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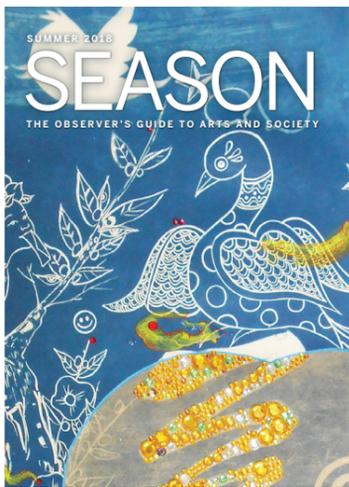
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# Remember Ranger Bob?

## City of Ocoee approves new P&Z Commission

GABBY BAQUERO  
NEWS EDITOR

City of Ocoee commissioners appointed new members to the city's reconfigured Planning and Zoning Commission.

The P&Z commission, which meets at 6:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of the month, consists of five members.

Its members are tasked with

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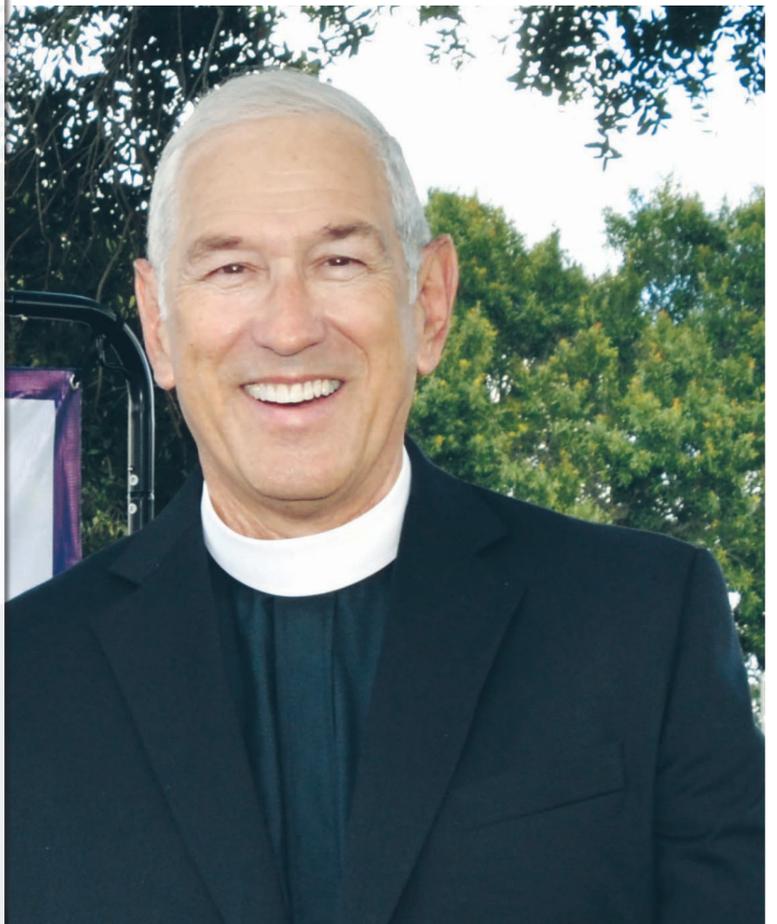


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AMY QUESINBERRY  
COMMUNITY EDITOR

**T**he bushy white mustache and eyebrows are gone, and the hair, once painted a fake white, has turned that color with age. He's an Anglican priest now, but when the 67-year-old speaks, he can't help but occasionally break into a character voice from the past.

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Amy Quesinberry

The zany host of "Ranger Bob's Buckeroo Club" has traded his western wear for a white collar as the Anglican priest of a new church in Winter Garden.

## YOUR TOWN

### CDPA DANCERS EARN TOP AWARDS

Scottish Highland dancers from the Centre for Dance & the Performing Arts placed strongly at the Southeastern Regional Championships in Savannah, Georgia, in May.

Three dancers from the Oakland dance studio have advanced to the National Championships in July.

Elizabeth Karpov, a rising sophomore at Dr. Phillips High School, will represent the Southeast region as second runner-up in the 14-and-under-16 age group.

Kendall DeFranco and Courtney McHale are rising seniors at West Orange High and compete in the same age group. DeFranco placed second runner-up in the 16-and-under-18 age group, and McHale won. This is McHale's second year winning first place in her age group.

## New breakfast eatery cracks into W.G. market

Owners Andrew Beal and David Murray-Lyons hope to open Eggs and Oats later this summer.



Courtesy

One menu item is avocado toast.

DANIELLE HENDRIX  
BLACK TIE EDITOR

Winter Garden's newest addition to the downtown area is gearing up to satisfy foodies with a knack for brunch or breakfast for dinner.

The new breakfast spot, Eggs and Oats, will take the place of

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## BLACK TIE



**FUNDRAISING FOR THE FIRST FIVE**  
The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County hosted its annual gala at Epcot. **SEE PAGE 10.**

**YOUR CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14  
AMERICAN LEGION  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the American Legion Post 63, 271 W. Plant St., Winter Garden. Scott Gration, retired U.S. Air Force major general, recently joined the post and will speak on Flag Day. Gration has an incredible background and experience in worldwide leadership. He was appointed by President Barack Obama as a special envoy to the Sudan in 2009 and then as ambassador to Kenya in 2011. He served 32 years as a fighter pilot and senior leader in the Air Force. (407) 656-6361.

**AUTISM SPECTRUM  
DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP**

6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 14, in Building B Room 201 at St. Luke's United Method-

ist Church, 4851 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando. This support group is designed for parents of children and teens on the Autism Spectrum Disorder. The support group for parents of adult children and soon-to-be adult children will resume in September. Share challenges, ideas, concerns, success stories and fellowship. A trained facilitator from UCF CARD offers a brief topical lesson each month. Email care@st.lukes.org or call (407) 876-4991, Ext. 262, to register to attend.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 14, in the Barnes Learning Center Distance Learning Classroom (second floor of Founder's Hall) at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 4851 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando. All faiths welcome. This support group is open to cancer fighters, survivors, caregivers and spouses or partners. Meetings include a time of sharing and spiritual and emotional support. This month's topic is "Chair Yoga and Meditations to Alleviate Stress." Email care@

st.lukes.org or call (407) 876-4991, Ext. 262, to register to attend.

**SELECTING, PLANTING AND PRUNING TREES AND SHRUBS**

6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard St., Winter Garden. Learn when it's the best time to plant trees and shrubs and how to get them established in the landscape. Learn how to prune and what tools to use. Cost is \$5 per household. Preregister at gardenflorida.eventbrite.com. Call (407) 254-9200 for information.

**TEEN SERIES:  
LIP SYNC BATTLE**

6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Winter Garden Library, 805 E. Plant St. Teens are invited to participate in this summer series and win prizes such as bicycles, tickets to local attractions and gift certificates. (407) 835-7323 to register.

**WEST ORANGE REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN FEDERATED MEETING**

11:20 a.m. doors open at West Orange Country Club, 3300 West Orange Country Club Drive, Winter Garden. Guest speakers are Army Corps 1st Lt. Bill Peterson, a P51 fighter pilot, and Shannon Laurie for Ashley Moody, candidate for attorney

general. Lunch is served at noon and costs \$20. RSVP to rebecca.mellen@gmail.com or (407) 230-5968.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16  
'ASBURY SHORTS'**

7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Garden Theatre, 160 W. Plant St., Winter Garden. This is New York City's longest running short-film exhibition and touring show, and it is making its second appearance in Winter Garden. The 90-minute concert of the world's best short films is strongly recommended for ages 16 and older. Tickets cost \$12 general admission. For tickets and information, visit garden-theatre.org or call (407) 877-4736.

**CRAFT CLUB FOR ADULTS:  
MUG DECORATING**

6 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at the West Oaks Library, 1721 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee. Take your own mug to this program and turn it into an extraordinary work of art. Ages 18 and over. (407) 835-7323.

**CRUZ N CAR SHOW**

4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 16, along Plant Street in downtown Winter Garden. Check out vintage cars and trucks, or enter your own for a chance to win prizes. (407) 656-4111.

**FURNITURE SALE**

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 16, in front of Orange Technical College — Westside Campus, 955 E. Story Road, Winter Garden. The sale benefits the Southeastern Food Bank, a division of Bread of Life Fellowship. All furniture is a brand-new Sam's Club product (possibly with minor defects because they were used for show purposes). (407) 654-7777.

**OPEN LAB: ASK A TECH**

3:30 p.m. Friday, June 22, at the Winter Garden Library, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden. Are you stuck on a software-related project or simply need constructive ideas to get you started? A technology trainer will be available to assist you in this open lab. Seating is limited. Registration recommended at (407) 835-7323.

**TEEN SERIES:  
FAMOUS ROCKS**

2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at the Winter Garden Library, 805 E. Plant St. Teens are invited to participate in this summer series and win prizes such as bicycles, tickets to local attractions and gift certificates. Register at (407) 835-7323.



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# Happy birthday, Miss Kathleen

For her 95th birthday, Kathleen Bean enjoyed a reception that included many employees from the Christian Service Center, where Bean volunteered for 25 years.

**AMY QUESINBERRY**  
COMMUNITY EDITOR

It was a generational celebration for Kathleen Bean, who turned 95 years old June 8 and had a reception in her honor the next day at Calvary Baptist Church. Her two sons, Jimmy and Bill Bean, were in attendance, as were many other family members, including her three granddaughters and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Other special guests included a number of employees and volunteers from the West Orange Christian Service Center, where Bean served for about 25 years.

Miss Kathleen, as she is affectionately called at the center, has cooked the noon meal three or four times a week at Daily Bread, one of the CSC's programs. Long-time friend Odessa Reynolds has been by her side in the kitchen for much of that time.

"They arrived in the morning to start cooking the lunchtime meal," said Rosemary Wilsen, family emergency services coordinator for the West Orange CSC. "She made the best mashed potatoes I have ever had. She loves to cook and was the first person to get me to like zucchini squash. Every meal that she helped prepare was a culinary delight."

Bean said she always has loved cooking and preparing meals for up to 178 people was easy. The day's meal depended on what donations had come in, but with large companies such as Target and Walt Disney World contributing food, "you had the choice

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— Rosemary Wilsen

of what you wanted to cook," she said.

It was easy for Bean to form a bond with the people she serves.

"Your heart's always warmed with them," Bean said. "I love those people. It's unfortunate that so many have to live that way. You get really close to them. You don't see them that much, but you feel for them."

Bean's first encounter with the Christian Service Center was in the early 1990s. She and a friend had been to a garage sale in Oakland, and this friend wanted to stop by the center to show Anne Walding, the director of Daily Bread, what she had purchased.

"They were so nice," Bean said. "Anne asked if I would come back and volunteer."

So she did. For the next quarter of a century, she gave her time at its previous location at the Methodist church and its current site at 300 W. Franklin St., both in Ocoee.

"I loved it," she said of volunteering with the CSC. "I just loved feeding the people and taking care of them."

Even today, she visits regularly to check on the people.

"She is a person of faith, and she expresses this through her service," Wilsen said. "(She) still has time for the Christian Service Center, greeting everyone with a smile.

"Miss Kathleen is a treasure," Wilsen said.

#### DEEP ROOTS

Bean lives in Ocoee but said she always will consider Winter Garden her home.

She was born in Georgia; her family moved to Winter Garden when she was 13, and she lived there until 1994, when her husband died.

Her memory is sharp at 95, and she recalls nearly a century of details and history.

Bean's family lived on Main Street, just a few blocks south of downtown Winter Garden. She used to read to Mary V. Tanner's sister, who was learning shorthand. The Joiner family lived across the street from Tanner and her husband, E.M. "Doc" Tanner, a longtime city clerk for whom Tanner Auditorium (now Tanner Hall) is named.

For a time, she rented space from John and Marjorie Rees, the



Photo by Amy Quesinberry

parents of current Winter Garden Mayor John Rees.

Bean met her husband, William "Bud," when he was the manager of the economy store near the railroad track in downtown Winter Garden. It was probably the first chain store in the area, she said. It was just up the street from her family home.

She and her husband eventually opened a grocery store near Story Road and Main Street, where Dr. Bob Foster's dental office is located.

Rayden and Bean Grocery Store opened in 1944 or 1945 on West

Colonial Drive in the building now occupied by Maryland Fried Chicken.

After raising their children, Kathleen Bean worked at Florida Telephone, on North Main Street, for 25 years, first as an operator and then in management for a few years before retirement.

Kathleen and Bud Bean were married for 52 years and had two sons, Bill and Jimmy. The Bean family includes three granddaughters, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

Kathleen Bean celebrated her 95th birthday with many friends and family, including her two sons, Jimmy, left, and Bill Bean.



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# A new adventure

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He is the Rev. Canon Tim Trombitas, the bishop's chaplain of Anglican Community Fellowship, a new church in Winter Garden.

But there was a time when Central Florida folks knew him as Ranger Bob, the kooky and over-the-top country-western host of "Ranger Bob's Buckaroo Club," a children's show on Orlando's WKCF-TV 18.

## RANGER BOB

The television host greeted his audience members in a western shirt and an oversized cowboy hat and with a "Howdy, buckaroos!" from his fictional town of Gooberville. This one-man show had dozens of characters and featured cartoons, improvisational skits and clean-but-terrible knee-slapper jokes when it aired for several years starting in 1992.

With 30,000 pint-sized members in Central Florida and a personable host who was out meeting and greeting in the community as much as possible, the show was a phenomenal success in the Orlando market. It first aired weekdays in a two-hour afternoon time slot.

"We did appearances everywhere," Trombitas said. "We did this thing with the kids — if you had a Buckaroo Club card, you could get in free (to places such as Mystery Fun House). Parents had to pay, but the kids had power."

Ranger Bob held look-alike contests with children. He invited his young viewers to send in their pictures and drawings, which he showed on TV for all to see. He eagerly met his fans, signed auto-

graphs and posed for photographs at public appearances.

"Those were the golden days of television," he said. "It was deregulated. It was competitive. You could build a relationship with your audience."

Before Trombitas was Ranger Bob in Orlando, he was Ranger Bob in Rochester, New York.

When he landed that first television gig up north, he was doing a stint as a morning-show radio personality who liked to break out in various character voices. A new children's channel was starting, and they were looking for a colorful host. Several people attempted to take on the role but weren't a good fit, he said.

The radio and television stations shared a building, someone suggested Trombitas "from down the hall," and that's when he made the leap from behind a microphone to in front of a TV camera, he said.

He already had quite a following with his radio show on a country station, so when he was asked to host a children's show, he agreed — with stipulations:

"I said, 'OK, I have this experience on this country show, and I have this following. I want it to be an old guy. I want him to be country. He's not going to talk down to kids.' I colored my hair white, I put on this mustache. It was fake in the beginning, but it bugged me because I sweated so much, so I grew one out. And it looked the same."

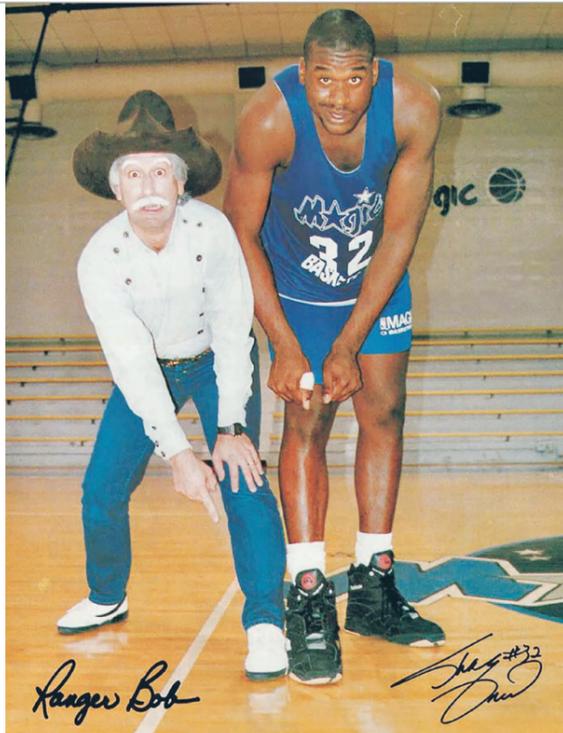
The show was so popular at one point that it beat Phil Donahue's talk show in the ratings, Trombitas said.

A few years later, WKCF in Orlando was hoping to create a kids show to rival one on WOFL-TV 35. Again, Trombitas was suggested for the host position.

Ready for a change, he relocated to Central Florida and introduced Ranger Bob to a new audience.

## THE REV. TIM

Trombitas, who studied broadcast and telecommunications at Kent State University, Ohio, after serving three years in the U.S. Navy



Ranger Bob compares his shoe size with Shaquille O'Neal, former Orlando Magic basketball player, in a promotional photo.

during the Vietnam War, started his own production company in the mid-1990s.

"Around 1997 ... I had this feeling that I wanted to get out from in front of the camera and get behind it and write and produce," he said.

This began a new direction for Trombitas as a freelancer and, later, a producer with health and medical TV segments and shows, and it was a good plan for a while. But with his wife at home with two children, this didn't work out financially.

He felt himself losing hope, he said.

His wife suggested he attend a men's retreat their church was holding.

"I went to this thing, and it really was a turning point for me," Trombitas said. "It was the one time I sat down and said, 'God, I know you're there. The sun doesn't rise without you. I know I sinned in my youth, and I ask you to show me the way.'"

He became thirsty for knowledge about God.

"Bit by bit, God was moving me along ... and that's where it got me to where I got today," he said. "The biggest thing that happened to me after I left that retreat is that I saw a sunrise for what it really is. I don't have anything to do with the sun coming up, the sun going down, the planets aligning. You have to take that path and really try to seek the truth — not your truth, but the truth."

The Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy is the endorsing body for the Anglican Church in North America, and it provides military, hospice, hospital, vocational and workplace chaplains.

The Diocese of the Armed Forces & Chaplaincy had been wanting to plant a church in West Orange County and began looking for places to start a church. Trombitas, with the assistance of Father John Ellington, began his leadership at the new Anglican Community Fellowship about three months ago.

ACF rents space from a Seventh-day Adventist church on East Plant Street. The congregation is steadily growing, Trombitas said.

"There are people looking to get back into the Bible-based church," he said. "It's traditional, reverent worship. ... We believe that we reverently go before God. ... We believe scripture is the final word of God. ... We follow the liturgical and sacramental worship from the beginning of the church."

He has been humbled in this life, and he is excited to see what is in store for the rest of his days on Earth.

"I see what God has done in my life," Trombitas said. "I see all the choices I made that were wrong, and how when I asked for His help, He really did come to my rescue."

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# New P&Z Commission named

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determining whether special proposed developments conform to the city's comprehensive plan requirements and recommending variances to the city's zoning ordinances to the Ocoee City Commission.

During the June 5 City Commission meeting, city leaders were directed to review the applications and qualifications of the 10 nominees and rank each applicant on a scorecard.

The five highest-ranked nominees of the 10 — all of whom were nominated by Ocoee city commissioners — were appointed to the P&Z commission.

Nominees Lavon Williams, Andrew Jason Mellen, Joel Keller, Rodger Wunderlich and Marc Bernstein were appointed to the board. According to city documents, the other applicants were Adrian Ray Davis, Eric Frommer, Gregory Keethler, Bryan McFarlane and Jim Sills.

Three of the new members will serve three-year terms and two will serve two-year terms to



Gabby Baquero

Andrew Jason Mellen, Lavon Williams, Joel Keller and Rodger Wunderlich are four of the five newly appointed members to Ocoee's remade Planning and Zoning Commission. Not pictured: Marc Bernstein.

ensure the terms of all members are staggered, according to ordinance 2018-021, which dictates the rules for original appointments to the board.

Keller, who resides in District 4, Williams, who resides in District 2, and Wunderlich, who lives in District 3, will serve three-year

terms, while Mellen, who resides in District 4, and Bernstein, who lives in District 1, will serve two-year terms.

According to the ordinance, any members who serve two full terms will not be eligible to serve another term on the board until three years have passed.

## IN OTHER NEWS

■ City leaders appointed Bill Etienne to the Human Relations Diversity Board, with a term ending in May 2021. The 13-member board aims to promote understanding, respect, goodwill and equality among the city's citizens and businesses.

■ City officials also approved the first reading of an agreement with Waste Management Inc. of Florida at a rate of \$47.50 per ton of delivered and accepted recyclable material.

■ The City Commission also approved the first readings of ordinances pertaining to a proposed development requiring an annexation, rezoning, Future Land Use Plan amendment and small-scale Comprehensive Plan amendment. If approved during the second reading, the proposed 2.4-acre office/warehouse development will be located at 901 E. Crown Point Road.

## WEST ORANGE TIMES & Observer

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Friedrich Hayek  
"Road to Serfdom," 1944

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# State seeks to fortify schools with new app

The app would enable its users to report any suspicious behavior they observe anonymously or confidentially.

**GABBY BAQUERO**  
NEWS EDITOR

Students and teachers might soon have an easier way to document and report suspicious activity to local law-enforcement officials.

As part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act approved by Gov. Rick Scott March 9, the state allocated \$400,000 toward the development of a mobile suspicious activity reporting tool.

The app, planned to be released to the public this fall, takes its cue from similar mobile applications launched in other states that have received positive results,

said Trey Stapleton, the Director of Public Affairs of the Florida Attorney General's office.

"Basically, it'll be an app that allows students to anonymously, or confidentially, if they want, provide some information, and report suspicious activity," Stapleton said. "The information would then go directly to FDLE and local law enforcement and depending on how we set it up, it might go to the schools as well."

The hope is that the app, dubbed FortifyFL, will streamline the process of reporting suspicious behavior and prevent more students from becoming school-shooting victims.

"We started to look for a way we could streamline the process, and there are other states making apps similar to what we're doing," Stapleton said. "I think the first to do it was Colorado after Columbine. They've really been the leaders on this, and there's a couple of states that have copied their model."

Colorado's app Safe2Tel is meant to stop violent school incidents, planned attacks and prevent suicides. It provides students, parents, and community members a way to report information. All reports

are handled by trained dispatchers from the state's patrol and relayed to a team of school officials and law-enforcement officers for further investigation.

According to CBS Denver, Colorado's app has prevented hundreds of planned attacks and suicides since its launch in 2014. The state's success provided the Florida Attorney General's office hope that a similar app also could offer benefits in Florida, Stapleton said.

Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi's office now has taken the lead on the project and is working in partnership with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the state's Department of Education. Negotiations with potential companies for development of the app are ongoing, and a competitive bid process will follow shortly after, Stapleton said.

"As far as how it's going to work, and the features it'll have — we're still trying to hash that out because there has to be a bidding process for this particular initiative," Stapleton said. "So we're going through that right now. Once we go through the negotiation process and the bidding process, we'll have more information on how exactly the app will work. ... But we're confident it'll be successful and help us save some folks."



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# Ocoee officials attend unveiling of lynching memorial in Alabama

The memorial is the nation's first dedicated to racial terror victims.

**GABBY BAQUERO**  
NEWS EDITOR

City of Ocoee officials were invited to attend the grand opening of the country's first memorial dedicated to the victims of racial terror lynchings, slavery and racial inequality in America.

The National Memorial of Peace and Justice, a project by the Equal Justice Institute, was unveiled April 26 and is located on a six-acre site in downtown Montgomery, Alabama.

Members of Ocoee's Human Relations Diversity Board, including William Maxwell, Kathleen Crown, Nichole Dawkins and Ocoee Mayor Rusty Johnson, flew to Alabama to witness the unveiling firsthand and visit EJI's Legacy Museum.

"The museum looks at the evolution of slavery to mass incarceration, so it helps people make a connection of the history of slavery in the United States through Jim Crow, lynchings, segregation and mass incarceration," said

Rachel Allen, director of the Peace and Justice Institute. "And so the exhibit takes you through each of those experiences and each of those time periods in our country."

The memorial and accompanying museum use art, sculpture, video and interactive media exhibits designed to provide historical context and acknowledge victims of racial terrorism that took place between 1877 and 1950.

"This structure that has been created by EJI — it's physically overwhelming to see," said William Maxwell, the chairman of Ocoee's Human Relations Diversity board. "And when I say physically overwhelming, I mean that, ordinarily, when you look at a building, you know, you don't really get any type of emotional feedback from it unless it has some sort of special significance. This building conveys a recognition of an era in time that recognizes — for the first time in history, really — the dastardly deeds that were inflicted onto a people who had no recourse involved. So it conveys emotion, and it's both psychologically and physically challenging just to look at it."

The memorial also includes a square with 800 six-foot steel pillars with the engraved names



From left: Allie Braswell, Ocoee Human Relations Diversity Board members William Maxwell, Kathleen Crown, Nichole Dawkins and Ocoee Mayor Rusty Johnson.

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*"When we step back and look at it all in retrospect, it's one of those things that you say, 'My God, how could that have happened?'"*

— William Maxwell, chairman of Ocoee's Human Relations Diversity board

of more than 4,400 victims of lynchings that occurred in different countries and states around the country.

The number of officially recorded victims is believed to be only a fraction of how many actually died on account of the racial violence that has plagued the country for so long.

"When we step back and look at it all in retrospect, it's one of those things that you say, 'My God, how could that have happened?'" Maxwell said. But it does something different to every individual ... because there were five of us in the delegation from Ocoee and we kind of, collectively, over dinner at the end of the day sat there

and expressed what we took from it. And to that end, I believe the building fulfills, above and beyond, what it was designed to portray."

The museum's location is on the site of a former warehouse where black people were enslaved.

Allen said EJI is in the planning process of a future exhibit featuring a "Sacred Soil Collection" with jars filled with soil gathered from the sites of known lynchings.

EJI is working with the city of Ocoee and EJI's Orange County Task Force on the coming exhibit. The plan is to have the coming exhibit ready by 2020 — the 100-year anniversary of the Ocoee Election Day Massacre, Allen added.

"For Bryan Stevenson, (founder

and executive director of EJI), it's about balancing the narrative," Allen said regarding the message EJI hopes to deliver with the memorial and museum. "When we travel through southern towns, we see memorial after memorial to Confederate soldiers, Confederate heroes. And a lot of times, you see the Confederate flag, but what he recognized was a dearth of the story about what happened as a consequence of the Confederacy," she said. "So this is a project that aims to help this country face its history... because as long as we stay in denial about this history, we really are doomed to repeat it."



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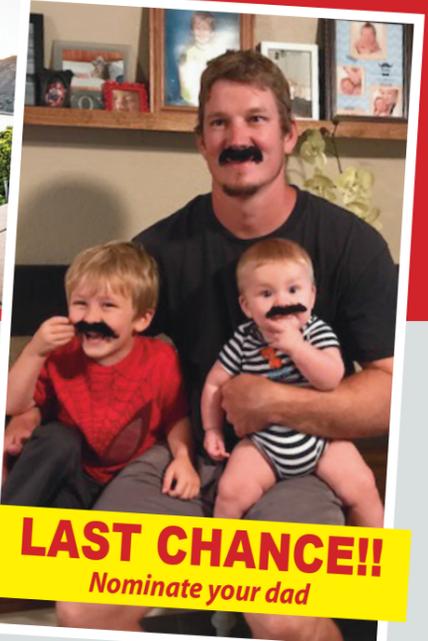
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Special Olympics athletes Calvin Sanders, Deanna Blitch, Patrick Murdock and Patrick Hanzalik greeted customers at the door.

# Winter Garden TD Bank hosts Special Olympics athletes

**ERIC GUTIERREZ**  
STAFF WRITER

Winter Garden TD Bank customers got to meet and mingle with local Special Olympics Athletes Friday, June 8.

Each year, TD Bank partners with the Special Olympics to raise money and promote the sporting events. The partnership has been ongoing for about 10 years, said Winter Garden TD Bank Store Manager Sabrina Mootoo.

"TD Bank has raised almost \$1 million each year that they've done this," Mootoo said. "The goal is to raise at least \$1,000 per store. And then collectively — throughout our footprint — it's a \$1 million donation that we (raise)."

Those who make a donation are given Special Olympics bracelets. Some also receive collectible Special Olympics athlete trading cards, Mootoo said.

"If a customer donates at least \$5, they get the bracelet and ... the trading cards," Mootoo said. "The athlete trading cards (are) available on selected Saturdays at designated stores."

Four local athletes greeted customers at the door as they walked into the bank. Calvin Sanders has been competing in the Special Olympics for a number of years. Sanders competes in swimming, bowling and other sports at the Special Olympics, his father, Brian Sanders, said.

"It was important to us to get Calvin involved years ago to have him interact with other kids — whether they have special needs or not — and to get him out and keep him active and keep him a part of sports," Brian Sanders said. "He may not make the high-school football team ... but in the Special Olympics, he's on the team, and he's actually competing."

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From left: Jonathan Felix, Dillon Adams, Colby Adams, Isaiah Vargas and Julian Blake.

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## Boy Scout reflects on service at Memorial Day ceremony

**Editor's note:** The author, Dillon Adams, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 210 and submitted this article as part of his quest for the Communications Merit Badge.

On May 28, also known as Memorial Day, we went to Woodlawn Memorial Park and helped at a Memorial Day Service by doing things like saying the pledge, handing out water bottles to those who needed them and tolling the bell they had there.

I personally handed out water bottles and tolled the bell before the Sheriff's Office discharged its gun three times to honor all the

veterans who have served in our military.

They had three different speakers come up to the podium, including a Green Beret, a Marine and Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings.

When someone tolls the bell, it means to mark the death of a person at the funeral or burial service. Along with myself, another Boy Scout, a Cub Scout and a Girl Scout all tolled the bell at the service. A total of five scouts from our troop came to the Memorial Day service, including me, my brother Colby, J.J. Felix, Julian Blake and Isaiah Vargas, and helped pass out

water, with some doing other things like holding the flags and reciting the pledge.

J.J. Felix and Julian Blake held the flags, while Colby helped lead the pledge with another Boy Scout and some Girl Scouts.

The purpose of the service was to give respect to the people who have served in our armed forces. The event was from 10 a.m. to noon, and this event impacted me by helping me realize how important our veterans are and how much respect they deserve because of them serving to keep us safe.

DILLON ADAMS

## Coming soon

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Selera Singapore on West Plant Street. Co-owners David Murray-Lyons and Andrew Beal currently are working on transforming the space into one that Winter Garden breakfast enthusiasts can call their own.

"We've been looking for the last two years for a location," said Murray-Lyons, a Dr. Phillips resident. "(Andrew and I) have known each other for about 20 years, and we've both been in the restaurant business. We complement each other when it comes to customer service, and that's one of our reasons for partnering on this project. We want to create an environment where you go eat (and also) eat with your eyes and the flavor of the food complements the atmosphere. It's more of an experience establishment more than just a place to get breakfast."

Murray-Lyons grew up in England and got his start in the breakfast industry riding along with his uncle delivering food to restaurants and grocers. He opened his first restaurant, Appetites, at age 22. Since then, he has consulted for multiple different restaurants, and in 2009 opened a restaurant in Celebration.

The "breakfast guys," as they call themselves, intend to create a space that is roomy, stylish and community oriented. They also hope to find local sources for everything — from the food to the furniture. For example, local business Fake Productions donated wood for tables that Windermere resident Tom Stroup made and

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Eggs and Oats will have indoor and outdoor seating, as well as a grab-and-go area and a coffee bar. The goal is to use the best-quality ingredients and get away from processed food in an attempt to serve clean and healthy options, but the restaurant also will offer classic breakfast pastries and biscuits.

Trinity Dorner, a Winter Garden resident, attended the French Pastry School in Chicago and has her own business called Downtown Dough. She will serve as the pastry chef for Eggs and Oats.

Although the menu is still being finalized, Eggs and Oats will offer everything from classic breakfast foods such as omelettes, oatmeal and grits to breakfast-in-a-jar, and even some lunch items such as flatbreads, salads and sandwiches.

Construction is underway and early in the process, but for now, the two hope to be able to open the restaurant by the end of July.

"The community has been outstanding," Beal said. "There's so much traffic and business, and we love the fact that on Saturday everyone has their version of breakfast, and we'd love to fit into their version, too."

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# Short but sweet

The Asbury Shorts 37th Short Film Concert will make a stop at the Garden Theatre this weekend.

**ERIC GUTIERREZ**  
STAFF WRITER

Whether you're a fan of short films or completely new to them, "Asbury Shorts" is sure to please.

Known as New York City's longest-running short-film exhibition and touring show, "Asbury Shorts" is bringing its 37th annual Short Film Concert to The Garden Theatre at 160 W Plant St. The show kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

Director Doug LeClaire said the short-film exhibition is not a traditional film festival and described it more as an entertainment event.

"Our show is — without a doubt — a celebration of independent filmmaking in the short (film) world," LeClaire said. (Short films) never get theatrical (debuts). Unless your name is Pixar, you never get your short film in the theaters."

He added short films typically are featured in film festivals and said the mission of "Asbury Shorts" is to expose short films to an audience that does not normally participate in film festivals.

"We want to keep great, short films in theaters or public places for folks who don't regularly go to film festivals," LeClaire said. "People who rarely — or if ever — go to film festivals get a chance to see an overview of short filmmaking from the past 15 years to the present. ... On the other side, the filmmakers now have a non-film-festival audience who are real



Courtesy photo

Doug LeClaire hosted last year's annual flagship Asbury Shorts concert in Manhattan.

people — citizens of the world — who are going to really assess their work."

Although this is only the second year "Asbury Shorts" has included Winter Garden in its tour, LeClaire said he hopes to make the Garden Theatre an annual stop.

"We've done really well in Florida the last few years," LeClaire said. "Floridians love our show, and they really have this incredible respect for independent, short filmmakers. ... I hope we can turn (Winter Garden) into an annual (stop)."

LeClaire said each "Asbury Shorts" concert features about 10 to 12 short films that run an average of eight to 12 minutes each.

"The reason we call it a concert is (because) it's sort of like a music concert in that we'll have a set list (of short films)," LeClaire said. "A couple of times a year, my production team and I ... scour the (film) festival world to see who has won awards in different festivals across the country."

Films for each concert are chosen from those that have won awards at various film festivals. Each film falls under one of three genres: comedy, drama or animation, LeClaire said.

"We're giving the audience is an opportunity to sit and see ... an Oscar nominee, a Sundance winner, a Brindley Film Festival winner, a Tribeca audience choice — all in one night," he said. "We want to provide new audiences and new eyes for these filmmakers who've already had their festival run. ... We've always been this non-competitive, non-festival, short-film exhibition, and it seems to work really well for us."

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The couple is planning a wedding for March 16th, 2019 at Black Canyon Inn in Estes Park, Colorado.



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**Early Learning Coalition of Orange County's 'The First Five Years Gala'**



Orange County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Barbara Jenkins, District 4 School Board Member Pam Gould and District 7 School Board Member Christine Moore caught up with one another during the event.



Event honoree Linda Landman Gonzalez and ELCOC CEO Karen Willis.

**H**undreds headed to Walt Disney World Resort Saturday, June 9, for an evening of dining, networking and raising money for education.

The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County's eighth annual "First Five Years Gala" is its biggest fundraiser. In 2017, after a federal match, the organization raised \$2.2 million.

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Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings, Rosa Rodriguez and Miguel Diaz were all smiles.



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BLACK TIE

# Saving lives, saving families

The Camaraderie Foundation launched its \$2 million 'Saving Lives, Saving Families' campaign this month to be able to assist 1,000 veterans.

**DANIELLE HENDRIX**  
BLACK TIE EDITOR

The need is simple: Veterans and their families need access to private counseling and community support.

The Camaraderie Foundation aims to facilitate access to these services and encourages service members to seek help — without feeling judged or isolated by doing so. But the problem is not so simple: There are about 25,000 veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and similar struggles in the state alone — and the foundation can currently only support 300 of them.

That's why Neftali "Nef" Rodriguez, executive director of the foundation, created the "Saving Lives, Saving Families" campaign. The campaign is running throughout June in accordance with PTSD Awareness Month, and the goal is to raise \$2 million to reach 1,000 post-9/11 veterans and family members who need counseling, emotional and spiritual support.

"We are currently funded to serve 300 veterans; that's good and a great goal, because every year, we've steadily increased,"

he said. "If you look at the statistics, Central Florida has the highest density population of post-9/11 veterans. You have one-and-a-half million living in Florida, and out of that, 76,000 are post-9/11. One-third, or about 25,000, have some type of cognitive readjustment issue. Twenty-five thousand, and we can serve 300? There's a big dynamic there not being captured."

Rodriguez got involved with the foundation in March. A 33-year army veteran, he has seen the effects of PTSD firsthand with his son.

"I've experienced it as a family member," he said. "It's something that was near and dear to my heart. PTSD is a family issue too and doesn't affect just the veteran. ... A lot of the treatment methods involve drugs. They've got to tweak and adjust them, and while they're doing all that, they (veterans) still experience the PTSD, and some get aggravated with it."

At the foundation, 82 cents of every dollar goes directly to the veterans. The foundation also has a database of more than 280 counselors that assist veterans. There is no charge to veterans or families for services

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It costs about \$2,000 to survey and provide assistance to one veteran. With a goal of helping 1,000, the Camaraderie Foundation needs to raise \$2 million as part of its "Saving Lives, Saving Families" campaign. To learn more about the foundation and its campaign, or to donate or sponsor a veteran, visit [camaraderiefoundation.org/mission-mental-health](http://camaraderiefoundation.org/mission-mental-health).

provided, including family fun days, counseling, community support and mentor leadership.

Through it all, the goal is to get veterans and their families the emotional support they need and to let them know they're not alone, providing a sense of camaraderie.

"They've done so much for us already, and these guys are coming home trying to transition, and I understand, having gone through it myself," Rodriguez said. "We come back with a different mentality, and it's a different way of doing things, and it's difficult for us to fit back in and get people to understand. The thing I like is that I'll have veterans come up and say, 'Man, you saved my life.' I love hearing that, the 'You guys got me back on the straight and narrow (path)' testimonials. ... It's all about serving the veterans. ... I don't want to turn anyone away, and that's my mission."

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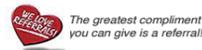


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Ocoee resident Diana Dorsey brought her copy of the *West Orange Times & Observer* to her hometown — Green Bay, Wisconsin — and of course, Lambeau Field and the statue of Vince Lombardi.



Colby and Brayden Choi, of Winter Garden, took their paper to the Cape May, New Jersey, lighthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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# SPORTS

Ross Doane recently graduated from Celebration High School but has been training at Winter Garden Fencing Academy for nine years. **Page 14.**



## HIGH 5

**1** Although it's early in the season, Winter Garden Squeeze's Luke Reidy has managed to find himself in the top three of the league in batting average. The Rollins College sophomore has racked up a .400 average through the first seven games — going 6-for-15 with 2 RBI. In the last two games alone he has gone 3-for-6 with one RBI.

**2** Following a two game sweep over Dr. Phillips, the Winter Garden Little League seniors took home the team championship in the Florida District 14 Senior League.



Steven Ryzewski

**3** With the Winter Garden Squeeze, Adams Torres has become the home-run leader early on this season — having picked up two homers on seven hits. He's also picked up a .304 batting average and three RBI.

**4** The Winter Garden Squeeze are putting on their summer baseball camps from June 25 to 29 and July 9 to 13. Each session will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, at Turn 2 Sports & Performance, 320 S. Tubb St. Oakland. For more information visit [fwlbaseball.sportngin.com/register/form/529348025](http://fwlbaseball.sportngin.com/register/form/529348025).

**5** Ocoee native Ryan Ashworth has been a go-to for the Winter Garden Squeeze on the mound, as through three games he has pitched a solid 1.74 ERA in 10.1 innings pitched. The right-hander also has picked up nine strikeouts to three batters walked while giving up seven hits.

## UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

Roberto Santasofia has big shoes to fill, having taken over as the new head coach of the West Orange High girls volleyball program.

**STEVEN RYZEWSKI**  
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

At this moment, there are dozens — if not hundreds — of job openings around the state for high-school head coaches.

Few, if any, are quite like the opening West Orange High just filled for its girls volleyball program.

That's because the Warriors are coming off a season during which they went 29-0 and won the program's first state championship.

Even before West Orange won its state title, former head coach Ross Usie already had been contemplating stepping aside to focus on starting a family with his wife, who he married the same weekend as the championship match. The Warriors' undefeated run put a bow on Usie's seven-year stint as head coach of the program — and created one of the most attractive job openings in the state.

In late May, Athletic Direc-

**SEE VOLLEYBALL PAGE 14**



Steven Ryzewski

In addition to his new role at West Orange High, Roberto Santasofia is a longtime coach for Orlando Tampa Volleyball Academy.

## Condensed schedule a good change for baseball playoffs

**O**n June 6, the FHSAA published a press release with the headline, "FHSAA condenses baseball state series schedule."

Sounds innocuous enough, right?

In reality, this is a seemingly small change that could have a profound effect on outcomes in the playoffs each spring — an effect that, for that matter, is for the best.

Last season, following the conclusion of district tournaments between April 30 and May 4, the regional playoffs for Classes 5A-9A were played on Tuesday, Tuesday and Tuesday — May 8 (regional quarterfinals), May 15 (regional semifinals) and May 22 (regional finals).

With state semifinals for those classifications beginning May 30, that equated to just three games in a little less than a



**STEVEN RYZEWSKI**

month.

Starting next spring, the schedule for those same classifications is as follows: regional quarterfinals on Wednesday, May 15; regional semifinals on Saturday, May 18; and regional finals on Wednesday, May 22.

That's three games in one week's time. In Classifications 1A-4A, where there are only two rounds of regional playoffs between

district tournaments and the state semifinals, the change will be from playing the regional semifinals on Wednesday and then the regional final on the following Tuesday to playing the semifinal on a Tuesday and the final on the Friday that same week.

All of which begs the question: Why is this a good thing?

As I see it, there are two big reasons, and both revolve around pitching.

Here's the truth about how the baseball playoffs operate when there is one game per week in the regional playoffs: Teams inevitably ride their best arm as far as that pitcher will take them.

**SEE SIDELINE PAGE 14**



SIDELINE SCENE

**SPORTS SPOTLIGHT**

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# Ross Doane

Recent Celebration High School graduate Ross Doane may live in Kissimmee, but he has been training at Winter Garden Fencing Academy for nine years. The 18-year-old recently placed fifth in the men's foil event at the division championships in Tampa. He will attend Ithaca College in the fall to study filmmaking and computer science.

## How did you get started with fencing?

When I was young, I was sort of forced to go to these Scottish games. At one, I think in Gainesville, they were showing fencing, and I saw it and was like, "This looks really cool and I'm going to try it out!" I was like 9, so I decided to try fencing out, came here and fell in love with it since.

## Why do you like the foil style?

When I first started, I didn't even know there were different styles, but the club here primarily teaches foil, and eventually you start branching off to the other two weapons. I love foil because of how much more movement and how much more complicated it was. In foil, there is always something happening. It's always intense, it feels faster and feels more like what you think sword fighting would be.



## THE BASICS

**Age:** 18  
**Alma Mater:** Celebration High  
**Hometown:** Kingsport, Tennessee  
**Training:** Winter Garden Fencing Academy  
**Fencing Style:** Foil  
**College:** Ithaca College

## Will you continue fencing after this summer?

Definitely. Ithaca has a pretty good club, and up in New York, it's sort of known as one of the strongest states for fencing, so it feels like a new chapter with what I want to do. I'm definitely going to stick with it, because I love it so much.

## Why did you choose Ithaca College?

It's a really good film school, and that's sort of what I want to do — that and computer science. I got a pretty good scholarship and financial aid package to go there. That and I also love Ithaca and upstate New York.

## Have you helped mentor younger students at the fencing academy?

Whoever has seniority is kind of like a pseudo coach, especially at tournaments, so we kind of take the role of coaching people on the side, and that's sort of what my job is. When I was little, there were kids who did that, and I always thought they were so good, and it's cool to think I'm at that position now, and it's cool to help out the next generation of fencers.

## Why are you interested in filmmaking?

Ever since I was little I really liked movies and that's what I would do when I didn't have homework or chores — watch movies.

## Universal or Disney?

Universal, mostly because it's got roller coasters and Harry Potter. I'm a huge Harry Potter nerd.

## What's your Harry Potter house?

Ravenclaw. I took (the quiz) three times and got Ravenclaw twice and Gryffindor once, but Gryffindor feels too mainstream.

— DANIELLE HENDRIX

# Volleyball

FROM PAGE 13

tor Jerry Shafer confirmed that opening had been filled by Roberto Santasofia, a longtime coach and recruiting coordinator for Orlando Tampa Volleyball Academy.

A veteran of Central Florida's ultra-competitive travel volleyball scene and a former college coach, Santasofia said last week that he understands that he will have big shoes to fill in Winter Garden.

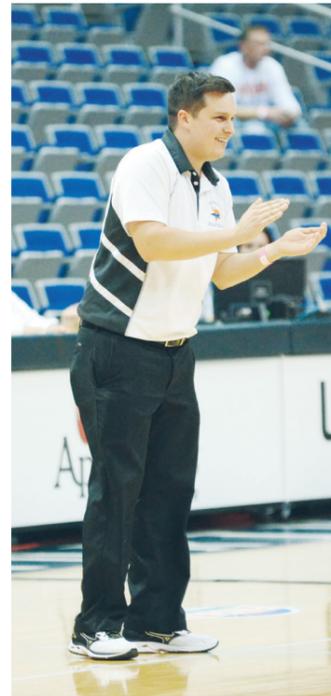
"To me, it's an honor, to step into a program that was very successful last year — I do have a lot of pressure, too, but I'm very excited," Santasofia said. "The previous coach was very successful. (Usie) left something very good here, and I'm just going to try and continue that."

Santasofia may be a newcomer to coaching at a high school, but he brings a wealth of experience on several levels. A native of Brazil, Santasofia began his professional volleyball career when he was 15 and signed to play libero for Papel Report Suzano — one of the country's top professional clubs.

After winning two national championships in Brazil as a player, Santasofia came to the United States and began coaching. For eight years he served as an assistant at Rollins College, where the Tars were ranked nationally four times. He also has been coaching for a decade at OTVA, where he has coached nationally competitive club teams and helped players go on to college careers at schools ranging from Princeton to Florida State to North Carolina.

*"When I was younger, I was not the tallest player on my team, but I had very good ball control. As long as you have ball control, you can still survive. Effort, hustle plays — those are huge things we are going to be working on."*

— Roberto Santasofia



Steven Ryzewski

Roberto Santasofia said he is excited to take the helm of West Orange's volleyball squad.

"What I'm trying to do is to share the experience that I have as a player to develop these kids and prepare these kids to go to college," Santasofia said. "I've been on the other side, too, as a college coach — I know what it takes for the kids to get to that level."

As a former libero, Santasofia said fans of the Warriors can expect to see a team that emphasizes ball control on the court.

"Kids that I coach — we try to develop a lot of ball control," Santasofia said. "When I was younger, I was not the tallest player on my team, but I had very good ball control. As long as you have ball control, you can still survive. Effort, hustle plays — those are huge things we are going to be working on."

Although the Warriors graduated a handful of talented seniors from last year's team, the roster also features several dynamic returning players, such as Taylor Head, Torey Baum and Kaeli Crews. Through his role at OTVA, Santasofia said he has coached and trained Head and Baum previously, and he is familiar with most of the team's other players.

He said he is up to the challenge of coaching such high-caliber players and helping them to play as a cohesive unit that hopefully will be a state-title contender once again in 2018.

"To me, it's always a challenge, and I think it's all about kids believing in what you do," Santasofia said. "You have to show these kids, the talent of players we have, that you have

# Sideline

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So, the first reason this is a good change is for safety. With a condensed schedule, pitch-count rules — and general good sense on the part of coaches — should lead to one pitcher not having to bear as much of the load for a team trying to make it to state.

The second has to do with what Florida wants its baseball playoffs to be — a competition between teams or a competition to see who has the best singular pitcher?

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only to be defeated twice in the final when Allen was not available after pitching in the state semifinal.

That is not meant as a knock on University or Allen. If you're playing once a week, why wouldn't you start your most talented pitcher in each round? Not to mention, Allen's teammates still had to score runs.

But the fact remains: A condensed playoff schedule rewards depth of pitching. And at the end of the day, when Florida is trying to crown its best teams as champions, that should surely be something it wants to reward.

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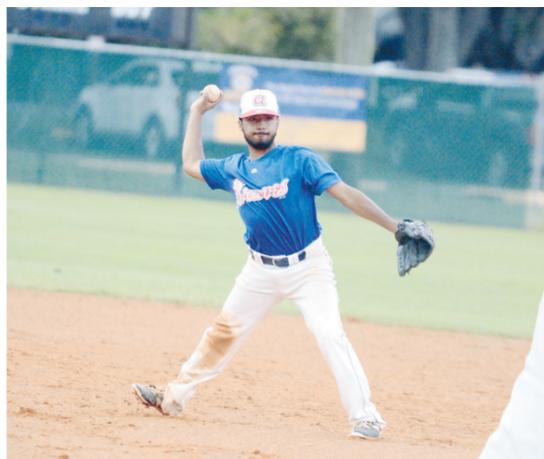
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# WGLL Seniors top DPLL Braves

The host Winter Garden Little League Seniors (ages 15 and 16) rallied from an early deficit and defeated the Dr. Phillips Little League Senior Braves May 29, 13-3, in the first game of the District 14 Top Team Best-of-Three.

One night later, at Dr. Phillips Little League, the boys from Winter Garden won a shootout, 13-8, to secure the Top Team Championship.

— STEVEN RYZEWSKI



Braves second baseman Justin Pinto made a throw to first for an out.



Above: Robbie Henselin homered for the Braves.



Left: Sahil Patel squared up a ball for the DPLL Braves May 29.



Left: Boston Whitman took a big cut for WGLL.

Daniel Waterhouse tagged out a baserunner at third.

Photos by Steven Ryzewski

GAME FILM

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 14

High: 90  
Low: 75  
Chance of rain: 20%



### FRIDAY, JUNE 15

High: 90  
Low: 75  
Chance of rain: 40%



### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

High: 90  
Low: 75  
Chance of rain: 40%



### SUNDAY, JUNE 17

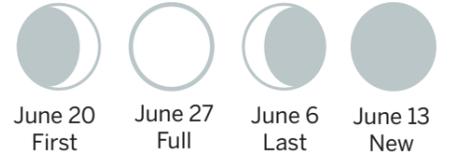
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Low: 74  
Chance of rain: 50%



## SUNRISE / SUNSET

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday, June 14	6:28a	8:25p
Friday, June 15	6:28a	8:25p
Saturday, June 16	6:28a	8:26p
Sunday, June 17	6:28a	8:26p
Monday, June 18	6:29a	8:26p
Tuesday, June 19	6:29a	8:26p
Wednesday, June 20	6:29a	8:27p

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Tuesday, June 5	0.00
Wednesday, June 6	0.21
Thursday, June 7	0.12
Friday, June 8	1.01
Saturday, June 9	0.00
Sunday, June 10	0.08
Monday, June 11	0.37

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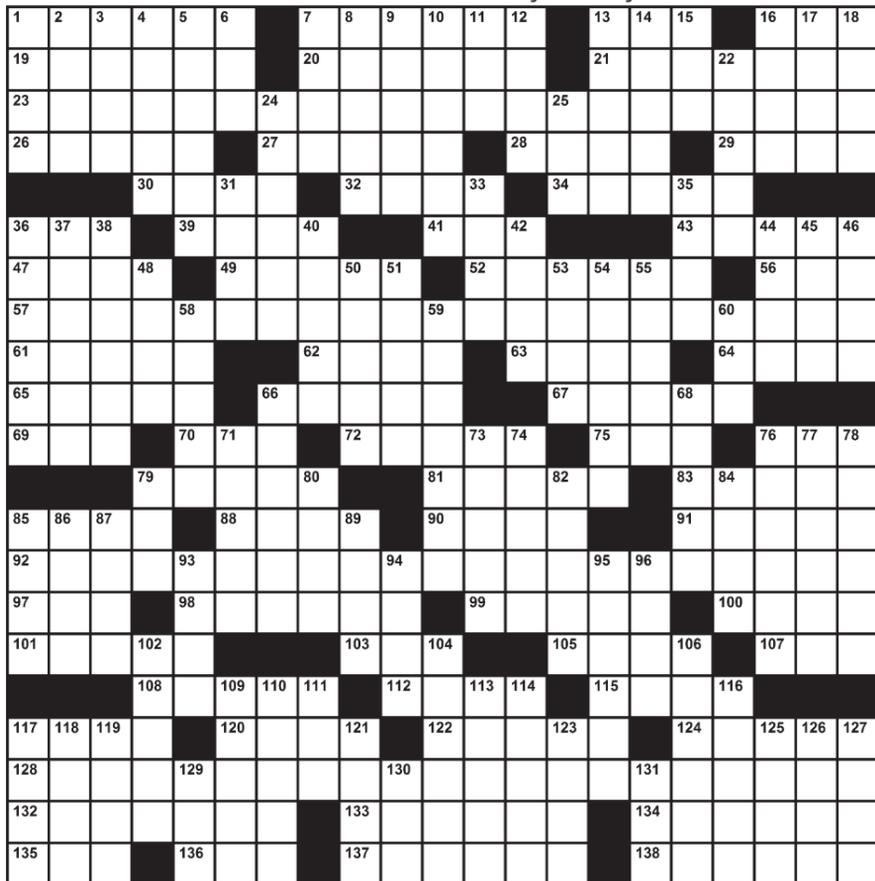
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### ACROSS

- 1 Big-time clipper
- 7 Musical Frederic
- 13 Word before beta
- 16 Paulo or Vicente place name
- 19 Kay Thompson's hotel kid
- 20 Morning love song
- 21 Rowboat feature
- 23 Four worldly things
- 26 Two-masted vessel
- 27 Twisty trunks
- 28 "Bunny" under the bed
- 29 "Gone With the Wind" manor
- 30 Lifesaver
- 32 Hungers
- 34 Attack from everywhere
- 36 Dr. Seuss character
- 39 Marriage indicator
- 41 Word with "real" or "a life"
- 43 Puts one's feet up
- 47 "Dear me!" alternative
- 49 Extermination job
- 52 Italian hotspot, briefly
- 56 "Not \_\_\_ shabby"
- 57 Three worldly things
- 61 Jung's feminine side
- 62 Bye-bye alternative
- 63 Hole in the face
- 64 Coated cote mamas
- 65 Exploratory mission, briefly
- 66 Suez, for one
- 67 Pelvic parts
- 69 Person provers
- 70 When-you're-getting-home letters
- 72 Shortens, as a snapshot
- 75 "Understand my point?"
- 76 Doctor's office sounds
- 79 Courage, figuratively
- 81 Daily consumption
- 83 Break a Commandment
- 85 Moving on an ocean liner
- 88 "Leave me alone!" for one
- 90 Airline departing Israel
- 91 Really, really like
- 92 Three worldly things
- 97 Real attachment?
- 98 Lock, stock and barrel
- 99 Delectable
- 100 Assign a score to
- 101 Feel in your spirit
- 103 "\_\_\_ be seeing you"
- 105 Eject, as lava
- 107 Word with Alamos
- 108 Airline seat features
- 112 Spreadsheet info
- 115 Quick, in an office
- 117 Appendectomy prover
- 120 Title of respect
- 122 Type of spray or cavity
- 124 Abalone production
- 128 Five worldly things
- 132 Consider almost seriously
- 133 Old home on the range
- 134 Run behind schedule
- 135 Creatures from way out
- 136 Took the bait
- 137 Stretch outward
- 138 Denim and other fabrics

- 51 Certain NFLer
- 53 "Dukes of Hazzard" spinoff
- 54 Render a crushing defeat
- 55 Brother's daughter, e.g.
- 58 Queen in India (var.)
- 59 Galileo's surname
- 60 Commonly brewed beverage
- 66 Where to find a new auto
- 68 Short summary
- 71 Easy golf shot
- 73 Like some orange juice
- 74 Glitch
- 76 Open admission
- 77 "From \_\_\_ Eternity"
- 78 Cordwood units
- 79 Passenger on the ark
- 80 \_\_\_'clock (22nd hour)
- 82 Bucks or smacklers
- 84 Ammonia feature
- 85 Works in a film
- 86 Baccarat box
- 87 Be on the payroll
- 89 \_\_\_ spumante (Italian wine)
- 93 Boardwalk structure
- 94 Half nelson, for one
- 95 Lion's prey, sometimes
- 96 Some loaves
- 102 Backbreaker of a proverb
- 104 Surgical cutter
- 106 Pistonless engine name
- 109 Noted Cremona artisan
- 110 Boat? Bigger.
- 111 Word with band or circular
- 113 Gray-brown shade
- 114 Colorado city
- 116 Mr. Picasso
- 117 Stuff with cake, e.g.
- 118 Become obstructed, as blood
- 119 Irving and Tan
- 121 "G'day" receiver
- 123 Having already hit the hay
- 125 Blazer, e.g.
- 126 IRA's first name?
- 127 \_\_\_ out a living
- 129 Bill in the air
- 130 Oscar winner Harrison
- 131 Leno's old employer

## 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.

**"Z VRENOR ZDDC VRENYPR Z KNH N**

**PNHZPUZE VBPP NU N WREBWH**

**PUBWR... KR'H PNC, 'ZDDC, DRU OR**

**N EBLLRR, FZDKU!"**

- ZDDC ABA

*Puzzle One Clue: Equals L*

**"H CBTRP RHZX FB RHM X**

**EBWXMWX HL JXBJRX'U DXYWFU**

**YLP GHLPU; FDYF CBTRP NX ETL.**

**H'RR RXYMX FDX CBWRP GK YWF"**

- UTVH ATYFWB

*Puzzle Two Clue: V equals Z*

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## SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

			5		1	3		
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	9		1					3
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5			2					9
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- Iggy Pop

**Puzzle Two Solution:**  
"I would like to live forever in people's hearts and minds; that would be fun. I'll leave the world my art."  
- Suzi Quatro

## This week's Sudoku answers

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

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## This week's Crossword answers

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HERO	YENS	BESET	
SAM	RING	GET	RESTS
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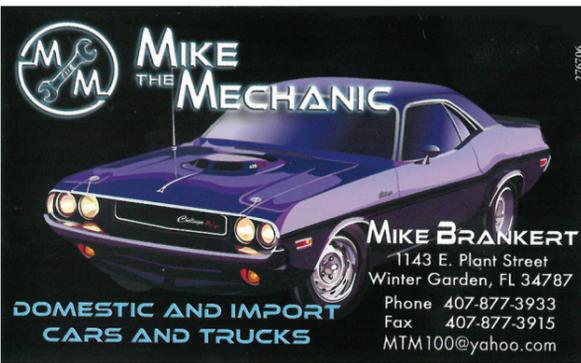


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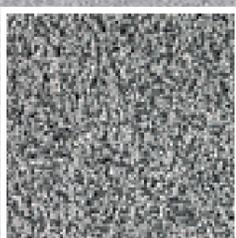
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