French friend
- Prince, often
- Senior's Junior
- Gatte for Eucharist
- Bibliographical abbr.
- Be shot while smiling?
- Subordinate
- Gaggle members
- Lob shot's path
- Put food away
- Boats with one mast
- Sports tie term
- NBA guard vis-a-vis NBA center
- "Great" or "lesser"

- creatures
- Understands
 - A substance dissolved in another
 - Prefix with bellum or meridian
 - Eight bells
 - "Found it!"
 - Related on Mom's side
 - Quota-shy factory's output
 - Yelp contributor
 - Seemingly black, as the sky at night
 - Summer, e.g.
 - Flexible Flyers
 - U-turn from macho
 - Thomas Jefferson had one

- DOWN**
- Resting on
 - Ranter's partner
 - Brunch fare, sometimes
 - Busy mo. for the IRS
 - Jefferson coins
 - Without key, musically
 - Big goofball
 - Less than we've?
 - "R-MD" person, e.g.
 - Criminal causing a back draft
 - Most courageous
 - Ad's version of "diet"
 - Lush place in Genesis
 - Moines
 - Dryer go-with
 - Blithering moron
 - Old printing machine
 - One of many spotted at Disney World
 - States with force
 - Mr. Torne
 - Fast dance syllable
 - Unlike air
 - "... and children of all ..."
 - Center
 - Some frying vessels
 - Not losing or winning
 - Brief time periods
 - Provisions
 - Taking the place (of)
 - Pretty decent
 - Piped instrument

- Computer malfunction
- Health class seg.
- Home exterior, sometimes
- Hun or successful blitzer
- Intestinal section
- Password relatives
- Original "American Idol" judge
- Some time units
- Makes boo-boos
- Brazilian resort city
- Grown together, in biology
- Woolly Andean creatures
- Losng mental powers from aging
- Cowpoke's ropee
- Gripping claw
- Taking a gander
- Cubs' cubbies
- Type of imbalance
- Intensify quickly
- Litigation participant
- Best way to do things
- Cosmetics succulent
- "Royal Rhapsody in the third" and others
- Electrified swimmers
- They're moving into the fast lane
- Some beetles and cheerer-uppers
- They're shorter than stares
- Modifies, tailor-wise
- Prop on a golf course
- Galvanize
- Played an old guitar?
- Deity
- Coin of Pakistan
- Operate a Nikon
- One not for
- Co. "don't reveal this" agreements
- Quick snack
- One of the Windsors
- Aircraft carrier letters
- Noted building designer I.M.
- Blogging feed format
- "Ink Master" design, for short

CELEBRITY CIPHER

By Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"KD DEYNB E FCD CR DKUN DC XN E HNVKOB. GCO JEZN DC BKD EACOVS BC UOPJ SCKVH VCDJKVH, ANEFFG SCKVH VCDJKVH."

— HNADAOSN BDNKV
Puzzle One Clue: D equals T

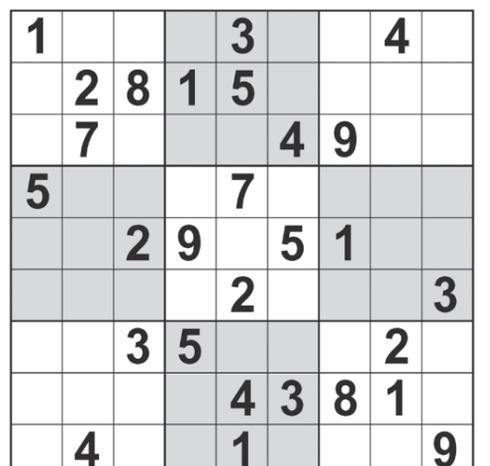
"DRH OMKDRHK TIL PI... DRH RMKEHK WD WF DI KHDLXX. DRH VIKJE RMF UMXT HEPHF MXE WD'F HMFT DI OMJJ IOO."

— MXEHKFIX AIIBHK
Puzzle Two Clue: A equals C

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- Gertrude Stein

Puzzle Two Solution:
"The farther you go... the harder it is to return. The world has many edges and it's easy to fall off."
- Anderson Cooper

This week's Sudoku answers

1	5	9	7	3	6	2	4	8
4	2	8	1	5	9	3	6	7
3	7	6	2	8	4	9	5	1
5	8	4	3	7	1	6	9	2
7	3	2	9	6	5	1	8	4
9	6	1	4	2	8	5	7	3
8	1	3	5	9	7	4	2	6
2	9	7	6	4	3	8	1	5
6	4	5	8	1	2	7	3	9

This week's Crossword answers

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