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Little League, big dreams

Ocoee, Windermere and Winter Garden All-Stars take the field. **SEE PAGE 13.**

Police: Money argument led to shooting in Summerport

Wueizman Saul Leal is accused of killing his mother.

GABBY BAQUERO AND ERIC GUTIERREZ

On the morning of Friday, June 22, Wueizman Saul Leal's step-father, Nicholas Petrone, saw Leal holding a black handgun. He urged him to go to a shooting range to release his anger. According to Orange Coun-

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READY TO ROCK



Courtesy of Timothy Smith

Jack Brown, Andrew Parker, Dillon Smith and Matthew Brown perform as the band The High Ground.

West Orange-based band The High Ground is only a year old, but it's quickly gaining traction in the local music scene and will play Vans Warped Tour Aug. 3. **SEE PAGE 4.**

YOUR TOWN

JOIN A WINTER GARDEN TRADITION



You don't have to wait until nightfall to celebrate July 4. Winter Garden will host its All-American Kids Parade & Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, at the Winter Garden Masonic Lodge, 230 W. Bay St., Winter Garden.

The parade through downtown begins at 10 a.m.; lineup starts at 9:45. The morning also will include entertainment, activities and children's identification opportunities. The breakfast is free for children. Sponsored by the Masonic Lodge, Winter Garden Heritage Foundation and Winter Garden downtown merchants. For more, call (407) 656-3244.

Citizens, Ocoee Police respond to crash after car flips into water

Police and witnesses worked together to free the driver of the car, which landed in the water along West Colonial Drive near Blackwood Avenue.

DANIELLE HENDRIX
BLACK TIE EDITOR

A man was hospitalized following a single-vehicle crash on West Colonial Drive in Ocoee that flipped his car and sent it into the water.

Ocoee police responded to the crash around 12:40 p.m. Saturday, June 23. It occurred on the west-bound side of the road at the bridge between Blackwood Avenue and Bluford Avenue.

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ARTS & CULTURE

TAKING THE INITIATIVE

Victoria Salisbury, 12, is selling handmade lanyards to pay her way to New York. **SEE 9.**

YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 28
SUMMER MOVIE SERIES:
'FATAL ATTRACTION'
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Garden Theatre, 160 W. Plant St., Winter Garden. Enjoy a summer tradition with classic favorites. Tickets are \$8. Gardentheatre.org/movies.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30
CRAFT CLUB FOR ADULTS:
PAPER BEAD JEWELRY
 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the West Oaks Library, 1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee. Make beautiful hand-crafted jewelry using paper beads. Supplies will be provided. Ages 18 and over. (407) 835-7323.

SUNDAY, JULY 1
'MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL'
SING-ALONG & TRIVIA
 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at the Garden Theatre, 160 W. Plant St., Winter Garden. The theater is getting silly for this Summer Movie Series showing of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," complete with trivia and a sing-along. Note: Shrubberies are not required for admission to this event. Tickets are \$8 and available at gardentheatre.secure.force.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 3
COOKIES & MILK WITH A COP
 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, at the West Oaks Library, 1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee. West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee. Children can meet local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk. This series is a great chance to interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. Sponsored by the Ocoee Police Department. (407) 835-7323.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
15TH ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN KIDS PARADE & BREAKFAST
 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, at the Winter Garden Masonic Lodge, 230 W. Bay St., Winter Garden. Parade through downtown begins at 10 a.m.; lineup starts at 9:45. The morning includes entertainment, activities and children's identification opportunities. Breakfast is free for children. Sponsored by the Masonic Lodge, Winter Garden Heritage Foundation and Winter Garden downtown merchants. (407) 656-3244.

WINDERMERE FOURTH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, at Windermere Town Hall, 520 Main St, Windermere. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets will be available at the breakfast.

WINTER GARDEN JULY 4 PARTY IN THE PARK
 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, at Newton Park, 29 W. Garden Ave., Winter Garden. Fireworks start at 9:15 p.m. Attendees can take a chair or blanket for this annual tradition, which will include live music, family activities and food. Parking is available at Health Central Park and Dillard Street Elementary. In case of a potential rainout, call the rainout hotline at (407) 877-5432.

THURSDAY, JULY 5
PLANT CLINIC
 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at the Winter Garden Library, 805 E. Plant St. Take your plants, get your soil pH tested and ask questions. Master Gardener volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer gardening questions and assess any plant issues. (407) 835-7323.

TEEN SERIES:
CUSTOM GUITAR PICKS
 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 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.

SATURDAY, JULY 7
RED, WHITE & BLUE ON THE PLAZA
 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 7, at the Centennial Plaza, 101 W. Plant St., downtown Winter Garden. Listen to live music featuring Mud Rooster, a local blues trio. Free event. (407) 656-4111 or cwgd.com.

TEEN SERIES: CHALK ROCKS
 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 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.

TEEN SERIES:
COMIC BOOKS ROCK!
 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 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.

SUNDAY, JULY 8
CAMP OCLS
 2 p.m. Sunday, July 8, at the West Oaks Library, 1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee. Children ages 6 to 12 can enjoy good time with outdoor inspired games, interactive stories and camp songs. (407) 835-7323.

MONDAY, JULY 9
CENTRAL FLORIDA RAILWAY MEETING
 7 p.m. Monday, July 9, at the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden. Noted Florida videographer Danny Harmon, of Tampa, will present "Preparing for a Train-Watching Outing" at this Central Florida Railway Historical Society meeting. Event is free. (407) 656-0559.

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Campers cool off at Roper Y pool

The sun was bright and the heat was on, but campers at the Roper YMCA cooled off with a swim Monday, June 18.

Camp counselors and lifeguards kept an eye on the crew as they performed cannonballs, showed off their swimming skills and socialized with friends in the pool. All campers were required to pass a basic swimming test before being allowed to swim on their own.

— DANIELLE HENDRIX



Deliana Windom and Makayla Mitchell hung out at the edge of the pool.



Ila Moss, Sophia Torres and Madeline Jylha made silly faces.

Left: Addison Lynn was all smiles with her best camp friend, Jamaine Harvin.

ONLINE

See more photos at OrangeObserver.com

Orange County Public Schools seeks millage renewal

The special millage, a one-mill special ad valorem property tax levied on property owners, provides the district with funding for arts and athletic education.

GABBY BAQUERO
NEWS EDITOR

Orange County voters will have the opportunity to vote on a renewal of the special millage dedicated to Orange County Public Schools on the Aug. 28 election.

One of the questions on the ballot regards the one-mill special ad valorem property tax that property owners currently pay on their tax bills.

The tax, which generated \$116,368,388 during the 2016-17 school year, is added to the OCPS budget and earmarked for myriad programs. The programs mostly include arts and athletics education, but the money also helps fund teacher retention programs, helps pay for social workers who aid at-risk students and pays for some college and career counselors, said OCPS Chief Communications Officer Scott Howat.

The special millage, which remains in effect for four years, was first passed in 2010 by 58% of Orange County's voters and then

approved for renewal in 2014 by 76%, Howat said.

Howat said school district officials are grateful of Orange County residents' generosity. He also emphasized that, because of inadequate funding from the state and federal government and minimal year-by-year increases in per-student funding, the money is desperately needed to support the country's ninth largest school district.

OCPS currently has an estimated 209,560 enrolled students and 24,629 employees — 14,213 of which are teachers.

"State revenue makes up about 51.6%; local revenue makes up about 40.2% of our funding; the federal government makes up (0.6%) of our funding," Howat said. "And then the special millage — the one mill — makes up about 7.6% of our funding. So it's small compared to what the state provides, but it's still critical."

Howat said the 7.6% is critical because per-student funding from the state is below what it should be, if adjusted for inflation.

TAX CALCULATIONS

According to the Orange County Property Appraiser's office, the median home value in Orange County is \$160,000. Assuming a \$25,000 homestead exemption for Florida homeowners who use their home as a primary residence, the average homeowner pays \$135 per year, or \$11.25 per month, to help fund the school district. To calculate how much you would pay toward the district's one-mill property tax for your property in a year, divide its total taxable value by 1,000.

"The difference in the per-student funding between July of 2007 and July of 2018 is \$32.75, over 11 years," Howat said. "That means that we've increased on average less than \$3 per student from the state. And ... if the (state) would have funded, just based on whatever the Consumer Price Index increase was, we would be \$1,400 over where we are today, as of July of 2018."

Howat said the per-student funding increase the district received this year was \$110 but added the vast majority of the total already was designated toward specific programs, including more school-safety officers and mental-health counselors.

After those programs, the district received a 47-cent increase in per-student funding for discretionary expenses, he said.

"So our concern is, with this small of an increase and with us continuing to try to find more efficiencies in our budget and trying to squeeze things up so we can give raises to teachers and do other things. ... How do we continue to maintain the momentum?" he said.

If the referendum does not pass this year, OCPS anticipates a 2019 budget reduction of about \$143 million, Howat said. The school approved to add the referendum to the ballot on April 10, and the Orange County Board of County Commissioners approved the resolution during its May 22 meeting.

The decision is now left up to Orange County voters, who may vote on the special millage Aug. 28. Early voting will be from Aug. 17 to 26.

BALLOT QUESTION

The question on the ballot, titled "The School Board of Orange County, Florida, Ad Valorem Millage Election," will read as follows:

"Shall the School Board of Orange County, Florida renew the current one (1) mill ad valorem millage for essential operating expenses in order to preserve academic programs, retain highly qualified teachers, and protect arts, athletics and student activities beginning July 1, 2019, and ending four (4) fiscal years later on June 30, 2023, with annual reporting to ensure proper fiscal stewardship of these funds to the citizens of Orange County?"

HELPFUL LINKS

To learn more about the One Mill referendum, visit youdecide.ocps.net. To read about how the school district spent the \$116 million added to the 2016-17 OCPS budget via the one-mill tax, visit bit.ly/2JxZrWx.



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Higher ground

DANIELLE HENDRIX
BLACK TIE EDITOR

West Orange High student Andrew Parker, a member of local band The High Ground, was lying on his couch watching “The Office” when his phone pinged.

It was a text from his friend and bandmate, Jack Brown: “Yo, we got Warped Tour!”

RIISING IN THE RANKS

For many pop-punk and rock bands in the last 20 years, playing the annual Vans Warped Tour has been a dream — an accomplishment or a pinnacle of success.

Thousands of bands apply to play the largest traveling music festival in the country each year, but only a handful are invited to play among the “big names” such as All Time Low, Mayday Parade and A Day To Remember.

So for a local band that has been together for less than a year, being invited to play Warped Tour when it stops in Orlando — especially in what will be its final, full cross-country run since its inception in 1995 — is quite the accomplishment.

The High Ground consists of lead vocalist Andrew Parker, lead guitarist Jack Brown, bassist Matthew Brown and drummer Dillon Smith.

Jack Brown, 20, is a 2016 West Orange High graduate and rising junior at Florida State University. His 18-year-old brother, Matthew, is a rising senior at Windermere High. Smith, 18, is a recent graduate of The First Academy and now studies at the University of North Florida. Parker, 17, will be entering his senior year at West Orange.

The band formed in July 2017 but already has played gigs in DeLand, Winter Garden, Orlando, Daytona and more. Most recently, the members were invited to play the Florida Music Festival in downtown Orlando, which led to the opportunity to play Warped Tour.

“Warped Tour has always been a dream for us, because all our favorite bands play,” Jack said. “We’ve all gone as fans, so we knew we wanted to play. This website, ReverbNa-



Courtesy of Timothy Smith

THE HIGH GROUND

Catch The High Ground at one of two upcoming shows:
 ■ 6 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at HENAO Center, 5601 Edgewater Drive, Orlando
 ■ TBA Friday, Aug. 3, at the Full Sail University stage at Vans Warped Tour, Tinker Field, 287 S. Tampa Ave., Orlando

ONLINE

You can also stream or buy the band’s debut EP, “Concrete,” through your favorite music service by visiting fanlink.to/TheHighGround.

WEBSITE: thgband.com

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tion, had a submission for Warped Tour and Florida Music Festival. We ended up getting Florida Music Festival, which opened the door. We ended up talking to Lou, the founder of ReverbNation, and he was a fan of what we were doing.

“It was a little surreal for us but he followed through (helping us get Warped Tour),” Jack said. “Warped Tour is so great because there’s so many different scenes — emo, pop punk, heavy metal — and it’s a lot of fun.”

THE EARLY DAYS

Parker and Matthew Brown have been friends since elementary school and always played music together, but it wasn’t until last summer that they had the idea of

forming a band.

“We wanted to be in a band and everything, and obviously Matthew’s older brother Jack played guitar, and we had this plan to form a band last summer,” Parker said. “We got Jack in on it, but we didn’t have a drummer.”

As massive “Star Wars” fans, their band name is a nod to a scene in “Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith.” In the scene, the master yells to his apprentice, “It’s over, I have the high ground!”

Jack Brown said The High Ground was a three-piece for a time, bringing in Dr. Phillips native Chris Kamrada as the studio drummer for the band’s first EP, “Concrete.” But after releasing the EP, they knew they needed their own drummer.

“We knew we needed a fourth member to be in and help us with songwriting and bring creative energy to the table,” Jack said. “Andrew and Dillon met playing together at church, and (Andrew) brought him over to jam with us. Right there, we knew he was going to drum for us. It was love at first sight.”

The members describe their sound as a big blend of genres, among them pop-punk, metal, hard rock and post hardcore. They grew up playing and listening to the likes of Metallica, Iron Maiden and Black Sabbath, as well as pop-punk bands.

“It’s a style of music I love playing and listening to, and being in a band is kind of a longtime dream,” Smith said.

The “Concrete” EP began when Matthew and Parker brought the song “Two Face” to Jack. That was the first they ever began working on as a band. Jack described “No Takers” as a pivotal song for the

band, since it was the first time each member could be heard doing his own thing.

They record at DreamWalker Studios in Gotha under producer Mike Walker, a longtime mentor and guitar teacher for the band.

“The first songs we wrote for our Concrete EP, we were really just kids playing rock ‘n’ roll,” Jack said. “We just wanted to write good songs and stuff. We’ve kind of gelled together now a little more and fused and matured as songwriters.”

Parker is one of the main lyricists, typically coming to the group with an idea and a few chords and words. They build off that and bring their own ideas, where changes might be made here and there based off of creative input.

WHAT’S NEXT

Currently, the band is in the studio working on a new song, “When It Rains,” to release later this summer as promotion for Warped Tour.

The bandmates enjoy performing live and songwriting but hope to put their heads down toward the end of the year to focus on recording new material.

But the best part of it all is simple: They get to create and play music with their best friends.

“We’re still a local act, but being able to play music and collaborate with three other guys who love music as much as you do is a dream come true,” Jack said. “I couldn’t think of a better time than hanging out with my three best friends doing what I love. It’s become very much a brotherhood.”

“To everyone who has listened to our music, thank you,” Parker said. “There’s no point in making music unless someone listens to it.”

Ocoee approves ordinances for East Crown Point PUD

City commissioners authorized the annexation, rezoning and land-use plan proposed for 2.4 acres of property at 901 E. Crown Point Road.

GABBY BAQUERO
NEWS EDITOR

Ocoee leaders gave the OK for a proposal pertaining to a Planned Unit Development at 901 E. Crown Point Road during the June 19 commission meeting.

The 2.4-acre property, which currently contains a plant nursery and manufactured home, is located on the east side of East Crown Point Road, north of the Crown Point Cross Road and East Crown Point Road intersection.

According to city documents, the site is presently zoned Orange County Agriculture (A-1) with a future land use designation of low-

density residential. The developer requested to annex the property into the City of Ocoee with a zoning classification of Planned Unit Development and a future land-use designation of light industrial.

The proposed project is for a 28,000-square-foot warehouse/office development consisting of 12 units spanning 2,403 square feet each.

The development will have a parking lot with 91 spaces and access will be via a driveway on East Crown Point Road. Onsite stormwater will be supported by a dry retention pond on the property.

IN OTHER NEWS

■ Commissioners authorized payments for the headliners of the upcoming 2018 Founder’s Day Festival in November. The city agreed to pay \$125,000 each to Jake Owen and Big & Rich. Additional entertainers include Scotty McCreery, Easton Corbin, Drake White and Runaway June.

■ City commissioners granted the Ocoee Police Department permission to use \$4,527 to purchase additional active-shooter response kits using leftover funds from a previous budget approval. The department previously purchased 39 shooter kits at a cost of \$11,000. Active-shooter kits generally

come with tactical equipment that allows officers to quickly don protective gear against high-powered rifles.

■ The commission also approved the second reading of an ordinance that established the Ocoee Brownfield site — a geographical area the city identified for economic redevelopment. Any property owners located within the area may request to opt out at any time.

■ City leaders approved two appointments to the city’s boards. Ben Gillis was appointed to the Citizen Advisory Council for the fire department, and Masood Mirza to the Code Enforcement Board for three-year terms.

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Friedrich Hayek
“Road to Serfdom,” 1944

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Visual and Performing Arts magnet coming to Maxey Elementary

The program will begin during the 2020-2021 school year.

ERIC GUTIERREZ
STAFF WRITER

Maxey Elementary School will be the home of a new visual-and-performing-arts magnet program in the near future.

The new magnet program begins during the 2020-2021 school year. Students will have the opportunity to take classes on art, music, dance and instructional technology, according to Orange County Public Schools spokesperson Lorena Arias.

Maxey Elementary Principal Carletta Davis-Wilson said the program will give her students a unique learning environment.

"We are so excited," she said. "Maxey (Elementary) being chosen for this magnet is such a great opportunity for the students and the community.

"We have teachers that have industry-level experience," Davis-Wilson said. "A lot of students are performing in arts, but they just want to be able to do more of it. And I think this (magnet) will definitely allow the opportunity for them to do so."

District 7 School Board member Christine Moore spearheaded the effort to establish the arts magnet at Maxey.

"I was kind of the inspiration for the program," Moore said. "It was clear that that school had been under-enrolled for years, and we needed to come up with something to attract students."

She added Maxey seemed to be a good fit for the program because of the active art community in Winter Garden and because the school already offers an arts academy.

Davis-Wilson said although the program only has been announced recently, support for the program from the community already is strong.

"We've had several parents stop by, (and) we've had people from

the community call and ask what could they donate and where do we need help," Davis-Wilson said. "One of the things we've done is connect with the Winter Garden community. For example, the Garden Theatre, they are going to be one of our partners. And we'll increase awareness of their program, but then they'll strengthen us by providing (a) partnership that would help improve our students' skills in the arts and theater. It will also, hopefully, be a way for families to support the Garden Theatre."

The magnet program will be limited to 65 students for the whole school. However, that number could change if the school has enough room to offer more students a seat in the program, Davis-Wilson said.

"We want to make sure that we're offering a quality program," she said.

If there are more applicants than seats available in the program, a computer-generated lottery will be used to select students. Students not selected in the lottery will be randomly assigned a number and be placed on a waitlist, according to the OCPS magnet programs website.

Applications for the visual and performing arts magnet at Maxey Elementary will open the school year prior to the magnet's opening.

For more information visit, schoolchoice.ocps.net. Anyone with questions can call (407) 317-3484 or email the OCPS School Choice Magnet Team at magnet-office@ocps.net.

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— Principal Carletta Davis-Wilson

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Dramatic rescue in Ocoee



Danielle Hendrix

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According to police, the driver appeared to have suffered from a medical issue and lost control of the vehicle. The car left the roadway, flipped and landed upside down in the water.

Some witnesses sprung into action, getting into the water and righting the car. They brought the driver to shore, where several off-duty nurses began CPR and provided medical attention, police said.

Lavar and Nichole Eason were driving eastbound on West Colonial Drive when they said they saw the car go airborne. Nichole called 911 around 12:39 p.m.

"We were heading eastbound, and I just happened to look over and I see a Ford Taurus is flying in the air over this bridge here and into the water," Lavar said.

Jose Chavez, a contractor performing remodel work on the Chick-fil-A across the street, and five of his coworkers were among the people who jumped in the water.

"We were working here and took a lunch for a little bit but we saw when the car (crashed) and went

"We had to see if he had (lived) or not, so we took him out. We weren't thinking about anything. We were only thinking about trying to help somebody survive, you know. We've never done something like that. We tried to do a good job, that's it."

— Jose Chavez, Good Samaritan

straight into the lake," Chavez said. "We saw it and we started running that way and jumped in the water and took the guy from there. Nobody was stopping in the traffic, so we had to run in the traffic."

Lavar said he watched Chavez and his friends run across the road to assist.

"They're the ones that ran across traffic — traffic didn't want to stop, because it was over with," Lavar said. "Cars just kept going and weren't able to see what happened. They ran across this busy highway and jumped in there and flipped the car over."

Chavez said they helped flip the car over as someone helped cut the seat belt. Ocoee police officers entered the water to search the car and surrounding water for additional victims.

Chavez added he and his coworkers drove from Tampa Friday, June 22, to help with the remodel and were supposed to leave last night.

"I heard some people say on the top of the bridge 'Hey, let it go, let it go, he died already,' and I said, 'No, heck no,'" Chavez said. "We had to see if he had (lived) or not, so we took him out. We weren't thinking about anything. We were only thinking about trying to help somebody survive, you know. We've never done something like that. We tried to do a good job, that's it."

Ocoee police said the driver's condition is undetermined, but they warmly thank all citizens involved for their involvement and sense of civic and humanitarian duty.



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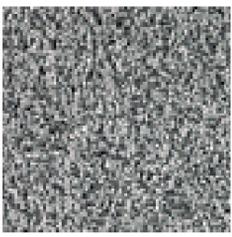


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Local mother searches for school-safety answers

A Winter Garden mother of five invited a glass-door company to demonstrate the importance of better safety measures in schools.

AMY QUESINBERRY
COMMUNITY EDITOR

With five children attending four different schools next year, Stacie Archer — like every other parent in West Orange and throughout the nation — has reason to be concerned about the threat of gun violence in schools.

The Winter Garden mother said she has created her own role as a “mom advocate” for making schools safer.

“My concern for my kids drives me to do this,” Archer said. “I have petitioned the School Board to take three simple, affordable suggestions and apply them to every school in (Orange County Public Schools). Each of the three suggestions gives the police the five-to seven-minute response time they need to take down a shooter while the kids are safely protected in their classrooms.”

Archer’s three suggestions include replacing the glass windows in every classroom door with bullet-resistant glass, which would prevent a shooter from entering a classroom; defining a safety zone in each classroom with a taped line so children know the safest place to take cover until police arrive; and equipping each classroom with a GPS beacon that interacts with a panic button on the teachers’ lanyard to inform police of the exact location of the emergency, which may make the whereabouts of the shooter clear and encourage faster police response times.

A bullet-resistant glass window in a wooden classroom door costs about \$50, a GPS panic system costs \$40,000 per school and a designated “safe zone” in classrooms costs the price of a roll of red duct tape, Archer said.

“To put it into perspective, we could cover these one-time



Amy Quesinberry

Matt Jacobsohn, of School Guard Glass, explained the safety glass his company offers.

expenses in every school for the salary of one annual SRO (school resource officer) salary,” she said.

Archer reached out to School Guard Glass, the company that replaced all the ground-level glass at Sandy Hook Elementary, in Newtown, Connecticut, following the 2012 shooting that left 20 children and six adults dead.

She arranged a school-hardening presentation, and earlier this month, Matt Jacobsohn, senior national accounts manager, spoke to a group in Winter Garden.

David Buckles, president of Foundation Academy, agreed to provide space on the South Campus for the demonstration after he was contacted by Florida State Rep. Bobby Olszewski. However, Buckles said, the school has no plans to contract with School Guard Glass at this time.

One of the guest speakers during the presentation was Andrew Pollack, who became a school safety activist after his 18-year-old daughter, Meadow, was killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, shooting Feb. 14 that killed 14 students and three adults.

Speaking via Skype, Pollack said he has been working to promote safety in Florida and believes metal detectors are the answer.

“It’s most important to stop someone before they get inside,” he said.

After Pollack spoke, Jacobsohn directed everyone outside for a demonstration of the bullet-resistant glass his company offers. He took a baseball bat, hammer and sledgehammer to doors with various glass products. The School Guard Glass shattered, but he was unable to break through.

Several politicians attended the discussion, including Olszewski.

“There is not just one answer when it comes to school hardening,” he said. “We have to look at every facet of school safety.”

Olszewski said he voted in favor of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas School Safety Act, which provided almost \$100 million for school hardening, as well as \$400 million in funding for mental health services.

“It is essential that we take critical steps to secure and harden our schools to keep our children, teachers and staff safe,” Olszewski said.

Pollack praised Archer for her new role as mom advocate.

“I’d like to tell everyone it starts with small meetings like this and it grows, and that’s how you make a difference,” Pollack said.

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Argument led to shooting

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ty Sheriff's Office detectives, 12 hours later, Leal, 41, shot and killed his mother, Tania Perez Creek, 59, in a home in the 14200 block of Bridgewater Crossings Boulevard in the Summerport community.

The uncharacteristic violence rocked the typically safe Horizon West community. The night of the shooting, neighbors watched as officers roped off and investigated the scene.

After the shooting, someone left a bouquet of flowers at the front door of the home.

Andrew Flores, who lives two houses down from the residence, came home from work the night of the incident to a heavy police presence near his home and police markers and police tape lining his street.

"My heart sank immediately, because I'd never seen anything like that," Flores said. "I asked an officer what happened. He said there was an incident. He didn't specify, but then later I found out there was a murder that happened. ... I'm shocked that it happened here in an area like this, but it can happen anywhere."

Pam Soderberg lives out of state but is currently visiting her son - who lives next to the residence - for the summer. She said she remembers Creek as the friendliest of the three but also said the family kept to themselves.

"We were shocked," Soderberg said. "They never seemed to bother anybody. ... (My son) never had any conflict (with them). ...

They never caused trouble."

Leal was arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

TIMELINE OF A TRAGEDY

At 8:47 p.m., Creek called 911 and stated, "My son is getting crazy over here," according to an arrest report.

Deputies were dispatched to the residence. Upon arrival, a deputy noticed the home's front door was open and saw Leal slam it shut.

About five to 10 seconds later, as responding deputies approached the home, deputies heard the sound of a woman screaming followed by gunshots, according to the report.

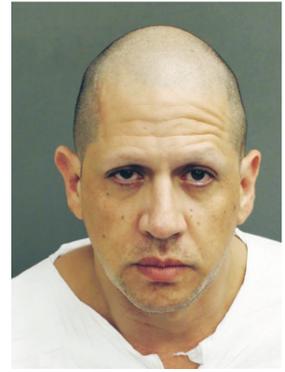
Deputies secured the perimeter of the home and spoke with Petrone, who told deputies his stepson shot Creek and was still inside the home.

Deputies caught Leal trying to exit from a back door of the residence.

Inside the home, deputies discovered Creek with multiple gunshot wounds and administered life-saving measures until Orange County Fire Rescue arrived. She was taken to Florida Hospital Winter Garden, where she later died.

According to the police report, Petrone told the homicide investigator he was about to leave to go to work at 9 a.m. that morning. Before he exited the home, he noticed Leal holding a black handgun and advised him to go to a gun range to release his energy.

Once Petrone got off work at about 7 p.m., he ate dinner at



Wueizman Saul Leal was arrested June 22.

a restaurant with Creek. When they arrived home, Creek got into a conversation with Leal over money and Leal finding a job. The conversation escalated into an argument.

Petrone told investigators he then saw Leal pacing around the home with a handgun, waving it around in the air in fury. Petrone said he made an effort to calm Leal down.

Petrone then heard the sound of a door being kicked in, followed by gunshots. When he walked into the bedroom, he saw Creek with gunshot wounds and tried to call 911 but was confronted by Leal, who threatened his life. Petrone then fled the residence via the back door, where he met with responding deputies.

It was not unusual for Creek and Leal to have heated arguments. However, this was the first time an argument evolved into violence, Petrone told investigators.



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Victoria Salisbury, a 12-year-old Winter Garden resident, sews and sells lanyards to help pay for her tuition at the Broadway Artist Alliance.

Danielle Hendrix

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Victoria's lanyards can be bought at the Winter Garden Collective, 505 S. Dillard St., Winter Garden. She suggests picking one up there, so customers can see the lanyards in person before they buy. They cost \$10 each.

Lanyards can also be purchased through her Facebook page, "Sew Much Love for Broadway."

Winter Garden resident Victoria Salisbury, 12, has been sewing and selling lanyards to pay her way toward training with Broadway professionals in New York.

DANIELLE HENDRIX
BLACK TIE EDITOR

Two years ago, Victoria Salisbury and her siblings were busy sewing and distributing felt hearts to people in the community in the wake of the Pulse nightclub shooting.

The young Winter Garden resident, now 12 and a rising seventh-grader, has tapped back into her sewing skills two years later for a different purpose: To help fund a trip to Broadway the week of July 8.

SEE BIG PAGE 10

'Sew' much love for Broadway



Big Apple opportunity

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"I was accepted into a program called the Broadway Artist Alliance to go to New York for a week and take classes taught by Broadway stars," Victoria said. "You get to learn more about the arts — acting, singing and dancing."

The program has attendees "major" in one arts concentration such as dance or voice. Getting to train with Broadway professionals is a once-in-a-lifetime type of experience for Victoria, but it doesn't come without costs — airfare, hotel and program tuition.

She was well aware of the costs but set out on a mission to pay for her tuition on her own. That's when she came up with the idea of putting her sewing skills to use by creating and selling lanyards.

BROADWAY BACKSTORY

Victoria auditioned with her friend for the program in March, which required her to learn and perform a dance combination as well as sing and do a monologue. About six weeks later, she learned she — along with her friend — was accepted.

"It was really fun overall, and I felt good about it when I was done with it," she said. "They sent me an offer for dance and voice, so I had to choose which one would be my major. ... I was really happy."

With some help from friends who have more experience in the theater community, Victoria decided to major in voice.

Victoria's passion for the arts has been evident since she was

small, her mother, Amanda Salisbury, said. She began dancing at 2 years old — mainly ballet, tap and jazz — and performed for the first time in "Oliver" at the Garden Theatre as a kindergartner.

"When we first went (to audition), we just went for the experience and didn't have an expectation of getting an offer to go," Amanda said. "We're really excited for her to go to New York and train with professionals on Broadway."

Victoria had wide eyes and a bright smile on her face as she talked about her upcoming trip. One of the highlights will be taking a voice class with Gavin Lee, the voice of Squidward in "The SpongeBob Musical," as well as getting to take in a Broadway show and participating in a talk-back session with the cast. She'll be immersed in the arts for five days.

"I'm just excited to learn something new, because you can always do regular camps, but I get to have fun and challenge my brain and learn at the same time (in New York)," Victoria said.

PAYING HER WAY

"My mom is a teacher, and she always wears lanyards, and I thought it'd be helpful to a bunch of people," Victoria said. "My grandma helps me with the lanyards and taught me to sew. ... We do it together."

"My parents drive me everywhere and pay for all my classes I want to take, and I didn't want this to be hard for them, because I know they spend a lot of money on it," she said. "I just wanted to

do it myself."

Amanda Salisbury said her children are always conscious about sacrifice — whether it's time or money — but she was pleasantly surprised by her daughter's determination to help pay her way to New York.

"I was really proud that she came up with the idea to pay for this herself," Amanda said. "She could've easily expected us to take care of it for her, so I was impressed with it. It's an expensive trip — we have flights and hotels still — but she said she wanted to work for it. She came up with this idea, and she and her grandma started sewing."

The two went to Jo-Ann Fabric & Crafts and looked in the clearance section for fabric. Victoria got to work cutting and ironing the fabric to prepare for sewing.

So far, the two estimate Victoria has made close to 150 lanyards, which she sells for \$10 apiece. She has been selling them for a couple of months now and plans to continue until they are all gone.

"My original goal was \$500, or about half of the tuition, and I just switched it to \$1,100, which is the full tuition," she said. "I just want to try to pay for it all by myself."

Although she's ecstatic about the support she has gotten thus far, the best part for her is seeing the reactions of happy customers.

"I just like seeing people's reactions and seeing people I know with the lanyards, especially just giving them to them," she said. "It feels good, because they'll send me pictures and say, 'Oh my gosh, I love it!'"

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA VACATING AND ABANDONING A 15 FOOT EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF WINTER PARK ON OCTOBER 17, 1995, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4964, PAGE 2797 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4971, PAGE 4989 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA. (EXHIBIT A); PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT B; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, RECORDING AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 58, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", ARTICLE I "COMPREHENSIVE PLAN" FUTURE LAND USE MAP SO AS TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO PARKING LOT ON A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY AT 301 NORTH SOUTH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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SPORTS

Nic Caso's walk-off hit elevated the WGLL 11-Year-Old All-Stars to a district championship. **Page 14.**



HIGH 5



UAA Communications/Herb Brooks

1 West Orange softball alumna Jade Caraway will finish her college career in her home state. Caraway, a standout the past two seasons for North Carolina State, has transferred to the University of Florida. While at NC State she led the team in hits as a freshman and sophomore. Caraway also earned spots on the All-ACC Second Team, All-ACC Freshman Team and All-ACC Academic Team in 2017. Caraway joins a Gators team that advanced to the Women's College World Series this past season.

2 Darrell "DJ" Harding, a rising senior receiver at West Orange, has committed to Duke University. Harding had several offers from a who's who of Division I FBS football programs, but the Blue Devils stood out for Harding, who has a 4.4 GPA.

3 West Orange football fans shouldn't be surprised if they hear a lot more about Warrior alum Dexter Williams this coming college football season. Williams, a rising senior running back for the University of Notre Dame, was featured in an article on ESPN.com June 20 titled "The most exciting player for each Top 25 team."

4 Olympia alum Jesse Winker hit his first-ever grand slam in Major League Baseball June 21. Winker's slam against the Chicago Cubs keyed a six-run, sixth inning and led the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-2 win.

5 Annabella Boardman, a swimmer for the SouthWest Stars, won her first high-point award this past weekend. Boardman won the women's 17-and-up division at the 2018 FLA International Cup.



Photos by Steven Ryzewski

Top: Winter Garden's Ty Dodge watches a foul ball that he nearly hit for a home run.

Above: Left-fielder Cameron Frucht lasers in a throw for WGLL.

DIAMOND DAYS

Teams from Dr. Phillips, Ocoee, Windermere and Winter Garden took the field last weekend at Winter Garden Little League for the Florida Little League District 14 Majors (12-year-old) All-Stars Tournament.

Majors is the level of play at which teams can advance to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

First, on June 23, Windermere defeated Winter Garden 8-1, while Dr. Phillips defeated Ocoee 10-2. One day later, on June 24, Windermere edged Ocoee 4-3 and Dr. Phillips topped Winter Garden 11-1.

In the final day of action June 25, which took place after deadline, Winter Garden took on Ocoee and Dr. Phillips faced Windermere for the Florida District 14 Championship, with the winner to advance to the Florida Section 5 Tournament.

— STEVEN RYZEWSKI

12-year-old Little Leaguers from West Orange and Southwest Orange squared off in Winter Garden last weekend for the district tournament.



Right: Brandon Smith pitched for Ocoee June 23.

Left: Samara Singh played catcher for Ocoee.



Locals taken in MLB Draft

Three players with ties to West Orange High were taken during the MLB First-Year Player Draft earlier this month.

STEVEN RYZEWSKI
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Another Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft came and went earlier this month, and as is so often the case, a few of the

names called over the three-day event had ties to West Orange.

Top among the locals who were drafted was West Orange High alum Andrew Karp. Karp, a pitcher for Florida State, was taken in the sixth round with pick No. 191 by the Washington Nationals.

Karp signed with the Nationals for a signing bonus of \$200,000, according to MLB.com, and began his professional career with 1.2

scoreless innings June 23 for the GCL Nationals, the club's Rookie League affiliate.

Another Winter Garden native, Rylan Thomas, was taken in the 26th round by Cincinnati. Coming out of UCF, Thomas signed a deal with the Reds as a pitcher and first baseman with a signing bonus of \$287,500 — well above

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

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Nic Caso

Nic Caso came to bat June 21 with a chance to send his Winter Garden Little League 11-Year-Old All-Star team to the Section 5 Tournament — and delivered. Caso's walk-off, RBI-single gave WGLL a 3-2 win over Dr. Phillips in the District 14 Tournament.

Can you walk us through the at-bat at which you drove in the winning run?

I was kind of nervous, but I knew that if I got the hit, it would send my team to Sectionals, so it would be really good. When I hit the ball, I knew that it was solid contact, and then when I found out it was a hit, I got really excited. ... It was kind of crazy — it was fun.

How long have you been playing baseball?

Three years. I like pitching, and I started playing, because my brother had played baseball before me, and my dad likes baseball. So I started, and I really liked it.

What is the best baseball advice you have received?

If you try your hardest and you trust in your abilities, you'll do (well). My dad (Diego Caso) told me that.

Who is your funniest teammate?

Probably Keston Gomez.

Who is your favorite baseball player?

Giancarlo Stanton. He's a good hitter, and he's a good fielder, so he's an all-around pretty good player.

If you could play a ballgame in any stadium, where would you want to play?

Yankee Stadium, because of all the history and all of the great players (who) have played there.

Are you excited to start middle school?

I'm excited. All of the classes give me more of a chance to get with my friends.

Who was your favorite teacher at Whispering Oak Elementary?

My fifth-grader teacher, Mrs. (Nicole) Machado, for reading. She was really nice.

THE BASICS

Age: 10
Grade: Entering sixth
School: Whispering Oak Elementary/SunRidge Middle
Position(s): Shortstop, pitcher
Travel team: Team Orlando

What was something you learned about in school that you found interesting?

About the Civil War and stuff like that.

What is your dream job?

Developer — like a builder, pretty much. I like to make stuff out of things.

Any hobbies beside baseball and school?

I play "Fortnite."

What are you looking forward to about the summer?

Probably hanging out with all my friends and seeing how far we can go in the baseball tournament.

We hear you saw "The Incredibles 2." Can you give us a quick movie review?

It was good. I liked it, because the mom got a job and the dad was staying home, and he was all funny.

— STEVEN RYZEWSKI



Winter Garden 11-year-olds win district

The Winter Garden Little League 11-Year-Old All-Star team won the Florida District 14 Tournament at Ocoee Little League last week in thrilling fashion. After sweeping through its first four games, the team for WGLL defeated Dr. Phillips 3-2 in the district championship June 21 by way of a walk-off single.

The championship was the only game Winter Garden won by fewer than five runs. The team outscored its opponents 62-17 through five games and won by an average of nine runs per game.

With the win, the team advances to the Section 5 Tournament, which will take place July 6 to 9 in St. Cloud.



The team includes: Kas Ocasio, Nic Caso, Jason Cortese, Charlie Eidelman, Erick Martinez, Parker Hohnstock, Danny Komarov, Keston Gomez, Rylee Gibson, Luke Garrison, JJ Dennison, Wrigley Bates and Josh Lore.

Courtesy photo
The Winter Garden Little League 11-Year-Old All-Star team is all smiles while showing off the banner it won at districts.

— STEVEN RYZEWSKI



Photo courtesy of FSU Athletics
Former West Orange pitcher Andrew Karp was taken in the sixth round of the MLB Draft and has begun his career in the minor-league system for the Washington Nationals.



Photo courtesy of UCF Athletics
Rylan Thomas, a pitcher and first baseman for UCF who played his high-school ball at Windermere Prep and West Orange, signed with the Cincinnati Reds.

Draft

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the usual bonus for players drafted in that range.

Thomas began his high-school career at West Orange before finishing at Windermere Prep.

Windermere native Austin Bergner joined Thomas in migrating from West Orange to Windermere Prep during high school — and also in being drafted. A pitcher for the University of North Carolina, Bergner was taken in the 32nd round by the Arizona Diamondbacks. As of June 25, it is unclear whether Bergner will sign with Arizona — UNC just concluded an

appearance in the College World Series, which likely delayed the process.

A handful of players from Southwest Orange also were taken in the draft, representing Olympia High, Dr. Phillips High and The First Academy.

Olympia's Michael Byrne, a pitcher for the University of Florida, was taken in the 14th round by the Cincinnati Reds. Dr. Phillips alumni Kyle Marmann (13th round) and Yaya Chentouf (36th round) were taken as pitchers by the Cleveland Indians and Detroit Tigers, respectively.

Kendrick Calilao, an outfielder who graduated from TFA this spring, was taken in the 30th round by the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Camp to focus on youth football players – and coaches

The Central Florida All-Star Football Game Youth Coaching Clinic & Camp July 14 will bring a host of college and high-school coaches together to share tips with youth players and their coaches.

STEVEN RYZEWSKI
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

College football coaches, current and former NFL players and a handful of the top high-school football coaches in Central Florida all will converge on Central Florida Christian Academy July 14 for a camp aimed at youth football players, as well as the coaches who guide them until they reach high school.

The Central Florida All-Star Football Game Youth Coaching Clinic & Camp will be a collaboration among top local football-related organizations, including Excel Speed Training, the Central Florida NFL Alumni and the Aaron Jones Foundation. The clinic's proceeds will benefit the Aaron Jones Foundation and also help to promote its namesake high-school all-star game, of which Excel Speed Training has taken over operations in recent years.

For Lo Wood, the owner of Excel Speed Training and the man behind the event, the occasion represents a unique opportunity



Excel Speed Training owner Lo Wood, right, has partnered with CFCA football coach Jeremy Campbell and others to host a large camp and clinic for local football players and youth coaches.



West Orange head coach Bob Head will be among the coaches present.

WHAT TO KNOW

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to get players and the coaches who will guide them throughout the entirety of their careers together in one place.

"I feel like if we can find a way to bring the kids and the youth coach with the high-school coach and the college coach – now we've got more hands on everything," Wood said. "It also brings the whole entire community together as a whole."

CFCA will host the event, which begins at 8 a.m., and second-year head coach Jeremy Campbell is excited for the opportunity to share his program and facilities with the community.

"I'm all about getting people on campus," Campbell said. "We feel like having this camp here, at CFCA, we're a centralized location. Getting people on campus – getting different coaches and

different kids on campus – that's our main goal."

In a summer landscape that has no shortage of camps of all varieties, one of the aspects that separates this particular event is the attention it will pay to youth coaches.

"As a high-school coach, one of my biggest concerns is the youth organizations and how we can help those kids be better prepared when they get to high school," Campbell said.

The speakers will include UCF tight ends coach Jon Cooper and FIU offensive line coach Allen Mogridge. High-school coaches presenting will include Dr. Phillips' Rodney Wells, West Orange's Bob Head, Apopka's Rick Darlington, Bishop Moore's Matt Hendricks, Lake Highland Prep's Ben Bullock and several others.

Coaches at both levels will share with the youth coaches tips

on safety, tackling technique, how to run a practice and more. They also will dive deeper into how youth coaches can build a cohesive culture for their programs.

"(They'll explain) building a program – what makes their program run," Wood said. "There's a football team, and there's a program"

Current NFL players Andy Jones (Detroit) and Brandon Dukes (Dallas) will be among dozens of camp coaches with college and pro experience who will lead the youth players through drills to emphasize speed and position technique.

The camp – which will cost \$10 per athlete and \$25 per youth coach – is open to anyone, whether they are local to Central Florida or not.

"We want to open it up to all communities – we want it to be a big Central Florida affair," Wood said.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 29

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Chance of rain: 40%



SATURDAY, JUNE 30

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Low: 76
Chance of rain: 60%



SUNDAY, JULY 1

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Low: 75
Chance of rain: 50%



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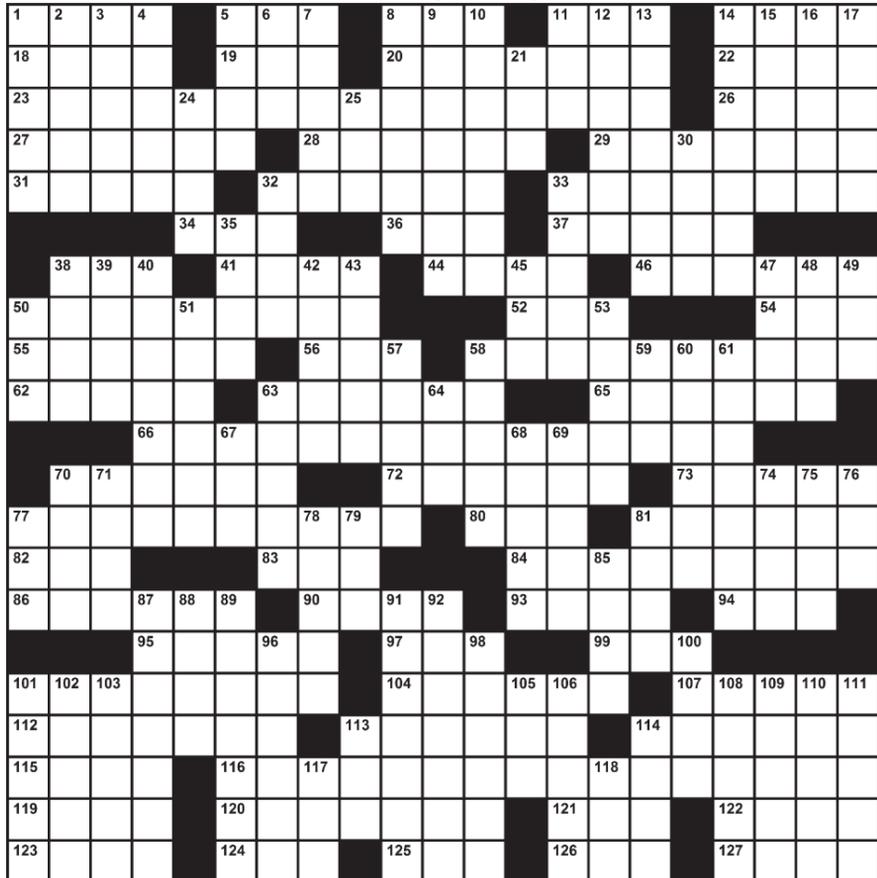
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77 Enchanting short stories
80 "___ Good at Good-byes" (Sam Smith song)
81 Was in an insurrection
82 Afore kin

83 Lady deer
84 Many a sports car
86 Boxing "weight"
90 Veggie of the South
93 It's surrounded by water
94 Grass for a new home
95 Moans loudly
97 One of 10 million in one joule
99 Be a pain to
101 Married woman no more
104 Noted opera tenor
107 Hipbone-related
112 Place for a polar bear

113 Rock in limestone
114 Regret or pain unit
115 Russo of movies
116 "Keep 'em coming" speaker
119 Huge ox
120 Small pastry
121 Baby's word
122 Little impression?
123 Separated couple
124 Vote of support
125 Utter
126 What to do on a high note
127 Fine or lost things

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1 Misbehave
2 Offspring of 83-Across
3 Assembly area of old Greece
4 Emulate magnetic poles
5 Abbr. that replaces things
6 Informal skin art
7 Call in the Aussie outback
8 Spirit of positivity
9 Usher incorrectly
10 Now, later or whenever
11 Thing placed in Vegas
12 It reacts in a wink
13 The people of Sanaa
14 You and I together
15 Vertical part of a step
16 Talk-show name
17 Dentist's suggestion
21 Wildcats' campus letters
24 Priest of Tibet
25 Elaborate, as decor (Abbr.)
30 Avoid at all costs
32 It's mixed in concrete
33 The "Friendly Islands"
35 "Death In Venice" writer Thomas
38 Feta cheese sources
39 Alphabetize, e.g.
40 Fondant-pressing machine
42 Stylish '60s jacket
43 Stick sequins on
45 Sermon deliverer, briefly
47 Affirm confidently
48 The two Griffey's

49 "Are we having fun ___?"
50 Very common article
51 Ventilation duct
53 Joyfully walk there
57 Relinquishes
58 Build, as a skyscraper
59 Building annex
60 Vast treeless plain
61 Pauses or interruptions (var.)
63 Good thing to be, moneywise
64 Luxury hotel hangings
67 Six-time N.L. home run leader Mel
68 Gandhi's garb
69 Litter sounds
70 Be concerned
71 Phnom Penh money unit
74 Wizard-revealing dog
75 How many buy textbooks
76 Pay-view filler
77 Not many
78 U-turn from tight
79 Mouse-sighting shriek
81 Friendly type?
85 Musical mixture
87 Pairs for the cost of one
88 Person of nobility
89 Cheese from whey
91 Shows alarm
92 Shrinking waterway
96 Elbow room
98 Like good crime dramas
100 Fruit from New Zealand
101 Hymn that's awfully grim
102 Tool for a mountain climber
103 Place of action
105 Beehive State tribe
106 Marsh grass
108 Evans or Ronstadt
109 Contract signer
110 James Bond is one
111 Big name in breath mints
113 Frequently, old-style
114 Stomped underfoot
117 Rock with value
118 Mafia kingpin

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By Luis Campos
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- BMZHSL PVKASM
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IZCGRKPGM KGJ ZALKG."
- LIIK HLNN
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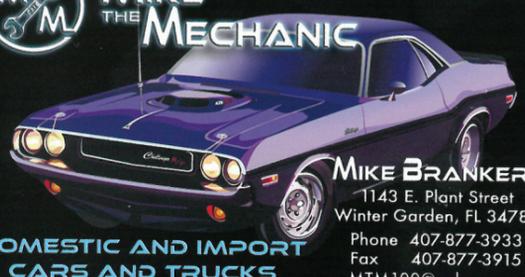
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- Emma Bell

This week's Sudoku answers

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3	8	2	7	6	9	4	1	5
5	4	1	3	2	8	7	6	9
8	5	9	1	7	3	6	4	2
2	3	4	6	8	5	9	7	1
1	7	6	4	9	2	5	3	8
4	1	3	9	5	6	8	2	7
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The West Orange Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a ribbon-cutting celebration for Paradise Barbershop, located at 412 Story Road in Ocoee. Paradise is a unique shop and spa for the whole family! Cosmetologist, barber and esthetician work together with divine customer service for hair and skin care. To learn more, visit www.facebook.com/TheShopInOcoee. Photo courtesy of WOCC.



Celebrating Ribbon Cutting of Driftwood Market

The West Orange Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a ribbon-cutting celebration for Driftwood Market, located at 46 W. Plant Street in Winter Garden. Welcome to the Market where you'll find Orlando's best in gifts, home decor & fashion. Their specially curated collection of apparel, gifts and home decor is hand selected for quality and offered at the absolute best value. Shop for yourself or for the perfect gift for someone else. To learn more, visit www.driftwoodmarket.net. Photo courtesy of WOCC.



Celebrating Ribbon Cutting of Matthew's Steakhouse

The West Orange Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a ribbon-cutting celebration for Matthew's Steakhouse, located at 360 W. Plant Street in Winter Garden. Enjoy fine dining at this family-owned steakhouse in downtown Winter Garden. Photo courtesy of WOCC.

For more information about joining the West Orange Chamber of Commerce, call 407-656-1304 or visit wochamber.com



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We provide no cost urgent dental care to the uninsured, low income, unqualified & overlooked citizens residing in the western portion of Orange County, Florida. Thanks to funding from the West Orange Health Alliance, the West Orange Dental Alliance program has been possible. "WODA" is now making emergent dental care available to qualifying residents of West Orange. With the support from our community, the West Orange Dental Alliance is able to coordinate and enable our caring local dentists, who have graciously volunteered to participate in this program, who serve patients in their offices to help create smiles that give hope and improve lives. WODA does not have an exact location or clinic, as each patient is referred to the specialist of their needed treatment.

Quick Facts About West Orange Dental Alliance

- The WODA Dental program is for low-income, uninsured residents in the West Orange Healthcare district.
- Currently we are only accepting patients in need of emergent dental care.
- Patients must provide proof of residency and income before any services are rendered.
- There is NO out-of-pocket cost to an eligible patient.
- The WODA program refers out to local dental providers that have agreed to complete treatment on patients in their own office.
- We have implemented a "JUMP START" program to help residents obtain better dental health and employment.

Treated Patients

227

Extractions

734

Fillings

66

Removable Appliances

78

Root Canals

6

Crowns

3

Other Treatments

61

Statistics are from 04/01/17 – 03/31/18



Jump Start Program “Restorable to Employable”

*Amazing
Transformation*

The “Jump Start” program is an additional program where we give West Orange residents the opportunity to become Restorable to Employable with full smile restorations and employment. Our goal is to offer dental restorations/treatment to bring the patient back to a healthy smile so that they have the best possible chance to get a job or advance out of poverty level. We connect them with local job placement agencies in the West Orange area.

Total Transformation

Referred by: Florida Hospital - Apopka ER

Getting accepted in this program really changed my life, in the long run it probably saved it. I could not ask for a better staff of lady's who care not even knowing who you are or where you come from. No matter if you were feeling down about the procedure or whatever the issue may be, they always had a way to cheer u up and make u feel safe and comfortable. Since I've received my new beautiful smile I've started a new job as a dispatcher. I really feel that having a pretty smile landed me this job. I've always worked at clothing stores, now I'm in my own office at a desk. My whole life I've always wanted, wished and prayed for a pretty smile. You just don't know the years of pain and swollen faces I've been through, must be over 100 trips to the ER. I am very thankful for all of this. When I tell my story to people I cry every time, honestly EVERYTIME....but it's happy tears and how caring people can still be these days. If I ever become wealthy I want to do the same thing for people. Help them in a way that's life changing. Thank you, West Orange Dental Alliance & a, special thank you to the beautiful ladies who were there walking with me every step of the way. You are the sun, in my dark sky!!!

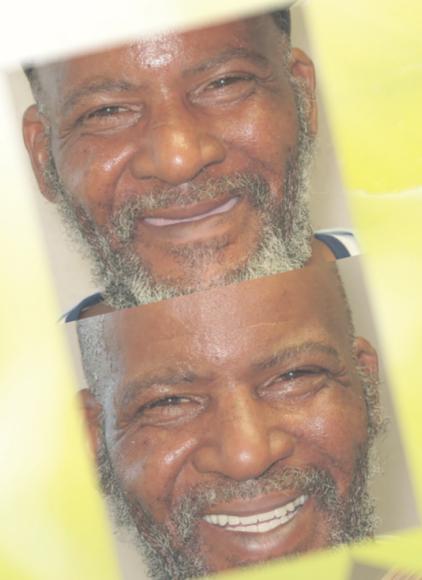
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Referred by: Christian Service Center, Ocoee

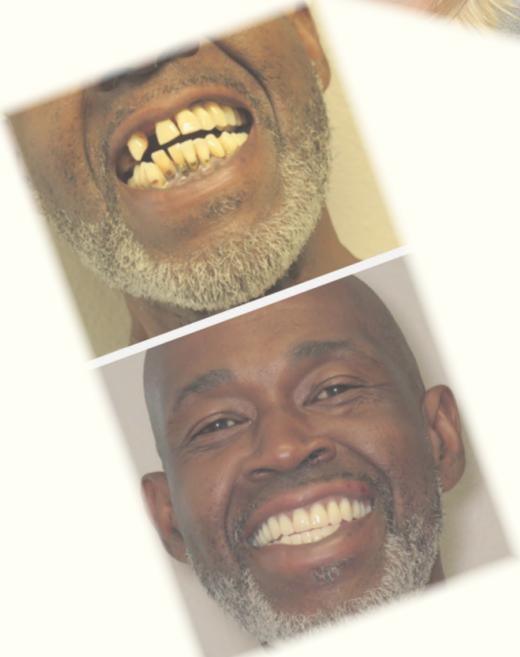
I taught my daughters to take care of their teeth, and today, they have nice teeth and beautiful smiles. I however did not practice what I preached. Somewhere along the way I gave up on taking care of my teeth because of fear of the drill, needles and the dental equipment that looked scary. My teeth eventually began to chip, break off and decay. I went years with my mouth resembling that of a jack-o-lantern. As I've aged my life has changed in that I am represented more and more in the public eye through my church. I started to feel ashamed to smile or speak publicly, as the years progressed, my confidence and self-esteem seemed to be diminished, but because of my faith in God, I knew that he would guide me in the right direction. I remember filing out the application to become a candidate for the program and thinking that this will just turn into another disappointment like all the other programs I have applied for. I cannot express enough appreciation for their help because when I caught my first glimpse of myself in a mirror with my new smile, I could not help but cry...tears of joy. Today my confidence has increased tremendously, and my self-esteem has been boosted. I feel like the old me again and I have Dr. Briceno (Oral Surgeon), Titus Dental (Cosmetic Dentist), Affordable Dentures (Appliances) and WODA to thank for giving me so much while they gained so little. God bless each and every one of them.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

– Margaret Mead



*Life
Changing*



Beautiful



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Titus Dental



“WODA” is an initiative of the West Orange Health Alliance. They originally formed, and continue today, to serve as a healthcare collaborative to promote and protect the health and well-being of families residing in West Orange. Since 2002, the West Orange Health Alliance has helped fund, assist and collaborate with local healthcare providers who in turn provided healthcare to West Orange residents.

**Health alliance sponsor – website:
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All of these amazing smiles and life changes would not be possible without our caring providers who volunteer their time, offices, staff and hearts to help make an impact in our community.



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