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TOP: Kelly Martin of Montverde crawls out of the Swamp Thingi during the Monster Challenges on Saturday at Arnold Groves in Clermont. LEFT: Racers battle the Curved Creature.



MONSTER CHALLENGES

Participants battle water, mud, rain and each other in grueling 4-mile course

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They're not your dad's monkey bars. And the Swamp Crawl, Monster Web, Log Wall Climb and Curved Creature were no easy or typical playground obstacles either.

They were all part of 16 mud-soaked obstacles awaiting contestants at the grueling 4-mile course Monster Challenges event on Saturday in Arnold Groves in Clermont.

There were approximately 220 challengers, many running in groups and mostly from the Lake County area and throughout Florida. Still, one visitor from Ireland did turn out to accept the challenge.

Linda Cardoza took one look at a lily-pod covered patch of mud under a stretch of dozens of Monster



Tiffany Baumer of Orlando takes a mudbath.

Bars, which participants tried to swing across without falling. "It looks disgusting," she said, just before attempting the obstacle and plopping into the mud. Most participants said it reminded them of playground monkey bars — without the mud.

The Serpentine Wall had a slightly vertical lean, between 11 and 15 feet in various spots, and was covered by a picture of a giant snake. Participants had to run up the wall and try to grab the top and hoist them-

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Aging schools will have to wait for fixes

A third of Lake facilities are at least 40 years old

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About a third of Lake County's schools are at least 40 years old and need renovating, but will have to wait until funding becomes available, officials said this week.

Thirty percent of the district's elementary schools, 33 percent of its middle schools and a 50 percent of its high schools have been in service for more than four decades.

Board member Tod Howard said Clermont Elementary is a good example.

"I walked into Clermont Elementary one day and watched a girl, who was switching from Sawgrass Bay Elementary School, sit and cry, and said, 'This school is ugly and I don't want to go here,'" Howard said. "And she sat there in the chair, crying,

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TAVARES

Lake tightens belt, tax rates stay the same

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Lake County commissioners have tentatively approved a 2012-13 budget of \$383 million, which is about \$37 million less than this year's spending package, while keeping the same millage rate at 5.93 mills.

The commission agreed to keep the general government millage rate at 4.73; ambulance portion at 0.38; the stormwater, parks and roads portion for 0.49; and the Fire Rescue/Emergency Medical Services portion of 0.32, which kept the millage rate at 5.93.

The only millage rate that appears to be going up is a separate tax land rate needed to pay for a \$36 million bond referendum approved by the voters eight years ago to buy public lands to protect open spaces and

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Crowds expected at 'Wings and Wildflowers'

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Hundreds of nature lovers are expected to flock to Lake County at the end of the month for the county's inaugural "Wings and Wildflowers" festival at Hickory Point.

The featured keynote speaker at the event will be national television celebrity James Currie, host of the popular NBC Sports show,

Nikon's Birding Adventures.

Dozens of presentations, talks, travelogues, field trips, boat rides, hikes and tours are planned at various venues across the county during the two-day festival, beginning Sept. 28. Also, more than 60 exhibitors and vendors will be on hand at Hickory Point from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sept. 28 and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sept. 29.

Lake is home to thousands of

acres of preserves and passive park lands, including Ferndale Preserve, Emerald Marsh and the Hilochee Wildlife Management Area, County Park Ranger Gallus Quigley said.

"Florida has a lot of great, unique (habitats) and we also have a lot of great wildlife," he said.

The state not only has some birds that are found no place else,



CURRIE

such as the Florida Scrub-Jay, but other birds and insects that only show up here at certain times of the year, he said.

"With the fall coming, there will be a lot of butterflies," Quigley said. "You can find

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Yes, I like the colder weather. It's a nice break.

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Absolutely, I hate the heat. Plus, it means 'Florida Gators' season again.

JIMMY WILLIAMS
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No, I actually love the warm weather. That's why I live in Florida.

THERESA O'DONNELL
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Yes, it'll be nice to have some cooler weather after such a hot summer. I'm originally from Texas and though it's hotter there in the summer, it's also cooler in the fall and winter. It's good to have a change of weather.

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South Lake Briefs

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'Twelfth Night' to open at Moonlight Players

Don't miss this representation set in the age of prohibition with fantastical jazz, fancy flapper girls, a great 1920's N'awlins setting, lots of booze and lots of fun.

Twelfth Night opens today at the Moonlight Players Theatre, Montrose Street in Clermont, and runs Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., through Oct. 14.

Tickets are \$15 for adults \$12 for students.

For reservations, call 352-319-1116 or visit www.moonlightplayers.com.

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Anytime Fitness hosts 'Cardio for Life' event

How long can you stay on a cardio machine without stopping? Find out from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, for this fundraiser at Anytime Fitness, 2570 E. S.R. 50, Clermont.

Donations are also being accepted. For information, call 352-432-3901.

TAVARES

Safe Kids to host child car seat safety event

The 5th annual car seat safety event is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Lake-Sumter Community College's Leesburg campus, with child passenger safety technicians on hand to teach participants how to choose and properly install their child's car seat.

Residents must schedule an appointment by calling 352-326-8108 or register online www.groveland-fl.gov.

Free safety child car seats will be offered but are limited to the first 100 people and participants are required to bring the following: the old car seat installed in vehicle; the child who rides in that particular seat; vehicle owner's manual if available; a school supply donation; and proof of Lake County residency (without proof of residency you will not receive a seat).

For information, call Safe Kids Lake at 352-326-8108 or visit www.groveland-fl.gov.

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5th annual Herb Conference Saturday

The Clermont Herb Shoppe & Day Spa, Leesburg Herb Shoppe, Downtown Herb Shoppe and Haines City Herb Shoppe are excited to announce the 2012 Clermont Herb Conference, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, at the First United Methodist Church, Wesley Center, 7th Street in Clermont.

Guest speaker is internationally recognized author and speaker, Kimberly Balas, PhD, ND.

Cost for the event that includes lunch is \$35 per person in advance (non-refundable) or \$40 at the door.

Limited seating with advance registration required by visiting one of the herb shop locations, or www.clermontherbshop.com.

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Hospital hosts men's prostate screening event

South Lake Hospital is offering a prostate screening event at 9 a.m., Saturday, at the National Training Center.

The event, which begins with a brief presentation by Kenneth A. Essig, M.D., board certified urologist, will include a digital exam and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test.

Advanced registration is required by calling 352-394-4071, ext. 4412.

The National Training Center is located on the South Lake Hospital campus at 1935 Don Wickham Dr. in Clermont.

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AARP Driver Safety Program hosts classes

The two-day AARP Driver Safety Program will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, at South Lake Hospital, 1935 Don Wickham Dr.

To register, call 352-394-0250.

Cost for the class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, which includes workbooks.

Payment must be made by check to AARP; no cash or credit cards will be accepted.

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improve water quality. The commission tentatively agreed to raise this rate from 0.11 mills this year to 0.19 mills next year to generate an addition \$1 million, an increase the county says it needs to keep up with the bond payments and maintain a good credit rating.

"It is not a huge tax increase. It is only about an \$8 increase on a home valued at \$100,000," Lake County Budget Director Steve Koontz said.

Koontz said the county is getting less revenue while expenses are growing, which has resulted in a gap of about \$17.2 million in the general fund portion of the budget.

The general fund pays for Medicaid, constitutional departments such as the sheriff's department and the clerk of courts, and other services.

The county has seen a 29 percent decrease in the general fund since 2008 because of rising costs and shrinking revenue, according to county records. Among the 67 counties in the state, Lake had the ninth biggest decrease in property value by percentage, according to Florida Association of Counties.

The county hopes to cover this gap with about \$34.5 million left over from this year's budget, with the remainder going into reserves — leaving about \$17.3 million left for reserves. This would create a reserve fund of about 14.4 percent of the total budget,

which is slightly less than the 15 percent officials would like to see.

"To cut that gap, you have to either reduce expenses and increase revenue or both," Koontz said. "We reduced expenses, but revenues went down, too. We didn't bridge that gap very much for next year."

Commission Chairwoman Leslie Campione and other officials said the gap was caused by a 6.2 percent decline in property values this fiscal year, which has contributed to a 34 percent drop seen over the last six years.

Koontz said the commission could have raised taxes by using the proposed rollback millage rate of 6.38 mills, which would have allowed the county to bring

in the same revenue as the previous year, to lower the gap.

Commissioners such as Sean Parks and Jimmy Conner have discussed combining programs, such as fire and ambulance, to save money. Other officials have even talked about changing how services are delivered and possibly getting rid of some programs.

"It will require sacrifices," Campione said. "It will require a change in the way services are delivered. It will involve a review and a potential elimination of programs."

The county will have final public hearing for approval of the 2013-14 millage rate at 5:05 p.m. Sept. 11 at the commission board room in Tavares.

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and the mother was saying, 'It will be OK, and it is a good school.'

Sawgrass Elementary is five years old, whereas Clermont Elementary is nearly 50 years old, district records show.

Although the girl's mother is right, Clermont Elementary is a good school, with an "A" rating, Howard said it's outdated, the bathrooms are small and there isn't much room for staff.

The district has already begun renovating Mount Dora

Middle School, but will delay more than \$7.5 million in upgrades planned at Treadway Elementary and revisit the issue again next year. Other schools, such as Clermont Elementary, will just have to wait until the economy improves or a windfall of cash comes into the district, officials say.

"In my district, I have two of the three worst schools in all of the county, which is Cypress Ridge and Clermont Elementary," Howard said. "Clermont Middle School is one of the ones that is older and needs replacing, but it will do for now."

Eustis Heights Elementary needs renovation, too, which officials say will cost about \$16 million. School board member Jim Miller, however, wants the board to hold off and use the money elsewhere for fix roofs, improve air conditioning, buy new technology, and upgrade the district's aging white fleet of repair trucks and vans.

Miller agreed with Howard that Clermont Elementary needs upgrading over Eustis Heights.

"We are working with a lot less money and more kids," Howard said. "We are having to do more with less."

The only way to upgrade every school needing it would be with outside cash or from revenue generated by higher sales taxes or property taxes — a tough sell to the voters. Board Chairwoman Rosanne Brandenburg said it is important for the board to work with legislators, business leaders and others in the community to help find a solution.

"...We have look at how to generate future dollars and that is why all our stakeholders have to have a say in the process," she said. "I'm open to hearing from the community. ...That is the only way this is going to work."

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40 to 50 different species of butterflies and probably about 60 different species of birds in a single morning of hiking. And you can have 40 different species of plants in one single meter."

It's the goal of the festival to "enhance awareness and appreciation of the quality of life here, and to support environmental initiatives on behalf of citizens and visitors alike," organizers say. It's another attempt by Lake County to promote eco-tourism here and show visitors there's more to Central Florida than Disney World and Universal Studios.

Quigley said he hopes at least 1,000 people show up at the inaugural event.

Visit www.lakecountyfl.gov/bird_watching/wings_and_wildflowers/ for a complete listing of all activities.

For additional information about the festival, contact Kathy Pagan at 352-429-4755 or kpagan@lakecountyfl.gov.

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GROVELAND

Mark Cox is named president of Eco Ventures

Staff Report

The founder and CEO of a hedge fund specializing in alternative energy has been named the new president of Eco Ventures Group in Groveland.

Construction of the company's first biofuel production plant is about 80 percent complete at its 100,000 square-foot property at 7432 East Highway 50. It is expected to be finished in the fourth quarter with commercial production anticipated to begin in the first quarter of 2013, subject to state and federal permitting.

Recently named as Eco Ventures' new president was Mark Cox, managing partner and CEO of New Energy Fund LP, which he



COX

able energy market.

"Mark has proven pre-eminently qualified to help lead the company into its next phase of accelerating growth and diversification," said Randall Lanham, CEO of Eco Ventures.

Previously, Cox was portfolio manager at Pinnacle International Management LLC, an employee-owned money manager based in New York. He also has worked on the internation-

al equity sell side as a salesman, analyst and head of desk for French and German equities for Dresdner Bank's ABD Securities, Credit Agricole, Swiss Bank, and Bankhaus Metzler.

"I have been privileged to work on a number of exciting projects in the Eco Ventures new business pipeline in recent months, and am both confident and honored to help build this company to realize its fullest potential," Cox said. "Hydrocarbons are expensive and will stay that way. Record corn prices have rendered ethanol economically unfeasible. Eco Ventures — with its focus on biofuel, solar and cellulosic feedstocks — is in the right sector, the right markets, at just the right time."

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GROVELAND

Escapee caught without his handcuffs

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After more than 24 hours on the run, police captured a home-invasion suspect again, who had escaped Thursday from the back seat of a deputy's patrol car in handcuffs after his initial arrest.

Working from tips from family members, the Lake County Sheriff's Office said Michael Lee Floyd, 23, was found about noon Thursday at a home in Leesburg.

The handcuffs were missing, according to a sheriff's spokesman.

Floyd, one of three suspect initially on the run, will be jailed on the same charges as the two other suspects who were captured shortly after the armed and masked invasion in Groveland just before 7:30 a.m. Thursday — home invasion, kidnapping, fel-ony battery, aggravated battery and grand theft.

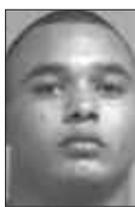
According to an arrest affidavit, a woman told detectives she was walking out of her home Thursday morning when three men with guns, and wearing

black bandanas, forced her back inside.

The men are accused of demanding money from the three occupants of the home, putting the woman in a chokehold and striking her in the head with a gun several times; they also hit a male occupant with a wooden chair several times.

The suspects took an Xbox gaming system, laptop, jewelry and cash as well as car keys from the home. They left the home in a vehicle belonging to one of the victims, before crashing the car and stealing another one.

John Herrell, sheriff's spokesman, said a deputy spotted the suspects in the vehicle on Douglas Road and State Road 50, and attempted to apprehend them. The suspects stopped the car and fled on foot. One of the suspects, Floyd, was captured



EVANS



FLOYD

on the spot, put in handcuffs and placed in the back seat of the deputy's patrol car.

Some time later, the deputy walked across a two-lane road to meet with other deputies looking for evidence. Herrell said when the deputy returned to his vehicle, the back-seat window was



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down and Floyd.

The other suspects, Kyle W. Evans, 20, and Daquan Kerber, 21, both of Groveland, were eventually captured on State Road 50 in Mascotte. Evans was tracked down by a K-9 and Kerber was taken into custody after being shot with a deputy's stun gun.

Herrell said police don't know if the window was already rolled down when Floyd was placed inside.

"We will be reviewing this incident administratively to determine how this occurred," Herrell said.



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Fernando Mattos of Orlando survives the rolling pipe during the Monster Challenges.

CHALLENGE

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selves across. Some made it on their first attempt. But many slid back down several times, including one man who managed a belly flop, before reaching the top.

"It took a couple tries to get up there," said 43-year-old Bill Downs, of Global Resort Homes, minutes after he crossed the finish line where medals were given out. The event also featured dancing, food, raffles and other activities.

Times to complete the course varied, with most taking approximately 75 minutes. Many of the participants were fitness buffs who regarded the course as just another physical challenge. One women's group, comprised of mothers who work out at Gold's Gym, called themselves the "Supermoms." All were dressed in ballerina shirts. Supermom Sandra Scott said she thought the Ghoul Grip Zip, which required participants to grab a bar and slide about 75 feet down a cable stretched over water, was one of the more interesting challenges.

"It was pretty fun," Scott said.

Some participants enjoyed the event more than others. Quan Nguyen, 29, and his brother Minh, 30, dressed up as ninjas, complete with the black spandex suits, masks and performing kicks.

They have dressed as Superman and Spiderman in similar events, but decided on the ninja costumes because a Ninja Wall obstacle was part of the

Monster Challenges.

"It's a way to have fun at the same time," Nguyen said.

Many parts of the challenge involved logs and ropes, where participants were required to climb, crawl and run over or under an obstacle in an attempt not avoid the mud or water.

However, there was no way you could come out clean from the Swamp Crawl, which had participants clambering on all fours and slithering on their bellies about 20 feet under an obstacle and through the mud.

"This is cool," said 10-year-old Jackson Arnold, leading the way for his mother Julie, with only a part of the top of his head free of mud.

This is the second time such a course has been offered by Monster Challenges, a Clermont-based group. Located deep in a wooded area off Frank Jarrell Road, the course took about three months to build, said Debbie Wilson, an event coordinator.

And if the course wasn't muddy and wet enough, rain began pouring down midway through the event.

"The rain makes it more fun, but if you're that wet, you're ready to go home afterwards," said Wilson.

Part of the proceeds from the event, which cost between \$65 and \$78 to enter, will benefit the local DreamCatcher Horse Ranch, a rescue organization for horses.

Wilson said the event is scheduled for about three times a year, with the next one coming in December.

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Open house at Fresenius Medical

Nurses and staff will be available to discuss patient services and the latest dialysis treatment options at this open house for Fresenius Medical Care Clermont East Light at this ribbon cutting event, 3 to 6 p.m., Oct. 25.

Guests can get information on the home dialysis program that can offer patients greater independence, convenience and health benefits, the Treatment Options Program available to inform at-risk patients and their families about chronic kidney disease.

There will also be demonstrations of the latest dialysis technology and single-use dialyzers, and treatment stations designed for patient comfort and convenience.

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By Greg Owen

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This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and — worse — financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

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OUR VOICE

Apathy weakens justice system

GET INVOLVED: We must move through the short days of our lives looking to embrace the opportunities to make this place better and more humane. We are under moral and civil authority. Ignoring these tenets of our human condition for fear's sake only diminishes us.

Local prosecutors recently dropped charges against a murder suspect. The man spent 32 months in jail waiting for trial for a deadly shooting in 2010 at an illegal nightclub.

Hundreds of patrons were reportedly at the club at the time of the shooting.

Detectives spent more than two years looking for witnesses. None could be found.

The suspect may leave prison later this year. Prosecutors could only make one charge stick: Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The name of the suspect and the details of this case aren't important. This story of aborted justice isn't about a failed judicial system. It isn't about lax investigators. And it isn't about an overloaded or lopsided legal system.

The system worked. It worked as it should have under the circumstances. And the circumstances of this case — and perhaps many thousands more — are indicative of another more tragic problem: The refusal or the fear of ordinary American citizens to involve themselves in their society.

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We must move through the short days of our lives looking to embrace the opportunities to make this place better and more humane.

We are under moral and civil authority. Ignoring these tenets of our human condition for fear's sake only diminishes us.

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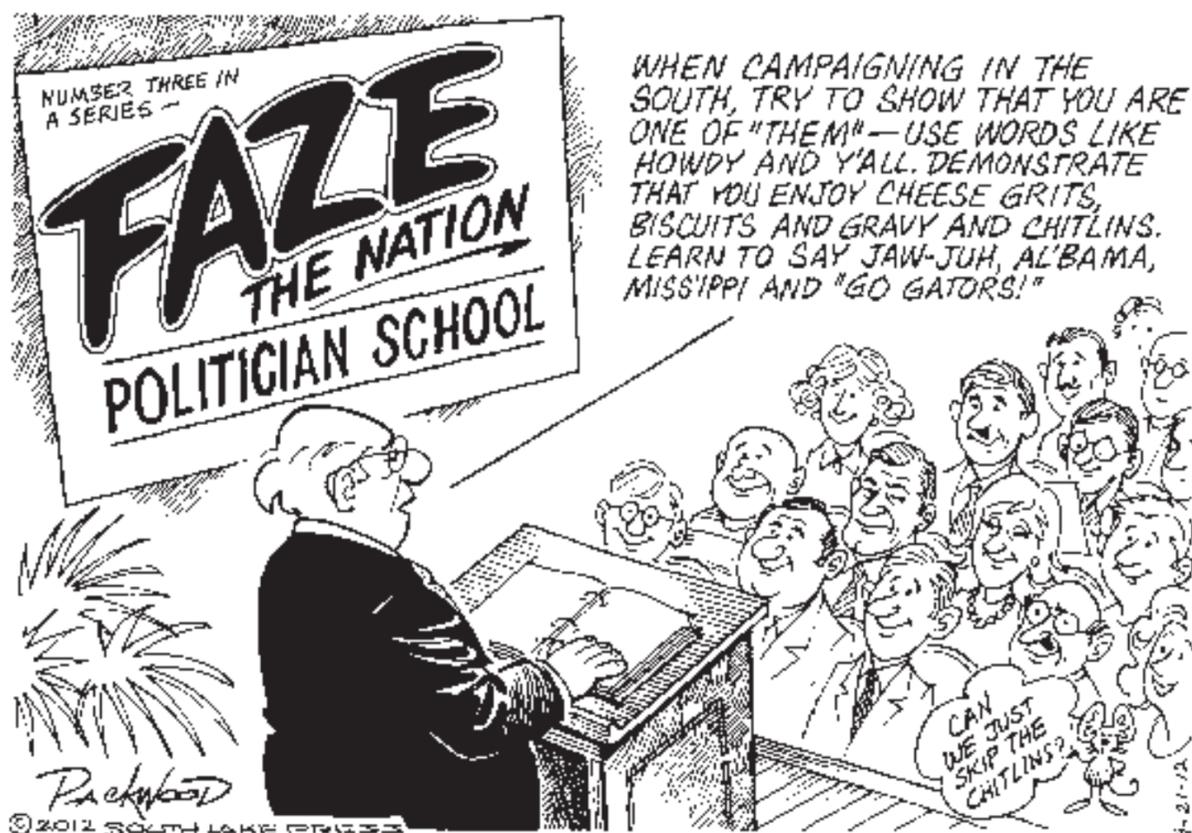
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Animal hospital's staff was helpful during difficult time

Although pet owners of Sumter and Lake counties have numerous very capable and knowledgeable veterinarians, I wish to publicly express a special appreciation for the staff of the Clermont Animal Hospital for their willingness to arrange the recent appointment for a second opinion to one of my dogs during a heart-breaking period.

You may comment: Why is that so special or different?

To my surprise, while calling several animal clinic offices from The Villages to Summerfield, I found the reluctance to accommodate this type of appointment. In desperation, I decided to try veterinary clinics farther from my home, and thankfully this proved to be successful.

This type of diagnosis was accepted by the Clermont Animal Hospital and staff. The same compassion was shown to me, as well to my Rottweiler, during his various tests and examination.

Unfortunately for owners of large dogs, in particular Rottweilers, bone cancer seems more pertinent, which can become a death warrant, especially after the age of 10 years. Making this even more difficult is many times symptoms are not known or shown until too late for the expensive treatments other than making the animal comfortable and secure, accompanied with pain tablets.

As mentioned, words such as "grateful, appreciation" or "thanks" seem so inadequate for the services shown my pet at Clermont Animal Hospital. Residents of Clermont and surrounding areas are fortunate to have this animal hospital for their pets' health.

JANEANN BRANGMAN | Wildwood

Saunders doesn't deserve the criticism he's gotten

It pains me to see all of the negative publicity Wayne Saunders has been receiving lately. Many citizens of Clermont are just meeting Saunders because they just moved here.

Saunders has been a stand-up man for his entire life. I have known Saunders for 32 years, and I don't have the first bad thing to say about him. He has made Clermont what it is today. He has run the city of Clermont impeccably from the start.

Clermont is in great financial shape due to this man. Compare Clermont to surrounding cities if you need proof.

Good old boy network? You bet. Good leader. Good father. Great man!

BILL MCGUIRE JR. | Clermont

If you're so smart, why aren't you president?

When I read Larry Biddle's recent letter, I could not help laughing at the absurdity of the accusations he makes against President Obama, especially the conclusion: "Obama is a small-

LETTER of the WEEK



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By pitching in, there'll be enough for all

If you don't agree with the preamble of the Constitution of the United States ... you know, the part where it mentions the key elements of patriotism:

1) Domestic tranquility (a sense of calm amongst the people (hard to do when many are suffering from preventable diseases or can't find a job because the jobs have all been sent overseas).

2) Promote the general welfare (see to it that all the citizens have access to those things that will maintain their ability to live securely, such as being able to find a house they can afford, finding good health care, being able to trust banks and finding work opportunities).

3) Secure the blessings of liberty (being free is useless if you don't have good health or a job).

4) For our posterity (ensure the same protections for our children and grandchildren as well as their children and grandchildren).

Then you're right that there should not be a Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for Americans.

To those of you who agree with this assumption, I suggest you think of your participation in America as similar to living in The Villages, where we all pay an assessment fee (is that a tax or is it more like paying dues to be in the club?). We have a common interest (see Preamble to

the Constitution, or your "covenants and restrictions") and we all share in the benefits (USA: highways, police, armed services, disaster relief, etc.; The Villages: landscaping, pools, recreation centers, etc.).

The ACA law does not require us to borrow money from foreign interests to make it functional. Everyone gets sick at some point in their life and will need care. By pitching in, whether by choice or by penalty tax there will be enough funds to cover everyone.

Some of that money goes towards training of new doctors, nurses and other medical professionals, as well as the building of new clinics and hospitals. (This also serves to provide jobs which helps grow the economy for all of us).

The viability of the plan has passed muster by the independent, nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

The historically conservative Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the law's constitutionality and agrees that all citizens should have a hand in paying for it. If a person already has insurance coverage, they are exempt from both the requirement to buy insurance and exempt from the penalty-tax for not having any coverage.

HEATHER RABINOWITZ | The Villages

Sick of the dumb-o-crats

This fool who has destroyed millions of jobs now lectures us on how to create them! I for one am totally sick of these liberals, Marxists, progressives and dumb-o-crats shoving communism down this country's throat!

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In the legend of Robin Hood, he stole from the government and gave back to the people.

Get it straight!
 Logic and facts offend liberals just like liberty and freedom!

This fool's name is Obama.

MARY O'HANLON | Clermont

DAVID MARTIN | Leesburg

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Applauding the accomplishments of readers

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SOUTH LAKE | BACK TO SCHOOL



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From left, Kristen McCall, homeless advocate, Lake County Schools; Julie Hulley, founder Back to School is COOL-Lake County; Chick Kennedy, owner, Clermont Beef 'O' Brady's; and Jane Boyack, Lake County Schools social worker, at a recent check presentation for funds raised during the month of August by the restaurant to benefit Back to School is COOL-Lake County. For information visit www.backtoschooliscool.org.

LOST LAKE ELEMENTARY | A PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST



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The Principal's Breakfast at Lost Lake Elementary is a monthly program for students in grades 3-5. Each teacher chooses a student who has made significant improvement in conduct, grade, citizenship, and are rewarded with breakfast served by Principal Rhonda Hunt; and assistant principals Caroline Burnsed and Mara Loyko. Students are Riley Walker, Madison Burchfield, Wyatt Watson, Ashton Rigby, Tiffany Broadway, Cooper Branum, Gabriel Kenes, Brayton Ewell, Scarlet Aponte, Jackson Montgomery, Brandon Pentayah, Jose Gomez, Colmen Dunihue, Jaydon Simmons, Cameron Pastore, Adam Carter, Kyon Johnson, Jasn Kassim, Michael Andrusko, Camille Matos, Dustin Reynolds, Brandon Tolentino, Dominic Bastian, Janee Lauture, Antonio Aguila, Carson Sied, Alex Reyes and Makenzie Wood.

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MINNEOLA

EBooks for adult readers at Schoolhouse Library

E-reader classes will be held the next four months from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday, at the Minneola Schoolhouse Library.

The library, located at 100 South Main Ave. in Minneola, also will be giving away one e-reader each month from September through December. Participants will be eligible for one entry

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CLERMONT | BECOMING A CHIROPRACTOR



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Dr. Stephen Savoie, left, Kathy Scherer, president of the Kiwanis Club of Clermont, and Marcia Julian, right, at a recent Kiwanis Club of Clermont meeting. Savoie is a nationally recognized speaker and lecturer, and a 1978 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. He spoke to the group about the credentials necessary to become a chiropractor and the mandatory 40 hours of continuing education courses every two years for license renewal, and described chiropractors as professionals who focus on disorders of the neuromuscular and skeletal systems.

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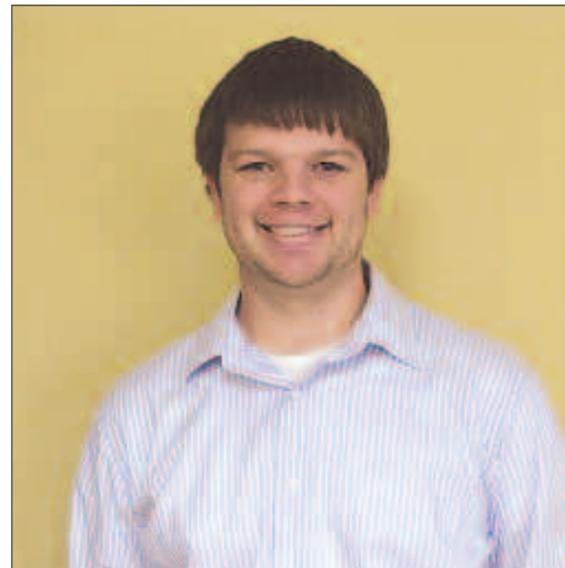
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Hal Cummings, vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Clermont, is shown presenting Daniella Waitt, assistant dean of admissions at Montverde Academy and a past Key Club president, with the Kiwanis membership lapel pin, making her the newest member to join the Kiwanis Club of Clermont.

WINTER GARDEN | STUDENTS RETURN AS TEACHERS



COURTESY PHOTO

Foundation Academy in Winter Garden has two alumni returning as teachers, Elizabeth Freeman and Scott Homan both from the Class of 2006. Freeman began at Foundation Academy in the 8th grade coming from American Christian Academy, and after attending Valencia Community College for two and a half years and graduating with an AA in general education she continued on to the University of Central Florida and received a BA in Early Childhood Education in May of 2012. She is teaching Kindergarten. Scott Homan began attending Foundation Academy in the third grade. Homan joins the staff as the high school Bible teacher and will be involved with the Student Leadership Institute, along with aspects of the spiritual development of the students. He attended Liberty University and received a B.S. in Biblical Studies and then continued and graduated with an M.A. in Church Ministries.

CLERMONT

Sex offender removes ankle device
Suspect jailed after lying about his home address

MILLARD K. IVES | Staff Writer
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KELTY

A homeless man, required to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison this week, is back behind bars after allegedly removing a GPS unit that probation officers used to keep track of him.

Reginald Gerandah Kelty, 42, was charged with failure to comply with sex offender reporting as well as perjury for allegedly telling two different stories about where he was living.

According to an arrest affidavit, Kelty was released from prison on Sunday after serving a sentence on a 2007 conviction of sex with a minor.

An official with the Florida Department of Corrections probation office in Tavares said Friday that due to the nature of the conviction, Kelty was given the ankle monitoring system.

The affidavit adds that on Monday Kelty went to the Lake County Sheriff's Office to register as a sex offender, as

required by law, but gave them a Gold Creek Court home in Clermont as his permanent address — a home where his brother lived.

Officials say the home has been vacant since Corey Wiggins, 38, was shot dead in the doorway during a May home invasion.

It is not clear why Kelty gave officials two different stories about where he lived.

But officials said Kelty removed the GPS unit, which probation officials said was found on the side of the road after he cut it off. Police eventually learned Kelty did not live at the Gold Creek Lane address.

Officials arrested him on Thursday at the Lake County jail where he remained Friday in lieu of \$22,000 bail.

Kelty also was arrested earlier this year on a similar probation violation of not registering as a sex offender.

SOUTH LAKE | LEGENDARY LOCALS



COURTESY PHOTO

Sisters and co-authors Doris Bloodworth and Connie Fleetwood spoke at the September meeting of the South Lake County Historical Society talking about their new book, "Legendary Locals of Lake County," featuring information about residents past and present who exemplify the character and heart of Lake County. For information about the South Lake Historical Society, 490 West Ave., in Clermont, call 407-314-7382 or visit southlakehistoricalsociety.com.

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CLERMONT ELEMENTARY | TERRIFIC



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Clermont Elementary School Terrific Kids for September 14 are Mariyon Wilson, Curvy Poblete, Shoncea Rivera, Emily Bush, Makih Perez, Andrew Purvis, Anamary Santiago, Sophia Gonzalez, Alyson Persaud, Julie Barragan, Kevin Centeno-Rivera, Ivy Minor, Angelie Leamon, Ethan McDonald, Giselle Curet, A'Lexus Chatman, Israel Luna, Sariyah Hall, Jenna Mason, Juan Cuellar, Adriana Ochoa. Principal Cleamstine Caple; Vice-Principal Steven Boyd and Kiwanian, David Coggshall are pictured.

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From left, Greg Collins, Cornerstone Hospice; Todd Nekola, KRMGA co-treasurer; Carol Felter, Cornerstone Hospice; Paul Petrany, KRMGA co-treasurer; Chuck Durkin, Tournament chairman. The Kings Ridge Men's Golf Association (MGA) of Clermont hosted the 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefiting the Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, recently raising more than \$18,000. All proceeds went to the Mike Conley Hospice House in Clermont.

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DEATH NOTICES

Roberta S. Bartelink

Roberta S. Bartelink, 69, of The Villages, died Saturday, September 15, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Daniel Clayton Bush

Daniel Clayton Bush 57 of Paisley, died Wednesday, September 12, 2012. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home.

Ana Maria Camacho

Ana Maria Camacho, 98 of Avon Park, died Saturday, September 15, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Chad Carter

Chad Carter, 30, of Groveland, died Monday, September 17th, 2012. Brewer & Sons, Brooksville.

Ronald J. Chermely

Ronald J. Chermely, 70, of Tavares, died Sunday, September 16, 2012. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

Ruby Mae Connelly

Ruby Mae Connelly, 81 of Okahumpka, died Wednesday, September 12, 2012. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc.

Ray K. Conner

Ray K. Conner, 59, of Umatilla, died Saturday Sept. 15, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Barnes, Corey

Barnes, Corey 19, of Altamonte Springs, died Wednesday, September 5, 2012. Hayes Brothers Funeral Homes, Altamonte Springs

Derrick Deon Dwight

Derrick Deon Dwight 49 of Miami, died Monday, September 10, 2012. Rocker-Cusack Mortuary, Leesburg.

Estelle Harper

Estelle Harper, 94, of Leesburg, died Friday, September 14, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

June M. Ingram

June M. Ingram, 85, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg

Elmer Fred Lewis

Elmer Fred Lewis, 83, of Fruitland Park, died Monday, September 17, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Louis Randolph Menacho

Louis "Lou" Randolph Menacho, 66, of Leesburg, died Friday, September 14, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Session, Bertha Mae

Session, Bertha Mae 98 of Yalaha, died Friday, August 31, 2012. Hayes Brothers Funeral Homes, Eustis

Juanita G. Odle

Juanita G. Odle, 97, of Deland, died Sunday, September 16, 2012. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Yukon Jack Pittsley

Yukon Jack Pittsley, 19, of Eustis, died Saturday, September 15, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Mary Margaret Simon

Mary Margaret Simon 81 of Leesburg, died Monday, September 10, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Joe Nathan Williams

Joe Nathan Williams 78 of Orlando, died Saturday, September 8, 2012. Unity Memorial Funeral Home Inc. Wildwood.

Zacharey "Terry" Williams

Zacharey "Terry" Williams, 58, of Leesburg, died Saturday, September 15, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Creatory, Leesburg.

Woods, Debra Elizabeth

Woods, Debra Elizabeth 60, of Bushness, died Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home, Eustis.

CLERMONT

Security guard arrested for tub of magic mushrooms

Staff Report

An Orange County Convention Center security guard was arrested by Clermont police after a patrol officer found him asleep at the wheel of his car with a tub of magic mushrooms inside, reports said.

Robert Pearson, 24, of 10239 Jollett St., Clermont, was charged with possession of psilocybin — a

controlled substance — and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Lake County jail under \$5,500 bond.

According to an arrest affidavit, the officer said he was patrolling the parking at McDonald's on State

Road 50 when he saw Pearson asleep at the wheel of his car. After tapping on Pearson's window to see if he was OK, the officer said Pearson rolled down the window and the odor of marijuana could be smelled coming from the car.

Pearson told the officer he was returning from a club in Orlando and was tired, so he pulled into the parking lot to

rest, reports said.

After searching the vehicle, the officer said he found a scale on the driver's side floorboard and a tub containing dried mushrooms under the driver's seat. Pearson said he purchased the mind-altering mushrooms in the Brooksville area, reports said.

Police said they seized Pearson's car.



PEARSON

LEESBURG



PHOTOS BY VICTORIA ALDRICH / DAILY COMMERCIAL

Leesburg painter Wilt Nelson discusses his watercolor techniques with Sterling House of Leesburg residents. An avid traveler, Nelson makes quick sketches which he paints at a scene, turning them into full size paintings later. Plein aire painting is not his forte, Nelson joked, explaining that he has turned a screened porch into a studio. "I ruined a carpet in the back bedroom," Nelson said. The show was part of Arts for the Ages, a weeklong event marking National Assisted Living Week, according to life enrichment coordinator Ruth Cantillon. Nelson, who lived for eight months in an assisted living facility while recuperating from medical treatment, said he hopes to finalize plans for local artists to begin teaching residents to paint.

PAINTING FUN



ABOVE: Watercolorist Marilyn Swider discusses her work with Evelyn Thompson. ABOVE RIGHT: Painter Sharon Repple discusses her work.



MOUNT DORA

Spelling bee fundraiser raises more than \$14K

Staff Report

Take Stock in Children's 11th Annual Corporate Spelling Bee Fundraiser recently helped raise more than \$14,000 for the organization.

Twenty-one teams competed, with a team from United Southern Bank taking first place by spelling the most words correctly. Second place was won in a tie breaker round by The CommConnection Inc., with a team from Citizens First Bank coming in third.

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BUSHNELL

Tribe keeping their history alive

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Howard Oxendine, or "Chief Red Eagle" of the Sumter Native American Family Tribe based in Bushnell, is passionate about keeping the history of Native Americans alive.

Oxendine, a member of the first Cherokee family to move to Sumter in 1957, for years has spent a great deal of time educating children in Sumter County schools about American Indian history.

Now, for the first time, he'll be able to educate hundreds more at the First Annual Inter-Tribal Native American Holiday Pow-Wow, set for September 28-30 at The Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, 7200 County Road 603, in Bushnell.

"We are focused on educating as many people as we can about Native Americans because we don't want our history to be lost. That's what it is, we're trying hard to hold onto it," Oxendine said, adding that decades ago in 1962, President J. F. Kennedy designated the fourth Friday of September as 'Native American Day,' a state and federally recognized holiday in a proclamation.

The proclamation was never passed by Congress after Kennedy was killed. Oxendine said that although the proclamation has sat un-passed since then, members of the tribe, made up of nearly 200 people of Cherokee, Apache, Navajo, Blackfoot, Sioux, (and other) descents, never stopped pressing for it.

In fact, after pleading the case with Sumter County Commissioners a few years ago,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Howard Oxendine, or "Chief Red Eagle," of the Sumter Native American Family Tribe.

a proclamation was set in place, followed by a state-wide proclamation. Similar proclamations in many other states, including California and Kentucky, followed suit.

Oxendine said he feels

American Indians deserve a day honoring their heritage.

"We're a Christian tribe and we love everybody. We honor and respect all kinds of people and tribes," he said.

Oxendine and other members

are still working on a nationwide proclamation but until that happens, the tribe decided to begin celebrating the occasion as a holiday this year based on the state recognition.

"We had a pow-wow last year in commemoration of Native Americans from all over the country and that turned out nice," Oxendine said. "Every pow-wow we have is a celebration of our heritage but this one will be even more special since it's celebrating and recognizing our holiday too."

With that in mind, the tribe is preparing for a three-day pow-wow, filled with history, culture, dance, song and storytelling, starting at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 28, with a visit with students of several schools who will spend some of the day with the tribe.

Friday's grand entry — or official opening ceremony — is set to begin at 6 p.m. with an honor guard carrying the American flag and eagle staffs into the venue, and a recognition ceremony for local veterans and other dignitaries. Tribal members in their Native American regalia (clothing) will also dance throughout.

The pow-wow will continue from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Grand entries for Saturday are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and for 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Oxendine invites people to the celebration, whether Native American or not, since the tribe is eager to share its heritage with anybody wanting to learn more about it.

SEE TRIBE | B4

Meet Your NEIGHBOR

DOLLY MILLER



■ **HOMETOWN:** Miami

■ **OCCUPATION:** Groveland city manager/finance director

■ **FAMILY:** Husband of 21 years, Scott; stepson, David; and two dogs: a Golden Retriever named Betty and a yellow Lab named Millie

What do you enjoy most about South Lake County?

The wide open spaces, peace and tranquility, especially out where I live.

If you had to summarize your philosophy of life in one sentence, what would it be?

Live life to the fullest because you never know what tomorrow will bring.

Name a person or incident you've come across recently that's touched you in some way. Why did this person or incident impress you so much?

Several months ago there was a story on the Internet where a soldier was killed in the war. When they brought him home for his funeral, his dog sat by his casket and would not leave his side. This further strengthened my feelings regarding the bond between a dog and his owner. It was a very touching story.

SEE NEIGHBOR | B4

FROM THE FILES | 19 YEARS AGO — 1993

Reliving history through the pages of the South Lake Press



Ann Dupee

REMEMBER WHEN

A weekly column that reprints some of the more interesting news stories that have appeared over the years in the South Lake Press.

NOTE: This week's column is a continuation of the history of Lake Sumter Community College in South Lake County.

Shortly after Dr. Robert Westrick became president of Lake Sumter Community College in 1993, he came to South Lake County talking about the college and how a second campus was going to be established in Sumter County.

The main campus was and still is in Leesburg. South Lake residents asked why Sumter, why not us? Find me 40 acres he said, and we will.

Contact with Daryl Carter of Maury Carter and Associates and Bob Mandell of Greater Construction brought two sepa-

rate offers for land. The college chose the Carter property on land known as Skytop, where the campus now sits.

Those were exciting times here. South Lake Hospital had purchased 40 acres east of Citrus Tower Boulevard for its new hospital, and Shannon Elswick had come to town to build and run it.

The Carters were involved in development of Citrus Tower Boulevard and Hancock Road to service additional property it owned that included Summit Greens. The Carters also gave the hospital 10 acres towards a wellness center, and the hospital bought another 10 acres to enlarge that campus and began work on the National Training Center.

The hospital bought additional land for itself, and also bought 60 acres to hold for LSCC to have a 100-acre campus and become a 2+2 partner with the University of Central Florida. (That's to get a two-year degree at LSCC and the additional two-year Bachelor of Arts degree from UCF, all on the same campus.) The state repaid the hospital within the five years, four as I recollect.

The Carters donated another 27 acres to enlarge the college campus to 127 acres, and the wonderful 300-acre joint campus of the hospital and its facilities and the college and its facilities between Citrus Tower Boulevard and Hancock Road were cemented.

The hospital and college ran a joint major fund drive for the

educational facilities at the hospital and the second story community room at the new LSCC building. State Rep. Everett Kelly was always a strong proponent of LSCC, both the main Leesburg campus and obtaining building funds for South Lake.

These were the days of mutual respect, cooperation and coordination with Elswick for the hospital, Carter for the landowners, Westrick for the college and Clermont City Manager Wayne Saunders and city council for the city. The goal: Make it the best that it can be.

The South Lake Citizens Advisory Committee held an open house to commemorate opening

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the new facility on July 26, 2001; 250 were hoped for, more than 400 came.

In about 2,000, during Lake County Days in Tallahassee, Dr. Westrick and I met with Rep. Daniel Webster, who was Speaker of the House and represented South Lake County, and the dream and money materialized for the 90,000 square foot three-story higher education building on campus, and plans for its grand opening on March 1, 2002.

Westrick had also dreamed of a regional library system. That dream was reignited and guided by current President Dr. Chuck Mojock. Three years ago, the 50,000 square foot, \$12 million-plus new Cooper Memorial Library, where we now gather, became the third building on campus.

This partnership included Lake County Library System, the State of Florida, Lake-Sumter Community College, University of Central Florida, and substantial local donations through Friends of the Library and the Cooper Memorial Library Association.

One night, I dreamed of Café Dupee and volunteered to sponsor that popular spot on campus in memory of my husband, George.

LSCC is soon to become a state college offering four-year degrees. The trustees have a master plan for the physical growth of this campus.

An excellent education system is a must for any community's positive quality of life and economic growth. I encourage all of you to get involved and enjoy and enhance the opportunities available. We will be as good as we make it.

FRIENDS SAY FINAL GOODBYES TO DOLORES VANDER MEER

Family and friends said a last goodbye to longtime Clermont resident Dolores Vander Meer at the South Lake Presbyterian Church on Sept. 8.

Remarks included her continued activity with the Clermont Garden Club, where she served as its president for two years from 1970 to 1972. And during those same two years, she was president of the South Lake Art League.

Her comment, "I have to stick close to do one so I might as well do both and get it over with." She did a superb job leading both organizations.

Garden Club member Martha Conley expressed her admiration for Vander Meer's artistic and innovative floral arranging talents.

"When I joined the garden club in 1976, Dolores was doing floral arrangements of dried leaves and plants. Most of us didn't even know what these plants were but she made them come alive in beautiful presentations."

Vander Meer won many ribbons in local, county and state flower shows.

She and her husband, Jay, who owned the Clermont Realty, were honored as the December 2002 at the South Lake Chamber's "Gem of the Hills" for their lifetime dedication to the community. Jay was a member of Clermont City Council, served for many years on the Lake County Planning and Zoning Board, and is still an active member of the local Lions Club.

Walgreens starts new rewards program

If you are a couponer or have followed my column, you may of asked yourself what is a blinkie coupon or a TMF? What does one per transaction, purchase or shopping trip really mean?

Walgreens has introduced a new rewards program, which started Sept. 16. Each time you shop Walgreens you will earn Balance Rewards (points). They are similar to the loyalty rewards programs at CVS and Rite-Aids with the exception that Walgreens wants to reward you for living a happy, healthy and well-balanced life.

You may have noticed the new program in your weekly sales advertisements. Instead of Register Rewards that you would normally earn on items, you will earn points. Walgreens will begin phasing out the majority of Register Rewards earned in the past by the end of 2012)

You can sign up for the New Balance Rewards Card. If you don't want to carry around another loyalty card, you can choose to just use your phone number, just like at CVS.

I'd urge you to sign up for a Balance Rewards Program Card today in a nearby Walgreens store, or you can do it online.

As part of the program, you can earn thousand of points on many of the items you buy. You earn



Tanya Senseney

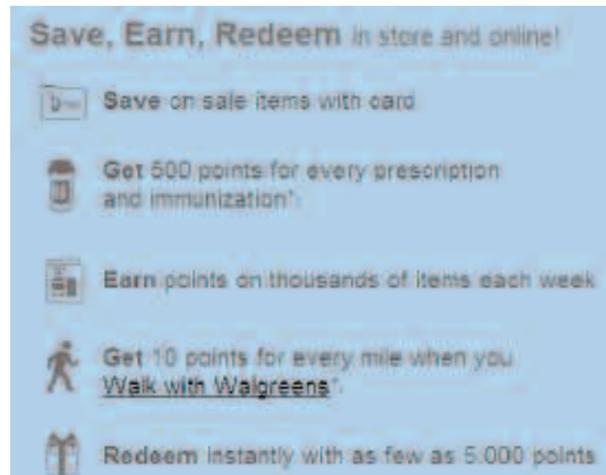
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points every time you shop or fill a prescription at Walgreens. And if you are an online Walgreens shopper, you can earn the Balance Reward Points just as if you were shopping in a store.

Don't forget that you can also get immunizations from your Walgreens pharmacy (in select locations) and earn more points.

CAN I USE COUPONS?

Yes, you can even use coupons with this new program, just like you do today on your purchases. With the new Balance Rewards program you will even earn points in the same transac-



tion when you buy multiple items. This is different than the Register Rewards program.

For example: Buy one pack of toilet paper and earn 500 points; buy two packs of the same toilet paper and earn 1,000 points.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE POINTS?

Your Balance Reward points will expire 36

months from the day you earn them. If you are not an active shopper at Walgreens and have not made a purchase or used the points within six months of earning them, they may expire sooner.

So use the points after collecting them!

If you have questions, you can email Tanya@Divine-DealDiva.com if you have a question or comment.

THE VILLAGES

Honor Flight heads to World War II memorial Sunday

Special to the South Lake Press

Villages Honor Flight will take its next group of World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the World War II memorial on Sunday.

The one-day trip will also include stops at other memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

The 26 veterans include one from Clermont, 13 from Leesburg, five from The Villages, two from Lady Lake, two

from Summerfield, and one from Coleman, Fruitland Park and Webster.

The group will be returning to the American Legion Hall at Rolling Acres Road and County Road 466 in Lady Lake for a homecoming celebration at approximately 11 p.m. Sunday. The public is encouraged to participate in welcoming these veterans home.

Villages Honor Flight serves veterans in Lake, Sumter and southern Marion counties. About 200 World War

II veterans from these areas have registered with Villages Honor Flight.

Plans are for one flight during April, May, June, September and October each year with 25 to 30 veterans on each flight.

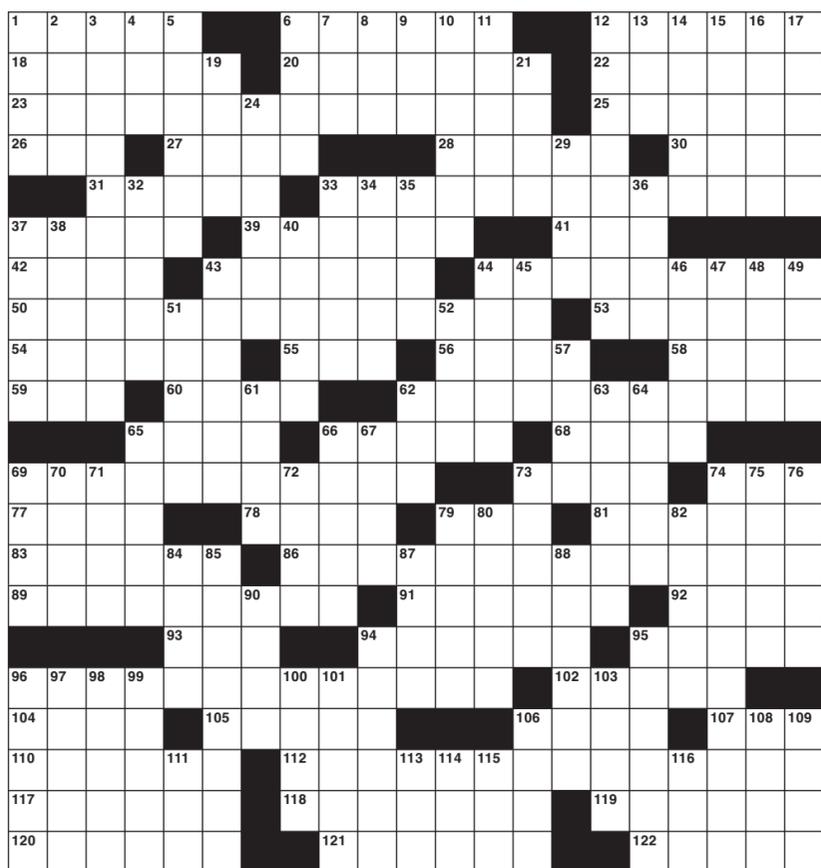
Villages Honor Flight is an official hub of the National Honor Flight Network.

Approximately 16 million men and women served during World War II; about 1.2 million survive.

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YULEE 42 | SOUTH LAKE 14

Yulee runs past South Lake in victory

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Yulee High School's game plan against South Lake was simple.

Get the football into Derrick Henry's hands.

The Hornets' senior running back, one of the most sought-after ball carriers in the nation, was a workhorse on Friday. Henry gained 302 yards on 43 carries and scored five touchdowns in a 42-14 win against the previously undefeated Eagles.

Henry lined up as a receiver, a wingback, a tailback and as a quarterback in the Wildcat formation. The 6-foot-3, 240 pounder proved elusive no matter where he played, frequently running through arm tackles and using his combination of speed and power to wear down the South Lake defense.

"Derrick's a special back and you want him to have the ball as often as possible," Yulee coach Bobby Ramsay said. "He's the type of runner who never seems to get tired, no matter how often you give him the ball. In fact, he wants the ball on every play."

Henry got the Hornets off to a quick start with a 50-yard touchdown run on fourth play of the game. He started running to his right before reversing course and outracing the South Lake defense down the sidelines for his eighth touchdown of



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South Lake High School's Kris White (15) tackles Derrick Henry (2) in the second quarter. White scored five touchdowns to lead Yulee to a 42-14 victory.

the season and 102nd rushing touchdown of his high-school career.

Henry added scoring runs of 16 and four yards in the second quarter. He had

a five-yard scamper in the third quarter and surpassed the 300-yard mark with a 16-yard touchdown run on his final carry of the game.

South Lake had an

opportunity to get back into the game late in the second quarter.

Trailing 21-0, the Eagles mounted a nine play, 64 yard scoring drive the fea-

tured power running behind right tackle T.J. McCoy. Anthony Miller capped the drive with an 18-yard scoring run with less than two minutes

remaining in the half, cutting into the Hornets' advantage.

Yulee, however, took advantage of a short kick-off and raced 57 yards on eight plays to score with less than 30 seconds remaining in the half to regain control of the game.

South Lake scored the final touchdown of the game on a five-yard pass from quarterback Buck Solomon to Kris White.

Solomon was the Eagles most effective running, gaining 50 yards on eight carries. White added 47 yards on 12 carries.

Through the air, Solomon completed five of 11 passes for 104 yards, including a 55 yarder to Nick Cedeno on the Eagles' final drive.

Yulee finished with 384 yards of total offense. Quarterback Dalton Bradley completed seven of 10 passes for 66 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown pass to fullback Jason Ray.

Henry, who is said to be considering Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee as his college choices, he has now scored 106 touchdowns in his career and rushed for more than 8,600 yards. He has 880 yards in three games this season.

The loss dropped South Lake to 2-1 on the season the Eagles will open district play on the road today against Class 7A-District 4 kingpin Orlando Evans.

FSU legends Bobby Bowden, Sammie Smith to speak in Eustis

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The Lake County Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host its first Kickoff Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 10 at the First Baptist Church of Eustis.

Special guests at the functions will include former Florida State University football coach Bobby Bowden and former Seminole and Miami Dolphin running back, Sammie Smith.

Bowden, the winningest coach in NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision history. He began his coaching career in 1954 and became a head coach in 1970 at West Virginia.

Bowden moved to Florida State in 1976 and is credited with rebuilding a program that was nearly shut down prior to his arrival. He closed out his



SMITH



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Bobby Bowden of the Florida State Seminoles watches his team take on the West Virginia Mountaineers during the Konica Minolta Gator Bowl on January 1, 2010 in Jacksonville.

coaching career in following the 2009 season with 377 wins.

Smith, who earned national recognition as a football and track star at Apopka High School, played for Bowden from 1985 until 1988. During

his collegiate career, Smith ran for 2,760 yards, including 1,358 in 1987.

He earned Associated Press All-American Honorable Mention in 1987 and 1988. Smith spent four seasons in the NFL — three with the Dolphins.

Smith rushed for 659 yards as a rookie in 1989 with six touchdowns and backed that up with 831 yards and scored eight touchdowns in 1990. During his professional career, Smith totalled 1,881 yards and 15 touchdowns.

The First Baptist Church of Eustis is located at 3557 E. Orange Ave.. Tickets for the luncheon are on sale at Lake Nissan in Leesburg, all United Southern Bank locations and Sidelines Sports Eatery in Mount Dora.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.centralfloridafca.org by clicking the events tab.

For information, call 407-644-8292 or 352-343-5111.



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- Montverde Academy at Windermere Prep, 5 p.m.
- East Ridge at Leesburg, 7 p.m.
- South Lake at Orlando Evans, 7:30 p.m.
- Weeki Wachee at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
- Wildwood at Crescent City, 7 p.m.
- Lakeland Victory Christian at Mount Dora Bible, 7 p.m.
- Eustis at Orlando Lake Nona, 7:30 p.m.
- Mount Dora at South Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
- Tavares at Poinciana, 7:30 p.m.
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LAST WEEK'S SCORES

- Yulee 42, South Lake 14
- Mount Dora Bible 18, Tall-JPII Catholic 12
- Merritt Island 57, East Ridge 13
- Lake Minneola 52, Celebration 0
- Melbourne Central Catholic 41, Montverde Academy 0
- Eustis 33, Wildwood 23
- Mount Dora 16, Leesburg 13
- Tavares 29, The Villages 28 (OT)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2012-CP-000996
Division: Probate Division

In Re The Estate Of: **Claude C. Wallace, Jr., a/k/a Claude Carter Wallace, a/k/a Claude C. Wallace, a/k/a Claude Wallace,** Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The formal administration of the Estate of Claude C. Wallace, Jr., a/k/a Claude Carter Wallace, a/k/a Claude C. Wallace, a/k/a Claude Wallace, deceased, File Number 2012-CP-000996 has commenced in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, Lake County, Florida, the address of which is 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this Court at the address set forth above WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON SUCH CREDITOR.

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AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED..

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TO: Donald C. Edwards

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

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Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFFREY NOEL GROSBIER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JEFFREY NOEL GROSBIER, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2012 is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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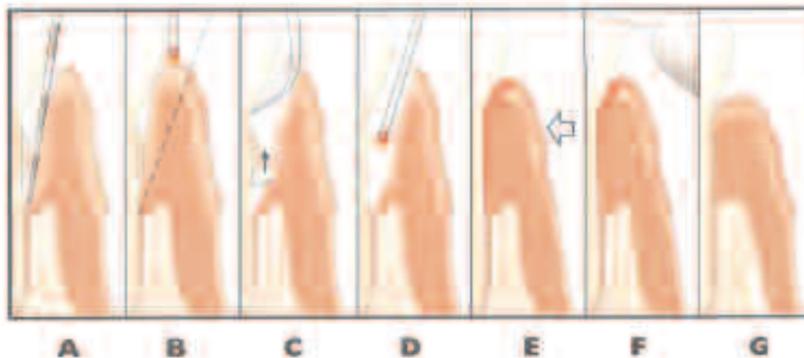
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Evergreen breaks ground on Beacon building

LEESBURG — Evergreen Construction Management recently started site work for the construction of a new \$2.1 million administration and classroom building for Beacon College in downtown Leesburg.

Mark Starcher, LEED, AP, president of Evergreen Construction Management,

said the new two-story building located on East Main Street across from the Leesburg Public Library will accommodate the college's growth and replaces the old administration building torn down in 2011.

Completion is scheduled for spring 2013, Starcher added.

Evergreen Construction Management, based in Central Florida, is a commercial construction firm led by Mark Starcher and Gary Klein who have a combined 50 years of diverse large commercial project experience. The company focuses on general contracting, construction management and design build projects

statewide in the education, healthcare, institutional, corporate and interiors markets.

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NAI negotiates sale of 4 acres for police station

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently

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PEOPLE, EVENTS AND PLACES

NAI negotiates renewal lease for industrial center

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a renewal lease of 3,000 square feet at 7480 Narcoossee Road in the Airport Industrial Center in southeast Orlando recently.

Michael Heidrich, a principal at NAI Realvest, brokered the transaction representing the landlord, Columbus, Ohio-based Airport Investment

Properties LLC and the tenant, Plant It Earth, Inc. of Orlando.

Call Michael Heidrich at 407-875-9989 or email at mheidrich@realvest.com or visit www.NAIRealvest.com.



HEIDRICH

Stirling starts real estate trade mission to Panama

ORLANDO — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has launched its own private trade mission to Panama.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, said International Marketing Specialist Pilar Ulloa of the firm's Orlando/Dr. Phillips Marketing Center recently traveled to Panama to conduct a series of seminars and conferences with affluent Panamanian business owners and real estate professionals.

Ulloa presented Panamanian business executives and family heads with information about Central Florida vacation homes, second homes and luxury estates, along with commercial and investment properties.

Ulloa, who was born in Colombia, has family ties throughout Central and South America, Soderstrom said.

"Pilar Ulloa is a highly skilled professional who will be presenting a wide range of marketing materials that show off Central Florida at its best," Soderstrom said.

Call Ulloa at 407-333-1900, email to pulloa@stirlingsir.com, or visit www.stirlingsir.com.

Mercantile focuses on new lending market

ORLANDO — The leading providers of U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 loans for small business owners, reports that fully one-fourth of its commercial loan closings since Jan. 1 have helped small businesses



HURN

acquire, develop, or refinance franchise hotel or restaurant operations.

Chris Hurn, chief executive officer of Mercantile Capital Corporation, said the firm has closed on 68 commercial loans since Jan. 1 to finance projects worth more than \$291 million in total project costs.

Seventeen of those loans were for acquisitions or refinances of commercial real estate for franchise operations, Hurn said, and 14 of those were for franchised hotels.

Altogether, commercial loans to franchise buyers accounted for 40 percent of Mercantile Capital's loan volume during the first seven months of this year, Hurn said.

"Typically, franchise operations require a more rigorous standard of economic viability and promise a more reliable potential for economic success," Hurn said.

"The increase in SBA 504 lending to buyers of franchise operations indicates significantly expanded awareness of the benefits of SBA 504 financing and refinancing among the small business entrepreneurs who are driving the nation's economic recovery and we see this as a promising sign," he added.

Call 407-786-5040 for information.

M/I Homes moves to new headquarters

LAKE MARY — M/I Homes, formerly located on Colonial Centre Parkway in North Seminole County has relocated to new headquarters facilities approximately one mile south at 400 International Parkway in the Heathrow area.

David Byrnes, 30-year veteran homebuilder and former president of Beazer Homes in Florida who recently rejoined M/I Homes as area president, said M/I's headquarters now totals over 14,000 square feet of office space.

M/I Homes builds single-family homes and town homes priced from the \$130s in 10 Orlando-area communities.

Call David Byrnes at M/I Homes, 407-531-5100.

Park Square to host chili cook-off at Waters Edge

ORLANDO — Park Square Homes will host a Chili Cook-off on Sat., Sept. 29 at Waters Edge at Lake Nona on Narcoossee Road in southeast Orlando to benefit the Compassionate Hands and Hearts Breast Cancer Outreach Program.

Anthony Rouhana, marketing coordinator at Park Square Homes, said participating chili chefs will pay a \$50 entry fee and admission to chili patrons is \$5.

The public is invited and all pro-



ROUHANA

ceeds will benefit the cancer outreach group, Rouhana said.

The Waters Edge Chili Cook Off is part of Park Square Home's month-long fundraising effort in September to support the breast cancer outreach program

Call Anthony Rouhana, at 407-529-3031 or email at Arouhana@park-squarehomes.com for information.



Del Webb to host 'Cook for the Cure' fundraiser

OCALA — Del Webb Stone Creek, 6320 S.W. 89th Court Road in Ocala will host "Cook for the Cure" Fri., Sept. 28, to benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization.

Sean Strickler, vice president of sales for the North Florida Division of Del Webb, said the fundraising event is scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Del Webb Stone Creek clubhouse. The community walk is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

A reservation is requested for the event by visiting www.delwebb.com/stonecreek or by calling 877-333-5932.

Del Webb communities across the nation are cooking up events this summer featuring KitchenAid prizes and culinary activities to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Last year, residents living in Del Webb communities raised more than \$50,000 for the fight against breast cancer, supporting a partnership with KitchenAid and Komen, which has raised more than \$8 million in the past decade.

Strickler said "Cook for the Cure" at Del Webb Stone Creek will feature live entertainment by the band Sugar Bear along with raffle prizes and dinner.

"Cook for the Cure" is one of many events that residents at Del Webb Stone Creek create to give back to the community," Strickler said.

For information, visit www.delwebb.com.

NAI negotiates office lease title company

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest recently negotiated an expansion lease agreement for 1,800 square feet of office space in Villagio Business Center of Winter Springs at 853 S.R. 434 East.

Paul P. Partyka, principal and managing partner at NAI Realvest, brokered the transaction on behalf of Hallandale-based BRI 1813 Villaggio LLC, the landlord at the 50,000-square-foot retail office center.

Winter Springs-based Secure Title,

LLC, now leasing a total of 1,800 square feet increased its occupancy at Villagio Business Center by 50 percent to accommodate its business growth.

Call Paul P. Partyka at NAI Realvest, 407-875-9989 or email to ppartyka@realvest.com.



PARTYKA

NAI negotiates warehouse lease for business center

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new lease agreement for 34,108 square feet of office-warehouse space at 5712 Dot Com Court in the Ganesh Business Center in Oviedo.

Senior associate Mary Frances West, CCIM negotiated the transaction representing the tenant, a local defense contractor who will be using half the space for a new government contract and the other half to relocate its corporate headquarters from east Orlando.

The landlord, Oxford RKP, Inc., c/o Ganesh Mills, was represented in the transaction by Sher Tolan of Lee & Associates.

Call Mary Frances West at 407-875-9989, email to mfwest@realvest.com or visit www.nairealvest.com.



WEST

Park Square to host grand opening Saturday

ORLANDO — Park Square Homes will host a Grand Opening from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday to showcase a new model home at the Green neighborhood at Harmony, a luxury community located off East Irlon Bronson Memorial Highway near St. Cloud.

Anthony Rouhana, marketing coordinator at Park Square Homes, said the home builder plans to build 26 new homes at Harmony that range in size from 2,000 square feet of living space to 3,700 square feet.

New homes at Harmony are priced from the \$190s to the \$280s, Rouhana said.

Rouhana said the Fairview model home offers four bedrooms and two and a half baths in 2,620 square feet of living space with a two-car garage.

The event will feature a gardening workshop, a bounce house for kids, gourmet food truck and a special picnic area.

Admission to the event is free and the public is invited.

For information, call Anthony Rouhana, at 407-529-3031, or email to Arouhana@parksquarehomes.com.

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US housing starts rose 2.3 percent in August

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. builders started work on more homes in August, driven by the fastest pace of single-family home construction in more than two years. The

increase suggests the housing recovery may be gaining strength.

The Commerce Department said that construction of homes and apartments rose 2.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted

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Dvd Properties LLC to Dixon Chester E and Dixon Peggy L, 11-18-26, \$125,000.

Williams Deborah A Ind And Tr, Studer Deborah Ann Ind And Tr, Deborah A Williams Living Trust and Studer Darryl E to Let Me Geaux Farm And Stables LLC, 12-21-25, \$170,000.

Guarin Aracely C to Guarin Aracely C Tr and Aracely C Guarin Revocable Living Trust, 14-19-26, \$10.

Merritt Golden Est to Miller James F and Miller Patricia B, 14-20-26, \$10.

E R Jahna Industries Inc to Padgett Morgan, 14-24-25, \$10.

Bovett Land Inc to E R Jahua Industries Inc., 16-24-25, \$10,000.

Federal National Mortgage Association, Fannie Mae and Law Offices Of Marshall C Watson Pa to Sheppard Alan R and Sheppard Lori J, 18-17-29, \$278,000.

Sullivan Arthur to City of Eustis, 19-19-27, \$10.

Cook Clyde C and Cook Jacqueline A to

Smith Grady A Jr Tr and Grady A Smith Jr Family Trust, 2-18-24, \$59,000.

TTFN Properties LLC to Florida Power Corporation and Progress Energy FL Inc., 2-19-26, \$10.

Ross Terry L to Florida Power Corporation and Progress Energy FL Inc., 2-19-26, \$10.

Stosberg Pamela Kay and Merrill Pamela to Antony John and Aubuchon Kelly, 2-23-25, \$180,000.

Wells Fargo Bank Na Tr, Homeward Residential Inc and American Home

Mortgage Servicing Inc. to Pruitt Johnny M and Pruitt Rhonda S, 20-19-24, \$31,000.

Fangorn Farms LLC to Leininger John L Sr. and Leininger Patricia R, 20-20-25, \$42,500.

Hanson Thomas C Jr to Hanson Thomas C Jr Tr and Thomas C Hanson Jr Family Trust, 21-18-24, \$10.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company Tr, Homeward Residential Inc and American Home Mortgage Servicing Inc. to Smith Gene N, 23-19-26, \$27,500.

England Rodger E and

England Susan E to Conklin James T, Radziszewski Mary E and Radziszewski Emilie J, 23-19-28, \$299,000.

Harnage Lavon and Harnage James R to Harnage Lavon H, Crotty Carla A and Crotty Zackary J, 25-19-27, \$10.

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Cassidy Michael to Cassidy Michael and Cassidy Robin, 27-19-24, \$10.

Route 46 Properties LLC to City of Mount Dora, 27-19-27, \$1.

Lake County Clerk of the Court, Kramer David and Kramer Courtney to HSBC Bank Usa Na Tr, 27-21-24, \$100.

Stephens Donald E Tr, Donald E Stephens Family Trust, Stephens Carol S Tr and Carol S Stephens Family Trust to City of Mount Dora, 28-19-27, \$1.

Waynes Paint & Body Inc. to Service Electric Company, 29-19-24 Eas, \$345,000.

TD Bank National Association to Vacation Finance LLC, 3-19-25,

\$6,588.

Bank of Ny Mellon Tr, Bank Of Ny Tr, Bank of America Na, Bac Home Loans Servicing Lp and Countrywide Home Loans Servicing Lp to 24 7 Village Kart Aide LLC, 31-18-24, \$126,000.

Lake County Clerk of the Court, Pridgen Marty and Pridgen Tammy to Fidelity Bank

Of FL Na, 32-21-24, \$100.

Kaprocki Cleo Mika Est to Mika Jerome Joseph Tr and Cleo Mika Kaprocki Family Trust, 33-18-24, \$10.

Mika Jerome Joseph Tr and Cleo Mika Kaprocki Family Trust to Mika Jerome Joseph, 33-18-24 Eas Etc, \$0.

Bald Frederick D and Bald Augusta A to

Washington Gary M and Washington Claire L, 33-18-27, \$140,000.

First National Bank Of Mount Dora Tr and James C Harris Jr Trust to Harris James C III Tr and James C Harris III Trust, 33-19-27, \$10.

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A customer walks past building products at a Home Depot store in Nashville, Tenn.

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annual rate of 750,000 last month.

Single-family housing starts rose 5.5 percent to an annual rate of 535,000 homes, the best pace since April 2010. Apartment construction, which can be volatile from month to month, fell 4.9 percent.

Applications for building permits, which are a good sign of future construction, fell to an annual rate of 803,000. Still that's down from a four-year high reached in July.

The rate of construction has risen nearly 60 percent since hitting a recession low of 478,000 in April 2009. It's still half the pace considered healthy. But the steady gains suggest the housing recovery could endure.

Confidence among builders rose in September to the highest level in more than six years, according to a survey released Tuesday by the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo. And builders are more confident that sales will improve over the next six months, the survey noted.

Sales of both new and previously occupied homes are running ahead of last year. Home prices are increasing more consistently, in part because the supply of homes has shrunk and foreclosures have eased. And mortgage rates remain near

record lows, a strong enticement for potential buyers with good credit.

The economy will likely benefit if home prices continue to rise. When that happens, Americans typically feel wealthier and boost consumer spending, which drives 70 percent of growth.

Even with the gains, the housing market remains weak. Many would-be buyers are having difficulty qualifying for loans or can't afford the larger down payments being required by banks.

Though new homes represent less than 20 percent of the housing sales market, they have an outsize impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in tax revenue, according to the NAHB's data.

The Federal Reserve last week announced new stimulus measures intended to keep mortgage rates low for the next few years.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said the bank would purchase \$40 billion of mortgage-backed securities each month until the job market improves "substantially." That could push down longer-term interest rates and spur more borrowing and spending.

The Fed also hopes that lower mortgage rates will accelerate the housing market recovery and boost home prices. That, in turn, could make people feel wealthier and more willing to spend, which would bolster economic growth.

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negotiated the \$1.2 million sale of a four-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Hooks Street and Citrus Tower Blvd. in Clermont for the new City of Clermont police station.

NAI Realvest Broker Associate George Viele negotiated the transaction representing the seller, DeWitt Enterprises, Inc. of Winter Garden.

The city of Clermont bought the property to build the new station.



VIELE

Stirling lowers price on historic Britt House

LAKE MARY — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has significantly reduced the asking price for a unique and historic luxury home in Winter Garden.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, said the three-story, 5,292 square foot Britt House, built as a southern mansion for a prominent citrus grower in 1927, includes three office buildings that total 7,256 square feet of space.

The asking price has been reduced from \$1,750,000 to \$1,495,000, and the seller is now considering all offers, Soderstrom said.

Though totally renovated, the Britt

House may be more valuable for its location on the recently four-laned E. Plant Street in Winter Garden just off S.R. 429, the Central Florida Expressway.

The 5.15 acre site is zoned for high intensity office and retail development, Soderstrom added.

"This is a prime corner site with full signalization that offers offsite storm water retention," Soderstrom said. "The property offers tremendous future expansion and development opportunities."

Soderstrom said the estate has been fully restored to its original condition with beautiful hardwood floors, a grand staircase, custom millwork, several fireplaces, large architectural windows, and a double porte cochere.

"The brick exterior features two-story columns along the front veranda with an impressive front entrance," Soderstrom said.

"The main level features a large tiled Florida room wrapped in windows. The original tile is still intact and in perfect condition. It was originally used for dancing and parties," he said.

Contact Roger Soderstrom at 407-581-7890 or visit www.StirlingSIR.com.

HBA looking for vendors for Fall Home Show

TAVARES — The Home Builders Association of Lake and Sumter counties is looking for vendors to be a part of its home show, "Rebuilding America Step by Step" on October 20.

The show will be held at Lake Receptions in Mount Dora from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To reserve space for the show call the HBA office at 352-343-7101 or e-mail admin@lakehba.com, or visit www.lakehba.com.

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Homebuilder confidence surges to 6-year high

ALEX VEIGA
AP Real Estate Writer

Confidence among U.S. homebuilders rose this month to its highest level in six years and many expect the housing recovery will strengthen in the next six months.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released increased to 40 in September. That's up from 37 in August and the highest reading since June 2006, just before the housing bubble burst.

Any reading below 50 indicates negative sentiment about the housing market. The index hasn't reached that level since April 2006, the peak of the housing boom.

Still, a measure of builders' outlook for sales in the next six months rose to 51. That's up from 43 in August and also the highest level since June 2006.

Builders also reported seeing the best sales level since July 2006. And turnout by prospective buyers returned to levels not seen since May 2006.

The positive trends have helped bolster optimism that the U.S. housing recovery will endure.

"We think things have turned around and this recovery is sustainable," said Patrick Newport, an economist with IHS Global



JOHN EHLKE / AP

A construction crew member continues work in West Bend, Wis.

Insight. The rise in builder confidence means that new-home construction is likely to increase over the next six months, Newport said.

The survey, which is based on responses from 445 builders, has been trending higher since October. After a dismal 2011, homebuilders have seen their fortunes begin to turn around this year as the housing recovery

has steadily gained momentum.

Sales of both new and previously occupied homes are running ahead of last year. Home prices are increasing more consistently, in part because the supply of homes has shrunk and foreclosures have eased. And mortgage rates remain near record lows, beckoning potential buyers with good credit.

Still, the housing market

remains depressed. While the turnaround will continue next year, a complete recovery in home construction isn't expected before 2016, Newport said.

The housing market isn't expected to recover fully until job growth improves and the unemployment rate, now at 8.1 percent, declines further.

Still, sales remain on the upswing at Taylor Morrison,

which builds homes in five U.S. states and caters to entry-level and move-up buyers, as well as seniors.

The Scottsdale, Ariz.-based company's sales are up 40 percent from last year, said Graham Hughes, the builder's vice president of sales and marketing.

Hughes says the lower inventory of previously occupied homes for sale has helped drive stronger demand for new homes. Demand has been especially strong in markets like Phoenix, where the builder's sales are up 80 percent. That's made it possible for Taylor Morrison to hike prices there by an average of 15 percent.

Taylor Morrison expects to close out 2012 with 15 percent more employees than last year. It also anticipates boosting payrolls by another 10 percent next year.

"I'm definitely optimistic now," Hughes said. "We've turned the corner and we're at the bottom and starting to look up."

Though new homes represent less than 20 percent of the housing sales market, they have an outsized impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in tax revenue, according to the NAHB's data.

Homeowners association members face violence

BRUCE SCHREINER
and **DYLAN LOVAN**
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A trained doctor who bitterly disputed rulings by his homeowners association about his property opened fire at a meeting, killing the board president and a member, authorities said. It is an uncommon case of deadly violence involving the often elected group volunteers whose job it is to make sometimes unpopular decisions about their neighbors.



BRUCE SCHREINER / AP

Mahmoud Yousef Hindi appears Saturday for his arraignment on charges of murder, assault and wanton endangerment in Louisville, Ky.

Mahmoud Yousef Hindi, 55, of Louisville pleaded not guilty to murder charges and other counts in Jefferson Circuit Court Monday and said he needs a public defender. Prosecutors have said they are considering seeking the death penalty for Hindi, a Jordanian-trained doctor whose medical license had expired.

Authorities have not pinpointed what exactly caused the outburst on Sept. 6 in a community church. Police did say that Hindi angrily had confronted the Spring Creek Homeowners Association over a fence it said didn't meet its height or design requirements in the upscale neighborhood of Louisville. It also objected to his driveway.

Frustration over such decisions can boil over into shouting matches, fistfights and, in the rarest of circumstances, the kind of violence that surprised Hindi's neighbors, some of whom said Hindi's threatening demeanor caused the family who lived next door to move out.

"I have never seen a situation where emotions become so raw," said David F. Feingold, an attorney who represents homeowners associations in the San Francisco Bay area. "It's like carrying around nitroglycerin. You just have to handle it very carefully."

Deadly violence is not unprecedented. In Arizona, a man was convicted of murdering two women

when he opened fire at a homeowners meeting in 2000. Richard Glassel, who was sentenced to death, had run-ins with his HOA over awning and air-conditioning units.

In Chicago, a man was convicted of murder in the 2004 shooting death of a 75-year-old woman who was a board member of his condominium association. Another woman was wounded. The shooter, Zdislaw Kuchlewski, had been evicted from his condo, the result of more than a year's dispute with his condo association's board over infractions of building rules.

The man said at his trial that he was distraught over his eviction but did not plot the attack.

The problem is that homeowners don't always buy into the group concept of an association, one expert said.

"They feel that my home is my castle and I should be able to do what I want," said Evan McKenzie, an associate professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

There are approximately 300,000 homeowners associations in the United States, according to HOA-USA.com, a website that tracks and provides advice to associations nationwide. That number represents over 40 million households, and 70 percent of associa-

tions are managed by volunteers, the group says. And the job is not for everyone, with people not wanting to get involved in judging their neighbors' property.

McKenzie pointed to a more than 20-year-old statewide review of HOAs and condo associations in California that showed that more than 40 percent of board members surveyed say they had been threatened with violence.

"If they serve on the board for a couple of years, it's not at all unusual that a board member would be threatened or would at least feel threatened," McKenzie said. "Because people get really angry about this stuff."

Killed in the Louisville shooting were association president 73-year-old David Merritt and board member 69-year-old Marvin Fisher, according to papers filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State office. Hindi also faces seven counts of first-degree wanton endangerment as several other people were at the meeting.

He was being held on no bond.

His attorneys at his initial hearing said there is another side to the story and that they look forward to their day in court.

Hindi complained bitterly about his neighbors and an attorney for the association who sought to have the fence removed because of zoning violations.

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Home sales jump to highest since May 2010

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WASHINGTON — A jump in sales of previously occupied homes and further gains in home construction suggest the U.S. housing recovery is gaining momentum.

Sales of previously occupied homes rose 7.8 percent in August from July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.82 million, the National Association of Realtors said Wednesday. That's the highest level since May 2010, when sales were aided by a federal home-buying tax credit.

At the same time, builders broke ground on 2.3 percent more homes and apartments in August than July. The Commerce Department said the annual rate of construction rose to a seasonally adjusted 750,000. The increase was driven the best rate of single-family home construction since April 2010.

The pair of reports comes amid other signs of steady progress in the



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This photo shows an exterior view of a home sold in Palo Alto, Calif.

housing market after years of stagnation. New-home sales are up, builder confidence is at its highest level in more than six years and increases in home prices appear to be sustainable.

"The U.S. housing recovery is for real," said Sal Guatieri, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, in a note to clients. "Great

affordability, pent-up demand and strong investor interest in rental units are driving the market."

The broader economy is also likely to benefit. When home prices rise, Americans typically feel wealthier and spend more. Consumer spending drives 70 percent of the econom-

ic growth.

And the Federal Reserve's plan to spend \$40 billion a month on mortgage-backed securities to keep mortgage rates low "can only help," Guatieri added.

Still, home sales and housing starts are rising from depressed levels. Sales of previously occu-

pled homes remain below the more than 5.5 million that economists consider consistent with a healthy market.

The number of first-time homebuyers, who are critical to a housing rebound, slipped to 31 percent from 34 percent. In a typical market, that figure is usually closer to 40 percent.

Strict credit standards are making it harder for many first-time buyers to qualify for mortgages.

More Americans appear to be taking advantage of near-record low mortgage rates and prices that are, on average, much lower than they were six years ago.

Sales might be higher if more homes were available, the Realtors' group said. The limited supply is helping to lift prices. There were 2.47 million homes available for sale in August. It would take just over six months to exhaust that supply at the current sales pace. That's the typical pace in a healthy market.

Homes are selling more quickly than a year ago. The median amount of time that a home spent on the market was 70 days in August, the Realtors' group said. A year ago, the median timeframe was 92 days a year ago.

The median home price dipped in August to \$187,400, but that is 9.5 percent higher than August 2011.

Getting the cobblestone look

MAUREEN GILMER
Scripps Howard News Service

They say that the cobblestone streets of Virginia were paved by the tobacco trade. So great was the demand for this American weed that ships arriving in the ports carried ballast stones to offset their light weight. Once anchored, the ballast was removed and replaced by heavy oak barrels of freshly cured tobacco.

Throughout the colonies, ballast stones accumulated around the harbors as abundant raw materials were shipped to the Old World. These were often heavy, hand-hewn blocks of granite, and sometimes fired clay brick. Today you can see them occasionally in Boston and other old cities where the ballast stone paving is revealed when asphalt laid over them deteriorates. Today these communities cherish such pavers and are relocating them to high-profile streets of historic districts and for accent in urban plazas.

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Fixing a hole made by a doorknob

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Q The doorknob has hit the wall so many times it has made a large hole in the wallboard. I tried to fill the hole with news-papers and then spread some drywall paste over the hole, but, as it dried, it would crack and fall off. What should I do to fix the hole so I can paint the room?

A Normally a doorknob hole is small enough to be repaired using a drywall repair kit that contains a small metal screen with an adhesive backing. The screen is placed over the hole and drywall compound is spread over the screen.

Two or three applications of compound should be enough to complete the repair.

If the hole is "large," as you stated, then you will have to remove some of the damaged drywall to make the repairs. Here are two suggestions:

1 Using a pencil, draw a straight line just above and just below the hole. Use a drywall saw and cut each line until you reach a wall stud on either side of the hole.

Next, measure more than three-quarters of an inch from each edge of the hole to find the center of each stud. Draw a straight vertical line where you measured to join the top and bottom cuts. Score the vertical lines using a box knife and remove the drywall from the opening you made.

Purchase a small piece of drywall from a home store and cut it to fit the opening. Most of the larger home stores carry small pieces of drywall for repairs such as yours.

Attach the drywall to the studs using drywall screws. Use a 4-inch-wide putty knife to apply drywall compound to the joints and cover with mesh drywall tape. Allow the compound to dry and apply several more coats, feathering the edges of the compound further out each time. Sand the area and you're ready to paint.

2 Using a drywall saw, make the opening slightly larger and as square as possible. Purchase a small piece of drywall and a 3-foot-long (or longer) piece of 1-by-3-inch lumber. Cut two pieces of the 1-by-3 to the width of the opening plus an additional 2 inches.

Remember, there will only be 14 inches of space available between the wall's 2-by-4-inch studs. Place the 1-by-3 inside the opening of the existing drywall with half of the 1-by-3 exposed. Use drywall screws to secure the 1-by-3 to the rough opening of the existing drywall. Do this at both the top and bottom of the hole to act as a backing for the piece of drywall you will be adding.

Cut the purchased piece of drywall to fit the opening and secure to the 1-by-3 backer boards using drywall screws. Follow the instructions for taping the joints outlined in suggestion No. 1 and you're ready to sand and paint.

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and patios, the cost of those reclaimed from colonial streets is high and the supply limited. Yet there's nothing that gives a new landscape that Old World look than the evidence of hand-hewn stone.

Decades ago when concrete pavers were first invented, they were manufactured with precise shapes and edges. This rigidity could be felt in the landscapes where they were used. Many of the colors, while highly variable, did not resemble natural stone. When you saw a paver patio, you knew exactly what it was.

Paver makers got the message and went to work creating new products that look old. What gave ballast block its character were signs of hand-hewing. In olden days, everything was done with hammer and chisel because labor was cheap. This meant that the surface was not smooth, but bore divots as chunks of stone were knocked off to give it a roughly rectangular shape.

Often Old World ballast stones were the leftovers of European construction or teardowns. They might be cracked and chipped or just a piece of a broken block. This added even more irregularity to the process of laying pavement. Stone masons hand-set each unit, which required skill just as it does today, which drives up the cost of installing old reclaimed blocks.

Paver manufacturers such as Belgard Hardscapes Inc. were keen to create new lines of pre-cast concrete pavers that offered the look and feel of



This accent band of ballast-stone-inspired concrete pavers reflects the irregular look of real stone.

old ballast stones without the irregularities that drive up the cost of installation. The first step was to create colors that closely resemble Old World granite. Then shapes were limited to squares and rectangles sized like the old cobbles. Finally blocks were loaded into a huge drum and tumbled just as they would have been years ago when ballast stones were thrown into wagons and ship holds and then onto docks and into colonial street-paving projects.

If you love that age-old look, if you live in a historic home, or if you dream of an old English garden pathway in your backyard — tumbled new pavers are the ideal choice. Take a look at the examples at Belgard online at belgard.biz. Click on the Old World collection to see

a dead ringer for ballast pavers. Like the granite predecessors, these feature an irregular surface. But as a modern product, the pavers are uniformly sized for swift installation.

For a more refined look, try the Antique category, which offers new tumbled pavers with more sedate surface textures for the softer look of old building stone. With dozens of examples of finished patios for each of their product lines, you're bound to find exactly what you want in these affordable new, yet old, pavers.

Instead of throwing money away on vacations next year, consider paying for a new outdoor living space. Use the right pavers to make it feel a lot more like New Orleans, Baltimore or Nantucket than your own backyard.

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