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ABOVE: Larry Rescoe, left, and Jim Briggs reconstruct a former wooden schoolhouse using vintage boards in Clermont's Historic Village. BELOW: South Lake High School Chorus members perform.

Rebuilding history

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It's hard to imagine what things may have looked like 131 years ago, but sometimes pictures help fill in the gaps.

For the South Lake Historical Society, an old black and white picture of the Herring Hook's hunting lodge — which became Clermont's first schoolhouse — near Jack's Lake has proven invaluable as volunteers work toward constructing a replica of it for the Historic Village.

"We have a picture of what the Herring Hooks schoolhouse building looked like and we know that it was originally a hunting lodge built in 1881. Mrs. Hooks was the schoolteacher and it was needed since

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Blankenship resigns, takes Clermont job

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Lake County's director of Economic Development & Tourism will be following his former boss to Clermont.

Scott Blankenship resigned Friday to become assistant city manager in Clermont under City Manager Darren Gray, who resigned as Lake County manager in October.

Current Lake County Manager David Heath said when Blankenship returns from his vacation on Jan. 2, he and Heath will develop a transition plan for the department and will decide on a departure date.

"Scott did an excellent job and, like Darren, he lives in that area," Heath said.



BLANKENSHIP

"Scott did an excellent job at carrying out the commission plan and vision in regards to economic development. After the first of the year, we will set down and discuss his transition, and the person we are looking to hire to perform and foster economic development in Lake County."

Blankenship was hired by Gray in 2011 to head Economic Development & Tourism. Before that, he was the president of Blankenship Consulting, where he assisted clients with new business development, operations management, sales and marketing for more than six years. He is also the founder of Community Association Management of Lake County, a company focused on better servicing communities and utilizing local managers and suppliers.

Blankenship served on numerous boards and committees relating to Economic Development, such as Lake County's Economic Development Advisory Council and the South Lake Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee.

Commissioner Jimmy Conner said Blankenship did a good job at executing the commission's vision of improving the county's relationship with the business community.

"I think Scott did a good job," Conner

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TAVARES

Commission chair optimistic about Lake County

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In her return engagement as chairwoman of the Lake County Commission, Leslie Campione is optimistic.

She has broad plans for the new year and has broken down her objectives into several categories, including: Economic development and tourism, recreation, fiscal responsibility and budget

problem solving, public safety, transportation and solid waste, social services, environmental protection, growth management, intergovernmental coordination, and quality of life.

"I firmly believe that it is an elected official's job to constantly evaluate the cost and manner in



CAMPIONE

Leslie Campione believes progress possible despite budget problems

which these services are provided, and to challenge the manager and department head to evaluate and re-evaluate the logistics of delivering services," she said, "(Because) the natural inclination is to conclude that the level

of service can only be maintained through the same or more funding versus greater efficiency and innovation."

County Manager David Heath,

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What South Lake residents are saying about the...

NEW YEAR

What are you looking forward to in the new year?



Good things like health, friends, happiness. Everything.

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I'm hoping that people will kind of look at the way things are and have a little more love between them. I'm hoping that it's a prosperous year for the faithful.

CEDRIC FOREHAND
CLERMONT



Better economic conditions. That would be great.

DENVER MARTIN
WINTER GARDEN



Hope and new opportunities. There have been rough years and there are always rough patches, but there's no reason that it can't start over anytime. However, I guess that's what the new year symbolizes, so it's as good of a time as any to get started in that direction.

FOSTER DICKSON
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I hope the world can come together and recognize that Christ is the answer to all our nation's problems.

LUCY HOFFMAN
JASPER, GA

South Lake Briefs

CLERMONT

Farmers market to be held every Sunday

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, honey, plants, hydroponic gardening information and much more is available at the farmers market, hosting 35 vendors from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Sunday on Montrose Street, just 2 blocks north of State Road 50, in downtown Clermont.

Specialty vendors also join the regular vendors, changing monthly to add variety.

There is no admission charge and parking is free.

For information, call Betty Whittaker at 352-874-9535.

CLERMONT

Local artist leads woodcarving classes

Award winning woodcarver and artist, Audrey Unkle, will begin a 6-week course to teach participants how to carve, decorate and stain wood.

The workshop will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Fridays, beginning today, at the South Lake Art League's Artist's Boutique, 16640 Cagan Crossings Blvd., in Clermont.

Carving tools, paint and brushes are supplied. Fee for the class is \$150.

Register by calling Audrey Unkle at 863-353-6588.

CLERMONT

Popular portrait artist to lead 2-day workshop

Participants will paint either a kitty or their own pet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 12-13 at the South Lake Art League's Cagan Studio, 16640 Cagan Crossings Blvd. Students will learn to take a photo of their pet, transfer it to canvas, and paint a likeness in oil. Class is for level 1 beginner and level 2 intermediate students.

The workshop is for adults and students age 13 and older.

Registration is a must for the class and provide photos of your pet in advance.

Workshop fee is \$150 (SLAL members get a \$15 discount).

Call 352-241-6407 or email alckathyc@juno.com to register.

LAKE COUNTY

AAU travel baseball team is looking for players

The "Storm" travel baseball team is AAU sanctioned and is looking for players, age 10 or 11, as of May 1.

The group is hosting a 3-day tryout on Jan. 14, 16 and 19.

For information, call Shane DeJarnett at 321-436-0178 or visit www.stormbaseball.us.

LEESBURG

Take Stock in Children looking for volunteers

Volunteer mentors are needed for high school students in the Take Stock scholarship program.

The school-based mentoring program requires no tutoring, just a commitment to meet with the assigned student a minimum of three times per month during the school year.

For information, call Sonia Williams at 352-787-6576.

CLERMONT

Vendors sought for annual Women's Expo

The 11th annual South Lake Women's Expo, sponsored by the Clermont Women's Club, will be held on March 23, at the Wesley Center, United Methodist Church, 950 7th St., north of State Road 50 in Clermont.

Applications are now being accepted for this event.

And as an additional bonus for all vendors, your fee includes a business card ad to be published in the March 15 edition of the *South Lake Press*.

Admission is free for the public and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. guests can see everything of interest to women and men including fashions, health and nutrition, jewelry, travel, health care and more.

For information or an application, email Basha Schlazer at BSsportzfan@aol.com.

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said. "Our commission has worked hard to improve the relationship with the business community, and Scott helped us achieve that goal. He has a lot of connections in the business community. He helped the leadership (commission) implement its vision of economic development."

In addition, Blankenship previously worked for the United States Postal Service for 21 years in executive leadership positions in marketing, sales and customer

service.

In other news, Heath still hasn't decided on a deputy county manager. He said he would have liked to have someone hired by Christmas, but he said there isn't deadline date to hire someone for his old job.

In recent weeks, he has shortened his list of applicants significantly. After getting more than 70 applicants for the position, he has lowered the number closer to the single digits.

"We interviewed a lot of people for the position," Heath said. "We have interviewed people from all over the state."

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who met with Campione last week to discuss the issues, said the county's budget will have a lot to do with what gets accomplished.

Heath and other county leaders have begun the budgeting process much earlier than in previous years to prepare for another low revenue year. The county has had several budgeting workshops that included transportation, the sheriff's office and the general fund.

The county is scheduled to hold other budgeting workshops that include parks, libraries and agricultural education services. Commissioners could ask Lake's constitutional officers and department heads to cut another 5 percent from their budgets for next fiscal year unless a windfall of cash becomes available.

"The only issue that could hinder anything getting accomplished would be the finances," Heath said.

Campione wants to continue to encourage economic development and tourism in the county. She said her goal is promote cooperation and collaboration between the private sector, county government and city government to help foster an improved economy. She also said she wants to include the Lake County School Board, Lake Tech, Lake-Sumter State College and local private schools in the process.

Campione believes promoting economic development and tourism will achieve two objectives: the creation of a positive economic environment where the public sector is seen as a facilitator for private prosperity and not as an obstructionist; secondly, to assure that academic curriculum and workforce training meets the needs of existing and prospective employers. She wants to target industries such as technology, agri-tech, manufacturing and health and wellness.

Campione believes economic development can be promoted by county officials continuing to hold industry roundtables that will enhance networking opportunities within existing industries such as manufacturing. She said this can help facilitate trade and collaboration between companies and to identify areas where Lake County can assist with the recruitment of new businesses.

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many of the approximate 20-30 students she taught were the Hook's own 11 kids," Volunteer and expert carpenter Larry Rescoe said, adding that originally, the schoolhouse was located close to where Hooks Street is located in town today near State Road 50 and U.S. Highway 27.

Rescoe, Jim Briggs and Gene Thomas has been working on the schoolhouse for two months, finding challenges along the way as far as replicating the building because codes of today were not an issue back in 1881.

That includes making sure the building meets the state's hurricane standards and having to use quarter logs instead of full logs for the design.

The replica will also have wood awnings that open up to allow air and light to flow into the classroom just like the original.

For the inside, Thomas has built wooden desks like those that may have existed in the 1800's.

Mannequins dressed in period clothing will be sitting at the desks as the students.

"It would have been nice to have had full logs but it doesn't meet today's standards," Rescoe said. "Still, it's looking good. People will be able to see how it looked from the outside and inside."

Rescoe said when finished, the schoolhouse will be "a beautiful addition" to the Historic Village.

"Imagine 20-30 kids all in one building like this that's only about 14 X 16



Dolores Gano Walker takes students from Cyprus Ridge Elementary in Clermont on a tour of Clermont's Historic Village prior to Christmas. The students toured the houses, climbed on an antique fire engine, played "old-fashioned" games and asked Mrs. Claus some questions. The Historic Village, 490 West St. in downtown Clermont, is open for tours from 1 to 3 p.m., every Friday and Saturday, and from 1 to 4 p.m., every Sunday. Call 352-593-8496 for information.

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in size," Rescoe said. "The outside is all natural Cyprus we had milled for this building and the inside will be all pine. It'll be so neat because you'll be able to see it as people would have really seen it in the 1800's."

Rescoe said another neat thing is that since the wood being used is still "live" and being left "raw" you will always be able to smell it when the building is opened up and people walk inside.

Rescoe said he expects the building to be completed in February or March.

Funds for the building were raised by the

Historical Society through various event fundraisers.

According to Dodie King, the Historic Village's Manager, people who visit the village are already admiring the schoolhouse.

King also called it "solid."

"I didn't think they'd be able to do such wonderful work from just a picture, but it looks absolutely fantastic. Also, I don't think a tornado could blow it away, they've done so good," King said.

When one arrives at the village, started as a partnership between the city and the South Lake Historical Society in 2010, the schoolhouse is located

next to the original Cooper Memorial Library building a museum filled with local history and pictures of old Clermont. The other buildings located at the Historic Village are the Townsend House, the original and actual home of Clermont's first black settlers built in 1885, the Kern House, the actual home of the city's first white settlers built in the mid 1880's, the Train Depot, now a meeting room and concession stand, built on site in 1925, an actual World War II Quonset House that was refurbished and made into a WWII museum and an outhouse (replica) recently built by Jamal Reid as an

Eagle Scout project.

The only thing left, Clermont Historian Dolores Walker said, is a chapel.

"After the school building is complete, our next project will be the building of a small chapel to complete our village. As of

yet, we have not been able to find an old building to bring in for it," Walker said. "The chapel will be large enough to accommodate small weddings and will probably be built across the trail from the Depot in order to be near the rest rooms and the large meeting room in the Depot building which could be used for receptions, etc."

"The chapel will also be facing the lake for a beautiful view."

Walker said future funds raised will go toward the chapel.

"When we get the chapel built, our village will be finished. It's such a beautiful village though and there is so much history here. Who would've dreamed it would get this big and this fast," King said.

The Historic Village is open for special tours for schools, churches and other organizations by appointment.

Otherwise, the village is open for tours to the general public on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Historic Village is at 480 West Avenue in Clermont.

For more information, call 407-314-7382 or visit www.southlakehistorical-society.com.

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OUR VOICE

In the new year,
think long term

Don't look to Washington:

Focus on local concerns.

Often, the temptation of elected office holders is to go with the political flow, to react to public sentiment and to make decisions based on opinions expressed by vocal constituents. It's the easy road.

And that has certainly happened in Lake and Sumter counties in the last year. It's easy to respond to immediate demands in local government meetings than to make unpopular decisions that may benefit the long term.

But the system of American politics, played out on the local level, requires elected legislators to consider first the promises and pledges that won them the seat in the first place.

We're addressing the elected legislators who sit on local boards — the two county commissions and the two dozen or so local municipal and advisory councils.

Members on these boards campaigned for their positions by presenting voters with an action plan and political resumes touting their character and leadership abilities.

As the new year gets under way, the president and Congressional leaders are wrestling to resolve the "fiscal cliff" dilemma and will soon decide whether to raise the nation's debt ceiling.

Amid 2013's flurry of talking points, debates and sales pitches, we would be remiss to neglect the political landscape in our backyards.

This year, Lake County's jobless rate dropped to nearly 9 percent; Sumter County's fell to more than 6 percent.

Commissioners and council members should focus their energies and efforts on generating jobs.

A good way to lower those rates locally is to make the area more business friendly. Commissions should keep in mind why growing business is important: Commerce pays the tax bills and generates jobs.

We urge commissioners to continue making job growth next year's top priority.

Other priorities include enhancing the two counties' roads and bridges, preserving the area's natural resources and finding adequate funding to sustain vital public services.

The new year presents some significant challenges. But we're confident our local leaders will remain focused, establish sensible priorities and look to the long term.

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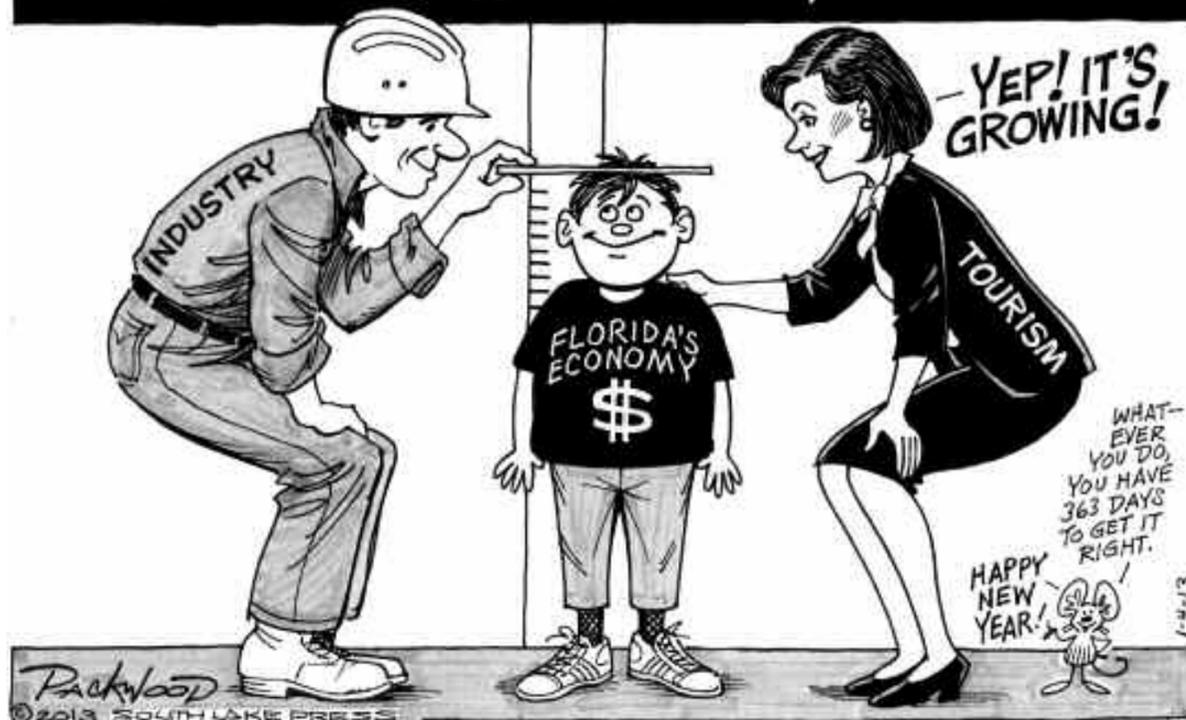
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YOUROPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Zimmerman
is a victim
of political
correctness

Has political correctness in this country reached the level that a resident cannot provide the police with a description of a suspicious person without being publicly labeled as a racist, or being accused of racial profiling for monitoring the activities of someone he does not recognize as a resident in a neighborhood.

Due to recent burglaries and other criminal activity in his subdivision, and acting within his capacity as the appointed security representative for the community, George Zimmerman had a duty and a right to maintain surveillance of Trayvon Martin until it could be determined that he was an authorized guest or resident.

This nation seems so fragmented and divided along racial and class lines, and so obsessed with finger pointing and accusing others, that we cannot accept and deal with reality.

Even the president, who has a history of criticizing the police in black-white situations, went on national television to lend his support to international sentiment that Zimmerman was a racist and murderer. This seems so unfair and tiny minded to me, and extremely dangerous in such a volatile environment.

I believe the evidence will show that Zimmerman took a severe beating and may have been near unconsciousness before he ever produced the weapon, which he was duly licensed to carry for self protection. If you repeatedly slam the back of a person's head against concrete, and that person does not have the physical strength to stop you, then he has the legal right to use deadly force to stop you.

It appears that Martin was a strong, athletic young man who was probably stronger and in better physical condition than Zimmerman. World heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson was an Olympic boxing gold medalist at the age of 17, and Wilfredo Benitez was the welterweight champion of the world at age 17, and it is wrong to portray Martin as a harmless child.

The lawyers for the Martin family immediately played the race card and hired a public relations expert, who manipulated a willing and biased media to create a national frenzy demanding the immediate arrest of Zimmerman. The special prosecutor,

LETTER of the WEEK



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American history provides hard
evidence that global warming's real

For those who deny global warming, we already have hard evidence that it exists.

For thousands of years, the plains areas of the current United States were covered with a tough grass that weathered drought and held the soil in place.

When President Lincoln offered free land to anyone who moved onto measured plots of the land, thousands of settlers moved onto the land and plowed up the grass to grow wheat. For many years, the wheat crops were fabulous but when drought came over the land, the wheat dried up and left the bare soil open to the elements.

At first, there were occasional dust storms but the rain settled the land. In 1931, the rains stopped and one after another there were black blizzards of fertile soil that traveled in air streams to the Atlantic Ocean. The air was so thick with dirt that thousands of people died of black lung pneumonia.

Millions of people moved from the Dust Bowl, mostly to the far western parts of the country, which was still in the midst of the Great Depression. President Franklin Roosevelt commissioned the Soil Conservation Corps to solve the problems of the barren land.

Gradually, the air streams that had been diverted by the barren ground and stopped the rains were returned to their centuries-old path and the rains came. Soil

Conservation Corps practices saved our country's plains states. The global problems had all been caused by farmers who had no previous history to go on as they plowed up the soil.

If people continue to deny that the glaciers are melting because of manufacturing processes polluting the atmosphere along with the exhaust of millions of automobiles and other air polluting processes, we will have another period like the black blizzard days, and this time we may not be able to survive the hazards that global warming can produce.

It is obvious that our air streams have been disrupted by man once again and the disasters caused by Hurricane Sandy will be repeated time after time until we get the air pollutants under control. Otherwise, we just have to look at the planet Mars to see what happens when water disappears from a planet.

Rush Limbaugh has convinced millions of his listeners that global warming is a farce. That man has done more damage to the thinking of the people of this country than any other know-it-all broadcaster. He should be told to tone down his message, or he should be removed from the airways as we did with Father Charles Coughlin back in the 1930s as he spread his message of hate and bigotry.

RAYMOND LOHSL | Leesburg

Angela Corey, aggravated this dangerous and volatile situation by making a public statement that Zimmerman was a racist, and that he racially profiled Martin, followed him and murdered him.

Was she unduly influenced by Tallahassee, or was it simply a cowardly reaction to all the hype and demands for a quick arrest, or did she have some personal visions of grandeur for herself in bringing a high-profile murder case to trial.

The outrageous public comments of the original judge and special prosecutor have probably made it impossible for Zimmerman to get a fair trial, and callously caused him so much misery and personal damage that history will show he did not deserve.

I suspect that the officers who conducted the initial investigation had it right, and later gave in to all of the hype, anger and undue political influence.

Dave Casto is a resident of Clermont

TAVARES

Small nature festival left big economic footprint

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Lake County's inaugural Wings and Wildflowers Festival last September took off financially, laying the seeds for what's now growing to become an annual event.

Paid for mostly by sponsorship money, the event had an overall economic impact of \$1 million in Lake County, officials say.

"We are really proud to support this," said Scott Blankenship, director for the county's Office of Economic Development and Tourism. "When our staff got together over a year ago and started talking about putting this inaugural event together, we ran the process through the same model as any applicant for tourism. This event qualified for over \$20,000 in TDT (Tourism Department Tax) in sponsorship money."

Lake County Tourism Coordinator Kathy Pagan said the festival is an economic driver because it promotes tourism and economic development. She

said the goals of the event were to create awareness of the county's bird, wildflowers wildlife and natural areas.

"We want to put heads on beds and create those tourism tax revenue, so we can support other ventures in Lake County, and we offered programs like kayaks, boats, horseback, horse and buggy," Pagan said. "There is something for everyone, and we want to establish Lake County as a premier birding and wildlife destination."

She said the event had more than 120 program and only one didn't meet its minimum number of participants required. The event also had 60 speakers.

Pagan said the programs were free and only "off-site programs" had a fee. While it's not clear how well more than 80 vendors and exhibitors did, the county sold more than \$1,200 in merchandise during the event.

More than 3,000 people participated in some aspect of the festival, well exceeding expectations. Despite it being a first-time event, more than 21 spon-

sors — including the National Wildlife Foundation, Mosquito Creek, Nikon and others — jumped on board and contributed another \$15,000 to help the event become a success.

"Many of our tourism stakeholders contributed with in-kind (contributions), like hotel rooms, transportation and other assistance," Pagan said. "In fact, the Lakeside Inn Hotel sold out every room for three days. They were quit happy with this event."

A number of environmental experts from around the country came to the festival, allowing the county to establish new partnerships. One example was Cornell University, which sent a representative from The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, a world leader in the study and conservation of birds.

Pagan said the festival put out more than 300 surveys, which received feedback.

"We had lots of activities for all age groups and abilities, and that is something we are proud of," Pagan said. "We are going to take what we learned and make it better the next time around."



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LOST LAKE ELEMENTARY | KIDS AGAINST HUNGER



COURTESY PHOTO

Students at Lost Lake Elementary School participated in a packing project on Dec. 18 by collecting quarters for the Kids Against Hunger organization, raising \$1,264.40 to provide 5,000 meals for children and their families. The meals combine rice, soy, dried vegetables and vitamins. The bags the students made were sent to the victims of Hurricane Sandy and to food pantries for families in Lake County over the holiday break. For information, go to www.deliverthedifference.com.

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Real estate agents Cheryl Glover, Nancy Aitken, Christy Kurtz-Clark and M.J. Coleman, of Keller Williams Classic III, recently took part in a day-long training session in Orlando. For information, call 321-527-5111.

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Sawgrass Bay Elementary School Terrific Kids for Dec. 12 are George Romo, Gergory Steenken, Cory Crownover, Juliana Marcano, Kally Clemmons, Janelli Santana, Sophie Quesada, Bryan Burgess, Nomar Suarez, Kaden Magloire, Brianna Ortiz, Alannah Miranda, Jazmine Montalvo, Ariana Bernal, Rasha Boulad, Daniel Diaz, Demil Palmer, Gianna Gorall, Karyn Roman, Gabriel Rodriguez, Genesis Lopez, Makai Bullard, Kaelyn Gurdak, Triana Lyn, Christian Santana, Howard Villegas, Julianne Rollo, M. Badr Boulad, Mariah Gibson, Alexander Campos, Alexander Rosario, Kalea Martinez, Alyson O'Donnell, Brianna Jeffress, Shannen, Rodriguez, MacKenzie Taylor, Sonia Singh, Caitlin White, Sebastian Espinoza, Shariah Baker, Lukas Miller, Addyson Steenken, Cara Mia Turner, Cassius Cox, Nathaniel Reyes, Nola Cotrich, Camil Agurto, Michelle, Witte, Valentina Brewer, Hunter Ness, Daniel Rosado, Will Barth, Justin Sorenson, Julia Dunn, May Taff, Brandon Agurto, Justin Anderson, Kimberly Quinonez, Tyler Jeffress and Angie Bonilla.

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Local SWAT places 9th in competition

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Russia, Brazil, Bosnia, Jamaica.

The Special Tactics and Weapons team of the Lake County Sheriff's Office placed 9th in the 30th annual SWAT roundup international competition in Orlando.

The unit also won the Presidential Award of Excellence, an award based on comrade and sportsmanship.

The team, comprised of SWAT Commander Ralph McDuffie and seven other deputies, competed against 50 teams in the event that was held earlier this month.

"Hopefully citizens can understand and appreciate how much effort these guys put forward," McDuffie said.

Leesburg Police Department placed 19th and Clermont Police Department finished 29th.

Held by the Florida SWAT Association at the Orange County Sheriff's range and sponsored mostly by that county's policing agencies, most of the teams came from surrounding counties, many from other states and some from other countries, including

Janice Kunitsugu, one of the judges, said the roundup is a highly regarded professional showcase for special operations teams from all around the world. Over the years, more than 1,200 elite teams have attended.

"They gather together each year for an opportunity to learn from each other, attend training classes, enhance their brotherhood, and show their determination and skill in completing each event," Kunitsugu said.

There were six challenging mandatory events geared to simulate real life scenarios such as hostage rescue and tower scramble as well as individual events like the Super SWAT Cop competition.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office was the top winner and the Orange County Sheriff's Office finished 14th.

McDuffie said the Lake sheriff's SWAT unit has placed higher in previous years at the annual competition.

"We will do better," he said.



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Members of the Special Tactics and Weapons team of the Lake County Sheriff's Office placed 9th annual in the 30th annual SWAT roundup international competition in Orlando.

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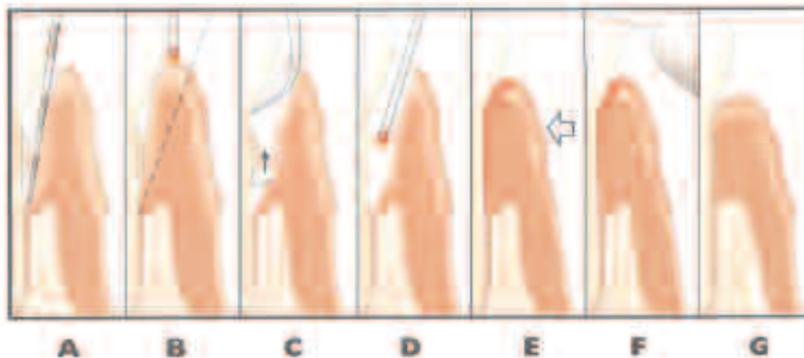
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Getting to know you

Mathias takes spot on School Board

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New Lake County School Board member Bill Mathias, founder of the Leesburg-based Mathias Foodservice Equipment Company, has a lot on his plate.

Mathias started his business with \$5,000 more than 30 years ago. It has grown to become a success story and Mathias, sworn in a few weeks ago on the school board, hopes this experience will help him with big plans he has for the coming two years. "I know the value of a dollar, the value of hard work and the value an education, because, without that, I would still be working for somebody," Mathias said. "I'm not saying everyone can have their own business, but education gives you an opportunity to own a business. That is why education is my focus."

Now, after a profitable business career, the accomplished entrepreneur wants to take his same private-sector approach of planning, budgeting, compromise and hard work to the school board. More importantly, he wants to help the district move from a "B" district to an "A" district.

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— Bill Mathias

He also wants to save the school district \$3.8 million by cutting the top administrators' pay by 10 percent. Teachers, service workers and those making less than \$45,000 won't be touched.

Mathias said cutting top salaries was an approach he used during recessions in both 1991 and 2009, which allowed him to avoid layoffs at his company. He said he doesn't believe the pay cut is unreasonable, and it a sign of good faith to taxpayers who are struggling during a recovering economy.

School members, who make about \$35,000 a year, will have to take the lead," Mathias said, adding he hopes top school administrators will accept cuts as well. The goal is to reduce the school board budget by \$3.8 million with pay cuts alone, he said.

Another challenge Mathias is gearing up for is helping Lake County to become an "A" district. The state is moving from the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test to the Common Core State Standards in 2014.

Mathias said the standards will be higher under Common Core, and teachers won't teach to a test, meaning students will be required to do more critical thinking. But Mathias said the change was the right thing to do. He believes working with the other board members will allow the district to meet those demands. He praised Lake County Superintendent Susan Moxley and the other board members for their knowledge and diverse backgrounds.

Board member Tod Howard said he believes Mathias' business background can add to the board. Howard said he and Mathias have similar business backgrounds and it will be interesting to see the newest board member in action.

"He is a successful business man, and he has worked with school boards before," Howard said. "From my understanding, his interests lay in work complicity and to improve our



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From left, Bill Mathias, Rosanne Brandeburg and Tod Howard listen at a School Board meeting.

career technical education, so that is where his focus will probably be because he has done that before with private schools, and that is going to be welcomed.

"And, as a successful business owner, he will bring that ability and experience to the board. I think he will be a welcome addition to the board."

County Commissioner Tim Sullivan said the school board is getting a "quality individual" in Mathias. He said the man's experience can benefit the board and help enhance education in Lake County.

"He is a highly successful businessman, and he started his business from scratch," Sullivan said. "Bill has been

around for 30 years, and he is an excellent businessman. He is a quality individual, and he is a Florida native, and he cares about our youth."

Mathias said he is well aware that Sumter County has a school rating of "A," and said Lake County officials can sit down with their counterparts there and find out what they are doing to see if it can be adapted here.

In a few short years, Lake County could be looking at a \$10 million budget shortfall because the penny sales tax is set to expire in 2017, Mathias said. Now is the time to address the problem because the school district cannot afford to borrow money, he said.



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Students debate to learn about professions

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Quick!

You are suddenly surrounded by hundreds of zombies and you have time to pick up either a shotgun or an ax.

Which is the best weapon of choice?

This was one of the debate questions given to high school students to debate at a recent meeting of the Lake County's Law and Government Explorer Program, launched this fall to provide students with interest in such careers a better understanding of various professions.

Students act out the roles, sometimes in mock competitions, among the activities the program offer — including lawyers, judges, law clerks, legislators and other government officials. Stephanie Glass, coordinator of the program, said such debate

questions is a fun way to get students started in a serious career.

"This gives students a better opportunity to see how the courts and politics work, to see if it's something they are interested in," she said.

Glass said the program also has students shadowing judicial and government officials and going on field trips, including to the state Capitol.

At a recent meeting at the Tavares Civic Center, in an effort to sharpen their public speaking skills, 20 students debated a number of subjects in front of judicial officials. One question: What was the best flavor: vanilla or chocolate?

"With vanilla ice cream, you are able to add a lot more toppings," said Sophia Husebo, a 12th grader at Circle Christian

School, talking about why she feels vanilla is the best.

The program not only allows students to shadow various people in the judiciary and government, but it allows officials to speak to the participants. Earlier this month, Lake Circuit Judge Lawrence J. Semento spoke about his job.

He told students that judges weren't allowed to participate in social websites because a public display of preference could spark accusations of bias if those people are called to court. Semento said there wasn't such an Explorer program for students when he was in high school.

"For a student interested in a judicial career, it really shows you how the court system works," Semento said.

State Sen. Alan Hays will be speaking at the pro-



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Newly appointed officers for the Law and Government Explorer youth officers are Sophia Husebo, Connor Grill, Jacqueline Durham, Lexi St. Clair, Halie Adrid, Dominick "Rylan" Romano and Samuel Reddick.

gram's January meeting.

Glass runs the Lake County Teen Court program for juveniles where mostly students serve in the roles of prosecutor, defense and jurors in trials of first-time teen offenders accused of minor crimes.

A worker in the judicial

field serves as the judge.

Glass said the Explorer program expands the opportunities and activities which Teen Court offers. Explorer Samuel Reddick, a 9th grader at Mount Dora High, said he wants to be president of the United States someday.

"It a great program to get you started and learning about government," said Reddick, who argued during the debate that's he's not a lumberjack, in his choosing a shotgun over an ax to pick off zombies.

The program meets once a month.

IN MEMORY

DEATH NOTICES

Carole Baker

Carole Baker, 70, of Altoona, died Sunday, December 23, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

William F. Buckman, Sr.

William F. Buckman, Sr., 78, of Edgewater, died Monday, December 24, 2012. Settle-Wilder Funeral Home and Cremation Service, New Smyrna Beach.

Kyle Lorenzo Cork

Kyle Lorenzo Cork, 23, of Mount Dora, died Sunday, December 23, 2012. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home.

INGEBORG J. CHILDS

Ingeborg J. Childs, 101, of Sorrento, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2012. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

Terry Joseph Colletti

Terry Joseph Colletti, 72, of Fruitland Park, died Wednesday, December 26, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory.

Robert C. Dobbs

Robert C. Dobbs, 64, of DeLand, died Monday, December 24, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Drew C. Dyess

Drew C. Dyess, 55, of Greenville, died Tuesday, December 25, 2012. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Sharon Lee Forcht

Sharon Lee Forcht, 76, of Fruitland Park, died Tuesday, December 25, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Bernice Audrey Grosskopf

Bernice Audrey Grosskopf, 93, of Paisley, died Thursday, December 20, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

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Carlton Hoover Griggs, 84, of Ocklawaha, died on Wednesday, December 26, 2012. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home.

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Niles Dewitt Jester Sr., 85, of Orlando, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Richard Alvin Korth

Richard Alvin Korth, 81, of Grand Island, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Patricia Louise Lique

Patricia Louise Lique, 78, of Wildwood, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

JOANNE LOVE

Joanne Love, 77, of Zellwood, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Vivian E. Mars

Vivian E. Mars, 84, of

Lady Lake, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012. Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

Betty McCluster

Betty McCluster, 67, of Mt. Dora, died Thursday, December 27, 2012. <arvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc.

William W. Ott

William W. Ott, 86, of Fruitland Park, died on December 23, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Benita Pierre

Benita Pierre, 44, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, December 25, 2012. Rocker-Cusack Mortuary, Leesburg. (352)435-9326

Mary Ann Quackenbush

Mary Ann Quackenbush, 72, of Leesburg, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Robert Lee Stokes

Robert Lee Stokes, 55, of Wildwood, died on Sunday, December 23, 2012. Anderson-Hence Funeral Home, Wildwood.

Donna Vuola

Donna Vuola, 64, of Leesburg, died Sunday, December 1, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Elizabeth S. Winchester

Elizabeth S. Winchester, 92, of Mount Dora, died Monday, December 24, 2012. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

Barbara W. Wunsch

Barbara W. Wunsch, 73, of Leesburg, died Saturday, December 29, 2012. Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation.

Hospice announces leadership changes

Theresa Campbell | Staff Writer
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Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care will begin 2013 with a new president and executive officer at the helm.

Charles "Chuck" Lee, MA, MBA, a veteran in the hospice industry has been chosen by the organization's board of directors for his experience in patient care operations, strategic planning, fundraising, business development, and volunteer recruitment at several hospice organizations.

"We are fortunate to welcome Chuck to our leadership team," John Moore, Cornerstone Hospice Board Chairman, said in a statement. "His proven ability to work collaboratively to provide exceptional care while sustaining and expanding programs will benefit the organization as we move into a challenging time for health care providers."

Lee will begin at Cornerstone Hospice on Jan. 2, overseeing an organization that serves seven Central Florida counties.

"I am honored and humbled to be asked to serve the team at Cornerstone Hospice," said Lee, who most recently served in Tennessee as chief operations officer at Hospice of Chattanooga. "Cornerstone has a long tradition of excellence in serving dying persons

and their loved ones in Central Florida, and I'm excited to play a part in keeping that tradition strong in the years ahead."

Prior to his time in Chattanooga, Lee was in Florida, serving as senior vice president of operations at Covenant Hospice in Pensacola. He also worked with hospices across the country as a leader with the Studer Covenant Alliance.

"In the coming years, hospice programs — including Cornerstone — will face daunting challenges," Lee said. "Tighter regulations, changes in reimbursement, and increased competition will demand that Cornerstone enhance the quality of its service delivery, keep costs under control, and find creative new ways to ensure that our



JONES LEE

caring mission remains intact."

Cornerstone Hospice has been providing compassionate care for people facing life-limiting illnesses and their families since 1984. In 2011, the agency served 4,281 patients, plus thousands more friends and loved ones, and Cornerstone currently serves more than 800 patients each day. Cornerstone's annual revenue approaches \$60 million.

Lee said he intends to build on that strong foundation.

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Janice Senninger is in her 2nd year as President of the South Lake Art League. She sits on the board of directors for the Clermont Downtown Partnership and the Kiwanis of South Lake. You can find Janice keeping the South Lake Art League's downtown gallery open on Sundays during the Farmer's Market.

Kathy Henderson is a board member for the South Lake Art League and is chairmperson for our annual Photography Show and 2 Members' Art Shows.

For more information about art classes or membership to the South Lake Art League, please visit SouthLakeArtLeague.com

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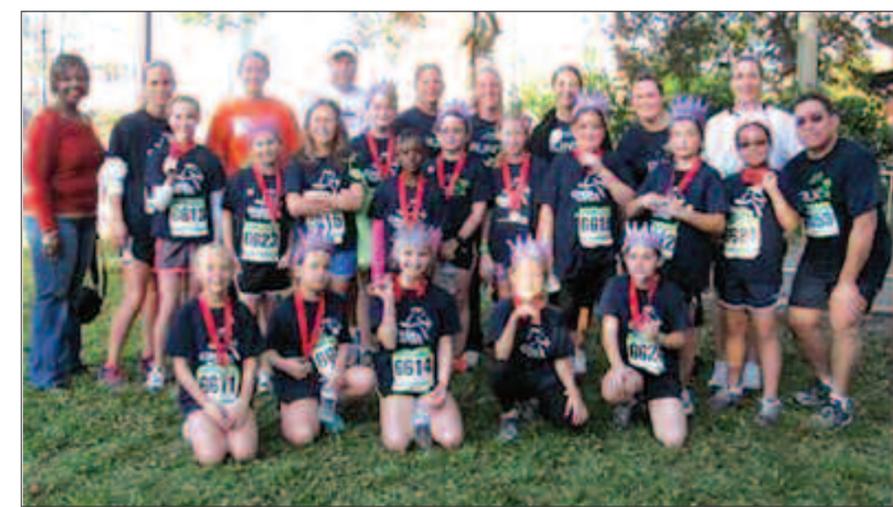
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GROVELAND ELEMENTARY | GIRLS ON THE RUN



COURTESY PHOTO

Groveland Elementary School "Girls on the Run" team consisting of third, fourth and fifth grade girls successfully completed its inaugural season by competing in the Track Shack Orlando Utilities Commission 5K in downtown Orlando in December. Congratulations to Camryn Dykes, Wilmarl Gardner, Lili Box, Haley Rozar, Andrea Mejia, Cydney Peters, Jasmin Vogel, Rianna Crumpton, Michelle Torno, Melody Holloway, Madison Galladay, Calah Strawbridge, Darby Hyatt, Julia Benedict, Delila Benten and Janyia Key. The coach is Kathy Smith. Assistant coaches are Ashley Poling and Rachel Rozar, teachers at the school.

MASCOTTE CHARTER | DONATED CHRISTMAS GIFTS



COURTESY PHOTO

The guidance staff at Mascotte Elementary Charter School Karen Kozlowski and Royal Highlands community members are shown with some of the Christmas gifts donated to students and families of the school for holiday giving.

CYPRUS RIDGE ELEMENTARY | HISTORIC VILLAGE



COURTESY PHOTO

Dolores Gano Walker takes students from Cyprus Ridge Elementary in Clermont on a tour of Clermont's Historic Village prior to Christmas. The students toured the houses, climbed on an antique fire engine, played "old-fashioned" games and asked Mrs. Clause some questions. The Historic Village, 490 West St. in downtown Clermont, is open for tours 1 to 3 p.m., every Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m., every Sunday. Call 352-593-8496 for information.

SAWGRASS BAY ELEMENTARY | TERRIFIC KIDS



COURTESY PHOTO

Sawgrass Bay Elementary Terrific Kids for Dec. 7 are Anaya Brooks, Madison Self, Amber Vigo, Mikaylin Rodriguez, Angel Matos, Efrain Meding, Lucero Carrasquilla, Richanna Lucas, Janeriy Salgado, Hannah Valentine, Jachai McFarlane, Lorilee Cassiste, Yerika Colon-Cotto, Christel Duforte, Emily Reyes, Michael Marshowsky, Yoangeliz Arroyo, Kathy Saldarriaga-Nunez, Priyanka Budhu, Dathien Nguyen, Adrian Cruz, Chris Rodriguez, Calvin Blake, Lexine Morrison, Aliah Acosta, Nayara Alicea, Karla Marrero, Alyenia Chevalier, Brenna Hellhake, Anna Adorno, Alondra Flores, Jack Harris, Kyeaure Magloire, Coralys Gonzalez, Alyssa Munoz, Ganya Cruz, Nicolas Bryant, Jazmin Rodriguez, Minmae Thao, Drayton Session, Kenyatta Robinson, Pricilla Caraballo, Layza Martinez, Joelvis Vegas Sanchez, Justin Matos, Rayna Clifton, Alexis Gallahair, Kevin Kalinowski, Armand Thomas, Luaniel Lozado Rosario, Jared Martinez, Hailey Lilly, Summer Yunker, Stephanie Canales de Jesus, Daniel VanMarter, Tyler Garcia, Bryan Cabrera, Heather Turchiano.

UMATILLA



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Cindy Fox and Gary Reeves put up signs in preparation of a candlelight vigil for Lacey Buenfil.

Family holds candlelight vigil for missing woman

Staff Report

Friends and family members held a candlelight vigil on Sunday for Lacey Buenfil, 25, who disappeared one year ago in the Ocala National Forest. Buenfil was last seen wearing a pink and purple

shirt. It is not known what other clothes she was wearing. She has a C-Section scar. She was last seen riding in a dark colored truck with Florida plates. If you have any information, call the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 352-732-8181.

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'Biggest Winner' challenge starts Jan. 14

Third year of contest sponsored by P360 gym and Chik-fil-A

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Whether it's vowing to save money, work harder, spend more time with the family, go back to school, exercise more or lose weight, each new year is filled with resolutions people are determined to keep.

For those in South Lake County touting weight loss in 2013, Clermont's Performance 360 (P360) gym and Chik-fil-A are offering the perfect incentive — the venue for exercising, the support and excitement that it takes to get started and \$5,000.

"We want to help people do the very best they can," P360 Marketing Director Dusty Slaughter said.

So, for the third year running, the gym — in partnership with Chik-fil-A for the first time — is hosting South Lake County's "Biggest Winner" challenge, a five-week contest for anyone and everyone who would like to shed a few pounds.

Entrance into the contest, however, requires a partner since the contest is only open to teams of two competing with other teams to see which team can lose the most body weight percentage.

P360 wants to teach people the right way to lose weight — by eating right and exercising.

Fasts, liquid diets and starvation diets are specifically forbidden. Rather, contestants are encouraged to "change bad



ROXANNE BROWN | SOUTH LAKE PRESS
 Kathy Sparks, doing pull-ups at P360 gym, previously entered into the "Biggest Winner" challenge is prepping for her participation this year. Though Sparks and her husband, John, did not win in 2011, she lost 22 pounds during the challenge.

nutritional habits, but not attempt any extreme measures that can ultimately harm the body," according to the P360 website.

During the contest, which starts Jan. 14, all contestants will have access to P360, located at 1705 E. Highway 50, Suite A, during staffed hours for working out and Saturday group training, or "boot camp," sessions.

The ultimate goal of the contest is to help South Lake County lose 1,000 pounds in the allotted timeframe.

The winning team will split the \$5,000 cash prize.

"We wanted to give people something to sink their teeth into at the beginning of the year," Slaughter said. "We wanted to give them an incentive, and help them out by providing an organized and exciting way to get healthier."

For John and Kathy Sparks, who entered the challenge in 2011, that's just what it took to change their entire lives.

"We were really overweight, me especially; I was over 100 pounds overweight," said Kathy Sparks about the couple's realization that they needed to get their health under control.

"We knew what we had to do and the challenge was the catalyst to our health and weight loss," John Sparks said.

In 2011, John lost 12 pounds during the "Biggest Winner" challenge and Kathy lost 22 pounds. That's not including the 15 pounds combined they'd lost just weeks before the challenge.

Although they didn't end up winning the contest in 2011, both are still working out to this

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Meet Your NEIGHBOR

RONDA CLINE



■ **HOMETOWN:** Raised in Davenport; has lived in Groveland since 1988.

■ **OCCUPATION:** Manager of South Lake Animal League Thrift Shop

■ **FAMILY:** Husband, Terry; two dogs, Sally and Sasha, and two cats, Toddy and Pearl

What do you enjoy most about South Lake County?

I love that I can still live in the country and only have to travel 15 minutes to have everything I ever need in the way of services, shopping and restaurants.

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

Work hard, save and invest for your future and learn how to listen.

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?

I'm impressed every day by people that go out of their way to help other people and animals. I see and talk to customers all the time hear their stories and find out that they are shopping for a person or family in need. By shopping at our thrift shop

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FROM THE FILES | 62 YEARS AGO — 1951

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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.

■ Clermont chalked up a record \$412,750 in new construction and improvements of properties in 1950. Minneola had \$55,000 in new construction.

■ Heading the Eastern Star will be Mrs. Daisy Smith, worthy matron; R. Douglas Smith, worthy patron; Mrs. Hazel Ruth Hunt, associate matron; Espey E. Elliott, associate patron.

■ The Alta Vista subdivision on the south side of Minnehaha Avenue, just west of Bloxam Street, has opened.

■ New Clermont Kiwanis Club officers are: Norman Tuckett, president; Fred L. Wolfe, first vice president; Albert Johnson, second vice president; Reuben Hitchcock, secretary/treasurer;

Ellis Konsler, Howard Doland, Art George, Oakley Seaver, Paul Meyerhoff, Gene Cantwell and Forrest Colgrove, directors. Club celebrated its 25th anniversary.

■ Ivy L. Slone, radioman first class, USN, and son of Mrs. R. C. Slone of Clermont, received the Purple Heart for wounds received at Wonson, Korea.

■ Retail Merchants elected officers: Dick Harris, president; J. C. Thompson, vice president.

■ A. M. Davis of Groveland was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Lake County Board of Public Instruction for the 16th year. H. K. Stokes of Clermont was elected vice chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Members of Cooper Memorial Library Board: Mesdames Ross

Arnett, Fred Kreider, Irving Schopmeyer, R.E. Berryman, Paul Giddings, Mrs. Ethlyn Harkell, Mrs. Ellen Willis, Mrs. Minnie Helming and Miss Jane Ford. Expenses last year were \$946.13.

Fred L. Wolfe was elected chairman of the Lake County Industrial Development Council.

■ Cogshall Honey House was the only individual exhibition from the area at the Florida State Fair.

■ May King and Queen at Clermont High School were Harold Hunziker and Anne Oliver.

■ Mrs. Julian Rowe and her sister, Mrs. Hazel Halverson, have purchased the former dress shop operated by Mrs. Peek in Groveland and are opening a new ladies apparel shop.

■ Under the able direction of Postmaster R.O. Seaver, the Clermont post office has enjoyed the unusual distinction of attaining 99 percent efficiency rating in 1949 and an almost unheard of 100 percent in 1950. Employees are: Oakley Seaver; Don E. Smith, rural carrier, route 1; John Schopmeyer, Mrs. Johnnie Watson, Robert Zoppi and Daniel Hatcher, clerks; Arthur Guenther, rural carrier route 2.

■ Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dull announced the wedding of their daughter, Hilda, to Claude Arthur Teachout.

■ One of the oldest establishments on Montrose Street, the Seaver and Harmon Barber Shop,

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day. Altogether, John has lost 25 pounds, while Kathy has achieved a 60-pound weight loss so far.

"Having participated in the contest made us aware of our exercise and eating habits. It really jump started what has now become a regular part of our lives," John said.

The husband and wife team are preparing mentally and are raring to get started on this year's challenge. They have already signed up to participate.

"Our goal is to win this time," John said. According to Slaughter, the contest will offer three levels of competition, which will determine starting exercises and group sessions.

A starting fee of \$99 per person is required to join that membership to P360 or any other gym is not required.

Extra services, including personal trainers, will be made available at a discounted rate to contestants during the challenge period.

There will be three weigh-ins on the digital scale at P360. The first weigh-in has to be completed between Jan. 9 and 14. The second weigh-in has to be done between Jan. 30 and Feb. 2, and the third between Feb. 13 and 16.

A kick-off session will be held at P360 on the evening of Jan. 14 and the "grand finale" event — where the winners will be announced — will start at 6 p.m., Feb. 19, at the Chik-fil-A.

Slaughter said last year's challenge saw 20 teams with the winners shedding 12 percent of their body weight combined.

For information or to register, call 352-243-7333, or go to www.p360health.com.



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John (left) and Kathy Sparks work out at P360 on Saturday. The husband and wife team entered the "Biggest Winner" challenge in 2011 and have already signed on for this year as well.

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took on a new look. The original barbershop was opened in 1913 by R.P. Seaver (the same year the South Lake Press came to life in Clermont) and moved to the present location in 1917. In 1946 F.C. Harmon entered the organization.

■ Armour Star lamb legs, 68 cents per pound; Palm River sliced bacon, 38 cents per pound; white potatoes, 10 pounds for 29 cents; Star Kist chunk style tuna, 6 1/2 ounce, 33 cents; all popular brands cigarettes, \$1.99 per carton.

■ New officers of Clermont Garden Club are: Mrs. O. J. Priebe, president; Mrs. J. R. Grant, first vice president; Mrs. T. C. Cork Sr., second vice president; Circle chairmen, Mrs. R. V. Bakeman, Indian Hills; Mrs. J. R. McCown, Hibiscus; Mrs. A. A. Futch, Town and Country.

■ Don Meeker was elected commander of American Legion Post 55.

■ Mrs. Gerhard Sterling, Blue Island, Ill., was honored guest at a dessert-bridge given by her sister, Mrs. Dick Kurfiss.

■ Fire Chief Albie Sheldon reported the new fire truck is complete and in operation.

■ The new Clermont-Minneola School cafeteria opened.

■ Clermont High School graduate Walter O. Marshall was one of 20 students tapped for membership in Florida Blue Key, an honorary leadership fraternity for men and the highest honor a University of Florida man can receive.

■ Bowman and Brown Realty reported the sale of a Lake Minnehaha lakefront lot to Martin P. Winther of Gates Mills, Ohio.

■ New officers of Clermont Junior Woman's Club: President Mrs. Frances Hayes; First Vice President Mrs. Hilda Teachout; Second Vice President Mrs. Irma Sickler; Treasurer Mrs. Mary Cashwell; Secretary Miss Ruth Patterson; Finance Chairman Mrs. Minnie Viti.

■ Mr. B. J. Newbold opened his new 5 and 10 Cents store in the Barr Building on Montrose Street.

1922

One of the most important real estate deals made in this vicinity recently was closed when P.J. Pool

and son, C.M. Pool, came here from Winter Haven and bought the John Hooks land, 147 acres, lying in the southwest part of the city, inside the corporate limits.

About 40 acres are now in grove, said to be among the best in this section. The Pools will immediately take steps to develop the remainder of the land, planting 40 acres to tangerines and 40 to Temple groves.

Coming here from Winter Haven where they already own several hundred acres of grove land, these gentlemen can see in the Clermont section a wonderful future for the citrus industry.

Do you have photographs from a charity, church or civic event that you want featured in the South Lake Press? You can send them to pam-fennimore@dailycommercial.com. Be sure to identify everyone in the photo (full names), and include basic information on the event — the who, what, when, where and why. And don't forget to include your contact information.

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they are also helping the animals. The time they take to donate items to us is amazing. There is one couple that purposely walks their dogs late at night just to see what good stuff the neighbors are putting out for the trash. They get it, fix it if necessary and bring it to us. It's a pure act of kindness, and that impresses me.

How does what you do contribute to the welfare of the area?

The South Lake Animal League Thrift Shop not only brings people to the downtown area to shop and this hopefully also helps the other downtown stores but the most important contribution is to the South Lake Animal League Adoption Center in Groveland. The thrift shop raises most of the money that is needed for its operation and for the care of the pets waiting for their forever homes. As for one of my greatest accomplishments, I would have to say being a part of the animal league since 1991 and watching it grow from a small group of dedicated volunteers with very little funds and no real assets, to what it is now. A much larger group, of still very dedicated volunteers, that can now help even more homeless animals with our thriving thrift shop, our adoption center and room to expand on our 22 acres

What's something you've always wanted to do but haven't yet?

Buy a rototiller, dig up a piece of land and make a huge garden with every vegetable I can think of in it. It's good to connect with nature and the vegetables would just be the icing on the cake.

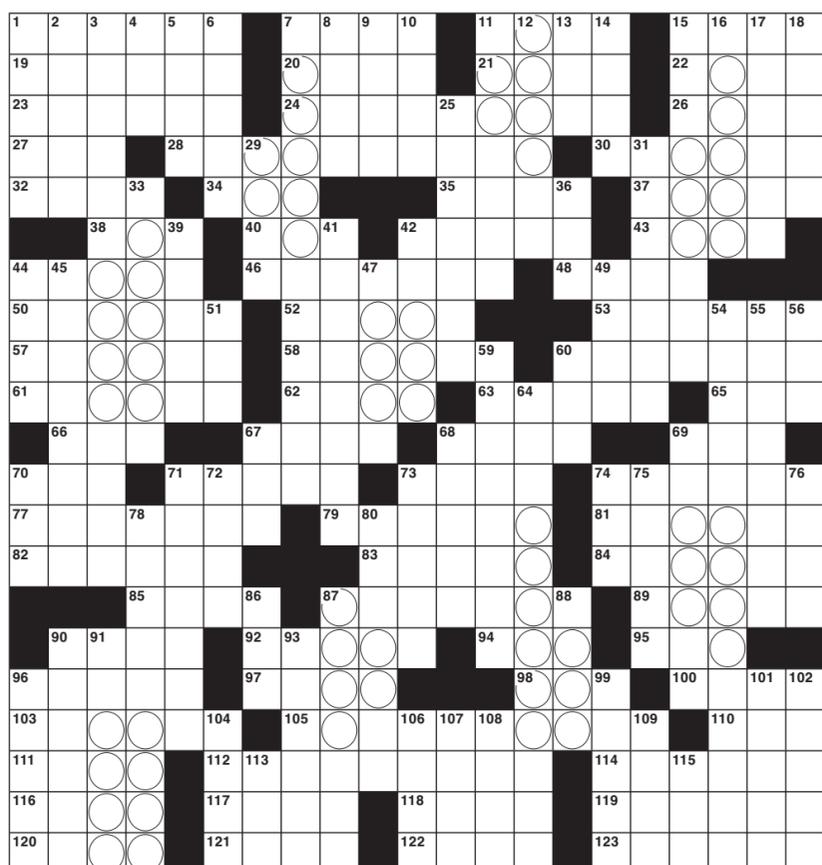
What advice would you give to people who want to help out in the community?

Find your passion in life and then do something to promote it whether it's through your financial support, your expertise or your time. Volunteer something.

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ABOVE LEFT: Mount Dora's Angel Rodriguez (2) keeps the ball in front of Belleview's Fernando Perez on Friday at the 17th annual Hickory Point Invitational tournament. ABOVE RIGHT: Lake Brantley's Daniele de Gruttola, (7) and Osceola's Tim Elsterman (15) collide as they go for the ball.

Hurricanes notch pair of victories at Hickory Point

MARK FISHER
Special to the Daily Commercial

The Mount Dora Hurricanes (7-7-1) rolled over the Belleview Rattlers 6-0 on Friday morning in the men's consolation bracket of the 17th annual Hickory Point Invitational in Tavares.

Gulf Breeze's girls and boys team won the tournament, becoming the first school in tournament history that one school won both titles in the same year. Juan Gomez scored early in the contest when he broke free at the top of the box, evaded two defenders and put the ball in net as he crossed in front of Rattler keeper Shy Smoker at the 3-minute mark to give the Canes a 1-0 advantage. Five minutes later, Cane striker Evan Schwalb took a pass from Angel Rodriguez and converted to move the score to 2-0 at the break. Rodriguez also was credited with an assist on the first goal. Gomez finished with a hat trick for the Canes.

The onslaught continued in the second period when Gomez again was able to get a shot off that squirted under the diving Smoker, who landed on the ball but was unable to stop its momentum as it crossed the goal line to put Mount Dora ahead by 3. Smoker was injured on the play and replaced by Rattler defender John Day who would defend for Belleview (5-7-4) for the balance of the game.

Mount Dora scored again when Danny Rodriguez pushed a crossing pass to Angel Rodriguez on a give-and-go play in deep in the box

that Angel slipped back to Danny for a 4-0 Hurricane lead.

Juan Rodriguez got into the scoring act late in the game, converting on a drop pass near the goal that caught Day out of position. Juan Gomez scored for the third time just before the final whistle.



LAKEBRANTLEY 4 OSCEOLA 1

The Seminole County Lake Brantley Patriots (6-5-2) took down the Osceola Kowboys 4-1 in second-round action in a contest that was tighter than the score indicated.

The Kowboys (9-5-1) were unsaddled by early scores by Tamas Sebestyen and trailed 2-0 midway through the first period. Sebestyen initially scored off a rebound shot by Juan Castano that



ABOVE: Belleview's Cameron Romanac (12) goes for the block against Mount Dora's Juan Rodriguez (9). BELOW: Lake Brantley's Nick Romano, (2) controls the ball.

Osceola goalie Jonatan Cruz defended but could not control to give the Patriots the lead at the 8-minute mark.

In contrast, the Kowboys struggled to find their attack against a tough defense that denied them any good close-in shots.

The answer came from long range, as Austin Richards was able to narrow the score when he scored from some 35 yards out. The Patriots were slow to respond to his position and the ball. Left unattended, Richards was able to set up and launch a strong blast that narrowed the score to 2-1 at the half.

When play resumed, neither team was able to convert the scoring opportunities they crafted and the game remained in doubt until Jordan Ocampo was awarded a penalty kick for a foul in box. He maximized his opportunity, driving a low streaking shot into the far right corner as the keeper guessed wrong and went to his right.

MOUNT DORA 5 EUSTIS 1

Mount Dora (8-7-1) advanced to the championship final in the consolation bracket Friday evening with a convincing 5-1 win over Eustis High School.

The Hurricane-Panther clash was a rematch of a contest played the week before Christmas when the Canes eked out a 4-3 win on a late short handed goal. Friday's contest was just as close until the

final 10 minutes when the Canes struck for 4 quick goals to turn the game into a sudden rout.

The Panthers (2-9-2) took the lead in the first half at the 8-minute mark when Nathan Hernandez took a pass from Ben Whitaker on a defensive counter and scored on a strike that rattled off the crossbar before caroming in. The score was a departure from early play as both teams probed and prodded for weakness without success.

Although unable to find the back of the net early, Mount Dora was able to force action on the Eustis side of the pitch for much of the half. The Panthers' 11 first half shots on goal were well defended by in goal and the game remained tied at 1 at the end of the first period.

The Hurricanes knotted the score at the 17-minute mark of the second half when Angel Rodriguez sent a left-footed shot skimming past the keeper and into the far corner.

Danny Rodriguez scored on a shot taken as he was tackled and sent sprawling to the grass. This was quickly followed by a driving shot from the 18-yard mark by Cory Livingston and in the space of a minute, the Canes had seized control 3-1. The final score was registered when Livingston and Alejandro Ramirez added another set of back-to-back goals in the final minute of play as the relentless pressure employed by Mount Dora caused lapses in a Panther defense that had remained firm until the final 10 minutes.

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negotiated the sale of a former Dairy Queen building, 3391 Wedgewood Lane for \$1,200,000.

NAI Realvest principals Kevin O'Connor and Matt Cichocki negotiated the transaction on behalf of the Scottsdale, Ariz.-based seller, GE Capital Franchise Finance.

Deborah Farkus Revocable Living Trust of Wildwood, purchased the 4,438 square foot building on the 1.5 acre site.

Go to www.NAIRealvest.com or call 407-875-9989 for information.

Hot air balloon showcased at opening in Mount Dora

ORLANDO — Park Square Homes plans to roll out plenty of food, refreshments, popular music, prizes for the

family and hot air balloon rides when it opens at Summerbrooke in Mount Dora, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 12.

Anthony Rouhana, marketing coordinator for Park Square Homes, said the festive Summerbrooke grand opening is the first time hot air balloons have helped usher in a new neighborhood.

"Summerbrooke is a major departure for us in Lake County and hot air balloons are one of the most spectacular visuals we could think of," Rouhana said.

Park Square Homes plans to build 60 new single-family homes and 23 villas at Summerbrooke, with three, four and five-bedroom single-family homes, ranging in size from 1,800 square feet of living space to 3,000 square feet priced from the \$150s, and with two-car garages.

Two and three-bedroom villas at Summerbrooke range from 1,600 square feet priced from the \$130s.

Call 407-529-3031 or email to Arouhana@paksquarehomes.com for information.

Saturday home show postponed this month

TAVARES — The Home Builders Association of Lake-Sumter (HBA) "Rebuilding America Step by Step" Home Show, Jan. 19, 2013.

Additional vendor space is open for show at Lake Receptions, 4425 Highway 19A in Mount Dora.

To reserve space or for information, call 352-343-7101, email admin@lakehba.com or visit www.lakehba.com.

NAI negotiates sale of building in The Villages

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently

PEOPLE, EVENTS AND PLACES

Park Square Homes appoints Davis director

ORLANDO — Park Square Homes has appointed Jim Davis director of construction for Park Square Homes.

Anthony Rouhana, marketing coordinator at Park Square Homes, said Davis has more than 20 years of experience directing homebuilding operations in the Orlando region.

Davis holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from Nova Southeastern University.

Call Park Square Homes, 5200 Vineland Road, Orlando, at 407-529-3031 for information.

NAI negotiates 4 industrial lease agreements

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest recently negotiated four lease agreements totaling 19,022 square feet at Monroe CommerCenter South in Sanford, at the Goldenrod CommerCenter in Orlando and at the industrial facility on Metric Drive east of Winter Park.

Aron Harrison, broker associate at NAI Realvest, represented the new tenant, Boss Laser, LLC, in the lease of 2,000 square feet at 651 Progress Way in Monroe CommerCenter South in Sanford. Michael Heidrich, Sr. a principal in the firm, represented the landlord, COP-Monroe, LLC of Maitland.

Heidrich Sr. also completed a lease agreement with Sanford-based Dignoti Group, Inc. a reupholstery and furniture repair company for 4,240 square feet at 4265 Church St. in Monroe CommerCenter.

A.J. Property Holdings, LLC, the landlord at the industrial facility at 4100 Metric Dr. in Winter Park was represented by Heidrich, Sr., in the lease of Suite 700 with 6,000 square feet where the new tenant is a local firm of insurance adjusters and investigators, Specialty Group, Inc.

A & B Stucco, Inc., longtime tenant at Goldenrod CommerCenter at 1467 N.

Goldenrod Road in Orlando has expanded by leasing another 6,782 square feet and now occupies a total of 15,606 square feet at the industrial center. Heidrich Sr. brokered the transaction representing the landlord COP-Goldenrod, LLC of Maitland.

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Meritage Homes starts construction of model home at East Lake Park in Lake Nona area, presales underway

ORLANDO — Meritage Homes is ready to start construction of a six-bedroom model home at East Lake Park, off Narcoossee Road south of Lake Nona in Osceola County.

Brian Kittle, division vice president of Meritage Homes in the Orlando region, said Meritage Homes has started presales at East Lake Park and plans to build 61 new four, five, six, seven and eight bedroom single-family homes that range in size from 3,082 square feet of living space to 5,111 square feet.

New homes at East Lake Park are priced from the mid-\$200s.

Kittle said the "Kerrville" model home will offer six bedrooms in 4,161 square feet and will be priced from the high \$200s.

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Sotheby's chosen exclusive broker for development site

LAKE MARY — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has been named exclusive sales and marketing agents for the 3,100 acre Hunter's Ridge development site, off S.R. 40 two miles east of I-95 in Ormond Beach.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of the Lake Mary real estate firm, said he will personally head an international

campaign to market the property, assisted by Stirling Sotheby's International Commercial Investment Specialists Mark Arnold and John Kurtz.

The Hunter's Ridge, www.huntersridge-fla.com, mixed use development of regional impact (DRI) was approved in 1988 and updated in 2010, Soderstrom said, and it allows for 1,885 residential units and more than 600,000 square feet of commercial development.

The first phase of the project with approximately 910 acres has been developed and all major roadways, utilities, elementary school and fire stations are currently in place.

Hunter's Ridge is located minutes from the newly constructed 396-bed Florida Memorial Hospital, along with major medical complexes, retail and dining. The Daytona Beach Airport and International Speedway are nearby.

Hunter's Ridge is planned and positioned for immediate development and would be ideal for an active adult mixed-use community with a major core component that could include health, wellness, exercise, educations, shopping and dining," Soderstrom emphasized.

The property is listed for sale at \$15 million.

For information, call 407-333-1900.

NAI negotiates renewal lease at Citadel

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest recently completed a renewal lease for office space at Citadel

International III at 5950 Hazeltine National Dr. in Southeast Orlando.

Senior associate Mary Frances West, CCIM, negotiated the transaction on



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behalf of the landlord, Citadel Partners, LTD.

The tenant, Cottingham & Butler Limited renewed and relocated to Suite 635 with 760 square feet.

NAI Realvest handles management and leasing of the Citadel International III.

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

Pulte's Village Walk at Lake Nona to host market

ORLANDO — VillageWalk at Lake Nona, Pulte Homes luxury community located in the Lake Nona community off Narcoossee Road in southeast Orlando, will sponsor a weekly Farmer's Market from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Sean Strickler, vice president of sales for Pulte's North Florida Division, said the farmer's market will be held at the VillageWalk Deli in the community's Town Center.

More than a dozen vendors plan to participate in the VillageWalk Farmer's Market, Strickler said, including luxury provisioners Bone Bons, which markets unique pet foods, Bamboo Life Tea Company, and produce vendor Eat More Produce, which sells fresh eggs, Amish butter, local honey and fresh baked breads in addition to fresh farm produce.

Admission to the VillageWalk Farmer's Market is free and the public is invited, Strickler said.

Pulte Homes currently has move-in ready homes available at VillageWalk at Lake Nona priced from the mid-\$200s to the low \$400s.

VillageWalk at Lake Nona has easy access to the 417 expressway and S.R. 528, and is one mile from the Medical City complex that includes Nemours children's hospital, medical research facilities and the University of Central Florida medical college.

Call Kara Lushear, marketing coordinator PulteGroup, at 407-661-2150, or email to kara.lushear@pultegroup.com, go to www.pulte.com.

US construction spending dips 0.3 percent

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. builders spent less on construction projects in November, the first decline in eight months, as activity was held back by a big drop in spending on federal projects.

Construction spending dipped 0.3 percent in November compared with October, when spending had risen a revised 0.7 percent, the Commerce Department said. The November decline was the

first drop since March.

It left total spending at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$866 billion, which is 16.1 percent above a 12-year low hit in February 2011. Even with the gain, the level of spending remained only about half of what's considered healthy.

In November, spending on housing increased 0.4 percent, but spending on federal building projects fell 5.5 percent. Spending on nonresidential projects such as office buildings

and shopping malls dropped 0.7 percent.

The weakness in nonresidential activity reflected declines in construction of office buildings, hotels and the category that includes shopping centers.

Overall government spending dipped 0.4 percent. That reflected the big decline in federal projects and a small 0.1 percent rise in spending on state and local projects.

According to a recent government report, builders broke ground on

HOMES AND JOBS

Though new homes represent only a fraction of the housing market, they have an out-size 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 statistics from the National Association of Home Builders.

fewer homes in November after starting work at the fastest pace in more than four years in October. Housing starts are on track for their best year in four years.

Strength in home building has been one of the bright spots for the economy this year. But overall construction is still being offset by weakness in commercial real estate and tight state and local gov-

ernment budgets.

Sales of new homes rose 4.4 percent in November to the highest annual pace in two and a half years. New-home sales are more than 15 percent higher than a year ago.

From July through September, residential construction grew at an annual rate of 13.5 percent. Housing construction is on track to contribute to economic

growth this year, the first time that has happened in the five years since the housing bubble burst.

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Builders are increasingly confident that the housing recovery will endure. A measure of their confidence rose in November to the highest level in 6½ years.

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\$17/mo HOA!!! \$54,900



Check this one out! Nice 14x35 mobile home in a lakeside park on Lake Yale. This 2 bed/ 1.5 bath home has a nice newer kitchen & bathroom, wood floors in the kitchen and dining room. 2 car parking. Low lot rent!
\$16,900



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\$39,900



G4671630 LOVELY HOUSE WITH LAKE ACCESS
2/1, 1000 sq. ft., large lot 1/3 acre fenced, huge oaks, screened porch, extra building in backyard and carport. 352-793-8084
\$44,500



G4682376 PERFECT FOR INVESTOR OR FIRST TIME HOME BUYER
2/1, 1,128 sq. ft. in picturesque Fendale. Lots of potential in this cute bungalow and no HOA, fenced yard, above-ground pool. Has a space used as 3rd bedroom, but no closet.
\$44,900



G4677027 LOVELY HOME IN DOWNTOWN WEBSTER
2/2, 1,217 sq. ft. Formal living, formal dining, huge bonus room, outbuilding, two lots, nice carport. 352-793-8084
\$74,900



G4682609 REDUCED! GORGEOUS 2/2 MOBILE WITH DIRECT LAKE FRONTAGE!
2/2, 1,004 sq. ft., totally remodeled inside and out, new flooring too! Tiled Florida room overlooking the lake, DOCK RECENTLY REMOVATED, detached workshop. This is a true gem!
\$74,900



G4674278 SHORT SALE MASSIVE MOBILE!
4/2, 2,560 sq. ft., nestled among the oaks on over 7 acres, very private, woods and pasture, split floor plan with gigantic bonus room and wet bar, large sundeck on back. 352-793-8084
\$99,000



G4687030 VERY NICE MOBILE ON 5 ACRES
3/2, 2,048 sq. ft., Open floor plan, huge kitchen, living and dining, large master bath, nice screened porch, plenty of room for horses - fenced & cross-fenced. A wonderful place to call home. 352-793-8084
\$125,000



G4687550 GREAT 3/2 IN A FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD
3/2, 1,544 sq. ft., NOT A SHORT SALE OR FORECLOSURE, split bedroom plan, garden tub in master, new carpet, surround sound in living room, screened porch,
\$134,900



G4687392 POOL HOME ON OVER 2 ACRES
4/2, 2,776 sq. ft., 2 1/2 acre corner lot, separate family room with fireplace and pecky cedar walls, island kitchen, big walk in pantry, screened porch overlooking pool, fenced yard & 3-car carport. 352-793-8084
\$149,000



G4684998 JUST REDUCED AGAIN OLD FLORIDA STYLE WAITING FOR YOU!
3/2, 2,198 sq. ft. Enjoy the tranquil setting on Big Bluff Lake, fireplace, wood floors, new roof, well, septic and drain field. Not a cookie cutter home!
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G4680526 WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME!
3/2, 2,013 sq. ft. in desirable Legacy of Leesburg. All the upgrades, expanded living room, tile floors throughout, beautiful woodwork and paint, large rooms, very sunny, overlooking pond with bread backyard. Nice landscape and kept like new. Bank required short sale price.
\$169,000



G4688076 SHORT SALE IN FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD!
3/2, 1,708 sq. ft., beautiful custom home with all the bells & whistles - was formerly the model - intercom system, quartz countertops, nice combination of carpet, hardwood & ceramic flooring. Great curb appeal with perfectly manicured front & rear yards. Move in ready!
\$169,900



G4678294 JUST REDUCED KING'S RIDGE
3/2, 2,157 sq. ft., split plan, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, separate office or formal living, extra counter space in kitchen, storage in garage, papaya tree and great view from all season glassed-in back porch, no rear neighbor, whole home totally remodeled, updated with ceramic tile and hardwood floors. Move in ready!
\$189,900



G4686660 SHORT SALE IN DESIRABLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD.
4/2, 1,2, 2,112 sq. ft., plus 20x10 bonus room over garage and 20x22 bonus room in house. Deeded title access to Lake Minnehaha, Florida Keys stone fireplace, room above the garage to easily convert to in-law suite, oversize garage with high ceilings for boat storage, workshop out back, 22x20 bonus room attached to the back of the house.
\$199,900



G4679227 GREAT POOL HOME IN ARROWHEAD!
3/2, 2,111 sq. ft., on a cul-de-sac, screened pool with covered lanai, including separate screened BBQ/dining area, formal living and dining plus large great room. Bring your family!
\$210,000



G4681503 FLORIDA STYLE CRACKER HOUSE ON 10 ACRES
3/2, 1,408 sq. ft., 3 pole barns, shed, fenced and cross-fenced, contemporary home with open floor plan, split bedrooms, large covered back porch, salt pool, new pool pump and pool cleaner, cypress wood siding with lifetime metal roof. Nice! 352-793-8084
\$210,000



G4685642 SHORT SALE IN DESIRABLE CRESCENT WEST!
3/2, 2,866 sq. ft. Deeded lake access to Clermont chain, oversized lot, very well maintained, screened pool, apartment built on the home.
\$244,100



G4681930 BEAUTIFUL GOLF COURSE FRONTAGE IN PRESTIGIOUS HARBOR HILLS.
3/2, 2,300 sq. ft., wonderful views of golf course from Florida room. Enjoy all the amenities with golf, tennis, pool and clubhouse. Bring an offer!
\$245,000



G4680884 BEAUTIFUL RESTORED HOME OVERLOOKING LAKE MINNEOLA!
6/3, 2,950 sq. ft. beautiful home in historic downtown Clermont. Rear yard features lush landscape & pool with dock, ever lawn has its own 2 car garage, workshop & in-law suite with 2 bedrooms, kitchen, living room & full bath. Hardwood floors, new ceramic tile, master bath with jetted tub, walk-in closets, waterfront only a half block away.
\$249,900



G4686809 INTERIOR DESIGNER SHOWPLACE
5/3, 2,382 sq. ft., Life's finer moments can have no more appropriate setting than this impressive with sparkling pool and waterfall. Huge lanai, deeded access to chain of lakes, one of the choicest areas of Clermont.
\$257,500



G4688321 13+ ACRES WITH 2,651 SQ. FT. HOME!
3/3, plus office 2,651 sq. ft. beautiful country styled with large home with covered porch, split floor in foyer, oak hardwood floors, oversized family room with bamboo rock stone fireplace, crown molding, eat-in kitchen, lots of storage plus a working farm! National interests, central dogs, barns, etc.
\$289,900



G4681085 MUST HAVE LAKE MINNEHAHA
3/2, 1,450 sq. ft., completely remodeled in 2011, fenced lot, no HOA or RV and boat parking ok, great dock, like new, new, new. REDUCED
\$274,900



G4682090 FORMER BUILDER MODEL WITH ALL THE UPGRADES
5/4, 2,880 in highwater Estates. View of Lake Minneola, pool, spa, large deck, formal living and dining, wood burning fireplace, gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances and cherry cabinets, separate large game room with its own bathroom, upgraded lighting and custom window treatments, large pool in formal style with water slides. A beautiful home.
\$299,000



G4678515 EXECUTIVE HOME IN PRESTIGIOUS OSPREY POINT!
4/3, 2,377 sq. ft. Custom designed and built by award-winning builder, mature landscaping, covered lanai, waterfall, outdoor jern air grill, includes a fourth bedroom suite perfect for mother in law or private guest suite. Oversized garage, too.
\$299,900



G4685306 THE RANCH OF YOUR DREAMS!
3/2, 1,898 sq. ft., 20+/- acres, fenced and cross-fenced, with "like brand new" ranch home. Huge 20x40 enclosed barn/workshop with electric and water, main home has brand new lawns, granite floors, new countertops, new bedrooms, new paint, new blinds. Move-in ready & perfect for your ranching family!
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G4687232 EXECUTIVE LAKEFRONT HOME ON 1.3 ACRES!
3/3, 2,003 sq. ft., up-as-a-hill for spectacular sunset views of Lake Minneola, updated kitchen, large rooms, original hardwood floors, built-in cabinets, private sandy white beach with enclosed boat house, majority of rooms overlook lake with stunning views.
\$374,900



G4686227 WOW! THIS HOME HAS IT ALL!
4/3, 3,421 sq. ft., solid wood cabinets, stone countertops, huge island in kitchen, vaulted ceilings, split plan, 22x13 kitchen room, beautiful salt pool with remote-controlled hot tub, looks like a magazine! Conversation area in the rear. Feels like "home" as soon as you walk in. Come See! JUST REDUCED
\$385,000



G4686022 EXQUISITE LAKE FRONT POOL HOME
4/3, 2,850 sq. ft., pool and lake views from all main rooms, perfect for entertaining, chef's kitchen, custom cabinets, 42 inch cabinets, granite and big ceiling, oversized tile, huge 3-car garage, lush landscaping, beautifully manicured lawn. Located just miles from major address roads.
\$424,900



G4681042 JUST REDUCED CUSTOM HOME ON 15 ACRES
3/3, 2,480 sq. ft., open air, iron ceilings, stained glass windows, custom built cabinets, rock fireplace, stone, hardwood & ceramic floors throughout, screened porch with separate court yard, extra room perfect for mother-in-law suite or game room, separate oak on fenced and cross-fenced property. Large 30x34 barn. Plenty of pasture. 352-793-8084
\$445,000



G4688131 BEAUTIFUL HOME IN ARROWTREE!
5/3, 2,013 sq. ft., tile and laminate throughout, spacious kitchen, master suite with two walk-in closets and a garden tub, plus 800 sq. ft. mother-in-law suite, 2 car garage, fenced and ready for horses. Also has heated pool and spa! Enjoy the peace and quiet of this beautiful 700 acre subdivision.
\$464,900



G4689481 50 WOODED ACRES AND A LAKE!
2/2, 1,734 sq. ft., 50 acres of the property include commercial zoning, main home nestled in the trees with two cable separate cabins and detached workshop. Main house has massive great room with wood burning stone fireplace, cedar ceilings, granite counter in the master bathroom, with a crown-tile tub. Also includes large workshop with 3 bays.
\$595,000



G4686380 SPECTACULAR LAKEFRONT ESTATE
5/3, 5,661 sq. ft., located on Clermont's premier Chain of Lakes, gorgeous views, pool with sunbath pool bar! Covered lanai, brick pavers, boat dock, gated driveway, additional parking, master suite with sitting room, fireplace, second master suite, custom kitchen, double ovens. Must see! is the only word to describe it! JUST REDUCED
\$699,000



G4683015 YOU WILL BE DRAWN TO THE BEAUTY OF THIS 30+ ACRE PRIVATE ESTATE.
3/2/2, 1,856 sq. ft., 400' of lake access on Lake Harris with an additional canal passage, zoned AG but has a permit for commercial building, separate 3,000 sq. ft. commercial building.
\$695,000



G4681551 ONE OF THE FINEST LAKEFRONT HOMES ON THE MARKET.
4/3/2, 4,468 sq. ft., no expense spared, double crown molding, wood floors, hand-made circular staircase, pool, waterfalls, spa, separate in-law quarters that include living, kitchen and bath, plus apartment over detached garage. In spring-fall chain so lake always high.
\$699,900



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G4676092 WONDERFUL CORNER LOT ON CUL-DE-SAC,
gated community offers golf, tennis, boat ramp and restaurant. Located near the Villages with only a few buildable lots left in the community.
\$12,000



VACANT LAND
G4676109 COME BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME.
Magnificent lot with access to Lake Griffin, clubhouse, golf course, playground, tennis - gated community.
\$14,900



VACANT LAND
G4661151 BEAUTIFUL GARDEN CITY.
Priced to sell at **\$50,000**, it's a steal! Lake access, beautiful common area and all custom homes in development.
\$50,000



VACANT LAND
G4680707 OWNER FINANCING ON BEAUTIFUL ACREAGE!
Just under 4 acres, beautiful trees, on a corner - just enough acreage to roam, but not too much to keep up!
\$79,900



VACANT LAND
G4660661 JUST REDUCED 24 BEAUTIFUL ACRES, FENCED & CROSS FENCED!
Open pasture with a few beautiful oak trees, electric and well already in place, two small ponds on rear of property, also a small building that could be used to store feed. BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME HERE!
\$120,000



VACANT LAND
G4661145 LAKEFRONT LOT IN GARDEN CITY!
Prestigious gated community on upper chain of lakes, surrounded by luscious green trails and gardens throughout. OWNER FINANCING IS AVAILABLE!
\$199,000



COMMERCIAL
G4688265 GREAT PROFESSIONAL OR MEDICAL OFFICES
in desirable downtown Winter Garden. Could be reconfigured for any use. Ample parking with other medical offices surrounding.
\$299,000



COMMERCIAL
G4683923 3 ACRES ON HIGHWAY 27,
at the Hwy 19 interchange. Direct Highway 27 access. Electric available on the property, zoned commercial.
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'Black Forest' designation covers many carved items

HELAINE FENDELMAN and JOE ROSSON
Scripps Howard News Service

DEAR HELAINE AND JOE:

Sometime in the early 1940s, my father returned home after completing a painting job with a carved wooden bear in his arms. It was a gift from a customer. It is slightly worn, and parts of the tray the bear supports are missing, so it was relegated to the basement for storage. In 1983, I removed it from storage, cleaned it up and repaired some damage on the bear cubs. One of the two compartments on the top contained a music box that was damaged, and was lost at a later date. It was replaced later. A pipe was attached to the tray to cover a small hole. Does this piece have any value?

THANK YOU,
C.E., ELGIN, ILL.

DEAR C.E.:

This wonderfully whimsical piece is referred to by collectors as a "Black Forest" smoking table or stand. The ones we have seen for sale are usually said to be circa 1890, but we feel that a circa-1900 date for this one is more accurate.

The Black Forest is a wooded mountainous region in southwestern Germany in the state of Baden-Württemberg, and is bordered by the Rhine valley to the south and west. Wood carving is often done as a cottage industry there, and objects were made with carved bears, stags, dogs, birds and other images associated with nature in the region.

Collectors tend to expand the idea of "Black Forest" wood-carving to nearby areas in Switzerland, and, to some extent, Austria and Bohemia. Perhaps the most commonly seen Black Forest item is the ubiquitous cuckoo clock, which can trace its origins in the vicinity back to the mid-18th century (circa 1740).

Of course, the essence of the cuckoo clock is the little bird that typically springs out of a door to proclaim loudly the hour

— and perhaps the half-hour and quarter-hour as well. These are often housed in elaborately carved cases that might feature a mighty stag with widespread antlers at the crest, and the sides might have carvings of hanging game such as rabbits.

Other Black Forest items might include benches held up by bears; lap desks; wall shelves; umbrella stands; inkstands; figures and sculptures in the form of bears, elks, boars, and wolves (among others); wall plaques with hunting horns and other paraphernalia; nutcrackers; chairs; cabinets; book racks and on and on.

The pictures are poor, but we believe the smoker's stand in today's question was made from linden wood, which is actually from a tree called "tilia" that can be found in the temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere around the globe. These trees are generally referred to as "lime" in Great Britain — but have nothing whatsoever to do with the citrus fruit.

In North America, the terms "linden" and "basswood" are often used. The wood of the several genus of tilia is soft, lightweight and easily carved. The Vikings used it to make shields, and since the Middle Ages Germanic people have used it as a wood for sculpture.

A similar smoker's stand — with its mama bear holding up a tabletop with boxes that have three-dimensional baby bears carved on the lids — sold at auction a few years for \$4,000. Its quality was a bit better than this one, and its condition was certainly better.

In fact, the condition of the example in today's question is deplorable, but still it has an insurance value in the \$800-\$1,200 range if attractively restored.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson are the authors of "Price It Yourself" (HarperResource, \$19.95). Contact them at Treasures in Your Attic, P.O. Box 18350, Knoxville, TN 37928. Email them at treasures@knology.net.



JOE ROSSON and HELAINE FENDELMAN / SHNS

This cute smoker's stand is known as a Black Forest model.

Resolve to make a scrapbook of your family resolutions

SANDI GENOVESE
Scripps Howard News Service

With a new year comes a list of New Year's resolutions. I've never been a big fan of writing resolutions — so much pressure! However, this time around I have had a change of heart. I think it would be great to start a family tradition of writing a few resolutions for 2013 and placing them in a simple scrapbook, complete with coordinating photos.

While I don't think it's important to check the list of resolutions during the year, to see if they've been

met, it's fun to look back and see what was important to each family member in 2013. It might even be fun to make up a few resolutions for each of the family pets. Wouldn't it be great if the cat resolved to stop scratching the furniture?

The point of this exercise is not to set goals and check them at the end of the year, but to reveal a little something about each member of the family that will be fun to read in the years ahead.

It's helpful to create a scrapbook whose size can be duplicated every year

so that you can group them in a slipcase that will hold several years of resolutions. For 2013, I created a simple scrapbook that has an accordion-folded construction with a belly band to hold it closed.

Cut card stock into three 6- x 12-inch sections and score each one every 3-3/4 inches. A 3/4-inch tab will be left at the end to overlap the next section to create one long strip. Accordion-fold on all of the score lines and attach photos and embellishments to each panel.

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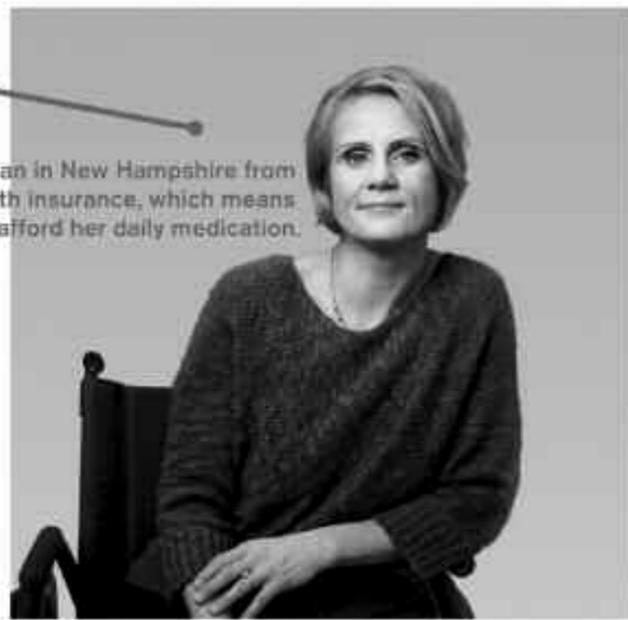
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A man in Arizona clicks "share" on an article about how to keep health insurance coverage.



It stops a woman in New Hampshire from losing her health insurance, which means she can afford her daily medication.

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A man in California asks about handicap accessibility for his upcoming vacation.



A woman in Missouri shares the name of a company that specializes in accessible tours.

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A father in Minnesota shares how he's feeling.



It stops a woman in Oregon, who's lost her job and her boyfriend, from wanting to give up.

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LOCATION: 3401 Indian Trail, Eustis **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,833 sq. ft. Delightful home is the waterfront community of Bright Water Place. Custom built home with great curb appeal, oversized garage, fireplace, screened lanai and much more! **LISTING PRICE:** \$165,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$163,500 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Loretta Maimone, Real Living Performance Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Logan Wilson, Exit Tri-County Realty.



LOCATION: 5700 Windsong Oak Drive, Leesburg **FEATURES:** Cambridge built "Amberston" model home in nice family community complete with pool and playground. This spacious home with 3 car garage has 4 bedrooms and an activity room that could easily be a fifth bedroom or exercise room. **LISTING PRICE:** \$149,899 **SELLING PRICE:** \$149,500 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cheryl S. Glover, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cheryl S. Glover, Keller Williams Classic III Realty.



LOCATION: The Plantation at Leesburg **FEATURES:** Split 2BR/2BA, Den, 2.5 Car Garage. 2,411 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$209,700 **SELLING PRICE:** \$199,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Adriana Skoloda, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Adriana Skoloda, PAL Realty.



LOCATION: Highland Lakes **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA, 2 Car Garage. 1,541 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$89,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$89,900 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Carol Zior, Century 21 Carlino Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cary Fier, PAL Realty.



LOCATION: The Plantation at Leesburg **FEATURES:** Split 2BR/2BA, Den, 2 Car Garage. 1,795 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$169,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$160,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Adriana Skoloda, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cary Fier, PAL Realty.



LOCATION: The Plantation at Leesburg **FEATURES:** Pool home, Split 3BR/2BA, 2.5 Car Garage. 2,754 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$334,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$295,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cary Fier, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mark Brooks, PAL Realty.



LOCATION: 12520 Orangewood Court, Tavares **FEATURES:** Furnished and remodeled 2BR/2BA condo **LISTING PRICE:** \$57,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$54,500 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Roxanne Logan, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Roxanne Logan, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 11320 Little Nellie Drive **FEATURES:** New Construction. Lake front. Custom Wood Cabinets with granite countertops. **LISTING PRICE:** \$284,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$278,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Patti-Jo Jungreis, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mario Deniz, Keller Williams Classic III Realty.



LOCATION: 137 Cataldo Way **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA home with 2 car garage, no rear neighbors, screened porch and open patio. **LISTING PRICE:** \$100,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$93,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brandie Mathison-Klein, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Shelly Linder, Coldwell Banker West Realty.



LOCATION: Summit Greens, 2773 Falcon Ridge, Clermont **FEATURES:** 3BR/2.5BA, 2,400 sq. ft. Pinehurst floor plan, no rear neighbors, coy pond, large kitchen, 42" cabinets, lots of windows, bright and cheery, 2 car attached garage **LISTING PRICE:** \$229,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$210,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Jamie Ampel, Assist to Sell.



LOCATION: Summit Greens, 2861 Highland View Circle, Clermont **FEATURES:** 2BR/2.5BA, 2,400 sq. ft. immaculate, enclosed lanai large island kitchen, 42" cabinets, lots of windows, bright and cheery, office with hardwood floor, fireplace in family room, 2 car attached garage. In a community with beautiful amenities. **LISTING PRICE:** \$229,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$210,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller Williams Classic III Realty.



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LOCATION: 3341 Saloman, Heritage Hills, 3341 Saloman, Clermont **FEATURES:** 3BR/3BA, 2,600 sq. ft. Close to Clubhouse, Great family room, granite, 42" cabinets, 3 car attached garage, community with beautiful amenities **LISTING PRICE:** \$219,990 **SELLING PRICE:** \$190,840 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Linda Replogle, Lennar Builders. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller Williams Classic III Realty.



LOCATION: Trilogy, 237 Bayou Bend, Groveland **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA, 1,520 sq. ft. Model home totally furnished Cathedral ceilings, no rear neighbors, Swimming pool, granite. **LISTING PRICE:** \$189,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$184,900 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Nancy Aitken, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller Williams Classic III Realty.



LOCATION: Summit Greens, 994 Everest Street, Clermont **FEATURES:** 2BR/2.5BA, 2,260 sq. ft. On the golf course, enclosed lanai no rear neighbors, large island kitchen, 42" cabinets, lots of windows, bright and cheery, 2 car attached garage. **LISTING PRICE:** \$219,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$219,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller Williams Classic III Realty.

Old castles can teach us about urban gardening

MAUREEN GILMER
Scripps Howard News Service

The great old castles of Europe have a lot to teach us about urban gardening.

Actually, castle heights are in many ways like clusters of multistory apartment buildings that often surround a small patch of open space. Like an elevator shaft, all the rooms that look out onto this space have the same point of view as Rapunzel did, straight down to the ground.

A thousand years ago, they needed a steady supply of aromatic herbs to season not-so-fresh food and to cloak the odors of what that era would dub "the great unwashed."

Fresh clippings of santolina, rosemary, thyme and sage were strewn onto the floors, scattered into bed sheets and stuffed into less-than-clean garments. But when the barbarians swept through the neighborhood to pillage what they could, everyone

ran to the castle for protection until the invaders moved on. And that meant there were more unwashed bodies within the castle walls, and the need for herbs was unceasing.

Then somebody got the bright idea of making an herb garden at the bottom of that space within the battlements. There they could grow herbs and greens without venturing out into risky open country. Now these folks could have just grown in rows, but, thankfully, they reached into ancient Celtic art where they found patterns, a lot like large knots of different-colored chords. Those first crafty gardeners decided to lay out the herb garden at the castle in a pattern that could best be seen from high above. It was a bird's-eye view that drove this design.

Today these ancient herb plots of the medieval castles are called knot gardens. Every time the herbs were sheared to generate more clippings to use indoors, the knot pattern was refreshed. Over time they grew more elaborate, larger and yielded more colors and a powerful three-dimensional effect.

When the Dark Ages passed, the knot gardens of castle grounds were expanded outside the walls. In France, these patterns upon the ground grew to many acres in size. In time they evolved into the parterre, which reached its zenith at Chateau de Villandry, the

world's most decadent food garden.

One of the greatest truths of garden design is that there are no new ideas; only the applications change. Therefore, gardens thankfully tilled in vacant lots and small plots between buildings should be seen on two planes. First, of course, is the ground plane or the human-eye level. Here the garden must produce vegetables or greens and other edible plants. That is the functional aspect of its existence.

The second plane is called "plan view" by designers. This is the view of a Google Earth satellite photo that shows your home and grounds from above. Inside a castle garden you may not even perceive the pattern at all, and only when looking out a window above does the graphic become apparent.

Imagine what would happen if urban gardeners who live in apartments above began to view these practical cultivations as visual opportunities. If those spaces were laid out in interesting graphic patterns, whether inspired by modern art or ancient knots, they would be productive and beautiful, too.

It's really all about how you lay out raised beds. The parterre at Villandry is all rectilinear in form, with the beds laid out at easy-to-build 90-degree angles. This eliminates the complex knots with their odd angles and curves. Whether it's a simple four-square garden or a



MAUREEN GILMER / SHNS

The clean rectilinear lines of Chateau de Villandry, the world's most decadent food garden is a wellspring of ideas for modern urban gardens.

detailed parterre, accuracy is what makes them pop when viewed from above.

The beauty of knowing history is that we can draw from ancient ideas and give them modern applications. This medieval knot garden is an idea perfectly tailored to our modern urban plots. So as we grow to resolve contemporary problems of high-density living, pollution and a limited food supply, with a thousand-year-old solution, we contribute more than just gardens to the beauty and livability of our cities.



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The Filoli Estate features an enormous herb knot garden that is far different when seen from above than it appears at ground level.

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Year over Year Homes SOLD 2011 Compared to 2012

January – December 31, 2011 SOLD Homes by Price Range

Price Range	Quantity	Average DOM
\$49,999 or under	23	98
\$50,000 - \$99,999	38	152
\$100,000 - \$149,999	22	132
\$150,000 - \$199,999	21	224
\$200,000 - \$249,999	1	72
\$250,000 - \$299,999	0	0
\$300,000 - \$349,999	2	376
\$350,000 - \$399,999	0	0
\$400,000 - \$499,999	0	0
\$500,000 - \$599,999	0	0
\$600,000 - \$699,999	0	0
\$700,000 - \$799,999	0	0
\$800,000 - \$899,999	0	0
\$900,000 - \$999,999	0	0
\$1,000,000 or over	0	0
Total	107	154

January – December 31, 2012 SOLD Homes by Price Range

Price Range	Quantity	Average DOM
\$49,999 or under	23	146
\$50,000 - \$99,999	34	135
\$100,000 - \$149,999	25	113
\$150,000 - \$199,999	7	103
\$200,000 - \$249,999	5	136
\$250,000 - \$299,999	0	0
\$300,000 - \$349,999	4	166
\$350,000 - \$399,999	0	0
\$400,000 - \$499,999	2	163
\$500,000 - \$599,999	0	0
\$600,000 - \$699,999	0	0
\$700,000 - \$799,999	0	0
\$800,000 - \$899,999	0	0
\$900,000 - \$999,999	0	0
\$1,000,000 or over	0	0
Total	100	132

Summary of Fruitland Park Residential Sales

January – December 31, 2011

Summary	List Price	Sale Price
High	\$389,000	\$340,000
Low	\$5,500	\$5,500
Average	\$110,219	\$100,480
Median	\$99,850	\$92,000

January – December 31, 2012

Summary	List Price	Sale Price
High	\$499,900	\$450,000
Low	\$10,000	\$10,000
Average	\$115,344	\$107,053
Median	\$87,550	\$87,550

Fruitland Park Real Estate News

Year over year we've seen little change in the amount of homes sold in Fruitland Park; however the average overall sale price has increased by approximately 7%. The average days (DOM) a home has been on the market before it has closed has decreased by approximately 10%.

When comparing total sales in the Mid Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service, bank owned sales are down 10%. Short Sales, which are properties sold for less than the borrower owes, have seen an increase by approximately 8%. Our homes selling without distress, a normal sale has increased by approximately 10% but their average price has increased by approximately 7% year over year.



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SANDI GENOVESE / SHNS

It would be great to start a family tradition of writing a few resolutions for 2013 and placing them in a simple scrapbook, complete with coordinating photos.

RESOLVE

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I like to have each person handwrite resolutions on a separate piece of paper that can be redone, if needed, without having to scrap the whole booklet. Allow a few extra pages in the front to act as a title page and introduction page that will introduce the year and any group resolutions.

The belly band is simply folded around the scrapbook and tied with a ribbon. It's important to create this after the scrapbook is complete to make sure the sleeve will accommodate the thickness of the completed book.

One of your resolutions for 2013 should be to create a family-resolutions scrapbook for this year and many years into the future.

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South Lake Press

Celebrating *100 Years* 1913-2013

History of the South Lake Press For the 100th birthday kick off Jan. 4, 1013

1913 W.E. Rorabaugh, who came to Clermont from Des Moines, Iowa, in 1912, began publication of Clermont's first newspaper, the CLERMONT CLARION. Vol. 1, No. 1, dated December 18, 1913, was published in a small wooden building at 713 Montrose Street. It was published each Thursday and the subscription rate was \$1.25 per year. In addition to Clermont and South Clermont news, it usually-carried a Groveland news column.

Through the courtesy of C.A. Torrey, a winter resident from Dorchester, Mass., and Cooper Memorial Library, a complete file of the newspaper was preserved, although the first volume has been lost in recent years. This is an invaluable source of South Lake County history.

1921 In the summer of 1921 John C. Lochner of Auburn, Indiana, and his son Don, came to Clermont with the idea of buying or starting a newspaper. On October 6 they published Vol. 1, No. 1 of the SOUTH LAKE PRESS in a building at 836 Montrose Street, and in November they purchased the CLERMONT CLARION from Mr. Rorabaugh, the last issue of the CLARION being dated October 28, 1921.

In a few months the Lochners added to their building and were printing five publications, the SOUTH LAKE PRESS, WINTER GARDEN HERALD, FLORIDA STATE C.E. NEWS, MONTVERDE OUTLOOK AND ORANGEECHOES (Orange County Chamber of Commerce monthly bulletin.)

Early issues contained very few cuts, but in late 1922 they advertised that good cuts were again available at pre-World War I prices. In November 1925 the page size was increased from five to six columns.

1935 In July 1935 they moved from 836 Montrose to new quarters at 732 Montrose Street (the 2013 location of the SOUTH LAKE PRESS.)

1941 Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Don Lochner accepted a government appointment and moved to Jacksonville. He obtained the services of John "Red Pepper" Davis of the LAKE CITY REPORTER to edit the Clermont paper. Before the year was up, Davis returned to Lake City and Lockner announced that Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Hey of St. Petersburg would be the new Editor and Manager.

1943 In May 1943 Sam Peacock leased the SOUTH LAKE PRESS from the Lochn-

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ers. Ralph Harper bought the PRESS building at 732 Montrose and the newspaper moved into a new building at 737 Eight Street in the summer of 1945. 1946 In November 1946 Peacock announced that the name of the CLERMONT PRESS would be changed to THE CLERMONT and SOUTH LAKE PRESS in order to cover all of the South Lake County area and because "paper was scarce." Peacock was having problems and decided to turn it over to his typesetter, Chet O.H. Addington, who agreed to keep the paper going in February 1947. Addington went to 6-point type (smaller than legal) for the front page – to conserve paper.

About this time Howard Young and his daughter, Rosemary Young, arrived in Clermont. Young was a professional advertising man and Rosemary had just finished a journalism course at Columbia University in New York. They tried to help the Addingtons get the paper out, but found it to be an impossible task. The local merchants, desperate to get their advertising out to the public on time, talked the Youngs into starting another paper, the CLERMONT NEWS, which ran for about a year.

1949 In August 1949 Ed Kellerman was looking for a paper to buy in Florida and heard that the CLERMONT PRESS was in dire circumstances. He agreed to buy the PRESS if Howard Young would agree to be his Editor and Advertising man, which he did. Rosemary at that time became Secretary of the Clermont Chamber of Commerce.

1951 In April 1951 Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Hullinger bought in and were Managing Editor and Business Manager. Howard Young continued as Advertising Manager. 1959 In January 1959 local contractor Glenn Middleton built an addition to the PRESS office. Several pieces of new machinery, including offset equipment, were ordered, making South Lake Publishers one of the best equipped small town printing offices in Florida. "Shorty" Hullinger served as Mayor of Clermont during 1959.

1960 When the Hullingers decided to leave Clermont in 1960, James E. Murphy of Buffalo, N.Y. was named the new Editor. In September 1960 Allen S. Drury, Washington, D.C., author of the Pulitzer prize-winning book, "Advise and Consent" and president of Sun State Publishers, Inc., purchased the CLERMONT PRESS and GROVELAND PRESS. His father, Alden M. Drury of Maitland, published the papers for the next four and one-half years.

1961 E.W. "Scotty" McCalley of Groveland became their Advertising Manager in January 1961 and Bob Thomas was named Editor in July 1961. In November the CLERMONT PRESS and the GROVELAND PRESS became the SOUTH LAKE PRESS.

1963 In February 1963 Scotty McCalley was named Editor. In April 1964 Roger McElhaney bought the paper and McCalley continued to edit it after George E. Wise of Ocala purchased the paper in January 1965.

1966 In March 1966 McCalley retired and Mrs. Charles (Betty) Konsler, who had been a reporter and editor of women's news, was named Editor. She became it in October and McCalley served until January 1967 when Rosemary Young was named Editor, a position she held through December 1967 when George and Ann Dupee purchased the SOUTH LAKE PRESS.

1968-1986 George and Ann Dupee of Long Island, N.Y. purchased the newspaper and assumed management January 1, 1969. George was publisher, editorial writer and advertising salesman. He was the 1970 President of the Clermont Chamber of Commerce and 1972 president of Lake County Goodwill Industries. Ann was Editor and served on the Cooper Memorial Library Board 13 years and on City Council 1983 and 1986-1987. She represented the city on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Lake County League of Cities Board of Directors.

Over the years the PRESS favored installation of Clermont's sewer system, moving city hall from downtown to a location on State Road 50, publishing the honor rolls for area schools, four-laning SR 50 from Orange County to Sumter County and consolidation of Clermont and Groveland High Schools. A large petition drive in 1986 appealed to the Lake County Commissioners to stop zoning large acreages of land for mobile home parks and demolishing the hills in the Clermont area.

1987 George Dupee died Jan. 4 and Ann assumed total ownership. Extensive remodeling of the building at 737 Eight Street took place early in the year. The PRESS began its 75th year of publication officially on October 15, 1987. A special birthday edition was published and an open house for the public, advertisers and Chamber members took place Friday, Oct. 16th at the paper's offices. A special Centennial Edition was published in 1984 in conjunction with Clermont's 100th Centennial.

1992 Ann sold the paper September 1, 1992 to Douglas A. Horne, owner of Republic Newspapers.

Original Newspaper from The Clermont Clarion - 1913

The Clermont Clarion

Vol. 1.

Clermont, Fla. Thursday, Dec. 18.

No. 1.

County News

MONTVERDE

"Farm Folks," a four act play, was rendered at the Montverde Industrial school Saturday evening, December fifth, under the direction of Mrs. H. P. Carpenter. A crowded auditorium listened, looked and laughed for two hours. This play was offered for the first time in this community and comment argues that it was a grand success. Most delightful music and recitations were enjoyed between acts. Proceeds from the play will go towards buying new furniture for the school.

Prof. Jack Peters and Prof. Cooper, soil chemist, of Gainsville were here on Saturday for the purpose of studying our soils. An analysis has been made and Prof. Peters will have something farther to say to the school and farmers later in the school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harper are spending a few days in Orlando with their little daughter, Inez, who has recently undergone an operation, the removal of her tonsils. She is reported much better.

Rev. Mr. Stone spoke at chapel at the Montverde Industrial school Monday. A standing invitation to chapel exercises is given to the fathers of the town.

MINNEOLA

R. E. Shelhamer of Atlanta, who is Presiding Elder of the Free Methodist church, Florida, is stopping at Saints Rest for a while and has been holding a series of meetings in the Methodist church. Though the attendance has not been large, the meetings have been good and we have been having deep spiritual

GREETING

Yes, we knew you would be glad to see us. You have heard so many varied reports as to the time of our arrival that it would not have been surprising if you had doubted our ever appearing. But here we are—and we will come again every week.

If you are glad we are here, you should thank the proper persons, our advertisers, for our existence. A few months ago when our having a newspaper was suggested, many said us that it was out of the question, "town is too small," "not enough advertisers," etc., but here we are—and you will see by looking through our columns that at least the last objection mentioned above is not true.

In nearly every instance a little while spent talking the matter over with one of our merchants or tradesmen resulted in the securing of an advertisement.

As to the size of the town, if we look at our possibilities, we are as large as any other town in Central Florida.

Only the other day I heard a man say (and he was posted in town building) that if Clermont had made known her natural beauty, she could easily have been as large as Orlando.

People want to know of the most

food which will no doubt bear fruit.

The people are rejoicing over the blue rain we had Monday night and hoping the crops will soon start up again, as the weather grows warmer.

The Sanitarium being built by Dr. Johnson is slowly nearing completion, and there is talk of three new houses being built soon.

R. E. Shelhamer and J. C. Teitel are talking of taking a short trip across the country by automobile the last of this week.

GROVELAND

Mr. Warner of the Tampa Hardware company is calling on the local trade today.

T. J. Rice and wife are all smiling a nine pound boy.

Mr. Mason, special representative of the Florida Fire & Casualty company is spending some time with the local agency.

E. E. Edge made a firing trip to Webster today.

J. W. Dutton of Deland is a welcome visitor in our town. We are always glad to see Mr. Dutton.

G. H. Arnold has purchased the turpentine still at Okahumpka and is preparing to move in that point to take charge of his place Jan. 1st. We are sorry to lose Mr. Arnold from our town, but wish for him much success in his new business.

Quite a number of new settlers are arriving and all seem well pleased with the outlook on Groveland farms.

beautiful spot on earth, and surely we have it here. Where can one go to find prettier lakes, balmy air or a more healthful locality?

If Clermont is not now large enough to support a newspaper it is undoubtedly your own fault. Do not let it be said in the future that you have again failed to do your duty. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and make of Clermont a city of which we may be justly proud.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

No doubt some of you are disappointed in our subscription price, it being \$1.25 per year instead of \$1, as some say they had supposed it would be.

There was a day when it was possible to run a newspaper of \$1 a year, but everything connected with the newspaper business has been steadily advancing in price, until now it is unwise to attempt to do so. Throughout all the land the \$1 newspaper men are making a combined effort to raise the price of their paper to \$1.50. It seems better for us to begin with a price, such as will enable us to give you a good paper, rather than offer an inferior one. Our every effort has been, and will be, to furnish you the best that can be obtained.

TAFT BACKS UP WILSON

Former President Says Monroe Doctrine Must Be Upheld.

New York.—"We are international trustees of the prosperity we have and the power we enjoy, and we are in duty bound to use them when it is both civil and proper to help our neighbors," declared former President William H. Taft in a lecture before the New York Peace Society on the Monroe doctrine, which, he held, should be continued in full force, despite the hostility to its expressed in some quarters.

"We cannot be too careful to avoid forcing our own ideas of government on peoples, who, though favoring popular government, have such different ideas as to what constitutes it."

He alluded to criticism of the application of the doctrine as leading to "intermeddling by our government in the politics of the smaller countries (like San Domingo and the central American republics)" and that we are exercising a protectorate of a direct character over some of them. "What we are doing with respect to them," he continued, "is in the interest of civilization, and we ought to do it to aid our neighboring governments, whether the Monroe doctrine prevails or not."

"Mona-Lisa" is Found.

Florence, Italy.—"Mona-Lisa," Leonardo Da Vinci's great painting, which was stolen from the Louvre, in Paris, more than two years ago, has been found. It is now in the hands of the Italian authorities and will be returned to France. "Mona-Lisa," or "La Gioconda," as it is more popularly known, the most celebrated portrait of a woman ever painted, has been the object of exhaustive search in all quarters of the globe. The mystery of its abstraction from the Louvre, its great intrinsic value and the strange fascination of the smile of the woman it portrays—Lisa Del Giocondo—have combined to keep alive interest in its recovery.

Defender's Keel Laid at Bristol. Bristol, R. I.—Disregarding the old-time sailors' superstition attaching ill luck to Friday, the hulls of the Vanderbilt syndicate yacht, which is to be a candidate for the ~~winning~~ of the America's Cup, east her keel that day. A little ceremony added interest to the casting of the keel when Miss Agnes Harrahoff, daughter of the designer, tossed into the molten metal several bright new pennies. The coins had been given her for the purpose by Cornelius Vanderbilt and other members of the syndicate.

ORLANDO SHIPS 300 CAR LOADS OF CITRUS FRUIT.

Seventy-Three Went Out From Orange County in One Week—Fruit Has Advanced.

Orlando.—Seventy-three car loads of grapefruit and oranges were shipped out from the packing houses of Orlando during one week, fifty going by the Atlantic Coast line and twenty-three by way of the Seaboard route. It has only been a short time since the shipping season opened, yet during that period there have gone out from this place three hundred car loads, two hundred of this number being carried by the A. C. L., and one hundred by the S. A. L. There was a lull in shipments when prices took a drop, owing to the warm weather.

During the warm weather packers prefer iced cars, as it insures the fruit arriving in better condition, but owing to a scarcity of ice, the railroad officials have been handicapped in fur-

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First State Bank of Clermont, Fla., will be held in the Director's room at 2 o'clock p. m., Jan. 7th., 1913.

C. W. Roe, Cashier.



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South Lake Press Centennial Celebration Calendar of Events

One hundred years ago a newspaper came to life, thus the Clermont Clarion was born. It's kind of hard to imagine the planning to put together and launch a newspaper back in 1913. Imagine the planning that went into how to build a newspaper without today's resources, sell subscriptions, design and layout the news of yester year. To those that solicited and sold advertising to customers in that very first edition must have been excited and filled with trepidation at the same time. It certainly must have been an interesting time needless to say. Today, the South Lake Press still delivers county news covering Clermont, Minneola, Mascotte, Montverde and Groveland.

Now that 2013 is here, there is good reason to celebrate. We're 100 years old and please join us while we celebrate. We have some fun and exciting things planned in 2013 and look to add more scheduled event during the year. Our wish is to serve the community news and information for another 100 years of longevity in print and online.

Kevin D. Austin
Advertising Director

JANUARY

Ann Dupee Remember When...



All 52 South Lake Press editions will continue to feature former Publisher/Owner, Ann Dupee and her flashback of Remember When...Ann will continue to feature stories and events of the past in the Community section starting with today's edition. (Look Inside Today's Paper)

FEBRUARY

100th Celebration FACEBOOK Page



The South Lake Press will create a Facebook page where local residents, individuals and businesses can "like us" share pictures, well wishes, offering comments and finding more South Lake Press and Clermont historical information about the newspaper. Facebook users can invite friends and family that are here locally and or out-of-state to participate all year long during our centennial celebration.

OCTOBER

South Lake Press 100th Birthday Book

South Lake Schoolchildren in grades 4-9 will be invited to draw/paint headlines in celebration of our 100th Centennial Celebration and work with their art teachers to draw historic buildings, etc. or write their own history of South Lake, create a word search and crossword puzzles and



write stories and poems about the historic district. Some of the children's art and writings will also be included in the South Lake Press' 100th Centennial tabloid publishing on December 20th. However this birthday book for kids by kids will centerpiece a scavenger hunt to lead children (and their parents) to many of the historic landmarks or milestones that were or are still in the greater Clermont area. If a child finds all the answers, a prize awaits at several local participating businesses. Five thousand copies of the birthday book will be printed and given out free of charge at the local schools and SL Chamber events for children.

APRIL

100 Years of Photos



We will feature an 8-page pull out section of just photos to showcase progress over the years through a photo spread. Residents are invited to add photos to this fun section. If you have old photos of the buildings, fire departments, officials, family, are invited to contribute any historical photos you have which will be included in the 100 Years of Photos. Some photographs will be printed out and displayed on boards at our December breakfast and could be included in our Time Capsule. A CD of photos will be sold to help raise money for the South Lake Historical Society.

DECEMBER 18TH

South Lake Press Community Birthday Cake Celebration



Residents and local businesses are invited to visit the South Lake Press and enjoy a piece of the 6 ft. birthday cake. The cake will have 100 candles with special candleholders. Businesses, residents, schools, artists and organizations will be invited to get in on the fun by decorating a candleholder to be placed on the cake. Participants can either make the candleholders from scratch or buy one and decorate it themselves. Candles holders will be auctioned off to raise money for the Special Olympics of Lake and Sumter Counties.



Many communities fill and bury time capsules to commemorate milestones. For our Centennial Celebration, time capsules could be filled with essays written by school children about the South Lake Press. Excerpts from the essays could be placed on interpretive panels and placed near the site of the time capsule to attract residents and tourists to the site.

DECEMBER 20TH

South Lake Chamber of Commerce 100th Birthday Breakfast Bash



The South Lake Press will sponsor the December 20, 2013 South Lake Chamber breakfast to celebrate our 100th birthday with all the local Chamber member business community.

DECEMBER 20TH

100th Celebration Tabloid Special Section



As part of our year long celebration will produce a special 100th commemorative tabloid which will showcase timeline milestones in the organization's history and offer a look into the past to see the progression of the paper along with Clermont where you can find more

historical photographs from the past 100 years, along with stories that transformed Clermont. A walk down memory lane will feature past Publishers and more... This special keepsake will be distributed and displayed in paper and distributed at all the area Chambers and other high traffic locations.

This is only a partial list of events planned.

Check the South Lake Press weekly to see what NEW Centennial Events are planned.