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# Man accused of gunning down brothers heads to trial Monday

By Fallan Patterson  
Staff Writer

The St. Cloud man accused of gunning down two brothers outside a bar last June plans to claim self-defense in his trial scheduled Monday.

Jason Clair, 30, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder with a firearm and one count of aggravated assault with a firearm for the June 28, 2011, murders of brothers Joel and James E. Kun Jr. outside Len's Dug-Out Pub.



Clair

According to court records, an altercation occurred between the brothers and Clair about an ex-girlfriend during a weekly event where the bar served quarter draft beer.

Bar patrons often referred to the night as "quarter fight night" due to the number of brawls that occur.

According to witness statements, the argument between the Kuns and Clair stopped and started throughout the night, with Clair being removed from the bar after making death threats toward the brothers and their family.

"Due to the fact several statements were made prior to the shooting occurring, it shows the event was premeditated," St. Cloud Police Department Det. Christian Anderson wrote in the arrest affidavit.

Clair told police he left the bar to take a friend home after a second argument with the brothers but returned to the bar for unspecified reasons. Some witnesses told police Clair went home to get his gun, something other witnesses dispute.

After Clair's return, the fight with the Kuns spilled into the parking lot in front of the bar.

According to Clair's interview with police, he only retrieved the gun, a .40 caliber Glock, from the center console of his truck and began shooting after getting into a fistfight with the brothers and some of their friends, whom Clair said had weapons.

Some witnesses claimed Clair shot the brothers even after they lay defenseless on the asphalt. At least 13 rounds were fired, some into the facade of the building, Police Sgt. Kirk Zilke said.

James Kun Jr., 23, known to friends as J.J., died in the parking lot due to multiple gunshots to the torso. Joel Kun, 21, died early the next morning from a gunshot to the head after being airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Kuns' mother, April Boggs, who wit-

nessed the murders, told police Clair pointed the gun at her after he shot her sons and allegedly threatened to shoot her too. She denied her sons and Clair were in a fistfight prior to the shootings and said the altercations were purely argumentative.

Although Clair told police some of the crowd outside beat him up after the shootings, witnesses told police they scuffled with Clair trying to apprehend him while waiting for police.

Clair suffered multiple injuries to his face and head, evidenced in his first mug shot taken at the Osceola County Jail.

In a motion filed in May, Clair requested immunity from prosecution based on the "Stand Your Ground" law because he claimed he reacted "reasonably" when he thought his life was in danger.

Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Jon B. Morgan had not ruled on the motion as of deadline Friday.

A physical altercation broke out between James Kun Sr., the brothers' father, Clair's stepfather, James "Zeke" Parker, and Clair family friend Jeremy Milyon in July, after the families gathered at the Osceola County Courthouse for a hearing on the self-defense motion.

All three were charged with affray and have been trespassed from the courthouse with the exception of cases where they are defendants or if they are called as witnesses.



James Kun



Joel Kun

## St. Cloud

### St. Cloud farmer's market axed

By Fallan Patterson  
Staff Writer

The St. Cloud farmer's market was cancelled before it got off the ground after location disagreements and contract delays led the management company to drop out of the deal.

Working since January with the city and the St. Cloud Greater Osceola Chamber of Commerce, Rebecca Reismiller and Trish Strawn, of Growing Synergy, agreed to manage the new farmer's market with the goal of connecting residents with locally grown food.

After continual starts and stops with contract changes, and a last-minute location change, Growing Synergy on Oct. 10 dropped out of the project.

"There's a lot of hoops you have to jump through for something so simple," Strawn said, adding the company didn't have enough time to start over with a new location. "I was blindsided."

Growing Synergy had planned to open the market Oct. 4 at Veteran's Park, a prime location near downtown on St. Cloud's main thoroughfare on 13th Street, after the St. Cloud City Council was expected to sign the contract after the Sept. 13 meeting.

During that meeting, however, the council agreed to change the market's location from Veteran's Park, to Peghorn Park or Centennial Park, both of which are off the main road.

The city's Tree Advisory Council voiced concern a market at Veteran's Park

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## Satterfield guilty of first-degree murder



News-Gazette Photo/Andrew Sullivan

Kevin Satterfield, who spent his time on trial reclined in an adjustable medical bed, and Orange Osceola Public Defender Robert Wesley, at front, listen as prosecuting attorney Bradford Fisher disputes the defenses claim that Satterfield's diabetes clouded his judgment, causing him to murder his wife and his daughter's boyfriend May 1.

By Fallan Patterson  
Staff writer

Osceola County resident Kevin Satterfield will spend the rest of his life in jail after a jury verdict found him guilty Thursday of two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his wife and daughter's boyfriend, and the attempted first-degree murder of his pregnant daughter.

Satterfield shot and killed his wife, Vicki Satterfield, and his daughter's boyfriend, Christian Martinez, May 1 at their Buenaventura Lakes home. He also shot in the abdomen his daughter, Heather Satterfield, who was 8 months pregnant at the time.

The prosecution dropped a second charge of attempted first-degree murder for Heather Satterfield's unborn baby, who was struck by the bullet in utero and was delivered by emergency cesarean section.

Satterfield testified that he

shot Martinez until he was dead because Martinez dealt and used drugs. He said he accidentally shot his daughter in the stomach when trying to shoot Martinez again.

He then testified he shot his wife of 25 years point-blank in the chest because he didn't want her to have to clean up the mess.

Satterfield pled not guilty. The defense tried to present evidence that proved Satterfield, a morbidly obese diabetic, had experiencing an altered mind state caused by complications from his diabetes, which caused him to commit the murders.

"There's a hodgepodge of confusing facts but none of them point to premeditated murder," Orange/Osceola Public Defender Robert Wesley told the jury during his closing statement.

Assistant State Attorney Bradford Fisher disputed the

defense's claim that Satterfield was unaware of his actions during the murders, pointing to months of documented preparation.

Evidence showed Satterfield in March began amassing money from cash advances taken from his American Express credit card, and in April, traded his old gun for a newer, higher caliber gun at a local armory and purchased \$700 in gift cards from Publix to use as untraceable "getaway money" with the cash.

Additionally, the night of the murder, Fisher said Satterfield pre-packed his vehicle for a fast getaway after the murders.

"He made a conscious decision to do that (shoot the victims). It's not an act of passion," Fisher said. "He was having some sort of odd midlife crisis and he's cleaning up loose ends before he (leaves)."

## Kissimmee

### City cutting some park plans to reduce costs

By Ken Jackson  
Staff Writer

The Kissimmee City Commission chose Tuesday to eliminate some improvements to reduce costs in the Lakefront Park project, as the final Guaranteed Maximum Price for completion of phase III rose to exceed the amount originally funded by the city.

As approved Tuesday, the city eliminated items that may have been removed anyway from the project for value, such as premium lighting, excessive landscaping materials, marina parking lot pavers and redundant boardwalk designs.

Those changes reduced the total cost of the phase to just over \$11.5 million, a savings of \$1.27 million but still higher than the \$9.3 million budgeted in the city's capital plan for the project.

This option requires the city to borrow about \$4.5 million in the 2014-15 fiscal year, increasing debt service expense by one annual repayment of \$675,000 and raising the city's ratio of debt service expense to sales tax revenue to 55 percent in 2014-15 and over 50 percent, above where city staff tries to keep the ratio, for another two years after that. If sales tax revenues do not meet projections during that process, other capital projects would be deferred to as late as 2019.

City Manager Mike Steigerwald said with the real estate and construction industries recovering from the recession, building costs have risen, contributing to the extra debt service to finish the project. Added costs to build the park's bait shop over the surface of the lake also pushed the price up.

However, he said the city wasn't nervous about taking on extra loans to pay for it.

"We feel we can comfortably push capital projects back, and keep our debt ratios low," he said.

Staff brought another more expensive option to the board: completing the entire phase of the park as designed but reducing its \$1 million contingency for cost overruns in half.

Both options would enable the city to fund installation of a railroad crossing at Beaumont Avenue that will be part of the SunRail construction. It also requires that the "Rain" water cube feature designed by local artist Jéfré would be pursued after completion of phase III once funding for it becomes available.

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## District 1: Harford/Owen

This election is the third time that incumbent Democrat Mike Harford and Republican challenger Paul Owen face off. Owen, who sat on the commission from 2000-08, defeated Harford in 2004 before losing to him in 2008.



Harford

Harford, 59, touts efforts he's taken to enhance government transparency and economic development. The county created an online dashboard and a County Manager's Report during his term.



Owen

"I'm the only commissioner with a calendar that's accessible online," he said. "Citizens now have the opportunity to see what their government is working toward for them."

"I've been open and transparent in where I want the county to go, and have been accessible to all individuals or groups. Folks in neighborhoods will say they see me more than the other commissioners."

Harford has also been behind improvements in infrastructure, especially in the Intercession City and Campbell City areas, which he helped get separated from the Celebration census designation in order to make grant funds available for street lights, new bus service and a health clinic.

Improvements to the Indian Wells and Polynesian Isle subdivisions, Celebration streets and library and the Good Samaritan Village crossing to the adjacent shopping center also happened under his watch, he reported.

Harford said he's proud of the recently-formed cooperative economic development plan that will incorporate the resources and ideas of the county, Kissimmee and St. Cloud.

"When I came on board we had cities and a

school board that we couldn't get along with," he said. "Since then, we've laid a good foundation for growing our economy. Now we're within a couple million dollars of our peak."

Owen, 73, said he'll lean on eight years of prior service and his successful business background to accomplish things he wasn't able to when he lost the last election, like help spur job creation. Part of that is reviewing current regulations with a panel of small business owners, rather than county staff.

"Over the last four years, we should have worked with businesses to help them expand," he said. "Instead we have burdensome regulations that only help perpetuate lawyers' practices."

He wants to offer incentives to large-scale employers to locate and expand in Osceola County, and lean on a list he's already compiled of 20 companies currently looking to relocate and try to lure them here.

"We have the resources and geography," Owen said. "Once the business community sees activity, others will latch on. I've been through three downturns with my businesses, and I know how to guide us out of this malaise."

Another part of his economic plan, which incorporates the county's West 192 Community Redevelopment Agency vision, is to seek out low-income housing for the county's homeless population, getting them out of the hotels that dot the 192 corridor, and rebrand the area closest to the city of Kissimmee for national tenants like on the west side of Interstate 4.

"We don't have an exit strategy that can lead to better paying jobs for the homeless," he said. "It comes down to job creation, and I know how to do it."

Harford favors targeting mixed-use and retail-driven tenants along U.S. Highway 192.

"It's about getting people closer to their jobs," he said. "We need to organize those business, and get the right mix of people on the CRA boards that can have them up and running with a master plan."

The newly-completed Welcome Center and History Museum is a step toward boosting the area's ecology-based tourism, and Harford said the county should continue capitalizing on its resources and its amateur sports and international tourism bases.

"I have over 40 years in the community, so I know this can be a destination for natural beauty," he said. "We've got the jewels here, sometimes we forget to polish them."

Harford said he's also committed to completing road projects along Poinciana Boulevard, Ho-

gland Boulevard's direct connection to Pleasant Hill Road and the widening of County Road 532.

"When I came in office the county was \$750 million behind in road projects. I want to see us finish those and the SunRail construction."

Owen said he'd work to cut commissioner's pay in half — proving they are it in for the service to taxpayers and less for the paycheck — and scrutinize the budget.

"When staff has total control of what is spent, they tend to look out for themselves," he said. "Some decisions the board has made have been 'too little, too late.'"

## District 3: Arrington/Goldmacher

Incumbent Democrat Brandon Arrington looks for re-election against Republican opponent Jeffery Goldmacher, a driving force in Poinciana's fight against incorporation. He joined the race, and won the Republican primary, when those who he represented asked him to take their concerns to the county level.

Goldmacher, 56, also has a successful business background to fall back on, and says government should be run with those principles, what he calls, "a different approach."

"I sit in the commission's meetings watching it waste staff time and money making decisions," he said. "A successful businessman knows that when revenue is tight, you don't commit to projects without committed resources. Over the last 10 years the district has seen double the population but has fewer employees. The county must have wasted a lot of money in that time."

Arrington, 37, reminds voters that when he took office, there was no plan for the Osceola County Expressway Authority, Poinciana Parkway, a permanent health clinic in Poinciana or county-wide curbside recycling.

"My first two years were reactionary, but since then we've developed a master plan for transit," Arrington, who sits on the boards of MetroPlan Orlando, Lynx and SunRail. "Pleasant Hill Road is a wonderful example of bad design. By completing the Poinciana Parkway and Southport Connector, we can connect I-4 to the turnpike, shift truck routes from Miami and Tampa, and fix what's been called 'the worst commute in America.'"

"We've increased funding to Lynx, and for the first time in 10 years we've added service to the area and a southern operation base. That reversed our trend of adding population but not transit opportunities."

Since 75 percent of the county's residents leave

Osceola County to go to work, he said, creating incentives for development, especially those which reinvent the Vine Street corridor, helps both cut down residents' commute times and builds up the county's tax base. More commercial and industrial development he said will lead to a dedicated source for transportation funding.

Arrington said he also worked tirelessly to include Kissimmee in phase I of SunRail.

"We have a track and a station, now we just need a train," he said. "We've completed \$400 million in infrastructure — in a recession — during my term."

He and Goldmacher agree on the value of the raw land in the U.S. Highway 192 corridor.

"Disney came in 40 years ago and wamed that they'd build their own hotels. This county didn't listen, and what they did worked for 30 years," said Goldmacher, who would offer tax breaks to hotel owners that refurbish or renovate their properties. "The county must invest in its tourist businesses."

Arrington spoke of forming partnerships in the area with the YMCA, UCF and Valencia College to support an education village to grow youth opportunities within the district.

"There's two high schools in this district with no pool. A YMCA would fill a great opportunity," he said.

Goldmacher, who sits on the Boys & Girls Club regional board, wants to work with private industry to secure grants to fund youth groups and programs.

"We need to keep the youth off of corners to get recruited by and gravitate to the gangs that make them feel welcome," he said. "Right now there is nothing for the at-risk youth. We have a beautiful club in Kissimmee, but we need to bring that to Poinciana."

Arrington his track record over the last four years should afford him another term.

"We've made a lot of things happen that I ran on in 2008," he said. "We've geared the county to be customer-friendly, because the citizens are our clients."

Goldmacher said his motives are completely community-minded.

"I'm involved in the district, and not just in the six months before the election. I want to serve the residents, so I will not collect the salary but use it for a satellite office in the district."

## District 5: Hawkins/Carnell

Another incumbent, Republican Fred Hawkins, seeks a second term against another political newcomer, Chad Carnell, who is running without party affiliation.

Carnell's background comes from running non-profit companies, and said it's a line of work missing in government.

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## Correction

In the Opinion page on Thursday, a letter titled "Check the Facts" stated that it was written by Donald F. Kun Sr, of St. Cloud. That was incorrect. The letter was written by Donal Case, of St. Cloud.







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# Lynx to start serving Intercession City, The Oaks, Good Sam next week

By Ken Jackson  
Staff Writer

Lynx bus service will begin on a by-request basis starting next week in the corridor of Intercession City, Campbell City, Good Samaritan Village and The Oaks southwest of Kissimmee.

The NeighborLink 604 line, a cooperative effort between Osceola County and the Central Florida

Regional Transportation Authority, will begin Monday and operate weekdays between 6-10 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. As the service will begin by request, passengers must contact Lynx at 407-244-0808 and schedule a pickup time at least two hours in advance.

A Lynx vehicle will provide transportation anywhere in the designated service area or to a stop at Link

26 at Orange Blossom Trail and Pleasant Hill Road.

Ridership on the NL 604 line will be free through Nov. 19, when the standard one-way fare of \$2 will apply and include a free transfer for the Link 26 line.

Osceola County Commissioner Michael Harford, whose district includes the Intercession City area and

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## Market

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may cause damage to trees because of foot traffic and vehicles.

"We're like tree huggers and we would never damage a tree," Strawn said.

She and Reis-Miller disagreed with moving the market to Peghorn Park, off Budinger Avenue, because it's less traveled and the market wasn't yet established.

"It's not like they do a bunch (of events) there to bring people in," Strawn said. "I think they were trying to drive traffic there (but you can't start (the market) there."

The city finally decided on Centennial Park in downtown St. Cloud, which prompted the chamber to drop from the project and St. Cloud Main Street to take over.

"We wouldn't be able to be associated with it (at Peghorn Park) because it's out of our area," Paula Stark, Main Street program manager, said, adding the organization was only helping with the market's "behind-the-scenes logistics."

The organizational change caused issues with funding, Strawn said. The chamber had agreed to pay for mar-

keting and advertising for the market, but Main Street and the city declined to take over that finance.

"It's almost like they were afraid it was going to fail and didn't want to change their budgets for it," Strawn said.

Growing Synergy would have had to use its own capital to promote the market, which due to deals made with the farmers and vendors, would not have come from market revenue but their own pocket.

To make the market successful initially and help the vendors make money, Growing Synergy offered all vendors a free booth for the first month, followed by a \$10 booth fee thereafter. Most markets charge \$40-\$50 per booth, Strawn said.

"We really worked hard to bring all of these things together," she said. "My farmers are really upset. We were likely going to pull some of them from other markets because we were so farmer-friendly. I think it could have been awesome."

Strawn thinks "something political" caused the market to never reach fruition despite overwhelming support by Mayor Rebecca Bor-

ders.

"If it's something your mayor wants and the people want, I don't understand how it can stop at council," she said. "There's just too much chaos around this farmer's market and this little town. It's almost like they don't want it."

Stark and St. Cloud City Manager Tom Hurt dispute that St. Cloud didn't want the market, with Stark pointing at "communication lapses" as the market's failure, with the "turn" occurring with the location change.

"It's really unfortunate. In my opinion, St. Cloud does need it and it would have been a huge boost for downtown," she said. "I was excited about it but I was concerned and unfortunately, my concerns came true."

Hurt said the city would even be willing to year with Growing Synergy next year if the group wants to try again in 2013.

"The city wants it," he said. Strawn was less optimistic but said the company would start over in January if the city and Main Street have a contract and location set.

"I don't foresee it happening," she said.

## Watching the chief retire

News-Gazette Photo/  
Andrew Sullivan

Retired Kissimmee police chief Fran Iwanski was recognized during the Oct. 16 Kissimmee City Council meeting for her many years of service to the city. Iwanski was presented with a gold watch, inlaid with the city's seal, by Mayor Jim Swan.



## Park

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Phases I and II of the park project will ultimately be completed at or under budget. Steigerwald noted Tuesday that neither phase required dipping into the contingency fund.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the commission approved the first reading of an ordinance establishing the trust fund for the Vine Street Community Redevelopment Agency, in order to provide capital to implement the corridor's redevelopment plan.

The account will be funded by increased ad valorem collections tied to rising property values that take advantage of the improving economy. Fis-

cal year 2013 values will be used as the baseline for the increases.

Another ordinance was passed Tuesday to establish the City Commission as the Community Redevelopment Agency for the city, to which advisory boards for the Downtown and Vine Street CRAs will report to.

State statutes mandate that a municipality can only have one CRA, meaning that the existing CRA board will become the downtown CRA advisory board. The commission, acting as the CRA, will handle major policy decisions, such as budgets, master plans, selection of vendors and prop-

erty acquisitions.

The advisory boards would offer recommendations on such issues.

Steigerwald said staff will disseminate all of this information to those who sit on the existing CRA before moving forward with any redevelopment initiatives.

"There's some housekeeping to be done as far as what the Commission will provide to the existing board, and how we'll support both boards," he said.

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# OPINION

## Our View

### Is it time to test?

It's legislation that no lawmaker who wants to be re-elected wants to touch – testing the driving skills of senior citizens to see if they still belong behind the wheel of a vehicle.

But unfortunately, we think it might be a necessary evil. Sadly, a Kissimmee teen was left in critical condition on Monday at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children after being struck by a car driven by an 86-year-old man as the student was crossing Simpson Road to board a school bus.

Gateway High student Jordan Velez was struck by a 1998 Chevrolet traveling southbound driven by James Martin, 86, of Orlando.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Martin said he failed to see the flashing red lights on the bus and struck the student in the early-morning darkness.

Velez was airlifted to the hospital from the scene.

Martin was ticketed for passing a stopped school bus.

The question is, how do you miss the red caution lights and the stop sign arm on a stopped school bus if you're eyes are fixed on the road?

Could it have been related to age? We know testing seniors would not be a popular law. Drivers of all ages can be inattentive and distracted. We all see that every day that we take to Florida's congested roadways.

But it's also not fair that a 16-year-old who was just trying to go to school was sent to a hospital bed.

You can make the case that teenagers behind the wheel can be reckless and cause more accidents than seniors. That's true, and that is why the state places restrictions on the hours that beginning drivers are permitted to drive.

As the baby boomers enter retirement, many, many more elderly drivers will be on the road. Nature dictates that as we age, our visual, hearing and cognitive skills slowly decrease, making it more difficult to safely navigate the highways.

Elderly drivers already must pass vision and hearing tests when they renew their licenses, but perhaps more intensive testing is required.

We don't have the answers to questions such as: At what age would you test a senior? Would they be tested only after being in an accident? What would be the benchmark to pass the test?

Then again, we can do nothing and just hope that the next time a 16-year-old trying to get on a bus is struck, he or she isn't killed.



## Guest column

### Addressing voter fraud or causing it

We enjoy many freedoms in America because "we the people" choose our leaders though open and fair elections. Previous generations have battled for the right to vote due to their race or gender. And the brave men and women of our military have put their lives on the line to protect these freedoms and rights.

An open, transparent and fair election is the bedrock of our political system. So any change to how elections are held should be considered with the utmost caution and always with the goal of ensuring every legitimate voter can access the polls with no barrier, delay or intimidation.

So it was troubling last year when a massive piece of legislation suddenly changed many procedures for voter registration and early voting in Florida. Then, as many of these changes were being challenged in the courts, the state began a questionable purge of "illegal" voters. As justification for these affronts to citizens' rights, the state cited "voter fraud."

Clearly, if fraud exists, the 67 locally elected supervisors of elections should aggressively address it, while ensuring that legitimate voters remain on the rolls and that their votes are counted. But first, the supervisors must confirm that fraud exists. Then, they should address it with a properly measured remedy. But this approach doesn't describe recent history in Florida.

It all started in the spring of 2011 during the legislative session. A bill passed the Senate ethics and elections committee that addressed one issue: making it easier to put legislative-sponsored constitutional amendments on the ballot after the courts determine the language is misleading or confusing, by allowing the attorney general to simply make any needed changes.

After passing out of committee as a relatively small bill, this piece of legislation morphed into a 158-page bill filled with controversial changes, including reducing the number of early voting days from 14 to 6, and requiring the use of provisional ballots for voters who, as one example, want to note their new addresses at the polls.

The first opportunity many of us had to question this legislative train was on the floor of the Senate when it faced final pas-

sage. Where was the justification for making these changes? Where was the chance for meaningful debate? Why should we make it more difficult to register, change your address and vote?

While there was no credible evidence of fraud, nor any claim of fraudulent activity from the supervisors of election, the actions were defended with the noble-sounding cause of "preventing fraud."

At the same time, Gov. Rick Scott produced a questionable list – two, in fact -- of potentially "illegal" voters. The larger list was quickly abandoned, but a purge list with roughly 2,000 names was sent to counties with the suggestion that these voters be removed from the rolls. After numerous people on the list, including several war heroes, stepped forward and proved their citizenship, the purge was temporarily halted.

Now, with less than four weeks to go to the 2012 presidential election, voter fraud has legitimately become a worrisome factor -- but not because of problems with early voting or any significant finding of illegally registered voters.

Suspicious voter registration forms began surfacing recently in Palm Beach County. Other counties similarly found discrepancies with duplicate forms, non-existent people, or people with dual registration in other states. At last count, elections supervisors in at least 10 Florida counties are trying to determine how many new voters -- registered by a single company -- are legitimate. With time running out, how do supervisors ensure the integrity of their rolls?

Ironically the questionable firm was hired by the Republican Party of Florida for more than \$1 million. It's hard to argue you're changing elections law to prevent fraud when your actions are directly responsible for it.

The integrity of our elections process depends on a fair and honest respect for the sanctity of our vote.

Changes to the process should be initiated by supervisors of elections, our experts in running elections, and not by political forces that see an opportunity to influence the outcome.

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**Paula Dockery**  
Florida senator

## Their view

### Check the bottom of the Nov. 6 ballot

Florida's 2012 election ballot saves the best for last.

The presidential race, a statewide contest that will help determine if Democrats keep control of the U.S. Senate, and scores of competitive campaigns for congressional, legislative and local offices are at the top of the ballot. Those offices are certainly significant, but the people holding them come and go. No matter how strongly we feel about our favorite candidates, they will all be replaced some day.

The issues decided by referendum are far more important than the people on the ballot. They're forever – well, almost. Voters got a mulligan on high-speed rail a few years ago, mandating creation of an inter-city route with one constitutional amendment and repealing it a few years later, but the vox populi is rarely reconsidered. This year's ballot is the longest in modern history. Fortunately, early voting and aggressive mailed-ballot efforts by both political parties will help hold down the length of lines at the polls on Nov. 6.

But it's highly likely that tens of thousands of voters, maybe hundreds of thousands, will vote in the hotly contested races – presidential, U.S. Senate, maybe some hard-fought city or county campaigns – and skip the ballot items that they either don't know, or don't care much about. This year, 11 constitutional amendments, mostly junk, and three vitally important Florida Supreme Court retention issues are on the ballot. Across the state, 15 District Court of Appeal judges are also up for yes-or-no votes on their retention in office. There are some concerted campaigns for a few of the amendments, particularly No. 4 on property taxes and No. 8 on permitting religiously affiliated organizations to receive public funding, but the amendments haven't drawn a lot of attention.

The Republican Party of Florida turned up the heat in the normally low-profile Supreme Court retention campaign by opposing all three justices. Superficially, the GOP claims the three are "activist" judges out of touch with the common folk of Florida, but the real issue is whether we want judges to consider the public popularity of their decisions. A little side bet in the Supreme Court referenda is whether Gov. Rick Scott gets to appoint replacements, if any or all of the justices are turned out.

No appeals court judge has been rejected in 34 years of retention elections. In fact, they've usually been retained by 60 percent of the vote or more. But Justices R. Fred Lewis, Peggy Quince and Barbara Pariente are facing a very serious political challenge this year – for what should not be a political job.

One tactical difficulty in their retention effort is the dramatic decline of voter interest for the down-ballot races. In the last presidential election, for instance, a combined 8.4 million votes were cast for all White House contenders in Florida. But only 6.6 million people voted for or against Justice Charles Wells, who was on the ballot that year. Well, all right, there was no serious effort to oust Wells four years ago. What about two years ago, when two of the four justices then on the ballot had a minor campaign run against them? Same thing, big falloff. Scott and other candidates at the top of the ballot drew 5.35 million votes, compared to 4.4 million in the Supreme Court races. Even the most hard-fought constitutional amendments on the ballot that year, twin proposals establishing legal criteria for the Legislature to use in redrawing the state's congressional and legislative boundaries, were skipped by about 350,000 of the people who voted in the gubernatorial and Cabinet races.

Even a non-binding referendum on whether Congress should balance the federal budget, a meaningless feel-good straw ballot, drew about a half-million more votes than the Supreme Court retention questions. It's too bad that ballots are like theater posters or fight cards. The big stars and heavyweight title contenders get top billing. But most years, certainly this year, the undercard is at least as important, if not more important, to the long-range future of the state.

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Florida Voices

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## Your view

### Fly the flag on Sept. 11

**To the Editor:**

As I drove through Kissimmee on Sept. 11, 2012, I found it sad to say the least that very few businesses took the time to step outside and lower their American Flags. Shame on the majority of the banks in town.

This is not a difficult task, to show support for your country just isn't asking that much.

As we went to dinner that evening, the Darden restaurant we entered once again

did not have its flag at half staff. When I questioned the manager she had no idea what I was referring to. What a shame. This day seemed so easily forgotten by so many. I was ashamed of all of you!

Thank you to Starling Chevrolet, BB&T Bank and of course Chick-fil-a who seems to always stand up and the many small business owners who took the time to remember a day that not one of us should ever forget.

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## Lynx

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helped start up the service, will join Lynx General Manager Edward Johnson at a public unveiling of the service on Monday at noon at the Intercession City Community Center (1531 Immo-kalee Road)

"This will be a by-request line during its soft opening, but it is our hope that demand will increase to

where it can be funded to full service," Harford said.

County Commissioner Brandon Arrington, whose district includes The Oaks and Good Samaritan Village, sits on the Lynx regional board.

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## Candidates

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"Half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were merchants, farmers and the like," he said. "We've reached a point when there's one type of individual in office. The masses aren't being represented."

He said he'd put his money management skills to use on the board.

"To understand services you have to understand that not all money is green," Carnell said. "I've spent enough time with government contracts to know I can get into the nuts and bolts of them with county staff. I want to stop issuing blank checks and dissect the budget and adjust it to use resources rather than non-recurring funds for projects."

Hawkins said he's been a part of streamlining the county's budget, which has included making tough cuts in staff in a down economy.

"We've cut the budget by a third, but did not cut public safety, and recently we've created efficiencies for businesses to grow and for the growth to

pay for itself," he said.

Hawkins said he's helped citizens becoming more involved and informed, noting Narcoossee's involvement in its growth through the Narcoossee Overlay Plan.

"I came through the advisory boards, that's knowledge I can't put a price on," he said. "With what's going on in Medical City and at the Desert Ranch, this district is a sleeping giant. We want new industries, but we can't forget our agricultural background, and our tourism relationship is the best it's ever been."

Carnell said he comes without any conflicts of interest.

"I kicked over a hornet's nest with some special interest groups because I refuse to vote for any tax or fee increases," he said.

Hawkins said an issue he'd work on if given another term is added investment in public safety.

"We're still in some temporary fire stations," he said.

He said his proven leadership and responsiveness to citizens — "my bosses" — is the strength of his candidacy.

"I've tried not to be the candidate who only shows up at election time," Hawkins said. "I've taken the issues that affect peoples lives and look at them up, down and sideways."



Hawkins



Carnell

## Welcome Center and History Museum opens

By Ken Jackson  
Staff Writer

In the early 1900s, a "cow-hunter" in Osceola County earned \$1.50 per day to drive cattle from scrub land and across the area's expanses of then-open ranges.

Today, those folks might be herding tourists across the U.S. Highway 192 corridor, but a link to that part of the county's history and heritage is now preserved and on display with the opening of the Osceola County Welcome Center and History Museum.

Designers, exhibitors and other local dignitaries declared the museum open on Thursday with a ribbon cutting and soft grand opening.

The center, at 4155 W. Vine Street in a former Roadhouse Grill location, is free to the public to tour and experience its 8,000 square feet of exhibits, interactive displays and historical artifacts.

The location is important, as the county and the Osceola County Historical Society, which will operate the facility, hope to directly link it to the adjacent Shingle Creek Regional Park. County staff on hand noted a spur of a new bicycle trail with picnic areas is planned to pass close to the welcome center to make it a part of the park.

The \$1.8 million project was built with Tourist Development Tax funds and incorporated local workmanship, with Quinn Commercial of St. Cloud and Dale and Charles H. Parsons of Kissimmee handling the construction and architectural design.

Dale Parsons lauded the commitment and support between county leaders, the historical society and other contributors during the project.

"The County Commission



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Osceola County and the Osceola County Historical Society held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Osceola County Welcome Center and History Museum. Above, U.S. House of Representatives Director of Community Relations Rob Medina, left, and Osceola County Transportation Planner Jim Gugliotti examine one of the many examples of what wild Florida and historic Osceola County look like.

set its vision and staff participated in every step, but let the designers do their thing," he said. "This hasn't been about a brick and mortar building, but about passion. You can see lots of personal pride in this project, connecting what Osceola County has always been and what it can be. Somewhere along the way in our relationship with Disney, that got put on the back burner.

Inside the museum, a "smokeboat," a replica paddleboat that gives a nod to the area's heritage as a boating transportation hub at the northern end of the Everglades watershed, welcomes visitors and houses a small gift shop.

Farther inside, displays give a vibrant nod to the county's history of cattle, logging and nature, along with its place in

Florida, considered "the last frontier east of the Mississippi."

The role in working and traversing the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes in populating and employing residents is well documented, as is the growth of the cities of Kissimmee and St. Cloud from 1890 to 1930 and the role of Native American residents during that time.

Among the nature highlights include a replica of a bald eagle's nest, and a gopher tortoise tunnel that visitors can crawl through — and experience a couple of surprises.

The new exhibit is a source of pride for County Commissioner Mike Harford, whose district includes the center. Beyond that, he is a life-long resident of the area and

can clearly recall a different Osceola County, and is excited to bridge the gap between the area's past and present.

"I get chills just being in here," he said. "People can walk through Osceola's past, a place where nature and history meet, and it's a way to highlight our eco-tourism and adventure opportunities in an engaging way. We have a lot of natural jewels here, this is a way for us to polish them."

Harford said the county was lucky to find such a high-visibility location available fronting both one of its regional parks and a major thoroughfare.

"It's a place that can bring residents and tourists together, and I know many of our British and other international tourists are interested in our history," he said.

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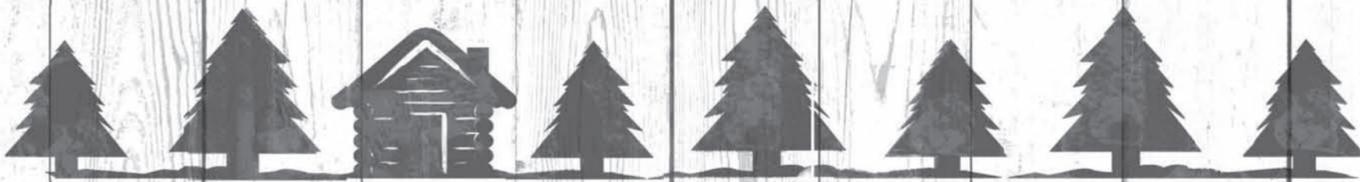
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## ALDI opens its third store in Osceola County



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ALDI recently opened its third store in at 4425 W. Vine St. in Kissimmee

By Peter Covino  
Lifestyles Editor

There may not be an ALDI store in your neighborhood yet, but the discount grocer opened a third Osceola County store recently, and more are on the way for Florida.

ALDI has more than 1,200 stores in the United States, with plans to open more than 80 stores in 2012. "We continue to grow, the response has been terrific," said David Rinaldo, an ALDI vice president, who works out of the

company's regional Haines City office. A long line wrapped around the side of the newest store at 4425 W. Vine St. in Kissimmee recently, awaiting the grand-opening at 9 a.m. This is the company's 54th store in Florida and the third in Osceola County. Dignitaries attending the opening included Kissimmee City Commissioners Cheryl Grieb and Jerry Gemskie. "As ALDI continues to grow in the Orlando area, we are pleased to open this new location to help more customers stretch

their dollars even further," said Rinaldo. "As important as price is, there's only one way to attract and keep shoppers: You have to have quality products. When people try our ALDI exclusive brands, they are surprised by the savings and impressed by the quality." ALDI specializes in having its own brand name for almost all of the products in the store.

The company tests all products first before putting its name on the label, he said. ALDI customers can save up to 50 percent on the more than 1,400 items it carries, over national brands prices.

Other cost cutting measures include a cart rental system (it takes a quarter to release a shopping car from the shopping car area, but the quarter is returned when you bring it back). Customers also bag their own groceries and are encouraged to use their own shopping bags.

Rinaldi said the response has been so strong in Central Florida that some Florida stores, including the new Kissimmee location will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The stores usually close at 8 p.m. The store is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. ALDI accepts cash, debit and EBT cards. The Kissimmee store also has a new look.

A design change incorporated into the company's newest locations, including higher ceilings, improved natural lighting and environmentally friendly building materials, such as recycled materials and energy saving refrigeration and light bulbs.

Opening week specials included product tastings and a chance to enter an on-site sweepstakes for a chance to win ALDI gift certificates and a Halloween essentials product giveaway package.

For more information about ALDI, visit their website at [www.aldi.us](http://www.aldi.us).

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Osceola Regional Medical Center Announces the Opening of \$3.4 Million Parking Garage

Osceola Regional Medical Center recently announced the opening of its new 311 space-parking garage to be used exclusively by employees free of charge. In addition to new valet services, the parking garage will open spaces for the ever-growing numbers of patients and visitors who use Osceola Regional and the accompanying Medical Office Building. The \$3.4 million investment is just a small part of the medical center campus expansion, which includes a \$52 million, 60-bed patient tower that will open at the end of 2013. "We are very pleased to offer this new parking deck to our dedicated and caring staff here at Osceola," said Kathryn J. Gillette, CEO of Osceola Regional Medical Center. "Over the last several months, they have been very patient while using an off-site parking area, and we hope that they will be thrilled with their new covered parking deck."

#### Shearer gets governor's appointment

Gov. Rick Scott recently appointed Kissimmee auctioneer and business owner Don Shearer to the Department of Business and Professional Regulations Auctioneer License Board. Shearer is the co-owner of Auctioneer Services in Kissimmee with his wife, Janet, and is a real estate associate with Goodwin Realty and Associates, Inc.



Shearer

Shearer previously served two terms on this board and assisted with writing of the license laws that govern auctioneers. He served as president of the National Auctioneers Association in Overland Park, Kan. in 1998 as well as president of the Florida Auctioneers Association in Titusville. Shearer was crowned Florida Champion Auctioneer in 1999 and his daughter, Jennifer, was crowned Rookie Champion Auctioneers in 2000. He has been a resident of Kissimmee since 1971.

#### St. Cloud Surgical Associates offers minimally invasive breast biopsy

St. Cloud Surgical Associates is offering women a less invasive breast biopsy that avoids the stitches and scarring associated with a traditional open surgical biopsy.

The minimally invasive breast biopsy procedure performed at St. Cloud Surgical Associates is done with a vacuum-assisted Stereotactic Breast Biopsy device that allows doctors to biopsy suspicious tissue through a tiny incision in less than 15 minutes with an immediate recovery.

"Now women can get an accurate diagnosis with an office or outpatient procedure that is less invasive, less traumatic and easier on a women's body," said Dr. Robert Capobianco, general surgeon. It's also a way to avoid the operating room altogether if it's not breast cancer, which is the case for about 80 percent of women."

For more information on breast biopsy procedures, contact St. Cloud Surgical Associates at 407-498-3763 or on online at [www.stcloudphysicians.com](http://www.stcloudphysicians.com).

## Four Kissimmee Main Street nominees win awards

Kissimmee Main Street had four nominees win awards at the Secretary of State's Florida Main Street dinner on Sept. 13 in Downtown Dade City. Willy's Wieners, BB&T Bank Downtown Kissimmee Branch, The Daily City and Craig Holland were all recognized for their outstanding work in downtown Kissimmee.

Willy's Wieners was named Florida Main Street Business of the Year, honoring their hard work and dedication to downtown Kissimmee over the past year at events such as the Kowtown Festival where it donated more than 100 hotdogs for the hotdog-eating contest. It continues to increase foot traffic in the downtown area with their marketing efforts.

BB&T Bank Downtown Kissimmee Branch received Outstanding Florida Main Street Private-Public Partnership. BB&T has been one of Kissimmee Main Street's top sponsors at downtown Kissimmee events

"Partnering with Main Street is an essential strategy for BB&T Bank," said Drew Hawkes, BB&T Kissimmee Branch Manager. "We pride ourselves on being involved in our community, supporting our local small businesses, and promoting opportunities. The way this aligns with the Main Street mission statement makes our partnership a win / win scenario. We look forward to continuing our partnership and thank Main Street for recognizing our efforts to promote them and our communities."

The Daily City in conjunction with the city of Kissimmee and Kissimmee Main Street were recognized for the Food Truck Bazaar in Kissimmee, winning the Outstanding Florida Main Street Special Event award. This event continues to bring more than 2,000 people on the first Friday of each month to downtown Kissimmee for this unique dining experience.



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Pictured above starting at left: BB&T Downtown Kissimmee Branch Manager Drew Hawkes, Kissimmee Development Services Director Craig Holland, Kissimmee Economic Development Director Belinda Kirkegard, Kissimmee Assistant Supervisor of Public Events Cathe Iveson, owner of Willy's Wieners Gina McLaughlin and Kissimmee Main Street President Gail Eck at the Secretary of State's Florida Main Street Awards Dinner held on September 13th in Downtown Dade City.

Craig Holland, Development Services director for the city of Kissimmee was named Outstanding Local Florida Main Street Program Supporter award for his volunteerism with Kissimmee Main Street.

"All of our businesses and volunteers are essential pieces to Kissimmee Main Street," said Kissimmee Main Street Director, Kelly Trace. "I am so happy that Florida Main Street

and the Secretary of State recognizes their hard work and the Main Street Program as a valuable piece to the economic engine of our state's success."

Kissimmee Main Street is a Nationally Accredited Main Street program that focuses on historic preservation with economic development to restore prosperity and vitality to Downtown and neighborhood business districts.

## The Palms Hotel & Villas wins awards for excellence

The Palms Hotel & Villas on Parkway Boulevard in Kissimmee, a three-Palms hotel, has been honored with two awards that recognize the property's outstanding service to guests and to the community. The Overall Excellence In Quality Assurance Award and the Community Service Award were presented recently at the annual Owners & General Managers Conference, which was hosted by the hotel's franchise partner, America's Best Franchising, in Atlanta.

"The property staff routinely go above and beyond with their attention to details and their commitment to the area — they are exceptional representatives of the brand, of our company, and of the

hospitality industry," said Doug Collins, chairman and CEO of America's Best Franchising in presenting the award.

The Palms Hotel & Villas in Kissimmee is managed by Coakley Williams Hotel Management Company, based in Greenbelt, MD.

America's Best Franchising operates more than 250 hotels under its three upper economy brands — America's Best Inns & Suites, Budgetel Inns & Suites, and Country Hearth Inns & Suites — plus its upscale 3 Palms brand for independent hotels. The company's properties are primarily in the United States, but in recent years it has expanded aggressively in India, China, and Nigeria.



Submitted Photo

Wade Michaels, center, of The Palms Hotel & Villas in Kissimmee accepts awards for excellence in quality assurance and community service from executives of America's Best Franchising with COO Chip Elbers, left, and CEO Doug Collins, right. The presentation was made last in Atlanta.

### NOTEables

#### Glen Winsor Appointed Hotel Manager

Glen Winsor has been appointed hotel manager of Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, a premier hotel resort accessible from within Walt Disney World property, according to Ted Ratcliff, senior vice president operation eastern U.S. for Hilton Worldwide.

Winsor most recently held the position of general manager for DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Orlando - Lake Buena Vista. In his new capacity, he will oversee operations for the 1,000-room hotel including a Rees Jones-designed golf course, full fitness center, nearly a dozen dining options and a three-acre lazy river pool. "Glen possesses a strong knowledge of the Orlando market and proven ability to increase market share and financial performance", said Ratcliff. "He has a passion for customer service, offering strong operational management experience with expertise in business analysis, strategic sales planning and marketing as well as client relations and team member development."

Winsor graduated from Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada with a bachelor of applied arts degree, School of Hotel Management. He currently is on the Board of Directors for the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, and is actively involved with Rotary Club of Lake Buena Vista and Focal Point Church, Hunters Creek.



Winsor

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## Picks of the Week

### Prep squads making the grade

Normally we concentrate on the often befuddling college and NFL football activities here, but since the high school teams all were in action Thursday, we'll expound on them this week.

With the high school season three-quarters over, here is our Osceola County high school football synopsis:

**Most surprising team:** Gateway (7-1).

It's not a big surprise that the Panthers are enjoying their best season ever because Coach Marlin Roberts has been building three years for this. He has a good running back in senior Zach Smith, who topped 1,000 yards after only seven games, and a seasoned quarterback in senior Anthony Rodriguez.



Rick Pedone  
Sports Editor

The Panthers also are stacked defensively with a unit that features very good players like linebackers Ian Stevens and Jaquan Owens and big lines on both sides of the ball. But, breaking the school record for victories (7) after only eight games can fairly be considered a surprise, so the Panthers earned the honor.

**The Undefeated Team That Was Expected to Be:** Osceola (7-0).

Really, what game on the Kowboys 2012 schedule looked unwinnable in August? None. Palm Bay in week 3 was a challenge (OHS, 14-7), but OHS has won by a running clock for the past month thanks to a swarm of outstanding seniors such as Stafon McCray, Davante Small, Josh Phelps, Tyler Evans, Jose Sanchez, Brandon Baker, Hassan Childs, Darren Brackbill, Randy Brown, CC Smithson and I know I'm leaving a couple out. The underclassmen like quarterback Daequan Harrison, Dwight Fagan, Santiago Hoffman, James Farley and Mikeice Adams have performed, as Steelers Coach Mike Tomlin would say, "Above the line."

The only question for the Kowboys is, has this not-so-challenging schedule toughened the team enough to go deep into the playoffs?

**The Team That Usually Is Better Than Its Record:** Liberty (1-6).

Thursday's 21-20 loss to St. Cloud was another of the maddening losses Coach David Benson and the Chargers have endured recently. The Chargers are in almost every game, but if an opponent doesn't return a punt for a touchdown to make the difference, the Chargers will turn it over, miss a kick, or take a penalty just as they are on the verge of victory.

**Most Entertaining Coach of a Winless Team:** Ed Meierkort, Celebration (0-8).

Meierkort, fresh off eight seasons as a NCAA D-I coach at South Dakota, is coaching at the high school level for the first time at a school that has no football tradition. His weekly assessment of his team's progress is usually blunt: "We're terrible, but we're getting better. We have to be, don't we?"

Meierkort says that he likes what he is doing, that his athletes are playing hard and that he sees progress in a program that hasn't won in two years. He is convinced that in coming seasons, Celebration will be a formidable force in Osceola County. "I've done this before. I can do it here," he said. Against common sense, you want to believe him.

No Divine Nine this week, it's straight to the picks:

South Carolina (-3) at Florida: These teams are strikingly similar: good defenses, good running games, inconsistent quarterbacks. But, UF's QB is getting consistent in a hurry. **Gators by 2.**

FSU (-17.5) at Miami: Every week we marvel at how far the Canes have fallen. This point spread says it all. **Noles by 14.**

Kansas State at West Virginia (-2.5): In the fourth quarter, somebody in Morgantown is going to say, "We need a bigger scoreboard." **Mountaineers by 1.**

LSU (-3.5) at Texas A&M: Aggies are primed for an SEC upset, but the Tigers, flawed as they are offensively, can't afford another loss. **Tigers by 2.**

The paid professionals:  
New Orleans (-3) at Tampa Bay: The Bucs looked great last week. But, this is Drew Brees in town this week, not Brady Quinn. **Saints by 6.**

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## OBC swimming championships

# 2 more for the Horns

## Harmony boys are in seventh heaven; Girls regain crown

By Rick Pedone  
Sports Editor

Harmony's boys won the Orange Belt Conference swimming championship for a record seventh-straight year Tuesday at the Makinson Aquatic Center.

Harmony's girls joined in the fun, regaining the conference championship they won five straight times from 2005-09 before Osceola claimed the past two conference crowns.

Harmony's boys (199) outscored Gateway (109), Osceola (103), Celebration (54) and St. Cloud (46).

The Lady Longhorns (183) finished in front of Osceola (158), St. Cloud (80), Gateway (57) and Celebration (39).

OBC member Liberty does not compete in swimming, and Poinciana did not have team scores.

The meet moved from Wednesday to Tuesday to allow for the PSATs.

The Longhorns won all three relays (200 IM, 1:50.74; 200 free, 1:35.64; 400 free, 3:28.47) and four of the eight individual races.

"After graduating over half of our team last year, this is a great accomplishment for our team," Horns Coach Terry Brown said. "We are very proud of this team, especially the newcomers, who have bought in to the spirit of teamwork and winning tradition."

Individual winners for the Longhorns were Lucas Roberts (50 free, 22.80; 100 free, 49.93), John Roberts (200 free, 1:52.65) and Josh Saute (200 IM, 2:15.73).

The relay team members were: 200 medley - Bailey Sklarek, Adam Gokee, Steele, Michael Driscoll; 200 free - John Roberts, Driscoll, Peter Swafford, Luke Roberts; 400 free - Luke Roberts, Swafford, Steele, John Roberts.

Osceola's Joshua Cancel (5:13.05) won the 500 free and the Kowboys' Josue Herrera (285.90) was the diving champion.

Gateway had its best team showing ever as Walter Brooks claimed two events (100 fly, 55.99; 100 breast, 1:05.84) and Josh Longfield (1:01.28) won



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Harmony's Lindsey Saute, left, and Gateway's Seshani Thirunayagam compete in the 200 IM Tuesday at the Orange Belt Conference meet at the Makinson Aquatic Center. Saute won as the Lady Longhorns claimed the conference title.

the 100 back. The Panthers also were second in two of the three relays.

"I was very proud of my kids. Lots of best times," Gateway Coach Vonnie Kochensparger said.

The Lady Longhorns, under Coach T.J. Walters, were equally impressive in regaining their championship.

Katy Davis (100 free, 57.18), Rachel Walker (200 free, 2:16.75), Lindsey Saute (200 IM, 2:25.73) and Emily Walker (100 breast, 1:15.37) all won individual championships.

Like the boys, the Lady Longhorns also swept the relays (200 medley, 2:04.69; 200 free, 1:49.68; 400 free,

4:05.21).  
Swimming the relays were: 200 IM - Saute, Emily Walker, Kylie Joachim, Jasie Howard; 200 free - Emily Walker, Howard, Rachel Walker, Davis; 400 free - Saute, Joachim, Rachel Walker, Davis.

Walters, in his first season as the Lady Longhorns coach, said, "The girls worked so hard not just in the high school year. We have girls that swim with the St. Cloud Aquatic Team and Kissimmee Swim Association," he said. "We are hopeful that we can take this win and carry it over to districts. This group of girls did one thing that we are so proud of. They had hope and believed in each other. It's a great win, but we still aren't done yet."

Walters also thanked the Harmony swimming support system.

"We are so glad to have the strong support of our swim and dive parents," he said.

Osceola's Jordan Parrish (283.30) was the dive champion and her teammates Alison Lear (50 free, 27.64) and Kendall Castillow (100 fly, 1:08.92) claimed OBC crowns, as well.

Osceola Coach Krystle See Swimmers, page A-9



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Gateway's Josh Longfield competes in the 200 IM at the Orange Belt Conference meet at the Makinson Aquatic Center Tuesday. Longfield placed second and later won the backstroke for the Panthers, who were OBC runners-up for the first time.

# Kowboys crush Longhorns, 61-0

By Rick Pedone  
Sports Editor

Osceola took another step toward repeating as the 7A-6 district football champion Thursday with a 61-0 win over Harmony at Kowboys field.

Osceola, 7-0 and 3-0 in 7A-6, dominated from the opening kickoff, rolling up 526 total yards to Harmony's 40. The Kowboys rushed for 304 yards in the first half.

Harmony slipped to 2-6 and 1-2 and saw a two-game winning streak snapped.

Osceola's Stafon McCray (16-188, 2 TDs) ran 60 yards for a touchdown on the second play from scrimmage, setting the tone for a game that saw the Kowboys score touchdowns on eight of nine possessions.

McCray, a senior, also scored on a 5-yard run early in the second quarter, mak-

ing the score 34-0.

Freshman Laderrien Wilson (6-83, 2 TDs) scored on TD runs of 1 and 22 yards, and he ran for a two-point conversion. He bulled through seven Longhorns defenders on the 22-yard run, which set in motion a running clock early in the third quarter with the score 41-0.

It was the fourth straight game that the Kowboys won with a running clock.

"We played well," Kowboys Coach Doug Nichols said. "We were physical. That was something we stressed from the first practice this week. Coming off the off week, we wanted to get out there and play with some intensity from the beginning, and we did. Now we'll take a couple of days off, then get to practice Monday and get ready for the next one."

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Harmony lineman Anthony Trujillo tries to catch up to Kowboys running back Laderrien Wilson Thursday at Kowboys Field. Wilson scored two touchdowns and ran for a two-point conversion during Osceola's 7A-6 district victory.

# Volleyball tourneys under way Monday

By Rick Pedone  
Sports Editor

Volleyball district tournaments begin Monday for Osceola County squads seeking regional playoff berths.

Harmony, a state finalist last season, will host the four-team 7A-6 tournament against St. Cloud, Celebration and Oak Ridge.

The Lady Longhorns (15-8) are the top seed after clinching their third consecutive Orange Belt Conference championship last week by beating Gateway.

Harmony will play No. 4-seed Oak Ridge at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, while No. 2 St. Cloud (16-7) and No. 3 Celebration (13-7) meet at 5 p.m.

The championship game Thursday begins at 6 p.m.

Harmony and St. Cloud split two matches this season.

"We're looking to play some solid volleyball in the postseason," St. Cloud Coach Ettie Singleton said.

The 7A-5 district tournament is at top-seeded Lake Minneola. Lake Minneola and Osceola (13-9), the No. 2 seed, take first-round byes.

Lake Minneola, the defending district champ, will play the winner of Tuesday's Poinciana-Liberty match Wednesday at 7 p.m. Osceola will play the winner of Tuesday's East Ridge-Gateway contest in the semifinals.

Wednesday's winners will meet for the championship Thursday at 7 p.m.

"We're happy with the first-round bye," OHS Coach Carrie Palmi said. "We will most likely see East Ridge (seeded No. 3) in the semifinals, who is a pretty solid team, but we've beaten them twice 3-0 in the regular season."

Poinciana, No. 5, will play at No. 4 Liberty Tuesday.

The 7A-5 and 7A-6 champions and runners-up will meet in the regionals on Halloween.

City of Life Christian will host the 2A-6 tournament starting Monday.

The Warriors (16-5), have won eight straight under coach Cynthia Ortega and are the No. 2 seed. They play the winner of Monday's 5:30 p.m. game between No. 3 Covenant Christian and No. 6 Life Academy in the semifinals Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Top-seeded Merritt Island Christian plays the winner of No. 4 Brevard HEAT-No. 5 Brevard Christian at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The championship Thursday begins at 7 p.m.

City of Life senior Gabriella Carrion is confident her team will advance.

"I believe that if we play up to our capabilities, we can certainly make this an interesting tournament," she said.

Winning the Silver Elite championship at the Dr. Phillips tournament last month will aid the team's confidence, Coach Ortega said.

"I think that was the point where our girls started to believe in themselves and realized what a good team they could be with hard work and commitment," she said.

The 2A-6 champ and runner-up will play in the regionals Oct. 30.

Southland Christian (10-6) reached the quarterfinals of the Florida Christian Conference tournament with a 25-12, 23-25, 25-13, 25-15 win against Ruskin Christian Tuesday.

Sheena Fletcher had 14 kills and Delaney Sjostrom had 15 aces and 12 assists.

## Picks

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Jacksonville at Oakland (-5): This game brings one word to mind: contraction.

**Da Raidas by 3.**

Baltimore at Houston (-4): The top two teams in the AFC meet. Last man standing wins, and he's a **Texan by 4.**

Pittsburgh (-1.5) at Cincinnati: Steelers lineman Alameda Ta'amu was arrested last weekend after ramming four cars with his SUV. Nice to see that at least one of the Steelers defenders can hit something. **Stillers by 2.**

Dallas (-2) at Carolina: OK, how are the Cowboys going to screw it up this week? Miss the plane? **Pokes by 3** in a "Why Are We Favored" Non-upset Special.

Brian "Big Man" McBride's Super Sniffer Upset Special: **Bucs by 3.**

Petey "The Gators Are Going To Win" Covino says: **Gators by 7.**

Andrew "Flaming Spear" Sullivan's FSU Massacre of the Week: **Noles by 17.**

Tom "Captain" Kirk's Beam Me Up Scotty NFL Prime Time Pick of the Week: **Pitts. by double digits.**

Ken "Young" Jackson says: **Gators by .0014.** Yeah, that close. **Kansas State by 3** in Wacky Big 12 Upset Special.

Last week: Mega Mind (9-1, 47-14) massacred Mortified Minnion (7-3, 42-19).



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Harmony's boys and girls celebrate their Orange Belt Conference swimming championships Tuesday at the Makinson Aquatic Center.

## Swimmers

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Singleton liked the performances of both of her teams.

"My kids swam great. I had my girls losing by 40, and we closed the gap, and I had my boys in fourth and they also closed the gap and came close to second," she said. "We set two school records in diving (Parrish and Herrera) and even went 1-2 in boys diving (Dillon Newsome, 194.0)."

Singleton said the five conference titles her team won will serve as a boost as the team prepares to compete in

the 3A-3 district meet Friday at 9 a.m. at the Orlando YMCA Aquatic Center.

"I am very proud of how the Kowboys swam. My kids worked hard and swam fast. Everyone on the team did their job, and now it's time to taper, shave and head out to districts," Singleton said.

Gateway joins OHS at the 3A-3 meet, considered one of the most competitive districts in Florida.

Harmony travels to the 2A-7 meet at Winter Haven

Thursday at 9 a.m. Diving is Wednesday at 2 p.m.

St. Cloud and Celebration also will compete at Winter Haven.

Harmony swept the district meets last year. It was the first district crown for the girls and the fifth for the boys.

"Districts will be tough. Our main competition will be Winter Haven. Our swimmers will definitely have to have their best times to remain in the hunt for a championship," Brown said.

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# Kowboys

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OHS quarterback Daequan Harrison scrambled for a 25-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and later passed 40 yards for another touchdown to Armani Helligar to make it 27-0 on the last play of the opening period.

Harmony crossed midfield in the second quarter after making its biggest offensive play of the night, a 23-yard pass from Jeremiah Murray to Alex Britton. A personal foul penalty against the Kowboys moved it to the 29 later in the drive, but three straight sacks by Osceola's defense pushed the Longhorns back to their 49, forcing a punt.

Kowboys sophomore line-backer Riley Nicholson transferred from Harmony this summer and said he wanted to play well against his former teammates.

"I felt like I had to show them that I'm a better player than I was. I felt like I had something to prove," he said. "I still have a lot of friends over there."

Nicholson said there wasn't much smack talk between him and his former teammates.

"No, they were quiet. I didn't hear them say a thing,"

he said.

Osceola's defense forced three turnovers, including an interception by sophomore defensive back Dominic Lee that he returned 40 yards for a touchdown.

Kowboys junior Akiel Hamilton ran 17 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter and senior Michael Oliver scored on a 1-yard run as time expired as his teammates cheered. Oliver carried six straight times before cracking the goal line after the Kowboys recovered a fumble at the Horns 20.

Harmony Coach Jerrad Butler said injuries continue to plague his team, but he gave credit to the No. 7-ranked Kowboys.

"Hats off to Coach Nichols and his players," he said. "Sometimes you have days like this."

The Kowboys host Liberty, a 21-20 loser to St. Cloud, for homecoming Friday. They can clinch their sixth consecutive playoff berth with a win.

Harmony will host Gateway Friday.

Gateway, a 49-6 winner over Celebration Thursday, can clinch its first-ever playoff berth with a win.



Osceola linebackers Riley Nicholson (12) and Mikeice Adams (10) hit Longhorns running back Jose Aquilar during Osceola's 61-0 at Kowboys field Thursday.

## Sports briefs

### Gateway wins

Gateway defeated Celebration, 49-6, Thursday in a 7A-6 district football game that gave Gateway a 7-1 record, the most wins ever at the school.

Zach Smith scored three touchdowns and Isaiah Wharton scored twice in a game that the team dedicated to student Jordan Velez, who was struck by a car at a bus stop Monday and remains hospitalized.

Gateway is 3-0 in the district and can clinch a first-ever playoff berth at Harmony Friday. Celebration is 0-8, 0-3.

In other football action Thursday Poinciana lost to Lake Nona, 59-7, in 5A-7, and Life Christian was blanked by Windermere Prep, 56-0.

### Field of Screams

The Osceola High baseball team is hosting its "FIELD of SCREAMS" this Halloween season at the OHS baseball field on the following dates:

Oct. 26, 9 to 11 p.m., ages 10-over; Oct. 27, 8 to 11 p.m., all ages; Oct. 31, 8 to 11 p.m., all ages.

Admission is \$5. Children under 10 and OHS students with ID, \$3.

# Bulldogs edge Liberty in a thriller, 21-20

By J. Daniel Pearson  
For the News-Gazette

The flu and a tough Liberty defense could not slow Eric Pfeifer down. The senior running back carried the ball a season-high 29 times for 143 yards and three touchdowns as the St. Cloud Bulldogs (2-5, 1-2) recorded a thrilling 21-20 win over the Liberty Chargers (1-6, 1-2) Thursday at Chargers field.

"The kids never gave up and we rode our defense and running game to victory," Bulldogs assistant coach Bryan

Smart said. "Eric came to school today with the flu and said he wasn't feeling good in the first half, but we kept feeding him the ball and he kept gaining yards."

Pfeifer said determination paid off.

"The yards were hard to come by at first," Pfeifer said. "I didn't feel very good early in the game and they were doing a good job of clogging up the middle. But we kept on grinding and good things began to happen."

It looked like Liberty would

dominate when Chargers freshman quarterback Isaiah Wilson hit Justin Winkler on a 65-yard catch-and-run on Liberty's first play from scrimmage to set up Steven Phillips' 2-yard touchdown run.

The Chargers would up the lead to 14-0 on its next possession, as Wilson directed a 7-play, 83-yard touchdown march that ended on Winkler's 5-yard touchdown run.

But Liberty failed to pull further ahead as four additional drives were stalled by two missed field goals and several

penalties.

St. Cloud got its offense going in the third quarter. The Bulldogs forced a quick turnover on an errant snap to set itself up on the Chargers' 36-yard line. Five plays later Pfeifer broke loose up the middle for a 25-yard touchdown run to make 14-7.

Liberty then muffed the ensuing kickoff and Shaquan Drayton recovered on the Charger 25. Quarterback Matt Chavel fed Pfeifer five straight times, with the final carry resulting in a 7-yard

touchdown. Nick Askey booted the extra point to tie the game at 14.

St. Cloud won a field position game in the fourth quarter after a shanked punt traveled just 5 yards to set St. Cloud up at the Liberty 10. Pfeifer ran 10 yards on two carries to give the Bulldogs a 21-14 lead.

Wilson led the Chargers 80 yards on 10 plays to make it close. He completed 6 of 7 passes for 76 yards, hitting Joey Casillas for a 12-yard touchdown pass play to make it 21-20 with 1:46 remaining.

But, the PAT failed.

At 1-2 in 7A District 6, both teams need help to stay alive in the playoff race.

"It was a frustrating loss for us," Chargers Coach David Benson said. "I thought we came in with a good game plan and we executed well early in the game."

"But, the bottom line is, we had chances to put them away and we let them stay in the game. Second half turnovers, a breakdown in our kicking game and penalties really hurt us."

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### PUMPKIN PATCH

KISSIMMEE — Is it the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown? There should be some very good pumpkins at the newest pumpkin patch in the county at the first Osceola Historical Society Pumpkin Patch. The new pumpkin patch joins an annual favorite, the pumpkin patch at Green Meadows Farm. The Pioneer Village is the backdrop for the historical society patch and it will be open Thursday-Sunday from Oct. 4-28. Regular admission rates apply and pumpkins will be available for purchase. The village is at 750 N. Bass Rd. Kissimmee. The pumpkin patch at Green Meadows Farm is free with admission to the farm.

### INDIAN ARTIFACTS SHOW

ST. CLOUD — An Indian artifacts show will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Heritage Museum in St. Cloud, 1012 Massachusetts Ave. Artifact collectors vary in their collections based on the type of hunting they specialize in. The show will include a huge collection of native American pottery amassed over the years largely by diving the rivers in Florida. The Mid-Florida Archaeological Society has a number of sites with prearranged permission with landowners to excavate for artifacts. Artifacts on display will include pottery, arrowheads, stone tools, Spanish contact artifacts from the 1500's such as beads and trade items, gorgets etc. Some of the arrowheads are up to 10,000-12,000 years old made by the first people to inhabit Florida. Members will be on hand for the show to answer any questions the public might have.

The show is for display only for educational purposes. No sales will be allowed.

St. Cloud historian Pat McMullen will be displaying his large collection acquired right around St. Cloud, since he started as a child in the 1950's.

Osceola county does not have an active archaeologist studying and cataloging sites as they are destroyed by development. This is a rare opportunity for the public to see some very fine collections that otherwise would not be shown in local museums

### GUY FAWKES

KISSIMMEE — After a few years hiatus, there is a Guy Fawkes celebration coming to Kissimmee. The British bonfire event (remembering the man who tried to blow up Parliament) will be marked with British foods and beers, ride and games, fireworks and a giant bonfire, all on Nov. 5. The event will be held at Championsgate World Resort from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 (cash only). For more information go to GuyFawkesKissimmee.com.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL

KISSIMMEE — The Osceola Center for the Arts will be holding auditions for A Christmas Carol: Scrooge & Marley on Sunday and Monday, at 6 p.m. Actors ages 7 and up may attend either evening and will be asked to read aloud from the script. The show will run on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 30 thru Dec. 16 with a special Thursday evening performance on Dec. 13. All roles are available and are unpaid. Characters include Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, Jacob Marley, The Ghost of Christmas Past, The Ghost of Christmas Present, The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Fred, Fezziwig, Belle, Peter Cratchit, Martha Cratchit, Fan & more. Written by Israel Horowitz, A Christmas Carol: Scrooge & Marley is adapted from Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', and will be directed by Ron Colburn. For more information, call 407-846-6257 or visit www.ocfta.com.



Is there anything scarier than Bette Davis (she did her own makeup) in *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?*, now available in a 50th anniversary Blu-ray/DVD edition.

Warner Bros.

## Putting on Your DVDs

## Get your TV ready for Halloween

### New Blu-ray titles and even a classic in 3D



Peter Covino  
Film Critic

It's time for some treats and maybe even a few treats with the latest batch of DVDs and Blu-rays, that will make an October weekend just a little more spooky.

You can never do better than with the classics, and there a bunch of new Blu-ray debuts including a film with legendary performances from Bette Davis and Joan Crawford.

What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? If you don't

know, now is a great time to find out as Warner Bros. has just released the 50th anniversary edition of the epitome of grand guignol films, **What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?** (1962).

The feud between Davis and Crawford just makes the performances in this remarkable film all the more memorable. Davis plays the aging ex-vaudeville child star, who makes her sister, a crippled ex-movie-star (Crawford) life a living hell.

Davis snagged her 10th Academy Award nomination for her portrayal of "Baby Jane" Hudson. Crawford was snubbed, but she managed to accept the Academy Award that year anyway, for winning actress Anne Bancroft. The feud just deepened.

Baby Jane is one of Warner Bros. Blu-ray book releases. The Blu-ray includes 36 pages of essays and photography as well as special features such as docu-

mentaries (Bette and Joan: Blind Ambition); Behind the Scenes with Baby Jane, a period piece feature; and separate documentaries on Crawford and Davis.

A 50th anniversary standard DVD version is also available.

Davis can be again in the follow-up to Baby Jane, **Dead Ringer**. You get two Bette Davises for the price of one with Dead Ringer.

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## It's beginning to smell a lot like Christmas

### Orlando art museum Holiday Festival of Trees event tickets are already on sale

The first sure sign of Christmas is coming soon to Central Florida — tickets have already gone on sale for the Festival of Trees annual event.

One of Central Florida's favorite holiday events, holiday event begins on Saturday, Nov. 10 and runs through Sunday, Nov. 18.

This is the 26th year for the Festival of Trees. Each year the Orlando Museum of Art (OMA) is turned into a holiday wonderland, with more than 50 extravagant Christmas trees and holiday scenes. Organized by the Council of 101, the event serves as a major fundraiser for the OMA. More than 20,000 people attend the Festival of Trees each year.

#### Event Background

Dozens of Central Florida business and individuals sponsor trees and are responsible for their decadent decorations and displays. The trees are available for purchase throughout the entire event. Festival of Trees has raised more

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Photo/Orlando Museum of Art

The Festival of Trees is a popular fund-raising event for the Orlando Museum of Art, featuring themed holiday trees and other events, Nov. 10-18.

## Park Place — Central Florida Attractions

### Getting bogged down at Epcot

### Cranberry bog is a learning experience at Food & Wine Fest

By Peter Covino  
Lifestyles Editor

When I was a kid growing up in New Jersey (home of the cranberry) I was pretty much convinced that the reddish-colored stuff that accompanied the turkey at Thanksgiving (but which I never ate) must have been some distant cousin to Jell-O, or at the very least was a very strange fruit that grew in cylindrical shapes.

Central Floridians (or anyone visiting Epcot during the Food & Wine Festival) are lucky. They can become semi-experts in the ways of the cranberry in just a matter of minutes.

For the second year, Ocean Spray is hosting a cranberry bog at the festival.

Located not too far from the entrance to the World Showcase, and close to the fountain, the bog is home to 1,500 pounds of fresh, floating cranberries.

Yes, cranberries grow in bogs. Not trees. Not bushes. Not in patches with watermelon.

And if you want to talk cranberries, Ocean Spray cranberry growers as well as Disney cast members wading around in the bog, are usually on hand to talk about the native North American fruit (one of only three) every day at the festival.

"The cranberry is an exceptional autumn fruit that people know very little about," said Larry Martin, vice president global marketing, Ocean Spray. "Our collaboration with



Get saucy with a cranberry or two at the Ocean Spray cranberry bog at the Epcot Food & Wine Festival.

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Dining

# Marlow's Tavern a welcome addition to dining scene

Atlanta-area restaurant opens first location outside of Georgia

By Peter Covino  
Lifestyles Editor

Welcome to the neighborhood, Marlow's.

While I wish Marlow's Tavern was closer to a Kissimmee neighborhood, this great, new dining spot is worth the drive to Pointe Orlando on International Drive.

Already a favorite in Atlanta, where the restaurant has several locations, this is the first venture outside of Georgia for the restaurant group headed by executive chef and co-founder John Metz.

The restaurant staff and team put on quite a show for some invited guests last week, with some incredible samples from the menu. This may have been VIP treatment, but I really got the feeling that this is the kind of service and food you can expect to get at this cozy gathering spot.

From starters/snacks to salads and the burgers and Tavern favorites, there are plenty of hits and not one miss that we tried on the menu.

Start with Marlow's Famous Hummus — they make it themselves and it is served with pita points, fresh vegetables and marinated feta. It is large enough to share and costs \$6.50.

Our table also loved J.T.'s Kettle Chips, served up with Gorgonzola cheese, bacon Roma tomato and scallions (\$7.50).

We tried two salads, a seared ahi tuna (again, great for sharing, this was served with a teriyaki glaze, field greens, Roma tomato, avocado, cucumber, wonton, carrots and soy ginger dressing) priced at \$15. It was incredible, as was the Black & Blue Steak (grilled beef tenderloin, crisp field greens, Roma tomato, slivered red onion, Gorgonzola dressing, \$12).

We tried a few of the Tavern burgers as well. The Black and Blue (Gorgonzola, applewood-smoked bacon), \$11; and the appropriately named, Everything and the Kitchen Sink Burger (applewood-smoked bacon, caramelized onion, wild mushroom, chipotle sauce, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, crispy onion,) \$12. The Black and Blue was excellent, while the "kitchen sink" was a bit overpowering.

From the Big Bar sandwiches we tried the Infamous Fish Tacos (\$11), a real tasty way to prepare tilapia (blackened

with shredded romaine, black bean corn salsa, smoked chili cream, warm tortillas) and the Open-Faced Tenderloin Steak (\$12), marinated bistro filet, garlic kale pesto, crumbled Gorgonzola, caramelized onion confit, Roma tomato, grilled ciabatta and balsamic glaze. It also was delicious.

From the Tavern Favorites, we sampled the Grilled Chicken Stack (spinach, oven dried tomato, fresh Buffalo mozzarella and roast cauliflower, tiny asparagus, onion confit, Parmesan faro), \$14 and Shrimp & Grits (white cheddar grit cake, spinach, Roma tomato, shallot and tomato Beurre blanc) (\$15).

This is just a sampling of their fantastic menu. There are more burgers, salads, sandwiches, Tavern Favorites and starter snacks. Menu items range in price from \$4.50 to \$19.50.

And this is a bar. We tried some tasty spirit concoctions as well.

Chef Metz says the menu changes out twice a year as well with some additions and omissions. This was the summer selections.

The Pointe Orlando restaurant seats up to 215 guests with indoor seating as well as an all-weather patio. Inside, the tavern is warm and inviting with brick walls, dark wood accents, large leather booths and communal tables. There are several large wall-mounted HD TV's for sports viewing.

The restaurant serves lunch, happy hour, and dinner daily Sunday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to midnight and Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Live entertainment is available Thursday through Sunday each week.

The team behind the restaurant: John C. Metz earned his degree at the Culinary Institute of America and began his long-standing career at some of the finest restaurants in New York such as The 21 Club, Tribeca Grill and Montrachet. He currently serves on the board of directors for the National Restaurant Association and is also the immediate past chairman for Distinguished Restaurants of North America (DiRoNA). Designer and Co-founder Tom DiGiorgio is both a powerhouse in the development of commercial and residential real estate projects as well as an influential member of the Georgia restaurant scene.

Partner and Co-founder Richard E. Rivera is president of Rubicon Enterprises LLC, a restaurant development company based in Sarasota, and



Photo/Marlow's

The look of Marlow's Tavern is comfortably casual and the prices are reasonable, but the menu is varied and food and service are outstanding.

has more than 30 years of experience in the industry.

Partner Hank Clark is responsible for supervising the day-to-day operations of Marlow's Tavern and has partnered with Metz since 2001 after working for Darden Restaurants and Brinker International.

Restaurant industry veteran Alan Palmieri, the newest Marlow's Tavern partner, brings more than 37 years of experience to the company and was previously the executive vice president of operations in the Specialty Restaurant Group of Darden Restaurants, Inc.

The group plans on opening two or three more Marlow's Tavern locations in the Orlando area in the coming year.

For more information, go to [www.marlowstavern.com](http://www.marlowstavern.com), on Facebook and on Twitter.

**McCoy**  
I haven't been out there yet, but it looks like the remodel/20th anniversary of McCoy's Bar & Grill at Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport is a nice improvement.

The restaurant has a new interior and a new menu as well.

The latest release from McCoy's says the new menu

focuses on fresh, local ingredients and an eclectic array of items from flatbreads and sushi to steaks and seafood. Highlights include:

- MCO Traveler's Trio, a selection of small plates served on a tiered stand and designed for sharing. Popular selections include Thai Chicken Tenders, Empanadas, Pork Carnitas Tacos, Smoked Mozzarella, Baked Brie, Spring Rolls and Lemon Hummus

- A full selection of authentic Japanese sushi including Sashimi, Nigiri, and Maki rolls created by classically-trained Sushi Chef Hiro Masaki in an interactive setting

- House crafted pasta, fresh and handmade daily

- Soup of the season using fresh local and regional ingredients that changes weekly

- Fresh and unique sorbets and ice creams. - Healthy "For Kids By Kids" children's menu created in collaboration with Alice Waters and the Partnership for a Healthier America. Choices include Whole Wheat Spaghetti and Turkey Meatballs, Salad Kabobs, Organic

Yogurt and Fruit Smoothies and Hormone-Free Low-Fat Milk.

If you check it out, the restaurant has a limited time offer: a complimentary MCO Traveler's Trio (three small plates) per every two entrees that are ordered through Nov. 30. Guests should mention code TRIO3 to their server to receive the offer.

For reservations call 800-233-1234 or go to [www.orlandoairport.hyatt.com](http://www.orlandoairport.hyatt.com).

**Chili**  
A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. (A-C-T) will hold their third annual Chili Cook Off on Wednesday, Oct. 24 from noon until 2 p.m. The flavorful event will help A-C-T raise both money and awareness for United Way of Central Florida and will be held at the firm's corporate headquarters - 1875 W. Main St. in Bartow (Highway 60 just east of downtown Bartow).

The public is invited to participate by either entering their own award winning chili into the friendly competition or by attending to enjoy

a smorgasbord of chili and all the fixings. Lunch includes chili, beverage and dessert and costs just \$10. Chili chefs can choose to enter at no charge in any or all of three categories - hot (fiery, light-you-up!); mild (for the more sensitive palate) and imaginative (e.g. white chicken; gluten-free). Judging will take place before the noon start and winners will be announced around 1 p.m.

A-C-T's Human Resources Director, Jennifer Kincart Jonsson, who also serves on the United Way of Central Florida board of directors, had a vision for making the chili cook off a signature event for the company's annual fundraising campaign - one that would have broad appeal to help grow it to involve as many community members as possible. Last year's cook off boasted a record number of both entries and attendees - tripling in size over the inaugural year and raising \$1,011 in 90 minutes for United Way. A-C-T expects this year's event to be even bigger.

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## DVDs

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She plays a wealthy, nasty widow as well as the nice, estranged sister, who is jealous of her sister's good fortune.

Peter Lawford and Karl Malden co-star.

Special features include a commentary with some film Davis experts and a vintage feature on the mansion used for some of the location shots in the film.

There is more classic suspense with two Hitchcock films, one in 3D and one making its Blu-ray debut.

**Dial M for Murder** (1954) was among the first films released in 3D. Don't expect eye-popping digital effects from this early 1950s film, but it is good to see this film as the Master of Suspense originally intended.

Grace Kelly is captivating, as usual, as the wife framed for murder by husband Ray Milland. It wasn't that Kelly was all that innocent — she did have an affair with Robert Cummings.

But Milland is the ultimate fiend with his scheme to have his wife murdered so can reap the monetary benefits. He seemingly is still in the driver's

seat after the plan backfires and she kills her would-be murderer in self-defense.

Warner Bros. had to do a complete restoration for the 3D release. The film has not been seen in 3D since its original release and even that was limited.

The set includes a 2D Blu-ray version as well.

Special features include the feature Hitchcock and Dial M and 3D: A Brief History.

Brand-new to Blu-ray is one of Hitchcock's best thrillers, **Strangers on a Train.**

Robert Walker plays Bruno, a wonderfully psychotic mama's boy, who tells tennis star Guy (Farley Granger) he will kill his unfaithful wife if Guy kills his hated father. Guy thinks he is crazy, which of course he is, but Bruno fulfills his part of the bargain killing the wife. Now, Guy is the prime suspect.

It is a fun cat-and-mouse film, full of the usual Hitchcock master touches and so much better in this restored Blu-ray version.

Special features include commentary by director Peter Bogdanovich, Hitchcock and others and several documenta-

ries and shorts.

Not scary, but a "horror" in its own right, is **Little Shop of Horrors, The Director's Cut** (Warner Bros.) in Blu-ray.

The director's cut is digitally re-mastered with 5.1 sound and includes a 20-minute alternate ending. The original ending also is included.

The newly stored alternative ending was an apparent act of love by the film's creative team.

Other extras in the release are the Blu-ray book, a 40-page behind-the-scenes look at the film, as well as DVD extras such as introduction by director Frank Oz, outtakes, deleted scenes, documentary, optional commentary and more.

**Little Shop of Horrors**, a musical about a carnivorous plant, stars Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and Vincent Gardenia. The film was nominated for several Academy Awards in 1986, including Best Music, Original Song and Best Effects.

It will never take the place of Universal's original horror classics such as **The Wolfman** or **Frankenstein**, but

**Werewolf: The Beast Among Us Unrated** is a nice enough "new" entry in the horror genre.

Filmed in Romania, home of the Dracula legend, this Blu-ray debut has a lot of the touches you expect in a werewolf film: suspicious townfolk, mysterious deaths and assemblage of werewolf hunters that would be right at home in a spaghetti western.

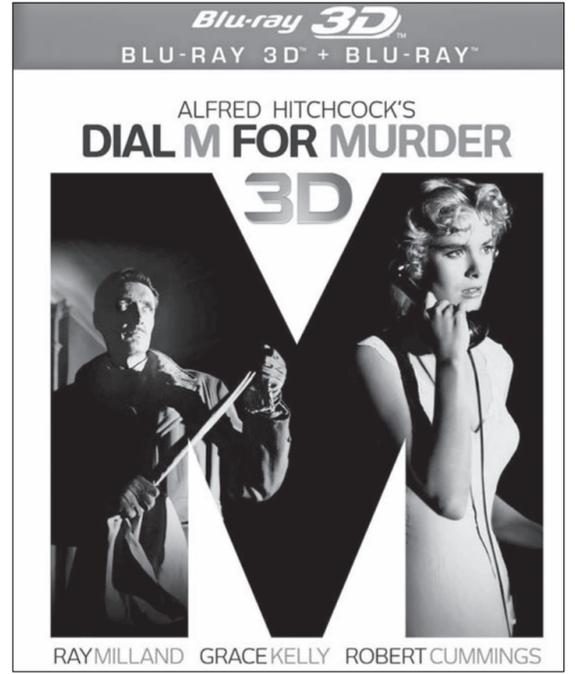
There are a few gore scenes and other intestinal delights that would definitely give this an R rating.

Bonus features include "Making the Monster," a look at the European cast and locales of the films; Transformation Man To Beast, the creative process of making the monster and more.

The combo pack includes a DVD version, digital copy and Ultraviolet version for viewing on portable devices.

And for the pre-teen set, Universal has also released **Monster High: Ghouls Rule.**

This "kids stuff" horror is more of a message movie



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about being yourself as the students at Monster High discover that ghouls and the "Normies" can get along. It is okay to be yourself, even if that means being a monster.

## Bog

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Walt Disney Imagineering on this exhibit gives us an opportunity to showcase the cranberry to thousands of visitors who may never have the opportunity to see how truly stunning a cranberry harvest is, and then show them how to incorporate cranberries into everyday dishes and cuisines around the world."

You don't have to be in the cranberry bog though to act like an expert when it comes to cranberries. Here are some fun facts and numbers about cranberries from the folks at Ocean Spray:

- 400 million: Pounds of cranberries consumed by Americans each year. Twenty percent of that is during Thanksgiving week — 80 million pounds.

- 5,062,500: Gallons of jellied cranberry sauce Americans consume every holiday season.

Ocean Spray produces one can of cranberry sauce per family per year on average — that's more than 70 million cans.

- 74: Percentage of Americans who serve store-bought cranberry sauce at their Thanksgiving meals versus homemade sauce.

- 120,000: Number of people who call the Ocean Spray Consumer Helpline each year for recipe

ideas, product information and brochures. The most popular question? "Why won't my cranberry sauce gel?"

- 47: Square mileage of all the cranberry bogs in North America put together— equal in size to the island of Nantucket! If you strung all the cranberries produced in North America last year, they would stretch from Boston to Los Angeles more than 565 times.

- 8: Locations in the US that are named "Cranberry" or some variation of the name.

- The cranberry gets its name from Dutch and German settlers, who nicknamed it the "craneberry." When cranberry vines bloom in the late spring,

the pale flowers resemble the head and bill of a crane.

- The cranberry harvest is unique to other fruits: Growers flood the bogs with water and the air chambers inside of the berries cause them to float to the top for harvesting.

- You can taste the healthy goodness of the cranberry. PACs, or pro-anthocyanadins, are responsible for cranberry's tart taste and gives them a healthy edge.

Along with learning about the cranberry and seeing what a bog looks like, visitors to the exhibit also get to try some free samples of Craisins, the dried snack version of the cranberry. The bog will be open through the Food & Wine Festival, which ends Nov. 12.

For more information about the cranberry, including some recipes, visit [www.oceanspray.com](http://www.oceanspray.com). You can also share your cranberry stories and recipes with Ocean Spray.

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## Trees

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than \$5 million for OMA since it began in 1986; last year's event resulted in a donation of \$285,000.

**New for 2012**

This year's theme is Once Upon a Time ... a Fairy Tale Festival. Designers will incorporate the whimsy and tradition of everyone's favorite fairy tales, along with the latest design trends, as they trim their trees into amazing holiday creations.

Families with young children may want to attend Reindeer Romp: Peter Pan's Pajama Party: a special event on Wednesday, Nov. 14. From 6:30-8:30 p.m. families can attend a holiday party with entertainment, face painting

and pictures with Santa. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas.

On Friday, Nov. 16, the Jazz Stroll at the Festival of Trees will feature live music, wine, beer, and tastings from some of Orlando's finest restaurants.

Visitors ages 55-plus get \$1 off admission and will receive a special gift on Senior Day, Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The annual Opening Night Festival Gala: The Glass Slipper Ball is set for Friday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.

Festival of Trees attendees can also do some holiday shopping in areas such as the Holiday Boutique, Deck the Halls, Entertaining by Design,

or the Gingerbread Village. Festival of Trees Hours and Ticket Prices

Tickets are available at the museum Prices are:

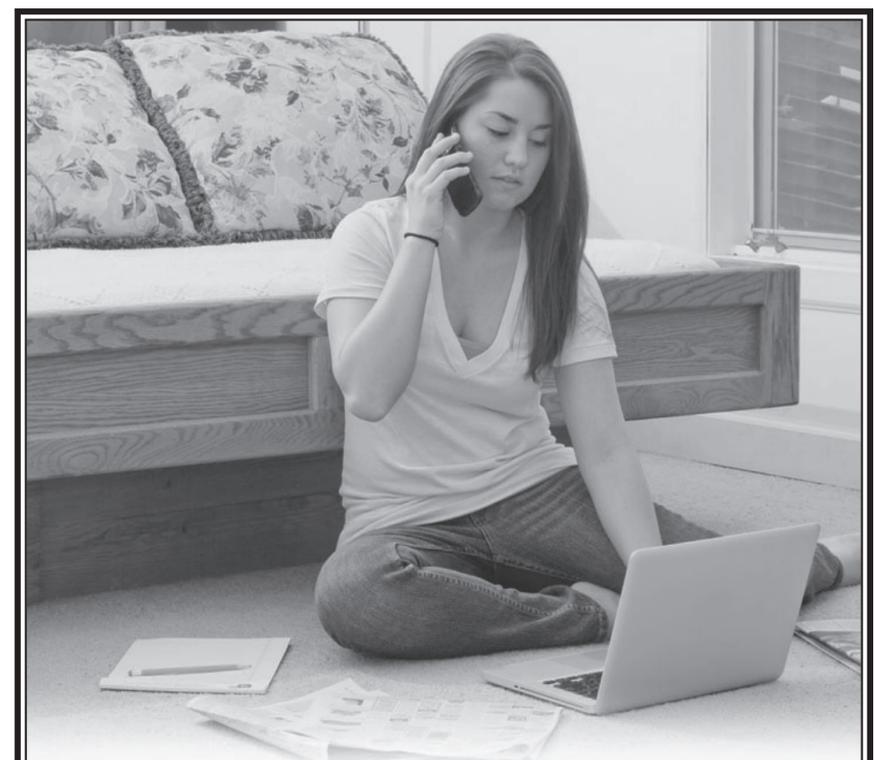
General admission: \$10 for adults; \$6 for children 3-11; children under 3 are free.

Peter Pan's Reindeer Romp: \$12 for everyone ages 3 and up; children under 3 are free.

Jazz Stroll: \$40 per person. Senior Day: visitors 55+ get \$1 off admission and 10% off at the café.

Gala tickets are \$125. Festival of Trees hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

The Orlando Museum of Art is located at 2416 North Mills Ave. in Lock Haven Park.



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# COMMUNITY

## What's new?

### Indian artifacts show

The Heritage Museum of St. Cloud will be hosting an Indian artifacts show today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the event is free to the public. Members of the Mid Florida Archaeological Society will be on hand among others to display private collections of artifacts. This will include hundreds of genuine arrowheads, spear points, knives, stone tools, ect., dating back thousands of years from Osceola County and the Central Florida area.

The museum is at 1012 Massachusetts Ave. in St. Cloud. Curator Lucille McClure has teamed with Tyde Jones of the Mid Florida Archaeological Society and Patrick McMullen, local St. Cloud historian, to organize and host this one day unique event.

### Long term care seminar

Savannah Court of St. Cloud Assisted Living Residence will host a free long term care seminar presented by Wealth Preservation Associates and Capital Estate Educational Services Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Savannah Court, 3791 Old Canoe Creek Road, St. Cloud.

The information is provided purely as an educational service. Some of the topics on the agenda include: Medicaid planning, veterans benefits and long term care insurance options. Recent regulatory changes have made getting LTC protection more practical. Statistics indicate one out of every two adults age 65 or older will need some type of long term care. Reservations are required. Free community tours will be provided starting at 6 p.m. RSVP to Joe McQuaid at 407-593 2243 or Savannah Court at 407-892 8502.

served. Barnyard bingo is the first and third Thursday.

### St. Cloud Senior Center, Inc.

Monday night: Social dance from 7 to 10 p.m. in Hall A. Live band all Mondays, all year, but is subject to hall maintenance scheduling. A donation of \$3 per person is requested.

Saturday Night: Country dance from 7 to 10 p.m. in Hall A. Live bands November through April; a donation of \$3 per person is requested. Other months, music will be by DJ and admission is free. All ages are welcome.

Line Dancing - Smith N Western Advanced Line Dance Club meets at the St. Cloud Senior Center on Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. in Hall A. Lessons and open dance. Basic knowledge of line dance steps is required. All ages welcome. There is a \$2 donation is requested. Call instructor Gail Smith at 407-408-5039.

### DAV

Our Halloween party will be Saturday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. Professor Les and the Buzzard Band will be there from 3 to 7 p.m.

Ladies Day is every Wednesday, \$1 off your drink from 11 a.m. until close.

We have barnyard bingo on the first and third Saturday of each month starting at noon. Wear your red shirt on Fridays to show your support for our Troops.

Wear one on the second and fourth Friday of each month and the non-premium long necks are \$1 from 11 a.m. until close.

Our monthly meetings are on the third Sunday each month. DAVA at 2 p.m. and DAV at 3:30 p.m.. Happy hours are 5 to 7 p.m. daily.

The service officer is here every Tuesday from noon until 4 p.m.

We are located at 21 E. Keen Street, Kissimmee, phone 407-846-4141.

### Osceola Coin Club

The group will meet at Broadway Pizza in the side room every first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. The group will be for trading, selling or buying coins for those interested. Call Ron at 407-944-9718 for information.

### Fall festival

There will be a fall festival Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Kissimmee, 1700 N. John Young Parkway, Kissimmee, 407-847-3138

It's family fun for everyone. There will be free games, candy, popcorn, sno-cones and cotton candy.

Hot dogs, chips and soda will be sold.

### Fundraiser to benefit Give Kids The World Village

The Texas Roadhouse, 7973 U.S. Highway 192, Kissimmee, 407-787-3778, is hosting a special fundraiser night with 10 percent of all the night's food sales going to benefit Give Kids The World Village Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 3:30 to 9 p.m.

To participate, guests should mention the charity to their server. In addition, the restaurant will host a car, truck and bike show. It will feature the best our community has to offer in classic and sports cars as well as some of the biggest trucks and bikes around. Prize raffles and awards for the best car, truck and bike add to the fun. An entry fee is \$25 for each vehicle and will be a 50/50 split between Give Kids The World Village and the best of show vehicle.

### Elkettes Luncheon and fashion show

A luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the Kissimmee Elkettes will be Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Elks Lodge located at 1655 Kings Highway, Kissimmee.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and lunch is served at 1 p.m. Lasagna, salad and dessert will be served. It's \$10 per person.

For more information, call 321-284-6286.

### Nightmare Terror Haunted House

The Nightmare Terror Haunted House runs through Oct. 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday and 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday through Sunday at the Kissimmee Sports Arena, 1010 Suhl's Lane (off South Hoagland Boulevard), 407-488-6182

## Ready to row



News-Gazette Photo/Andrew Sullivan

Nearly 80 people paddled canoes and kayaks down Shingle Creek into Lake Tohopekaliga Oct. 6 as part of the 4-H Float-a-Cade, a University of Florida Extension Service National 4-H week event.

It's \$15 per person; no charge children 6 and under.

There will be food vendors and candy for kids

### GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays seminar scheduled

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar will be Sunday, Nov. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1717 13th St., St. Cloud. There is no charge for this event.

The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics to be discussed include "Why the Holidays Are Tough," "What to Expect," "How to Manage Relationships and Holiday Socials" and "Using the Holidays to Help You Heal." Those who attend will receive a free booklet with over 30 daily readings providing additional insights and ideas on holiday survival.

For more information, call Nancy Boss at 407-873-1067.

## What's happening?

### Prevent Child Abuse Bowl-A-Thon

The Osceola Safe Families Task Force is presenting a costume-themed Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for Osceola child abuse prevention programs. The event will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at AMF Kissimmee Lanes, 4140 West Vine St., Kissimmee. Register your team of five or six for \$20 per bowler. There will be prizes for the best costume and chance drawings. For more information about participating or sponsorship opportunities, call 407-518-6936, Ext. 235 or Ext. 288.

### Halloween bake sale

The Friends of the Poinciana Branch Library is having a Halloween Bake Sale at the library at 101 N. Doverplum Ave. Tuesday, Oct. 30, starting at from 10 a.m.

### October Osceola County Democratic community events

- Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m., the Poinciana Democratic Subcommittee Meeting will be at the Poinciana Library 101 N. Doverplum Ave., Kissimmee.

- Oct. 24, from 7 to 8 p.m., the Democrats of Celebration Club (DOC) will meet in the Town Hall at 851 Celebration Ave. in Celebration. For more information, email DOC@democratsosceola.com.

- Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. OCDEC meeting where the guest speaker will be Osceola County Sheriff Bob Hansell. The meeting will be in the County Commission Chambers on the fourth floor of the Administration

Building in the Courthouse Complex, 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee.

For more information, visit <http://www.democratsosceola.com>.

### Spaghetti dinner

Boy Scout Troop 192 will host a spaghetti dinner Saturday, Nov. 3, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1000 10th St., St. Cloud.

There will be homemade spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, desserts, coffee, tea and lemonade. It's \$7 per person or \$24 for four. Everyone is welcome. Dine in or carry out.

### St. Cloud Pavement Pounders

The St. Cloud Pavement Pounders meet at Crabby Bill's Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and running/walking begins at 6:45 p.m.. For more information, call 407-791-3296 or [mcitation525@aol.com](mailto:mcitation525@aol.com) or Facebook under St. Cloud Pavement Pounders.

### Bring Back Memories

Walking Stick Golfers and Friends will host "Bring Back Memories" Saturday, Oct. 27, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge Lounge, 1655 Kings Highway, Kissimmee, 407-847-2444.

There also will be an Elks Halloween dance and masquerade Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Marge at 407-892-9571; Betty at 407-892-3692; or Hank at 407-348-7126.

### AARP driver safety class

An AARP driver safety class will be Friday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1500 Village Oak Lane, Kissimmee. This class is for insurance discounts and is free to all vets and family. Call Ron at 407-944-9719

### Halloween party dance

A Halloween party-dance sponsored by the Belles and Beaus Dance Club will be Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Marks St. Recreation Complex, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando. Ballroom, line and Latin dance music will be performed by the Soft Touch and refreshments will be provided. Wear your most unusual costume to win a prize. Singles and couples are welcome. Cost is \$5 person. For more information, call 407-277-7008.

### American Legion Events

The American Legion of St. Cloud Post 80 will have the following events:

Mondays: Bingo at 6 p.m. in the smoke-free Civic Hall.

Tuesdays: Dart tournament at 7:30 p.m..

Wednesdays: Italian dinner night (\$5.75).

Thursdays: Free pool. Wing night - 10 for \$5. \$1 Drafts. Trivia game night 8 p.m.

Fridays: Free shuffleboard from 3-7 p.m. Grill menu weekly, prime rib dinners first and third weeks, 5-8 p.m. Karaoke weekly at 8 p.m.

Saturdays: fish fry dinner and roadkill bingo first and third weeks;

NY strip dinner second and fourth weeks.

Sundays: Full breakfast 8-11 a.m.; bar bingo 2-4 p.m.

Post 80 is open from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

If you are a veteran, or the spouse, son or daughter of a veteran, the post invites you to speak with it regarding membership in the American Legion, Auxiliary, Riders or Sons of the American Legion.

For more information, call the post at 407-892-8808 or Mike Turco at 352-572-1261. The post is located at 1019 Pennsylvania Ave., St. Cloud

### Friends Who Care

The Friends Who Care Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the St. Cloud Senior Center. Members have started their annual fundraising campaign on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

A holiday basket special drawing will be in November, including a jewelry sale, cookie sale and other events to reach their goal for the Relay for Life.

For information to join the club or to participate in the fundraising program, contact club president Jonise Medina at 407-791-2000.

### Kissimmee Elks Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge, located at 1655 Kings Highway will be Nov. 22. The dinner is open to the public.

The dinner includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$10 per person in advance or \$12 at the door. Children under 6 eat free.

You may make reservations by calling Brian or Chef Bill at 407-847-2444 (after 3 p.m.) You also may purchase tickets at the Lodge. For more information, contact Bruce Simpson at 407-557-4070.

### Tanner to perform

Paul Tanner, vocal impressionist, will be performing at the St. Cloud Senior Center Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

Tanner's show is packed with impressions from the worlds of celebrity, comedy and music including Tom Jones, Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Senior Center office during normal business hours at reception desk. Call 407-957-7392.

### OSCAR Toastmasters

OSCAR Toastmasters meets every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola

County Realtors Association training room, 105 Shady Lane, Kissimmee. You do not need to be a Realtor to join group to hone your speaking skills. For more information, contact Betty Dobbie at 407-846-4500.

### St. Cloud AARP

The St. Cloud AARP Chapter 4001 meets the fourth Monday at the St. Cloud Senior Center, September through May at 12:30 p.m. Bring a potluck dish to share. The center is at

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**Saturday sale**  
The Kissimmee Women's Club will host an autumn sale today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the club, 1616 W. Oak St., Kissimmee. There will be home-baked goods (cakes, pies and more), used books 50 cents and cheaper or a special sale of a bag full of books for \$1. There also will be a trash and treasures table. All proceeds to go to scholarship funds.

### Festival of Hispanic Heritage

For the sixth consecutive year, Festival of Hispanic Heritage will take place Sunday at Vance Harmon Park in Poinciana. Presented by Promociones Culturea y Herencia Hispana, Miryam Santiago and Joey Mollfulleda, this year promises to be the biggest and best.

The vendor's fees pay for the entertainment allowing this to be a free family-friendly (and alcohol-free) event. For the first time, there will be a pig roast in the park and fresh, opened coconuts, an island treat. This is in addition to the numerous food vendors.

Come out and enjoy a day of good music, good food and great fun. The party starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy.

### Kissimmee Woman's Club fundraiser

The Kissimmee Women's Club will host an autumn sale today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the club, 1616 W. Oak St., Kissimmee.

There will be home-baked goods (cakes, pies and more), used books 50 cents and cheaper or a special sale of a bag full of books for \$1.

There also will be a trash and treasures table.

All proceeds to go to scholarship funds.

### Elvis Hawaiian Tribute Show

There will be an Elvis Hawaiian Tribute Show Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. at the American Legion, 200 Lakeshore Blvd., Kissimmee.

For tickets, call Shirley 407-922-4502.

### American Legion Post 10

The American Legion Post 10 is having the following events: Friday, bingo at 5:30 p.m. and seafood dinner until 7:30 p.m. There is a Saturday dinner and dance. Sunday, bingo at 3 p.m. Monday at 6 p.m., karaoke with food served. Tuesday at noon, karaoke with food being

# Obituaries

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**CORTESE** - Mr. Robert Cortese, 61, of Kissimmee passed away on Wednesday October 17, 2012.

Arrangements under the direction of Osceola Memory Gardens - Poinciana Chapel. [www.osceolamemgds.com](http://www.osceolamemgds.com)



**NICHOLSON** - It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our mother, our grandmother, our great-grandmother, and our friend, Barbara N. Nicholson. She passed away October 11 in St. Cloud, FL.

Barbara was born in Chippewa Falls, WI on May 14, 1925 to the late Earl Gunderson and Ruth (Champion) Gunderson. Her brother was the late Bruce Gunderson. Her testament shall remain in the hearts of those she has left behind. She is survived by children Jeff Wittman, Ann Klinebriel, Gilbert "Nick" Nicholson Jr., Sandy Daiger, and Paul Nicholson; grandchildren Jediah Daiger, Christopher Nicholson, Nathaniel Daiger, Kate Chasse, Jared Nicholson, Brandy Hill, and Asher Nicholson; and great-grandchildren Jacob Hill, Jeffrey Hill, Kaitlyn Nicholson, Marissa Nicholson, Jacob Nicholson, and Lucas Chasse. Barbara received her Master's degree in Social Work from Carleton College, a remarkable accomplishment for a woman in the 1940s. She spent her career helping others as a social worker and teacher. In retirement she served her community in many ways. She was a core member of the Woman's Circle at St. Cloud Presbyterian Church. She served as president of the St. Cloud Woman's club more than once and was a vital member for over 30 years. She served as president of her local chapter of P.E.O. and kept her membership current to her last days. She will also be remembered for many years of volunteering with her husband and best friend Col. "Nick" Nicholson delivering Meals On Wheels. Her dedication to her community shall forever remain a testament to her love of her God and her fellow Man. The world is a better place for having had Barbara in it, but a bit sadder now that she is gone.

A Visitation will be held at Fisk Funeral Home on Monday, October 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, October 30 at St. Cloud Presbyterian at 10:00 a.m. followed by inurnment at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorials in her honor be made to St. Cloud Presbyterian Church or the Osceola Center for the Arts.

Arrangements under the direction of Fisk Funeral Home, 1107 Massachusetts Ave., St. Cloud, FL. (407) 892-2155.

[www.fiskfh.com](http://www.fiskfh.com)



**PEREZ** - Mr. Ramn Perez, 93, of Lake Wales and formerly of St. Cloud, passed away on Tuesday October 16, 2012.

Arrangements under the direction of Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee.

[www.osceolamemgds.com](http://www.osceolamemgds.com)



**NEWMAN III** - William James, 47, passed away on Sept. 22, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. He won his fight to eternal life with the Lord after battling cancer.



William was a devoted husband to his wife, Amy and father to his children, Stephanie, 12, and William, 5. He was well known through Out the community for his family values and work ethics. William was a graduate of St. Cloud High School in 1984. After graduating, he joined his family by working for WJ. Newman Jr. contracting Inc., a family business started by his parents, William (Bill) Newman Jr. and Threca, in the 1960's. Utilizing knowledge gained from His Dad and Uncles Louis & Fred Klein he formed his own company, "Marcell's Construction Inc." in 1989. He employed many men and women from this area who he also considered his friends. William was extremely generous to those in need, whether it was family, employees, or friends. He never hesitated to help someone through a personal or financial hardship. In 2006 his love for cattle then became his business. He was a member of Florida Cattleman association, a member of ACMOC, and a member of HECA.

William was predeceased by his grand-parents, William J. Newman Sr. and Sally Newman, Louis Klein Sr. and Ethel Klein, his uncle Louis Klein, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Amy (Starr) Newman, daughter, Stephanie Newman, and son, William J. Newman IV, all of St. Cloud, his Parents William J. and Threca L Newman of St. Cloud; two sisters, Susan Abshire her husband Ollie and their three children, Michelle, Andy, and Scott, of St. Cloud.; Nancy Riffe and her husband Ed also of St. Cloud. Many Aunts and Uncles, brother in-laws, sister in-laws and cousins.

He loved going to auctions where he purchased cattle, and various types of equipment. Billy was an extraordinary collector. He collected antique caterpillar Crawlers, Graders, toys and literature. He also collected antique pedal tractors, fishing rods, reels, rare coins, and slot machines. Other interests included enjoying seafood at Ozzie's Crab House with his family and friends. In 1998 Billy met the woman he chose to spend the rest of his life with. Amy and Billy had a tremendous number of common interests, they both enjoyed hunting, which took them across the country, and Billy also hunted in Canada, and Mexico. They also enjoyed boating and fishing, in both salt and fresh water. He was proud of his "Captain's license that he achieved with his father. The first year they were together they traveled over 17000 miles across the U.S. enjoying the scenery and looking at antiques to add to his collections. They were later married in 1999. "It broke our hearts to love you But you didn't go alone Part of us went with you The day God called you home Our family chain is broken And nothing seems the same But as God calls us one by one The chain will link again"

Services were held on Sept. 26, 2012 at Heartcry Chapel, the family would like any donations made in his honor to go to Heartcry Chapel, 2244 East Irlo Bronson Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34744.

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3101 17th Street in St. Cloud. For more information, call Florence Strout at 407-892-9069.

## St. Cloud Garden Club

The St. Cloud Garden Club will meet on the second Saturday of each month from October to May at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Cloud Senior Center on 17th Street.

It's a pot luck lunch, members should contribute. The topics covered will be information on vegetable plants, flowers, shrubs and trees. There also will be exhibits of live plants and flower arrangements.

For more information, call 407-870-0671.

## Frances Kirby Smith 22 Chapter, Order of Confederate Rose

The Frances Kirby Smith 22 Chapter, Order of Confederate Rose is an independent support group to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and local camps thereof. It is non-profit, nonracial, nonpolitical and nonsectarian. Confederate ancestry is not required for membership.

It assists SCV with its historical, educational, benevolent and social functions. Special emphasis is placed on the preservation of Confederate symbols.

The meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Library, Barbara Thornton Room, in St. Cloud. For more information, email franceskirbysmith22ocr@gmail.com

## Osceola County Support Group for Mental Illness

Osceola County Support Group for Mental Illness is a free anonymous support group for bi-polar, depression and anxiety disorders. It meets every Monday evening at the Veterans Memorial Library, 810 13th St., St. Cloud, second floor in the Barbara U.

Thornton Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. For more information, call 407-556-4998 or 407-892-9272 in the evening.

## NAACP

The Osceola County branch NAACP will meet Oct. 10 at the Barney E. Veal Center at 7 p.m. for a report of the nominating committee.

On Nov. 14, the NAACP will meet at the Barney E. Veal Center from 7 to 8 p.m. to vote in the election of officers and at large members of the executive committee. In order to vote in a branch election, one must be in good standing of the branch 30 days prior to the election. A form of identification is required.

## Osceola Stamp Club

The Osceola Stamp Club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Barney E. Veal Center, 700 Generation Point, Kissimmee. Come trade, sell and meet other stamp collectors. New members are welcome and needed to keep the club going.

For more information, call Charles Frazer at 407-201-4192.

## Shop, dine, stroll

Downtown St. Cloud is alive from 5-9 p.m. on the third Friday evening of every month.

Enjoy restaurants, bou-

tiques and antiques. There are always local musicians and artists as well as raffles and door prizes and many other activities throughout the downtown business district.

## St. Cloud Horseshoe Club

The St. Cloud Horseshoe Club invites everyone to join the group.

The horseshoe pits are located between the St. Cloud Civic Center and the St. Cloud Senior Center on 17th Street.

The 2012-13 tournament schedule is Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Feb. 9, 2013, March 9, 2013 and April 13, 2013.

Members of the National

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Horseshore Pitchers Association (NHPA) and of the Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (FLSHPA) can qualify to pitch at the tournaments.

Tournament director Vickie Martene may be contacted at 321-297-1802.

More information is available at the NHPA website.

The club's practice sessions contacts are: John Grayson at 407-873-8240 and Tom at 321-443-6871.

## St. Cloud Senior Center

Monday night: social Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. in Hall A. There is all year on Mondays, but is subject to hall maintenance scheduling. A donation of \$3 per person is requested.

Saturday Night: Country Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. in hall A. There are live bands November through April. A donation of \$3 per person is requested. Other months, the music will be by a DJ and admission is free. All ages are welcome.

Line dancing: Smith N Western Advanced Line Dance Club meets at the St. Cloud Senior Center on Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. in Hall A. Lessons and open dance. Basic knowledge of line dance steps is required. All ages are welcome. A \$2 donation is requested.

The instructor is Gail Smith, 407-408-5039.

## The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meets at the Senior Center, 3101 17th St., St. Cloud, at 1 p.m. the first Saturday of every month except for January and July. In those months, the group meets on the second Saturday.

For more information, visit <http://www.c4dofsuvcw.org/camp4officers.html>

## Osceola County Camera Club

The Osceola County Camera Club invites anyone interested in taking photographs and having a good time to attend the club's twice-monthly meetings.

The club will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Osceola Center for the Arts in the Edward Moore Studio at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit the website at [www.osceolacountycameraclub.com](http://www.osceolacountycameraclub.com) or the club's Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/ackyi7>.

## Free Medicare counseling

SHINE Florida Department of Elder Affairs, will be sponsoring free, unbiased counseling at the following locations on Medicare, Medigap/HMO, Medicaid, prescription drug plans, and long-term care insurance. All counseling is first-come, first-served.

Bring with you a list of all your medications or Rx bottles, insurance card, and red, white and blue Medicare card. All dates are subject to change.

• Barney E. Veal All Generation Center, 700 Generation Point, Kissimmee, 407-846-8532, from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesday of every month.

• Good Samaritan Village – Friendship Room, 4250 Village Drive, Kissimmee, 407-933-3246, Jan.-May the second Wednesday of the month, from 9 a.m. to noon; September through November the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17th Street, St. Cloud, 407-957-7392, the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon.

## English Country Dance Club

The English Country Dance Club meets every second Saturday year round at the St. Cloud Senior Citizens Center, 3101 17th Street, St. Cloud, from 2 to 5 p.m. Learn to dance early English style dances, no partner is needed, and beginners are welcome. Cost is

\$5 per person. Bring a snack to share.

For more information call Diana Kehr at 407-847-6055.

## Ronald Reagan Republican Gun Club

The Ronald Reagan Conservative Spirit of '76 Republican Gun Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Royal St. Cloud Golf Links, 5310 Michigan Ave, in St. Cloud.

For more information or to RSVP, call Donna Sykes at 407-873-2048.

## East Republican Women's Network

The East Osceola Republican Women's Network meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Royal St. Cloud Golf Links.

For more information or to RSVP, call Donna Sykes at 407-873-2048.

## Celebrate Recovery at First Christian Church of Kissimmee

Celebrate Recovery meets every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 415 N. Main St., Kissimmee. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery group for anyone who has hurts, hang-ups and habits – including alcohol and drug abuse; co-dependency; anger; self-esteem issues; divorce; and grief.

For more information, call 407-847-2543 or visit [www.fcckissimmee.org](http://www.fcckissimmee.org) (click on "Ministries" tab).

## Osceola Republican Party

The Osceola Republican Party meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 804 Emmett St. at 7 p.m.

For more information call 407-846-8889.

## Al-Anon meetings

St. Cloud Al-Anon meetings are Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. at 16 E. 17th St., St. Cloud.

Call 407-346-7103 for more information.

## Toho Friends

Toho Friends meet at noon the second Thursday of every month with a covered dish lunch and Bingo at the Parks and Recreation Building, 717 N. Palm Ave. All seniors are welcome.

The Craft Club meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the same building. Come work on your crafts or just visit. Crochet, embroider or whatever you enjoy doing.

Fun cards meets every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. All seniors are welcome. For information, call Elaine at 407-847-8970, or Lois at 407-846-2848.

## Tai chi and qigong (Chinese yoga)

Tai chi and qigong classes being offered by Madame Wu Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at the St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17th St., St. Cloud.

On Wednesdays, the class will be from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Barney E. Veal Center, 700 Generation Point, Kissimmee. All classes will be taught through donations.

For more information, call Madame Wu at 407-738-7001.

## League looking for Marines

The Marine Corps League Detachment No. 1092 is requesting all Marines join the group.

The league does a variety of things including: sends care boxes overseas, memorials, parades, has scholarship programs, works with veterans, has a color guard and holds Toys for Tots drives.

It meets the fourth Thursday of the month at the VFW in St. Cloud.

It has a breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. every second Saturday of the month at the VFW to support the league.

For more information, call Jim Underwood at 863-496-1107 of the VFW at 407-892-6761.

## Ministry medical clinic

The Osceola Christian Ministry at 700 Union St., Kissimmee, offers a medical clinic most Thursday mornings.

It serves the uninsured and people with a family income at or below the 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

The clinic operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 9 a.m. and it can serve eight to nine people.

It also has a Tuesday afternoon clinic once a month, which serves adults only. The doors open at 12:30 p.m. To confirm the hours for either clinic for the week, call 407-944-9968 for the correct information.

## Volunteer child advocates needed

Interested in helping a child? Volunteers are needed to be advocates for children in foster care.

For more information, contact Linder Snider, volunteer program coordinator at 407-742-6656 or [linder.snider@gal.fl.gov](mailto:linder.snider@gal.fl.gov).

## Sons of Italy 2523

The Osceola County Order Sons of Italy in America Lodge 2523 meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Kissimmee Bay Golf and Country Club.

The lodge welcomes all men and women of Italian heritage (or spouse that is Italian) to join. It holds events throughout the year for charities and high school scholarships. For more information, contact lodge president Gertrude Dorries

at 321-286-6787 for more information.

## Travel Club

The Ahoy! Carefree Travel Club meets every first and third Monday at the Elks Lodge on Kings Highway in Kissimmee.

There is cruise information from noon to 1 p.m. and discussed from 1 to 3 p.m. are one-day trips, three-day trips or longer.

For more information, call Donna Parkins, president, at 772-539-0088 or by email at [dparkins8@gmail.com](mailto:dparkins8@gmail.com).

## The Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan Club meeting

The Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month through April at the St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17th St., Hall B. Bring a potluck dish and utensils.

For more information, call Larry Kinney at 407-891-7396.

## German-American Club

The Osceola German-American Club of Kissimmee/St. Cloud meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at The Elks Club on Kings Highway in Kissimmee.

The club consists of people who were born in Germany or who are of German descent or just have an interest in socializing with German people. For more information, call Kay Cushing at 407-931-1645.

## Greyhound adoptions

The public is invited to come every third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pet Supermarket, 2924 13th

St., St. Cloud, 407-498-0929, located one mile east of Walmart, to meet retired racing greyhounds ready for adoption.

These are mature, adult dogs and they transition very easily into homes.

Most get along great with other dogs and children and many are cat friendly, as well. Get to know the dogs and speak with local greyhound owners.

For more information, call God's Greys Greyhound Group at 407-578-7496 or go to [www.godsgreys.com](http://www.godsgreys.com).

## Hospice offers bereavement groups

Nonprofit Cornerstone Hospice has announced three bereavement support groups in Osceola County for people who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. The groups are completely free and the only requirement is to call ahead of time to pre-register.

They are: Mondays, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., at Good Samaritan Village, Clubhouse Board Room, 4250 Village Dr., Kissimmee.

Tuesdays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Osceola Memory Gardens Funeral Home, 1717 Old Boggy Creek Road, Kissimmee.

The first Thursday of the month (Spanish speaking support group) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Porta Coeli Funeral Home, 2801 E. Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee 34743

Call Claudia Swonger to pre-register for any of these three groups at 407-206-2273.

## IOOF to meet

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows St. Cloud Lodge No. 66, 1122 New York

Ave., St. Cloud, meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays. For more information, call 407-891-0773 or 321-722-3381.

For more information, call Buster at 407-729-1378.

## Elmer's Meal Kitchen

Elmer's Meal Kitchen is a nonprofit ministry that serves a free hot meal every Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church on Ohio St. in St. Cloud.

The ministry is in its 12th year of serving a free hot meal to the homeless, low-income and lonely elderly residents every Sunday of the year.

It also, on occasion, will have clothing, toiletry bags, holiday gift bags and brown lunch bags to take.

Anyone who wants to be a part of the ministry or for more information, contact Carol Boroski at 407-957-9839.

## The Ohio, KY and Michigan Club meeting

The Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month through April at the St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17th St., Hall B. Bring a potluck dish and utensils.

For more information, call Larry Kinney at 407-891-7396.

## Quilt Guild

The Patchers of Time quilt guild meets monthly on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Center for the Arts, 2411 E. U.S. Highway 192.

Meetings include lectures,

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# The Burton & Barbara Langley Family Foundation

## Presents

# The Osceola Amateur Championship Golf Classic




## Hosted by Kissimmee Bay Country Club

## Home of the Langley Family Golf Museum

# Saturday, October 27th • 8:30am Shot Gun Start

Golfers can enter one of two ways, either individual Metal Play in any of the categories or may form a Scramble Team to enter the Team event. All categories will have mens and ladies divisions.

The major goals of the Golf Classic are:

- To give back to the local community
- To preserve the history of golf
- To initiate student scholarships

The Burton & Barbara Langley Foundation has established this annual golf tournament to maximize the funds for scholarships. The Foundation will match funds raised by the tournament up to \$10,000 creating a possible pool of \$20,000 in scholarships.

**Entry Fees:**  
**Amateurs: Metal .....\$85**  
**Team: Scramble ....\$340**  
 Entry fee covers: golf, cart, practice balls, breakfast, lunch, awards and drinks on the course.

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**We want to enter as an amateur team and compete in the team event. (No handicaps needed)**

<b>Player 1</b> .....	<b>Player 2</b> .....
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<b>Player 3</b> .....	<b>Player 4</b> .....
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Please submit a qualifying score from your home course or Osceola County Course along with your club established handicap. **Handicaps will be used for determining flight.**

Please list the course used for qualifying round: .....

Score: ..... Handicap: ..... Shirt Size: .....

## Contact Ed Smallwood at 407-361-6706

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demonstrations, workshops, guest speakers and prizes. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Debbie at 407-346-6086.

## Orange Blossom Alcoholics Anonymous

The Osceola Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup Office carries all the literature and books that are available for the AA groups here in the county

to buy and use.

It also maintains a 24-hour phone line. Anyone who wants help with a drinking problem can call a 24-hour line at 407-870-8282.

Callers can find where the nearest meeting is. There are no dues or fees.

## St. Cloud

### Shuffleboard Club

Practice at the St. Cloud shuffleboard courts, 701 Ohio St. St. Cloud, is 8:30 to 10:30

a.m. Monday through Saturday. Games are at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call 407-498-0603. Leave a message if there is no answer.

Duplicate Bridge: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Contact Jim Davis by calling 407-348-4399.

Euchre: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Kevin Fryback at 321 624-4546.

Pinochle: Wednesday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Contact Bobbi Clement by calling 407-892-2749.

Cribbage: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Dave Roberts by calling 407-892-2087.

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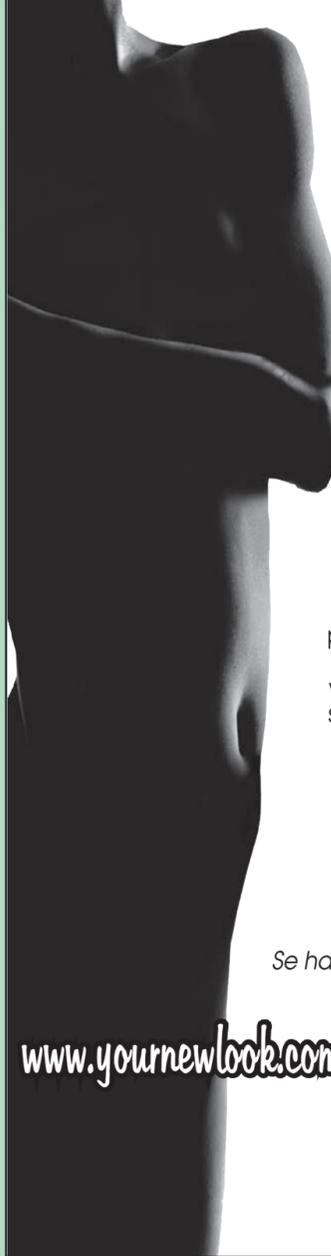
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# VIVA OSCEOLA



Viva Osceola returned to Kissimmee last week, bringing its signature Latin music, food and activities. The free Kissimmee Utility Authority event celebrated its 21st year with solid attendance and a variety of activities for attendees, including bounce houses for children like 11-year-old Emilio Avila, above right. At right, food vendor Hector Hernandez turns pinchos of chicken over a hot grill. Above, boy band Zuhag Monkey brought some hip hop to the Kissimmee stage. Below left, during a performance by singer Frankie Negron, Betsy Zayaz, left, and Josselyn Burgos danced in the crowd. Below right, 4-year-old Mia Luna, of Kissimmee, gets a feline-inspired face painting.



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