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Highland Avenue in Montverde was the last place anyone reported seeing 12-year-old Georgia Jane Crews, who vanished 32 years ago.

New fire truck coming to Clermont

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Clermont will soon be getting a new fire truck to replace an aged one in Station 2 that will continue to serve as a backup.

According to the description of the vehicle, as prepared by Fire Chief Carle Bishop, the fire truck is a 2012 E-One HP 78E Max Aerial that is on hold with Halmark Fire Apparatus Corporation for \$583,000.

Clermont officials unanimously voted to go forward with its purchase Tuesday during 2013's first city council meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

"This is something done only about every 20 years. It's not often a department gets a brand new truck, but I would say the lifespan of this truck is about 20-28 years," said David Kilbury, the Clermont Fire Department's assistant chief of administration.

Kilbury said now that it's approved, the new truck will replace a ladder truck currently assigned to Station 2 in the Hartwood Marsh Area. The old truck, in service since 2005, will then be sent in for preventative maintenance and placed into back-up mode.

"We have no dependable back-up for calls within out three stations, so that will be the role the old truck will step into," Kilbury added.

The new truck, Kilbury said, is longer than the old truck, measuring 78-feet instead of 75-feet, a new feature dictate by updated needs as reported by firefighters.

In addition, the new truck is a pumper truck, equipped with hoses and a water tank used for fighting fires with a built in ladder that can be raised using hydraulics to assist in rescues.

Kilbury said the truck in question is about \$100,000 to \$200,000 more than what a pumper truck or ladder truck might run on its own, but well worth it.

Some pumper trucks that have no ladders also require the use of a freestanding or separate ladder.

"Its not strictly a pumper truck and not strictly a ladder truck," Kilbury said. "It's a pumper truck but it has outriggers that can stabilize the truck and a ladder built right into it that can be raised using hydraulics."

The type of truck on hold is also of benefit

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The necklace that could solve a murder

Evidence may be a break in cold case



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Investigators think they have a new lead in a cold case of a 12-year-old Montverde girl murdered 32 years ago.

A recent review of the case found a photograph of a cross Georgia Jane Crews was wearing when her body was found in a wooded area behind a Seminole County department store a few days after her disappearance. The cross appears to have been made out of motorcycle parts.

Although investigators at the time were told by a friend of the family that the cross belonged to Crews, a follow-up interview with her family has revealed this not to be the case. Investigators now want to know who

made the cross or who owned it, and how it got around the little girl's neck.

"Obviously, I have been in contact and dealing with the family," said Seminole County Det. Robert Jaynes, who is now working the case. "We don't forget about these cases. We are giving it the best we can."

Crews and her family were living on Highland Avenue in Montverde on April 8, 1980, when the girl walked to a nearby convenience store to get a snack before watching her favorite television show. She failed to return by dark, something she never did, and never made it to the store.

By midnight, more than 100 people had joined a massive search that went on through the night and into

the following day. Shoulder to shoulder, they checked the woods and orange groves in the area, and authorities even dragged the bot-

tom of Lake Florence near the family's home.

"There were no clues," Sgt. George Hamner of the Lake County Sheriff's Office said at the time. "There were no tracks or really anything to go by. Nobody saw her get into a car; nobody saw her with anybody."

"This is a small town. Everybody pitched in to try to find her. We did everything we could. We didn't find her."

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REMEMBERING COLTON
Mother's quilts honor memory of her son

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For Linda Mitchell, making quilts for herself and her daughters — Sarah Jordan and Adria Lopez — has not only become of way of grieving for the son she lost two years ago, but also as an outlet for reminiscing about some of the things that brought him joy and happi-

ness while he was living.

That's because the quilts are made from her son Colton Robert Rhine's old T-shirts.

"After Colton passed away, they (my daughters) asked me if I had any personal items of Colton's that they could have to remember him by. Since I have been

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Linda Mitchell holds a quilt she made in honor of her son Colton.

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GUNS AT SCHOOLS

How do you feel about the prospect of top administrators or teachers being able to carry guns at schools?



Whether or not teachers or students would be safe with guns in their possession during school hours is a tippy turvy question. I really don't think it would make the kids safer and could lead to other problems. Students could get ahold of them and although most teachers are nice, some teachers could threaten you (students) with them. I heard a teacher threaten a student with a pocket knife he had in his pocket once to get him to be quiet.

LEAH LONGHORN
CLERMONT



As a retired teacher, I can say I would not have wanted to carry a gun with me to school. I don't know what the solution is; maybe making sure there is only one entrance in and out of schools, but I know I, and many other teachers I knew, would not want to be strapping on a gun every day. I think every teacher would do everything in their power to protect students in any way possible without a gun.

JULIE FIELDING
WEBSTER



I am totally against people carrying guns, except for the protection of their own families at home.

MICHELLE BROWNLEE
WEBSTER



I don't think it would be a positive thing to have teachers or principals with guns at schools. I don't see an issue having armed guards or heightened security but it's not necessary, or a good idea, to have teachers with guns. No matter what the situation is, if a gun is there, it's a potentially deadly situation. Not every person even has the mindset for it. It would kind of be a Pandora's box.

DAN JAMES
CLERMONT



I'm from Canada and sometimes, people there think they are sheltered from horrible crimes but we're not. Don't you think that as bad as the shootings have been (in the U.S.), that they are random acts of horrible violence having been carried out by very sick individuals? I think adding guns to the mix at schools would spur more negativity and violence. I think it's an exaggeration as to what needs to be done and would not provide a solution.

ROD PEELER
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA,
CANADA

QUILTS

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making quilts for years, someone suggested that I make them both a quilt with Colton's old t-shirts," Mitchell said. "It has taken me a while to be able to do the quilts but I am almost done with all three now."

Two years ago, Mitchell experienced something many moms will never have to experience when her 14-year-old son choked to death on a hot dog during his lunch break at East Ridge Middle School in Clermont on June 4, 2010.

Colton had trouble chewing his food because his autism had left him with motor and oral skills problems.

His "brain and mouth didn't connect," Mitchell said previously.

Mitchell said she had a hard time coping with Colton's death.

"It was hard to accept. He survived brain surgery when he was eight, and just to have something senseless like this happen to him ..." Mitchell said.

Making the memorial quilts, however, has become a surprising journey of joy and recovery,

Mitchell said.

"(What happened) is sad but I think making the quilts has given me something to do instead of just sitting here thinking about it. It's helped me through the grieving process. I carefully chose T-shirts that had personal meaning to each of us."

The back of the quilts feature tie-dyed material, an important element to Colton, who loved tie-dyed shirts like the ones he'd made at school.

Mitchell said he son was known for wearing his "tie-dye."

After his passing, East Ridge Middle hosted a "tie-dye day" in honor of Colton.

Mitchell said Colton was buried in one of his favorite die-dyed shirts.

The front squares of each quilt alternate between solids and T-shirt designs including an "In-n-Out Burger" T-shirt on each one. That's because Adria, who worked there, would send Colton a T-shirt every year for Christmas.

Sarah gave her brother a T-shirt from Joe's Crab Shack, where she worked, so a crab shack square is incorporated into the design.

Other T-shirts Colton loved are Spider Man and



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Mitchell holds a completed quilt.

any belonging to the Miracle League — also known as "The Yankees" — a local baseball team for the disabled that he played on.

Pictures Mitchell keeps close by show Colton wearing many of the T-shirts she's sewn onto the quilts.

Mitchell said she will be mailing the quilts within the next few weeks.

During a phone interview from California, Sarah said she can't wait.

"I think having the quilt will kind of represent my brother embracing me; kind of like I will be getting a big hug from him every time I wrap it around me," Sarah said.

"Colton would come visit me at the restaurant when I lived in Florida. Everyone there would have to do a dance when certain

music came on and Colton would get up and dance with me," she said. "When we were at home, he'd tease me and laugh about it and we'd dance together there, too."

Mitchell said she believes the quilts will help all three of them remember Colton in such a way that they will somehow feel his presence and warmth through them.

Sarah said when she looks at the quilts, she will think of Colton wearing his T-shirts and smiling at everyone.

"Colton didn't talk too much, but he was always smiling and laughing. He was known for that and everywhere we went, people would wave and smile at him and say, "Hi, Colton," she said. "We were always surprised at how many people knew him by name."

COLD CASE

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But a family of four did about nine days when took a shortcut from an apartment complex to a K-mart near Casselberry, about 30 miles from Montverde. Crews was found face up in a wooded area, wearing the same dark jeans and blue pullover top she was wearing when she disappeared. The cross and chain were around her neck.

Crews' body was so badly decomposed she could only be identified through medical and dental records, and there was no evidence of a sexual assault. The fifth-grader with long blonde hair and brown eyes had been

stabbed in the back.

Over the years, people have moved from the Highland Avenue area, including potential tipsters and even the Crews family themselves, so Jaynes said the cross is the best lead investigators have gotten in lone time.

"We need to find ownership of the cross," he said. "It was not her cross."

Anyone with any information about the case can call Jaynes at 407-665-6965. His e-mail address is bjaynes@seminolesheriff.org. Anonymous tips can also be made through Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS.

"We need the community's involvement," Jaynes said. "The problem with these cases is people forget about them."

South Lake Briefs

MINNEOLA

New Beginnings 'Quarter Auction' is today

New Beginnings, empowering people to live a responsible life, is hosting a "Quarter Auction" from 7 to 9 p.m., today at the Family Christian Center, 2500 S. U.S. Highway 27 in Clermont to raise funds and food items for local families in need.

Admission is \$4 per person and pre-view seating begins at 6 p.m.

Bring your quarters to the auction and enjoy the fun for a great cause and enjoy refreshments, door prizes and more.

Guests that bring canned or boxed food items will receive one free raffle ticket for every two items.

For information, call New Beginnings at 352-617-8788 or go to www.newbeginnings.org.

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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 Saturday and Sunday 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 alkathyc@juno.com to register.

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South Lake County Biggest Winner Challenge

Chick-fil-A and Performance 360 have combined efforts to offer the 2013 Biggest Winner Challenge to launch South Lake into 1,000 pounds of weight loss in five weeks beginning on Monday.

Entry fee for the challenge is \$99 per person and gives participants access to P360, Saturday group training sessions, and the chance to win \$5,000. No membership is necessary.

The grand finale is planned for Feb. 19 at the Chick-fil-A in Clermont.

To register or for information, call Dusty Slaughter at 806-787-9225 go to www.p360health.com.

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Skin cancer talk at South Lake Hospital

Skin cancer is the topic of discussion at the January Health and Wellness Series from 6 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 21 at the National Training Center, 1935 Don Wickham Dr., in Clermont.

Dermatologist David Allyn, M.D. is the guest for the event.

For information and to register for the free event, call the hospital at 352-394-4071, ext. 4412.

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Reporter Bob Kealing to be guest at the Library

The Cooper Memorial Library will present award winning reporter for WESH 2 News, and author Bob Kealing as he talks about Lake County's connection to a Florida music legend, Gram Parsons from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 19 in room 108 at the Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Dr., in Clermont.

This program will also feature one-time Parson's friend and band-mate Jim Carlton and nationally-known guitarist and recording artist Forest Rodgers. The event is free to the public.

In Calling Me Home, Kealing traces the entire arc of Parson's career, emphasizing his Southern roots, and drawing on dozens of new interviews as well as rare letters and photographs provided by Parson's family and legendary photojournalist Ted Polunbaum.

Books will be available for purchase from Raintree Books and may be signed by the author.

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CLERMONT

Moonlight Players to present 'Spelling Bee'

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Those ready for a little "F-U-N" may want to attend The Moonlight Player's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," a comedy written by William Finn and Rachel Sheinkin.

The show's director, Jan Sheldon — the founder and president of the Moonlight Players Theatre — calls it a comedy filled with lots of musical numbers and a unique twist.

"It's actually like you're in a spelling bee. There are six regular contestants played by the actors and then four contestants that we pull from the audience," Sheldon said. "It's really a crazy little show but so much fun."

"Having the audience members participate in the spelling bee makes it funny too, since they don't know what words they'll be spelling."

The show centers on a (Putnam) county spelling bee following the wins of six quirky adolescent contestants — played by adults in the Moonlight rendition — at their individual schools.

The three adults running the spelling bee in the play are grown-ups who are just as quirky as the adolescent contestants.

"Six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups



who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser," the online description of the play on the theater's website says.

And though laughs are a plenty, Sheldon said the underlying theme of the show is that it's unfolding each student's back story and how they all get to know each other during the spelling bee.

In fact, that very theme is what inspired some of Sheldon's friends to prompt her into choosing this show as her

January directing pick.

"Some of my



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ABOVE RIGHT: Olive Ostrovsky (Joelle Hall), left, Logainne Schwartz and Grubenierre (Chanel Herren), Rona Lisa Perretti (Leesa Hanna) and Marcy Park (Tracy McCoy) perform "I Speak Six Languages" in the Moonlight Player's version of "The 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" in Clermont. **ABOVE LEFT:** Leaf Coneybear (Derek Friend) sings "I'm Not That Smart." **BELOW:** Spelling bee moderator Vice-Principal Douglas Panch (Jeff Lindberg) kicks off the fun.

friends saw the show not too long ago and said, "This is a Jan Musical," she said, explaining that the play has very little sets and is manly "character driven."

Sheldon said that very thing is what she likes best about it.

"At the beginning of the show, the kids don't know each other and the audience doesn't know them either. They are all coming together for the first time at the spelling bee, but you get to know their back stories," Sheldon said. "It's amazing how by the end of the play, you really get to know each of the characters."

In brief, Sheldon said the three adults running the bee are a crazy bunch to start with.

They are Rona Lisa Peretti, the number one Realtor in Putnam County and former Putnam County

Spelling Bee Champion herself, (played by Leesa Hanna); Vice Principal Douglas Panch, (played by Jeff Lindberg), who ends up having to take over as "the word pronouncer" after the original one got sick; and Mitch Mahoney, (played by Ben Judkins) an ex-convict carrying out his community service sentence by being the comfort counselor at the spelling bee, in charge of consoling the children with juice boxes and hugs after they are "out."

The six contestants are kids of various lifestyles, including a girl with two gay dads, a science geek, a boy scout and the third-place winner only there because the first- and second-place winners from his school could not attend after all.

"They each have their own quirks and personalities," Sheldon said.

The student contestants are Olive Ostrovsky, played by Joelle Hall; Willam Barfee, played by Tad Kincade; Logainne Schwartz, played by Chanel

Herren; Marcy Park, played by Tracy McCoy; Leaf Coneybear, played by Derek Friend; and Charlito "Chip" Tonentino, played by Nathan Jesse.

Sheldon said she enjoys both the acting and directing and praised the cast and crew members of all her shows, including this one, which she called, "fantastic."

"They are all so wonderful. I have a great cast. This (spelling bee) is a heavy show musically and I got some great singers," Sheldon said. "I think people are really going to enjoy the show."

The show runs from Jan. 11 through Feb. 10 at the theatre, located at 732 West Montrose Street in Clermont.

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

Showtimes are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

There will be no show on Feb. 3.

For more information or to make reservations, call 352-319-1116 or 352-243-5875 or visit www.moonlightplayers.com.



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Family Christian Center to host 'Survivor' contestant Mike Supkin

Family Christian Center, at 2500 U.S. 27 in Clermont is hosting Mike Supkin, the Australian Outback and runner up on the recent Survivor Philippines, at the church on January 12 and 13.

Supkin will be sharing his inspiring story and will be preaching during the

church's regular services at 6 p.m. on Saturday and during three services at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday. A meet and greet with Supkin at SkyZone will follow the services on Sunday.

For information, call 352-242-1895.

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Used books, CDs and DVDs wanted for library book sale

Friends of Cooper Memorial Library are collecting used books, CDs, and DVDs for the Book Sale Corner at the library and the annual winter book sale to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 15-16 in room 108, at the Cooper

Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Dr. Proceeds from the sale support library programs and the purchase supplies.

Donations can be brought to the library during regular operating hours. No magazines please.

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to the residents of Clermont because it will allow the department to earn more points from the agency that rates the department.

In addition, Kilbury said that usually, when placing an order for a new truck, the production time for it runs about 8-10 months time.

For this truck, however, the department will only have to wait about two or three months

because the truck is currently in Indiana being used as a demo for the company which builds and sells them.

"That's a good incentive for us since we'll be able to get it here and out on calls in no time. I can just imagine what a beauty it will be," he said.

In Bishop's original request, the truck — at the \$583,000 cost — came out to be \$15,000 under the original \$598,000 that had been budgeted for a new vehicle.

"This purchase has been delayed far too long. Now is

the time. We must keep our fire department well equipped, said Councilman Ray Goodgame in an email.

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BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR MINNEOLA ELEMENTARY CHARTER BOARD MEMBERS: 5 p.m., Minneola Elementary School, 320 East Pearl St., Minneola.

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SOUTH LAKE HIGH SCHOOL SAC MEETING: 6:30 p.m. in the culinary arts room. Call 352-394-2100.

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OUR VOICE

Animal services
needs attention

MAKE A CHOICE:

County commissioners must decide whether to revamp the Animal Services division and mend its fiscal fences, or take the advice of an audit and privatize the service and have someone else do the job properly.

Lake County's Animal Services Division apparently is in the dark about the whereabouts of pets, to whom they belong and how much to charge to keep them licensed.

While that may be overstating the case just slightly, an internal audit of the division revealed the county is missing out on hundreds of thousands of dollars per year.

The audit stated that pet licensing laws are not being followed and the county doesn't charge enough when pet owners do comply.

The audit states: "The county could receive \$455,864 in additional revenue annually if licensure laws are reasonably complied with and if the rates are comparable with other counties. Currently, Lake County has a 6.5 percent licensure rate based on licensable pet estimates, which means 93.5 percent of dogs and cats in Lake County are not licensed, even though all are required to have a license under the county ordinance."

Pet owners can't be blamed for this mess, according to the audit.

Animal control officers notify owners with a warning that their pets lack current rabies vaccinations or licensing. Owners are then given 10 days to comply.

"The current practice of only issuing warnings provides little or no incentive for owners to obtain licenses," the audit states.

County commissioners will have to decide what to do with the division during budget workshops in July.

County Manager David Heath said he wants to discuss raising fees, which are lower than most surrounding counties. The division receives \$66,609 a year in revenue from license fees; its budget this year is more than \$1.6 million.

While officials have a solid grip on the county's numerous other fiscal challenges, the Animal Services department appears to have slipped away unnoticed and unattended.

Commissioners have some choices: Revamp the division and mend its fiscal fences; or take the audit's advice, privatize the service and have someone else do the job properly.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cutting Social Security
COLAs is bad politics

They say elections have consequences. The voters have spoken but is Congress listening?

As the president and Congress negotiate the next budget, some in Congress are pushing for cuts in the annual cost of living increases for Social Security. These cuts look pretty small at first but they really add up.

Over the first year, the reduction in benefits would total about \$130 per year for a typical 65-year-old. By the time that senior reaches 95, the annual cut in benefits will be almost \$1,400.

The year-over-year effect of these reductions means that Social Security's oldest beneficiaries get hurt the most. Given how much food, fuel and health care cost, the notion of trimming our annual increases shows that some in Washington are out of touch with the average senior.

The only discussion about the COLA should be about how to make it more in line with seniors' spending needs.

NANCY HURLBERT | Leesburg

It's time, Americans, to
throw off the republic!

The monarchy had failed. The Americans felt it was their right and their duty to throw off such government and to provide new secure government of the people and by the people. The revolution was fought and won by common people.

Then the oligarchy took over. The politicians saw a chance to seize power over the people and took it. They gave us a Republic — a government for the people. This is a dictatorship with certain limitations but controlled by the oligarchy, the rich. It has ruled America for 223 years.

It is time America! Exercise your right; do your duty! Throw off the Republic; it has failed. You can provide a pure dictatorship or a pure democracy, a government of the people and by the people.

Put it on a ballot and have a special election of all the people.

In 1776 the common man chose to fight, and maybe die, to get a change. Can we do any less today?

VERNON HALL | Umatilla

School board continues to
fail to address impact fees

Congratulations to the Lake County Schools for three of its high schools achieving an "A" rating. Finally!

Further congratulations are appropriate for Lake schools, all of which exceeded the state graduation rate of 74.50.

With East Ridge High School leading with a graduation rate of 86.32 and the lowest going to Umatilla High School's 75.88, educational achievement is on the rise for Lake County public school students, parents, staff and volunteers.

Dragging these achievement down is that the school board has consistently been conflicted about who it was elected to champion: the school fami-



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David Hope, center, fixed route coordinator for Lake County's Public Transportation division discusses LakeXpress bus service with South Lake County representatives who worked in 2011 to add bus service along State Road 50 from Clermont to Mascotte.

Let's grow, not cut, public transportation

On Dec. 18, the Lake County Commission held a public budget hearing about transportation. Commissioners reported facing stark budget considerations and the need to make cuts throughout the budget.

As Lake County continues to grow, and as we look for ways to reduce unemployment and boost the economy, a logical course of action is to build and expand an inadequate transportation system, not look for opportunities to make cuts.

On the chopping block were several transportation options that will affect our community, and especially those who have no other means of affordable transportation such as those with visual impairments.

As a representative of New Vision for Independence, the local agency serving the blind and visually impaired, I was present at this meeting to learn about plans for the future of Lake County's public transportation. I was impressed by Commissioner Welton Cadwell raising the question, "Are additional revenue sources being considered?"

in conjunction or in place of cuts. When he asked the question, the other commissioners didn't have an answer, as though they hadn't considered every possible option.

This is complex issue deserving of a well-planned, multipronged solution, which may include community partnerships, new or raised taxes, increased transit fares, partnerships with municipalities, exploring and implementing opportunities to cut costs, and negotiating contracts with other transit providers.

Simply cutting expenses is short-sighted and has negative impacts on the community.

Unless you have needed public transit only to find it wasn't available to you, you can't appreciate the frustration, lack of independence, and powerlessness that further cuts to public transportation would have on those who need it most.

I implore the Lake County Commission, residents, and potential consumers of public transportation to explore all options.

Let's grow, not cut, our public transportation system.

Chantel Buck is executive director of New Vision for Independence, Inc., in Leesburg.

ly and current residents or the home-building industry.

The board has refused to collect all the money it legally can and has a responsibility to collect. It has refused to recommend to the county commission that it receive all the impact fee money to which it is entitled, and has failed several times — thanks to the failure of the Legislature to meet its obligation to fund education adequately — to support a modest increase in ad valorem (real property) taxes to keep our investment in school plants safe, well-maintained and functional.

How many parents would refuse to provide all the money they could for assisting their children, students and future leaders? Why let the school board

get away with it? Money does not solve every problem but, then, neither does the lack thereof.

Keep up the excellent work students, parents, staff and volunteers; now, convince the board to do the job it was elected to do or should have been elected to do.

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VETERANS

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CLERMONT

Club gets \$15K from Gamez Foundation

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school with plans for the future. Our mission is to help that happen by making sure our programs are in accordance with that."

Foundation president Denise Cullen presented the check last month. She said she believed the foundation's goals were similar to the club's.

"It's one thing to know where the money is going, but to get a chance to see who it is actually going to be effecting is nice," she said.

In its third year, the club, which shares space with the First United Methodist Church in Clermont, provides afterschool care for children.

Club director Tracy Jones said the local club uses programs supported by the Boys and Girls Club of America.

The director is Tracy Jones and the programs taught to the children are part of the national programs as supported by

Williams said the club relies on donations. "No money, no mission."



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Denise Cullen, president of the Gamez Foundation and standing to the right of the check, presented the check to the Boys and Girls Club South Lake Unit recently.

CLERMONT

Man airlifted after crashing into tractor

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Spokesperson Capt. Jon Johnson said the driver of a tractor pulled out in front of the van in an attempt to make a left turn when he was struck.

The crash, Johnson said, happened at the intersection of State Road 50 and Disston Avenue.

The driver of the tractor was traveling south.

"The driver of the tractor was cited for violation of right of way and was not injured," Johnson wrote in an email.

Following the crash, Clermont police took measurements at the scene as part of a preliminary investigation.

nary investigation.

By mid afternoon however, the investigation was suspended after the condition of the man at ORMC was upgraded to stable, an update from the PD said.

Sgt. Rene Castro, of the Clermont PD, reported the

crash, but did not witness it.

Westbound traffic at the intersection earlier in the day was blocked and rerouted.

The names of the drivers involved in the crash were not released by Clermont PD officials before press time Wednesday.

A man in his 70s, driving a van, was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center in critical condition after crashing into a tractor in Clermont early Wednesday.

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BUSHNELL

Re-enactors bring battle to life

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Thousands of visitors were treated to an up-close view of the Second Seminole War on Saturday, courtesy of more than 100 re-enactors at Dade's Battlefield Park in Bushnell.

With some attired in U.S. sky-blue field and artillery uniforms and others in Seminole regalia, the two sides clashed, firing both muskets and cannons to bring the war back to life in a 45-minute battle.

The show is part of this weekend's 33rd annual Dade's Battle Re-enactment and Trade Fair.

"It's an entertaining way to look at history up close," said George Scott, a 1800s battlefield re-enactor who plays the American detachment's commander, Maj. Francis L. Dade.

The two-day event continues today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the battle reenactment at 2 p.m.

The event includes Seminole, soldiers and civilian camps, historic arts and demonstrations of crafts and the various items on display and for sale — including animal skins, axes, toy frogs, bear traps, medicine bags, and arrows.

The camps create a living history, where primitive trades such and knit-

ting and blacksmiths can be seen as they were in the early 19th century.

Steven Estenson, a Fruitland Park resident, demonstrated a blacksmith's ornamental work on Saturday, and a row of visitors marveled at his skill.

"This was a great trade to have back then," said Estenson, as one piece he worked on reached 400 degrees.

The historic site, located off I-75 and State Road 48, west of U.S. Highway 301 in Sumter County, preserves the Second Seminole War battlefield. When the "battle" began, thousands of spectators came to their feet to watch, with some voicing their appreciation.

According to Scott and a Dade Battlefield Society website, the battle began on Dec. 28, 1835, when a column of 107 soldiers led by Maj. Dade were moving from Fort Brooke in Tampa to Fort King — the present-day Ocala — to provide reinforcements to the garrison there. The American force was eager to force the Seminoles off their land and onto reservations. Any pretext would do.

But before Dade's troops could make it to Fort King, they were ambushed by about 180 Seminole warriors at what is now called the Dade Battlefield. The soldiers, including Dade,



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ABOVE: Indian warriors from right, Mathew and John Griffin prepare to attack an American force at the Dade's Battle Re-enactment and Trade Fair on Saturday in Bushnell. The Griffins say they've been re-enactors for about 10 years. BELOW: Seminole re-enactors pause after the battle to look at the dead soldiers. In the actual battle, only 2 Americans survived the attack.

were massacred and the Second Seminole War had begun.

On Saturday, "Maj. Dade" can be heard telling his men of the danger and giving them a pep talk that was followed by the sound of cries and howls from the Indians, who were hidden under the oaks by heavy brush.

Dade, on a horse, would be the first to fall. The Seminoles would retreat, only to come back. Only six of the Seminoles died.

Only two soldiers survived including Pvt. Ransom Wilson, played by Kent Low, whose ghost narrates the story for the crowd.



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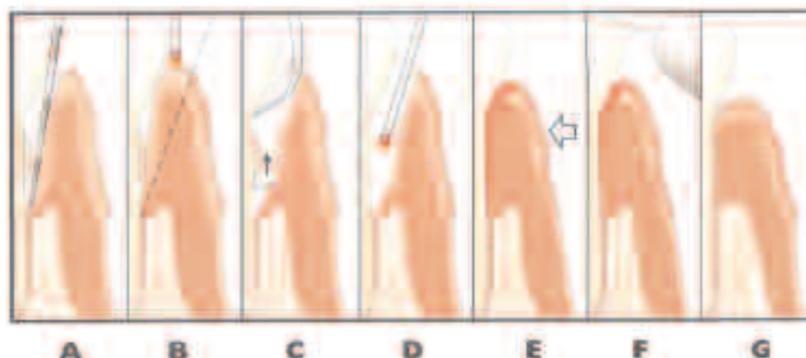
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CLERMONT

Cops arrest boy, 17, in robbery

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HOEL

An armed robbery suspect apparently picked the wrong time to telephone a man he had just robbed.

A 17-year-old boy was arrested on armed robbery charges after using a cell phone to call the victim — who was in the middle of giving police details on the robbery.

Capt. Jon Johnson, Clermont police spokesman, said investigators were able to use data from the call to track the suspect to his home and arrest him.

Both the teen, who has not been identified due to his age, and accomplice Preston Hoel, 18, were charged with armed robbery.

According to police, the victim said he was walking in a parking lot near Publix Super Market at Citrus Tower Village in Clermont in the early morning of Dec. 29 when he was approached by a pick-up with two people inside.

He said he gave them

money after both suspects said they would shoot him if he refused.

Johnson said the victim's cell phone rang during an interview with police, with the teen suspect on the other end. The phone was placed on speaker so the officers could hear. The caller said he wanted to meet with the victim at Waterfront Park in Clermont to "settle this."

"It was the investigative lead we needed," Johnson said.

Johnson said officers and Lake County Sheriff's dispatch were able to identify and track the suspect's cell phone to a home on West Osceola Street, where officers made contact with the juvenile suspect and took him into custody.

Johnson said Hoel turned himself in Sunday.

Neither the firearm nor the victim's money were recovered.

Late-night bust yields guns, cash and drugs

MINNEOLA

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Lake County sheriff's deputies found vacuum bags full of marijuana Wednesday during what they said was a random stop of a vehicle that landed two Wildwood men in jail.

The arrest came after the deputies had to deploy spike sticks across the road to stop the fleeing vehicle, which caused it to crash, and then used a stun gun to stop one of the men from running away.

Dijua Darnell Hicks, 24, and Derek Bernard Grady, 29, were arrested on various marijuana charges, including possession with intent to distribute, as well as resisting arrest.

Hicks also was charged with reckless driving and Grady with possession of a firearm by a felon.

According to an arrest affidavit, a deputy said he spotted a 2002 Cadillac Escalade pick-up truck traveling south on U.S. Highway 27 in Minneola about 1:30 a.m.

Wednesday and decided to randomly run the license tag.

The deputy said after it was discovered the tag had expired, he tried to stop the truck as it made a left turn on County Road 561.

But the truck refused to stop, so a second deputy threw spike sticks — a tire deflation device — across the road in front of the truck.

The sticks caused the truck's right front tire to tear apart and the vehicle crashed into a ditch.

A surveillance camera on a deputy's dash board recorded three occupants fleeing the truck on foot, including Grady who appeared to be carrying a blue bag.

The report states Hicks stopped running after a deputy pulled out his stun gun.



HICKS



GRADY

Grady was found hiding in some trees, and a 9 mm gun in a blue bag was found nearby.

The third man got away.

The report states the truck reeked of marijuana, which led to a search where deputies found a black duffle bag with seven smaller bags of what was later determined to be marijuana — four packed in vacuum bags — as well as the ends of several smoked blunts that totaled about 1.7 pounds.

Deputies said they also found more than \$3,117 in cash on Hicks and \$248 in cash on Grady.

The report adds text messages and notes on Grady's iPhone showed details of drug dealings, including a list of who owed money.

Deputies said both men have long criminal records of drug convictions and were recently released from prison.

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CLERMONT | SCIENCE FAIR



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Parents and students take part in one of the vendor exhibits at the Science Fair at Lost Lake Elementary School on Dec. 13, with 50 teachers and more than 300 students and parents in attendance. Participants enjoyed a food and dessert truck, as well as 16 exhibitors from the community, East Ridge High School and East Ridge Middle instructors and students, Lake Sumter State College professors and students, special guests from the University of Florida, as well as county and state agencies.

CLERMONT

5 sought in cash scam

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A ring of thieves, including a woman on an electric scooter, allegedly used counterfeit cash to purchase more than \$6,200 worth of goods from a Clermont Walmart in the days leading up to Christmas.

Clermont police said five people entered the 1450 Johns Lake Road business between 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 23 and 12:38 a.m. on Dec. 24, and bought mostly gift cards and phone cards with fake \$5, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills — using the same cashier.

The gift cards were mostly in \$75, \$100 and \$500 increments, some Visas and some for Walmart, totaling \$6,210.

On Christmas Eve, a counting machine apparently alerted store officials to the

fake money.

According to an investigative report, video surveillance recorded the purchases being made by the five people, including a woman who maneuvered around the store on an electric scooter.

The unidentified cashier told investigators she didn't know the money was counterfeit and she didn't recognize the people who gave her the bills.

Police spokesman Capt. Jon Johnson said the cashier, who since has been fired by Walmart, has not been ruled out as a suspect. The case remains under investigation and an "Intelligence Bulletin" has been put out to other agencies.

"(We're) still waiting to hear back from other law enforcement agencies if they have had anything similar," Johnson said on Wednesday.

MINNEOLA

Police arrest man sought in murder, molestation

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A 67-year-old Lake Wales man with a violent background, wanted for questioning in a Polk County murder case and on charges of sexually battering a juvenile, was captured Thursday in Minneola.

Larry Joe Futrill was considered "armed and dangerous" when he was taken into custody by the Lake Wales police and U.S. Marshals Service. He was found walking on the side of a Minneola road Thursday afternoon after

investigators learned he was in the area, said Lake Wales Deputy Police Chief Troy Schulze.

Investigators thought Futrill had fled to Alabama and tried to alter his appearance by cutting his hair.

Shulze said Futrill was arrested without incident. He was taken to the Polk County Sheriff's Office where he was questioned about the murder of William Macauley, who was gunned down in the early hours of Dec. 19 at a home in Laurel Mobile Home Park in Lake Wales. Shulze said Friday that

Futrill has not been charged in the murder, but is being held on active warrants for three counts of sexual battery on a juvenile victim.

Records show he has been arrested multiple times in Polk County for aggravated assault, aggravated battery, battery, assault/intimidation, burglary and driving under the influence.



FUTRILL

CLERMONT | PASTFINDERS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Pastfinders Genealogical Society of South Lake celebrated its Christmas dinner at Sanctuary Ridge Golf Club in Clermont enjoying a memorable panoramic view and room for all to dine and enjoy. The group meets at the Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Dr., Clermont. For information call the library at 352-536-2275.

SOUTH LAKE | TOMOKA CHAPTER



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Scott Bushnell gave a program about the Signers of the Declaration of Independence to the Tomoka Chapter of D.A.R. group at the January meeting. Bushnell is the Lake Sumter Chapter President and the North Central Region vice president of Sons of the American Revolution. He is also the webmaster for the state website and six chapter websites. Pictured with Bushnell is Carolyn Darling, Regent of the Tomoka Chapter.

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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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IN MEMORY

OBITUARIES

Lottie Lee Climer

Lottie Lee Climer, age 74, of Montverde, Florida, passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2012, after courageously and gracefully battling illnesses for several years. The celebration service of Lottie Climer's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at her beloved First Baptist Church of Montverde, 17409 8th Street, Montverde, Florida. Pastors Jonathan Wittingham and Don Knight of First Baptist Church of Montverde will be officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday evening, January 4, 2013, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, 428 East Plant Street, Winter Garden, Florida. Burial will follow the celebration service at Highland Memorial Gardens, 3329 East Semoran Boulevard, Apopka, Florida. Service arrangements are being handled by Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home. Lottie Lee Climer was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 1, 1938. She was one of nine children. She is survived by two of her sisters. Lottie was married to Melvin Climer on September 22, 1979; they were married 31 years. Lottie was actively involved in her church, First Baptist Church of Montverde, until the time of her passing. She enjoyed cooking, sewing and taking care of others. She spent much time with her precious dog, Missy, who she loved greatly. Her loving husband, Melvin Climer, precedes Lottie in death. Lottie is survived by her sons, Dennis K. Smith (Cindy) of Tavares, Florida and Steven W. Smith of Orlando, Florida, daughters, Sharon R. Garl (Brian) of Smyrna, Tennessee, Vicki Johnson (Harry) of Burns, Tennessee and Tonya Rice (Jay) of Winter Garden, Florida and stepdaughters, Rosella Climer (Marty Tate) of Durand, Michigan and Lenora Acord (Tom) of Durand, Michigan. Seventeen (17) loving grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild also survive Lottie. Her dear friend, Dorothy Kuhlman of Montverde, Florida, who is family to Lottie and her children, survives her. Lottie left behind a host of friends and will be missed greatly by her very close church family and friends, who are celebrating her faith and are looking forward to seeing her again in heaven. Lottie loved flowers and her church very much. If you wish to make memorial donations in lieu of flowers, donations may be given to First Baptist Church of Montverde, P. O. Box 560134, Montverde,

Florida 34756.

Alfred Amos Miller

Alfred Amos Miller, 89, of Groveland, died Monday December 24, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. Alfred was born on March 24, 1923 in Oran, NY, the son of Raymond and Lillian (nee Anderson) Miller. He was a retired dairy farmer and had resided in South Lake for the past 40 years. Alfred is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eudora; children, Virginia of Mt. Dora, Lillian of Groveland, Ronald of Cottageville, SC, June of Davis, OK, Alfred R. of Groveland, and Gary of Yalaha; 22 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his 3 brothers and 1 sister.

Saturday, January 5, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla, Florida.

Dolores Rose "Dee" Kocak

Dolores Rose "Dee" Kocak, 77, of Altoona, died Sunday, January 2, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Lawrence Krupa

Lawrence Krupa, 67, of Wildwood, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Wilbur Love

Wilbur Love, 81, of Wildwood, passed away Friday, January 4, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Santiago Macaya

Santiago Macaya, 74, of The Villages, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Carolyn Faye Phillips

Carolyn Faye Phillips, 66, of Mount Dora, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

James W. "Butch" Potts, Jr.

James W. "Butch" Potts, Jr., 69, of Grand Island, died Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors.

William J. McCullough

William J. McCullough, 88, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory, Leesburg.

George Frank Murphy

George Frank Murphy, 77, of paisley, died January 7, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Euratha G. Reynolds

Euratha G. Reynolds, 75, of Leesburg, died Friday, December 28, 2012. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Sandra Lee Simmons

Sandra Lee Simmons, 69, of Leesburg, died, Wednesday, January 3, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory.

Donald L. Treible

Donald L. Treible, 82, of Leesburg, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

Noretha Williams

Noretha Williams, 60, of Wildwood, died on Saturday, December 29, 2012. Anderson-Hence Funeral Home, Wildwood.

Louise Collins Wilkes

Louise Collins Wilkes, 84, of Mount Dora, died Friday, January 4, 2013. Allen J. Harden Funeral Home, Mount Dora, FL.

Robert A. Wochley

Robert A. Wochley, 86, of Leesburg, died Wednesday, January 2, 2012. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

DEATH NOTICES

Mildred B. Addington

Mildred B. Addington, 87, of Wildwood, died on Friday, January 4, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Beulah Barnhill

Beulah Barnhill, 89, of Frostproof, passed away Saturday, January 5, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Larry Lavon Branch

Larry Lavon "Catfish" Branch, 71, of Safety Harbor, died Thursday, January 3, 2013. Purcell Funeral Home.

Harlod Calhon

Harold Calhon, 59, of Umatilla, died Monday, January 7, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Benjamin John Cauley

Benjamin "Benny" John Cauley, 61, of Fruitland Park, died Thursday, January 3, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home.

Jessie T. "Nita" Cauley

Jessie T. "Nita" Cauley, 85, of Tangerine, died Sunday, January 6, 2013. Harden / Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis, Florida.

Donald D. Coffey

Donald D. Coffey, 67, of Eustis, died Saturday, January 5, 2013. Harden / Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis, Florida.

Alfred Frieddrich, Jr.

Alfred Friedrich, Jr., 85, of Daytona Beach, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Leo Haskell

Leo Haskell, 94, of Leesburg, passed away Friday, January 4, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

William G. "Bill" Irons

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CLERMONT | HOLIDAYS AT THE VILLAGE



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The South Lake County Historical Society would like to thank everyone who made Holidays at the Village in Clermont a wonderful success and announces the winners of the room decorating contest at the villages. First place went to Finders Keepers for the kitchen in the Townsend House (pictured above). Second place was awarded to the Kiwanis Club with the Boys & Girls Club for decorating the left side of the Cooper Memorial Library. The South Lake Junior Woman's Club received third place for decorations in the bathroom in the Townsend House and the Clermont Woman's Club received an Honorable Mention for its decorations on the porch of the Cooper Memorial Library. For information about the Historical Society go to www.southlakehistoricalsociety.com, or call Dodie King, Historic Village manager, at 352-593-8496. Monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Depot in the Historic Village.

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MASCOTTE

Stocked with in western wear, square dancing attire

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After more than 35 years in the Mascotte community, Virginia's Western Wear saw a shift in leadership when owner Virginia Hyrons died two years ago.

That's when, to keep the business going, son Chuck Drawdy, had the business incorporated. He has continued to provide members of the community with their every need when it comes to western and square-dancing wear.

"This was always my mother's dream since the start and I wanted to keep it alive," said Drawdy, an Army veteran (CW2) who flew Huey helicopters for 16 years.

Prior to Wes and Virginia Hyrons moving to its current location at 947 East Myers Boulevard (State Road 50) in Mascotte, Virginia's Western Wear could be found at the other end of the Rainbow Restaurant for 15 years — first getting its start at the Groveland Flea Market (no longer in operation).

"This is the only full-line square dance store left in the state of Florida that I know of," Drawdy said. "I get people special ordering from places in Florida like Miami, Pensacola and Jacksonville, and from out of state from as far as Nebraska and Minnesota.

"Square dancing is big in Europe, probably from our military bases. We had 16 German dancers show up one day when they were here for the attractions."

At Virginia's Western Wear, customers will find western wear for infants on up to women's and men's clothing. There are jeans and cowboy shirts in stock, as well as hunt-



ROXANNE BROWN / SOUTH LAKE PRESS

Chuck Drawdy, the owner of Virginia's Western Wear in Mascotte, prides himself in the selection he offers in Western attire for children, women and men, along with an extensive line of Western-style boots, work boots and clothing, camouflage, purses, jewelry, belts, saddles, Wrangler® jeans and official square-dance attire and shoes.

ing and square-dance attire.

Virginia's Western Wear carries styles from all the most popular brands including Wrangler®, Bucked Up®, Liberty wear®, Ely Cattleman®, Stetson and Bailey® hats. In fact, Drawdy said the newest in camouflaged fashions — green, pink and snow — from Wilderness Dreams® are available in lingerie, swimwear and lounge-wear.

Perhaps the great selection, however, comes in the way of boots — Ariat®, Justin®, Tony Lama®, Dan Post®, John Deere® and Durango® to name a few.

Virginia's Western Wear also carries work boots, hats and camouflage clothing.

Traditional square-dance attire is also always available, something Drawdy said is much appreciated by the people striving to keep the American tradition alive.

The store had a stock liquidation sale this past summer to get rid of older lines the

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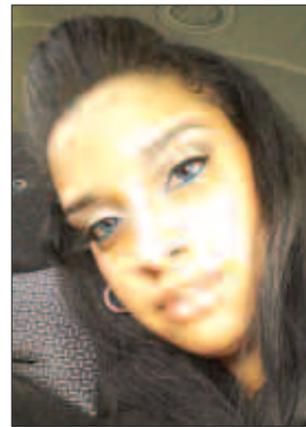
store has carried to make room for all the newest trends.

"Square dancing is an American tradition but it's getting to be where the older people who are into it are not accepting of the younger people and their new traditions. In turn, the younger people are not connecting with the older tradition and, therefore, not continuing it," Drawdy said, adding that he

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Meet Your NEIGHBOR

YOLANDA MEDINA



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■ **OCCUPATION:** I am a full-time mother.

What do you enjoy most about South Lake County?

I enjoy the hills the most, and coming from a loud and busy city, I truly enjoy the quietness and peacefulness.

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

Hardship often prepares an ordinary person for an extraordinary destiny.

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?

My brother. He recently had to undergo surgery and took longer then expected to recover. Because of this, he was fired. He is married with three children and is the only source of income. Through this time of hardship he has remained positive and has kept speaking faith. Until this day he has not given up. He still strives to succeed and be a provider

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FROM THE FILES | 26 YEARS AGO — 1987

Reliving history through the pages of the South Lake Press



LONGTIME SOUTH LAKE PRESS PUBLISHER DIES

George Hubbard Dupee Jr., publisher, editorial writer and co-owner of the *South Lake Press* for 19 years with his wife, Ann, died Jan. 4 at Orlando Regional Medical Center of cancer.

He was a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., and served out the remainder of World War II in the Merchant Marine. He served as navigator during the Korean War aboard a U.S. Navy ammunition ship. Following the war he joined the *Wall Street Journal* advertising staff in San Francisco and retired as advertising manager of the Eastern Edition, based in New York City.

The Dupees purchased the

South Lake Press on Jan. 1, 1968. Clermont was just beginning talk of building a sewer system, and State Road 50 was a two-lane highway. Between Clermont and the Orange County line the Department of Transportation established a third lane "poor boy" highway, much to Dupee's chagrin.

In 1971 he ran a petition directed at the Department of Transportation to have S.R. 50 four-laned from Orange County to Sumter County. He assembled 841 petitions that were presented in front of the Orlando TV stations to the Florida director of DOT.

This effort, along with the support of the Lake County legislative delegation, brought the Lake County highway situation to

DOT's attention. In 1986 the next to last leg was completed between Clermont and Groveland.

There is still a stretch not completed that is west of Mascotte to the Sumter County line.

An unusual situation existed in South Lake County for some residents who live in Lake but have telephone service from Orange County. This meant they must make long distance calls from their homes to Lake County schools, doctors, local businesses, etc. Dupee looked into this and the county commissioners have submitted a request to the Florida Public Service Commission that all people in South Lake County have free phone service in our area.

Dupee's latest concern was the

consolidation of Clermont and Groveland high schools. He began to seriously address the issue about a year ago and found, that at this point in time, consolidation might bring a higher quality and broader scope of education to South Lake County students.

Dupee was 1970 Clermont Chamber of Commerce president, 1972 president of Lake County Goodwill, and was an active member of Green Valley Country Club.

OFFICIALS DETAIL THE STATE OF COUNTY AND CITY

Lake County Commissioner Claude Smoak gave a "State of the County" address to Clermont

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LEESBURG

Commissioners pick interim city manager

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Leesburg's public works director has been tapped by city commissioners to serve as interim city manager.

Ray Sharp, a 27-year city government veteran who has been in Leesburg the last 10 years, was given a 15-percent pay increase and car allowance to lead the city during the next few months as commissioners begin the search for a new city manager.

Sharp will be filling in for Jay Evans, who has resigned for another position in Tennessee. Evans' last day will be Jan. 18.

"It was unexpected," Sharp said of being chosen Monday night as interim city manager. "It will be an interesting time, a challenging time, and I look forward to it. I especially appreciate the vote from the commis-

sion and the vote of confidence. It felt very good to hear that."

Sharp started his career in public works in Altamonte Springs. He also served in Minneola for a couple of years before coming to Leesburg.

Commissioner John Christian suggested Sharp for the interim city manager position, and the other commissioners agreed Sharp was the ideal candidate for the transition period.

"Ray will lead us in the right direction," said Commissioner Bill Polk. "And choosing a new city manager, I hope, will be a very, very pinpoint deal. We need to pick the right guy, the right woman, or the right person. Leesburg has so many good qualities here



SHARP

that we haven't even discovered yet."

The city commissioners also discussed hiring an executive search firm to do the advertising and screening for the top candidates for the city manager position.

Christian said using a professional headhunter will keep politics out of the process.

"We decide as a city council what kind of manager we are looking for and they bring in the candidates from all over the country and they do the background work," Christian said of the firm researching candidates' past jobs and work issues.

The typical fee to hire an executive search firm can run between \$20,000 to \$24,000, the commissioners were told.

Commissioner Jay Hurley said he understands some residents may question the cost of hiring an executive search firm.

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hopes to do all he can to bridge the gap and spread the joy of square dancing.

"There are people who will travel hours for the opportunity to participate. They'll go all the way to Geneva for lessons, and will drive to Orlando and to The Villages based square-dancing clubs," he said.

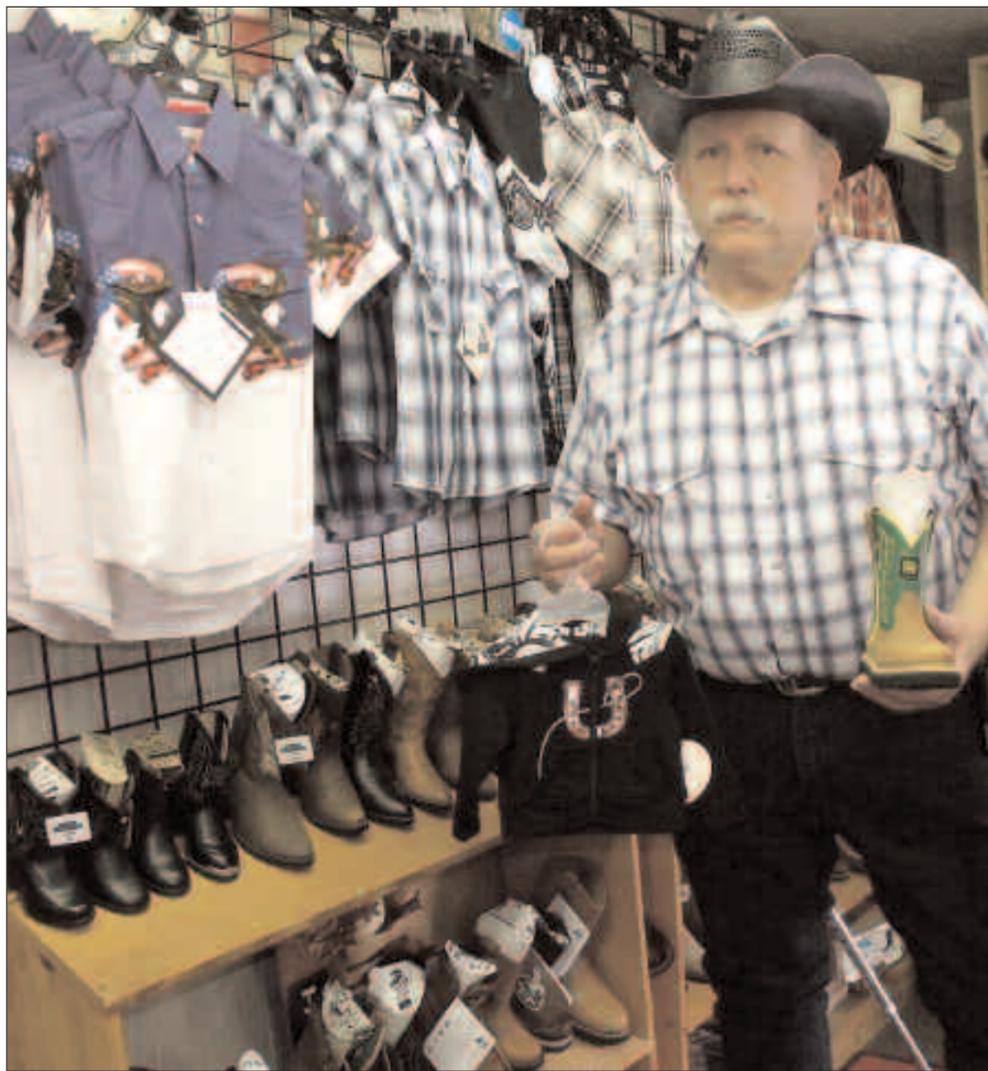
Some of those clubs require traditional square-dance attire.

"We don't want square dancing to end up a lost art," Drawdy said. "It's pretty cool, too. It's like cowboy karaoke and every caller's phrase during the dance's accompanying song means a movement. That's why it's so fun."

Drawdy said he and his staff attend special events, hoedowns and conventions to bring the latest trends in the market to the gatherings. Nevertheless, since he considers his business a family owned and operated specialty store, he makes sure to treat his customers as family.

After all, he said, it's the customers who have helped keep not only the store and the tradition of square dancing going strong.

"We have set up at the Florida State Ranch rodeo finals in the Silver Spurs Arena, and are looking for other opportunities to attend. We also set up at the Sumter County Beef and Boogie Festival, Bushnell's Fall Festival, and will be at the Winterfest Square Dance in Lakeland soon, so we have gone mobile, too."



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Owner Chuck Drawdy shows some of the extensive inventory of children's clothes and boots you can find at Virginia's Western Wear in Mascotte.

HISTORY

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Kiwanis. In years past, Lake County produced more citrus products than the state of California. But since the winter of 1983 delivered its "Christmas present" of a killer freeze, Smoak said 140,000 acres of real estate have been made available for some other use.

Paging through a copy of a recent report from the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Smoak noted that Lake County is an exception to almost every trend cited. There are fewer preschool children in Lake County now than in 1960 despite a doubling of the population. Sixty-two percent of building permits issued are for mobile home developments.

Clermont Mayor Bob Pool delivered a "State of the City" address, citing University of Florida population statistics.

Pool said the actual population within the city has only increased by 653 residents to a total of 6,114 since 1980. The major impact on the city has been from new residents living in developments around the city.

The budget exceeds \$2.7 million this year.

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for his family.

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

In November my husband and I volunteered at our church (Cathedral of Power), which gave away 400 turkeys and fed the homeless Thanksgiving dinner. We also provided toys for 106 children at Southlake Headstart for Christmas.

Name one of your greatest accomplishments so far.

Helping someone less fortunate than myself and leading a good life

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

I've always wanted to travel outside of the country, trying new foods and seeing different cultures.

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

Get involved! There are many events always going on in South Lake. Search on the web, ask your church how you can help, write a letter to local elected officials encouraging them for making good decisions for the community.

PLUS TEN By Steve Savoy / Edited by Will Shortz

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Sports Briefs

MINNEOLA

Lake Minneola team holding baseball tryouts

The Lake Minneola Baseball 7th grade spring feeder team will be conducting tryouts at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Minneola Athletic Complex.

Players should be helmets, mitts and bats. Tryouts should last no longer than two hours.

For information, call coach Chris Tibbetts at 352-552-3238.

CLERMONT

City offers tennis lessons for children and adults

The city of Clermont will begin winter tennis classes for children age 7-14 years old at 6 p.m. on Monday.

Each 4-week session will be taught at Palatlahaka Park on 12th Street, just south of State Route 50.

Adult classes (4 weeks each) will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and will be held at Lake Felter Park on Johns Lake Road, next to Lost Lake Elementary School.

Fee for each 4-week session is \$35.

Call the city of Clermont Recreation Department at 352-241-7352 for information.

CLERMONT

Soccer tryouts to be held Jan. 28-31

The Clermont FC Soccer Club will hold tryouts at Hancock Field on Hancock Road from 6-8 p.m., on Jan. 28-31. Tryouts are open to player from 9 to 19 years of age.

Clermont FC teams will compete in the Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League.

For information, visit www.clermontfc.com or call 407-610-1485.

EUSTIS

Golf tournament to benefit football program

The Eustis High School football team will hold its first golf tournament to help raise funds for the program.

The tournament is scheduled to begin with a shotgun start at 9 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Black Bear Golf and Country Club in Eustis.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. the day of the tournament.

A two-year lease 2013 Buick Verano can be won with a hole-in-one, and each foursome will be provided with a complimentary 5-by-7 photograph.

Cost is \$75 per player or \$250 per foursome. Hole sponsor signs can be purchased for \$100.

Range balls, prizes and lunch after golf also will be provided.

For registration information or to learn more about sponsorships, call Eustis football coach Mark Hay at 419-733-5272 or Laura Stutts at 352-430-4540. Hay also can be reached at HayM@lake.k12.fl.us and Stutts can be reached at Laura@IslandBreezeCreations.com.

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 Monday, Wednesday and Jan. 19.

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

MONTVERDE

Quintonio Lema leads Montverde Academy into soccer tournament

FRANK JOLLEY | Staff Writer
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Quintonio Lema's presence on the soccer field and in the classroom at Montverde Academy is truly a community effort.

Lema provided the discipline, hard work and positive thinking, while his parents and members of his hometown provided the necessary finances to make the native Bermudian's dream come true.

A defender on the Eagles' nationally ranked soccer team, which is hosting the second annual Montverde Academy Soccer Tournament this week, Lema had often discussed the possibility of attending an independent private in the U.S. However, like many countries around the world, Bermuda and its residents were hit hard by the recent economic downturn.

Even in a perfect world, Lema's parents — Freeman and Shirley — likely would've struggled to provide enough financial support to send their son to a school nearly 1,000 miles away from their home in Hamilton, the capital of Bermuda. In today's challenging and sluggish economy, the prospects for Lema were not good.

In Bermuda, Lema attended Saltus Grammar School, an independent day school in Hamilton. According to the school's website, 75 percent of the students at Saltus are Bermudian's, while the remaining 25 percent hail from the international community, which is a large part of Bermuda's economy.

Saltus Athletic Director Darrin Lewis and Bermuda Athletic Association President John Doran — both of whom knew of Lema's prowess on the soccer field and lifelong attraction to the sport — understood his desire to attend school in the U.S. and also learned of the family's struggles to finance the endeavor. After giving the matter some thought, the two decided to money to fun Lema's educational pursuits.

Lewis said the money he donated had been set aside

Through it all, I kept thinking about the sacrifice that people did for me. I'd really be disappointed to let them down. You keep strong, and keep thinking how in the end it's going to pay off.

— Quintonio Lema

for leisure activities, but instead felt it would serve a better purpose and be more self-gratifying to help a youngster achieve his dream.

Eventually, word filtered through the community and local businesses and citizens began donating money. Nearly 20 people \$250 each initially and the number of donors and money raised increased over time.

"Darrin and John made an effort to raise funds to help me go away to school," Lema said in an interview with The Royal Gazette in Bermuda. "That's how I got to where I am now. They have raised money to help me pay for my school fees. Without them, I wouldn't be able to

afford it."

A senior, Lema said he struggled when he first arrived at Montverde Academy. He spent much of his first year at the school learning to juggle the long days and maintain Montverde Academy's high academic standards.

"The first year was really tough on me," Lema said. "The schoolwork was much harder, the training was much more serious. We were waking up at 5 a.m. to train, then taking classes all day, practicing again for a couple of hours and then studying in the dorm. It was a big change in environment for me. Through it all, I kept thinking about the sacrifice that people did for me. I'd really be

disappointed to let them down.

"You keep strong, and keep thinking how in the end it's going to pay off."

Lema's efforts appear to be paying off. He recently earned a scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he will play college soccer and plans to pursue a business degree.

He also hopes to play professional soccer and eventually return to Bermuda.

Montverde Academy soccer coach Mike Potempa believes Lema's focus, dedication and determination will help him achieve his lofty goals.

"Quintonio Lema is not only an outstanding athlete on the soccer field, but he's a person of tremendous character and a hard-working student," Potempa said. "His qualities as a young man have allowed him to accomplish great things at Montverde Academy both on and off the field of competition, and I look forward to following his career at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and hopefully into the professional ranks."

"Quin's overall experience as a student-athlete at Montverde Academy continues to demonstrate the power of hard work and dedication, and it has been a true pleasure to have him a part of our academic and athletic communities. His future is extremely bright."

The MAST begins its second day of play at 2 p.m. today at the Montverde Academy Athletic Complex. Four matches are scheduled today and Saturday.

A tournament champion will be crowned following Saturday's title match, which is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The talent-rich field will include Montverde Academy, along with Coppell (Texas) High School, Auburndale, Delray Beach American Heritage, Phoenix (Ariz.) Brophy College Prep, Clinton (Miss.), Tampa Jesuit and Boca Raton Community.

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Tips for stockpiling food in small places

Do you live in a small space or feel like you do not have any extra space to stockpile all the great coupon deals? This week, I have a few suggestions that may help you begin a stockpile for small spaces.

The key is creativity. From mobile homes, apartments to duplexes or any size house, being creative with the space you do have will give you the ability to stockpile.

Here's some suggestions:

■ Over the door shoe organizers with clear pockets are great ways to store spice packs, toothbrushes, floss, sample size products, pouch-type foods, etc.

■ Look for a decorative pantry that you can place in your kitchen. They usually have three to four shelves inside. This would be a great place to store can foods, box items, health and beauty items. You could even have one for the staple food items and another for health and beauty.

They are tall and slim and can fit inside a closet, a corner of the kitchen, laundry room, etc.

Be creative with your space. Take a tape measure and decide where a decorative pantry will fit best.

Look at Target, Walmart, and IKEA to find these pantry shelving options.

■ Do you have room to add extra shelves to any of your cabinets or vertical spaces? Look at your laundry room and existing spaces and see if you can add an extra shelf or two.

■ If you have room on the top of your kitchen cabinets, you could put items there as well, and find cheap, inexpensive planters/ivy to cover the space, or use pictures and frames.

■ Maybe you have a half bath that you are not using, or under stairs storage. These are perfect places for shelves to store your stockpile.

■ Storage cubes or decorative storage cubes

■ Below sinks



Tanya Senseney

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- Bedroom, coat or linen closets
- Garage
- Milk crates
- Tall dressers not being used
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Do you have an idea, or have you found a way to stockpile in your small space?

Send your suggestions to Tanya@DivineSavings.com, and we will showcase your ideas.

Tanya Senseney has more than 16 years experience saving and teaching others how to reduce their monthly grocery budget and give back to the community. For information on her classes, contact her at Tanya@DivineSavings.com, or go to www.DivineSavings.com.

Time to cleanse away the holiday blues



Michael A. Visconti
NATURAL MEDICINE

The cleanse periodically through the year but the one after the holidays, is usually the longest. There are a lot of factors that play into doing cleanses and detoxes so I figured I would give some information to clear up some misconceptions.

Don't just go to a store and buy a kit if you have never done this, or if you have health issues.

Our bodies do many things in our quest to stay alive. We eat to gain energy and drink water to hydrate cells. Our bodies use the food, water, vitamins and whatever else we put into our mouths to run our metabolism.

As this is accomplished, waste is generated. The liver is responsible for taking these waste products and converting them into forms that can be eliminated through bowel movements, urination, the skin and the breath.

If the liver is not working

optimally, these things have a tendency to find themselves stored in fat. The liver also does many other things like creating and breaking down many hormones, cholesterol, drugs, vitamins and herbs to name a few.

If the liver is not working well there can be an imbalance in any or all of the above things. Periodically, if we cleanse the liver we can optimize function and get back into balance.

A person who has never done a cleanse before should use a mild detoxification formula, or maybe shouldn't even use herbs the first time as your body can have reactions to the cleanse ranging from mild to severe. Often people will have less intense but still unpleasant reactions to cleanses and never do them again.

Medical problems can affect the choice of cleanses. A detox for someone with asthma or heart problems would be differ-

ent from someone who has digestive problems or skin problems.

There are two different detoxification pathways in the liver, phase one and two. Substances go through phase one and are changed into compounds that phase two can modify to enable them to be excreted out of the body.

However, when something goes through phase one it often becomes more toxic than it was to start. If there is an imbalance with phase one you can have more damage in the body than if you didn't do the cleanse. This is often the case with asthma and some of the immune-based diseases.

Using a cleanse that affects the faulty pathway is important. There are also tests to tell the detoxification status of the liver which can be important in people who are very sensitive to allergens, smells, chemicals or

who have multiple health issues.

After the basic cleanse, there are cleanses further specialized for people with a history of chemical exposures such as hair and nail stylists or exterminators and landscapers. There are also cleanses for parasites and yeasts.

The most specialized detox is the heavy metal detoxification protocol. There are tests to see if you have a high heavy metal burden in your body. People who are at risk are those who have many silver dental fillings, crowns or frequent hair coloring, those who have worked in factories, dental offices, hair salons, paint shops, etc.

The two main tests are the hair analysis, which is moderately adequate and the urine test. The urine test is better especially when coupled with a loading dose of a heavy metal chelator.

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c/o Bingo
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CONTEST RULES

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2. Official entry form: Limit one entry per person per week. Entries must be made on the official entry blank published in South Lake Press. All entries become property of South Lake Press.
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The home show will feature financial seminars, a DIY clinic and much more with free admission, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat., Jan. 19 at Lake Receptions, 4425 Highway 19A in Mount Dora.

"Companions for Courage," and the Therapy Dogs group will also be part of the event as well as a kissing booth and photo opportunities.

For information call the Home Builders Association of Lake and Sumter Counties,

352-343-7101 or go to www.lakehba.com.

Royal Oak to unveil homes in Clermont, St. Cloud

CLERMONT — Royal Oak Homes, based in Orlando's Baldwin Park, is putting the finishing touches on 16 ready-to-move-in single family homes that will open during the first quarter of 2013.

Most of the homes will be located at Vista Grand and Barrington Estates, both in Clermont and at Mallard Pond in St. Cloud.

Matt Orosz, co-president at Royal Oak Homes, said the new homes at Vista Grand from Royal Oak's Legacy Series of model homes are priced from the low \$200s and feature oversized kitchens, open floor plans, large master suites and

luxury appointments such as 42-inch cabinets, launch zones, and ceramic tile floors.

New three, four and five bedroom homes at Barrington Estates are priced from the \$150s, Orosz said.

Three to five bedroom homes are priced from the \$150s in Royal Oak's Academy Series of model homes at Mallard Pond and range from 1,695 square feet of living space to more than 3,000 square feet.



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Royal Oak Homes is building single family homes priced from the \$150s to the \$300s in 10 Central Florida communities.

Realtors sell historic land in downtown Clermont

Christy Kurtz-Clark of Keller Williams Commercial Classic Group in Clermont representing the sellers and Kevin Briggs of Morris Williams Realty representing buyers sold the historic property located at 827 Montrose St., in downtown Clermont on December 27.

Clark is an experienced commercial realtor with over 15 years of working experience with central Florida businesses.

For information about Keller Williams Classic III Realty, 1200 Oakley Seaver Dr., suite 109 in Clermont call 321-527-5111.

PEOPLE, EVENTS AND PLACES

Home builders are selective when choosing projects

ORLANDO — New and existing housing sales are up in almost every region of Florida and real estate sales professionals are bracing for a busy 2013, according to Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty in Orlando.

"We are seeing tremendous interest from national and regional builders, developers and investors seeking well-positioned properties for single-family homes, attached homes and apartments," Soderstrom said.

Developers are particularly active in the Miami market right now.

"I remember hearing news stories in 2009 that it could take 10 years or more for the Miami real estate market to restore its equilibrium and today construction is booming," Soderstrom said.

Soderstrom said most of the standing building sites in Central Florida have been acquired over the past 12 to 18 months and builders and developers are now aggressively pursuing properties with development approvals and well-positioned properties that require approvals.

"We are seeing extremely high demand in southwest Orlando, especially in the Horizons West area, and southeast Orlando with Lake Nona and the new medical city, Seminole County, as well as most of our neighboring counties," Soderstrom said.

Soderstrom said investors are finding undeveloped properties priced at a fraction of their values seven years ago.

"Florida is benefiting from pent-up demand, new employment, and foreign investment," Soderstrom said. "Florida attracts the largest percentage of foreign buyer sales nationally," he added.

Soderstrom said an improving housing market nationally benefits Florida too.

"As the economy improves and housing markets recover in the Northeast and Midwest, older home owners are seeing the window of opportunity reopen for them," Soderstrom said. "They are selling their homes so they can relocate to retirement communities in Florida."

Florida is on the rebound, Soderstrom emphasized.

Call Roger Soderstrom, at 407-333-1900 or Larry Vershel or Beth Payan, Larry Vershel Communications, 407-644-4142, or go to www.StirlingSIR.com

Del Webb to host wine event on Wednesday

OCALA — Del Webb Stone Creek will host a Wine & Cheese Open Mic Night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Del Webb Stone Creek Clubhouse.

"Whether you're a poet, a singer or musician, a comic or even a juggler, this is a chance to show off your talents onstage in front of a friendly and receptive audience," Sean Strickler, vice president of sales for Del Webb in North

Florida, said.

Del Webb Stone Creek is one of the largest Del Webb communities in the U.S., featuring Reflection Bay, an amenity center encompassing almost 50,000 square feet of fitness and event/gathering areas, the Stone Creek Grille, Stone Creek Golf Club with an 18-hole championship golf course, and a planned 29 acres of open space and common areas.

New homes at Del Webb Stone Creek, priced from the low \$100s range in size from 1,157 to 2,659 square feet and the 10 models are open daily for viewing.

Admission to the event is free, the public is invited and an RSVP is requested by going to www.delwebb.com/stonecreek or calling 877-333-5932.

NAI negotiates agreement with advertising firm

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new lease agreement for 2,670 square feet of Class A office space at Suite 200 Primera Court I, 725 Primera Blvd. in Lake Mary recently.

NAI Realvest Senior Associate Mary Frances West, CCIM brokered the transaction representing the landlord RREF Interchange-FL Primera I, LLC, based in Daytona Beach.

The tenant is the Wisdek Corporation, an online advertising company headquartered in Richmond Hill, Ontario. There was no co-broker.

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

Development reports lease agreements at center

WINTER PARK — Winston James Development, based in South Daytona Beach, developers of the Aloma Business Center in Oviedo, reported they recently closed on three new lease agreements at the center.

Winston Schwartz, president of Winston-James Development, Inc. said the new tenants include Suncolor Paint, which leased 3,752 square feet of space, Performance Roofing, which leased 2,814 square feet and Eco Systems, Inc. a security systems firm, which leased 2,814 square feet.

Call 386-760-2555; or Larry Vershel, Larry Vershel Communications 407-644-4142 for information.

Architects finish design, remodeling projects

ORLANDO — Cuhaci & Peterson Architects, Engineers, Planners based in Orlando's Baldwin Park, recently completed a major remodeling project and facelift for the 49,600 square foot Big Y Supermarket in Palmer, Mass.

Lonnie Peterson, chairman of Cuhaci & Peterson Architects, said the firm also completed design work to remodel the 80,000 square foot Stop and Shop supermarket in Warwick, R.I.

Cuhaci & Peterson Architects also recently completed design work for a new warehouse and distribution center on Landstar Blvd. in Airport Industrial Park for Hoshizaki Ice Machine Company. Peterson said the 25,000 square foot, office and warehouse center will start construction next year.

Over the past 12 months Cuhaci &

Peterson Architects completed design work for nine L.A. Fitness centers in Jacksonville, Atlantic Beach, Sarasota, Windermere in the southwest Orlando area, Valrico near Tampa and in Houston, Texas.

Peterson said L.A. Fitness center facilities average 50,000 square feet of space.

Call Cuhaci & Peterson Architects, LLC, 407-661-9100 for information.

NAI negotiates lease for Brooks Design Studio

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new lease agreement for 1,753 square feet of Class B office space in the three story building at 234 N. Westmonte Dr., off S.R. 436 and I-4 in Altamonte Springs.

Michael Heidrich, a principal in the firm, negotiated the transaction representing the tenant, Brooks Design Studio, LLC.

The landlord, Allevest Investments LLC was represented by Christi Davis CCIM of Morrison Commercial Real Estate.

Call Michael Heidrich, at 407-875-9989 or email to mheidrich@realvest.com for information.

Mercantile refines hotels in Texas worth \$10.1 M

ORLANDO — Mercantile Capital Corporation which ranks as one of the nation's leading providers of U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 loans for small business owners who want to acquire or develop their own facilities, refinanced two existing commercial loans for CN Churchill, I, LP. One, a La Quinta Inn & Suites, was for \$5,322,000 in total project costs, and the other, a Comfort Suites, was for \$4,832,000.

The La Quinta Inn & Suites is a 61,528 square-foot, 86-room limited-service hotel, and the Comfort Suites is 52,555 square-foot with, 72 rooms. They are adjacent to one another at 653 & 643 N.E. Loop 820 in Richland Hills, Texas, and they share a parking lot.

CN Churchill I, LP is a partnership owned by seven stakeholders, represented by Sanjiv Melwani.

"Mercantile was a great partner to work with to get this deal done," said Melwani. "The team was efficient with decision making, responses and execution."

The SBA 504 Loan Program helps owners of small to mid-sized businesses have an opportunity to create wealth and financial freedom.

For information, go to www.504Experts.com or call 407-786-5040.

Stirling named exclusive sales marketing agents

HEATHROW — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has been named exclusive sales and marketing agents a unique Winter Haven estate that played starring roles in the major picture H2O Extreme as well as an episode of MTV Cries.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, said the estate, built in 2006 by Lori Waters, a second generation custom builder and former president of the Polk County Home Builders Assn., is listed for \$3,975,000.

International Luxury Homes Specialists Michelle Hochfelder and Nonie Slaalien are representing the property, Soderstrom said.

The property's 11,314 square foot main house features five bedrooms and six-and-a-half baths with a chef's kitchen, private elevator, game room and private theater, tropical swimming pool and spa with summer kitchen, covered dining area, six car garage and view of Lake Eloise.

The estate includes a luxurious guest house, Soderstrom said.

"The 4.5-acre property is located across Lake Eloise from Legoland, and it is a marvel of design, engineering and custom craftsmanship," Soderstrom added.

Go to www.StirlingSIR.com or call 407-333-1900 for information.

Park Square Homes appoints Kenny Geils

ORLANDO — Park Square Homes has appointed Kenny Geils as senior purchasing agent.

Anthony Rouhana, marketing coordinator at Park Square Homes, said Geils earned a B.A. degree in Social Science from Auburn University and has more than 11 years of experience as a purchasing executive, having worked on projects all over the world.

Geils began his career in the U.S. Air Force, working for the 42nd Air Base Wing and Air University.

As a purchasing agent for Pulte Homes, Geils made all purchases for Land Development.

As a purchasing consultant his projects will include the renovation of Disney's Contemporary Resort pool deck,

the Ritz Carlton's wedding pavilion and the municipal park for the City of Ocoee.

As director of purchasing for Technomedia Solutions, Geils oversaw worldwide projects for Abercrombie, Margaritaville, Universal Studios, Hard Rock Café and Hollister.

Geils earned his Construction Estimating Certification from University of Florida Rinker School of Construction and has enrolled in the University of Florida's MBA Program.

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bedroom and bathroom with lots of storage space. Theater room offers stadium seating, screen, kitchenette, surround sound and balcony. Lots of hidden upgrades include: stem built foundation, pest ban tubes, Core fill insulation, Surge suppressor, radiant barrier in the attic, lightning rod, water softener and purification system, low E insulated windows and doors, 50amp service with water supply & separate septic tank to name a few. This home has everything you have been looking for and more. Truly a custom built home with no expenses spared. For more information, please call Brandie Mathison-Klein with Keller Williams Classic III Realty at (352) 455-0137. You can also visit <http://www.mkghomes.com> for more details.



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Create an organization hub at home

MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

Getting a family organized requires more than a few well-chosen New Year's resolutions. Increasingly, homeowners are carving out a physical space — anything from a single kitchen cabinet to an entire spare room — that can function as a family information center and workstation.

In an effort to battle clutter and keep track of schedules, designer Brian Patrick Flynn helps clients kick the habit of spreading out items around their homes.

"These days, it's pretty much a given that families use their kitchen islands, dining tables and/or coffee tables as prime real estate for laptops, school papers, iPhones and mail," says Flynn, founder and editor of decorde-mon.com.

"When I'm designing entire homes, especially ones for young families, the first thing I focus on is locating a seldom-used corner, section or nook somewhere easily accessible to create a creative and organizational hub. This usually follows my tirade of, 'No more using the dining table or breakfast nook as a clutter station!'"

Here, Flynn and two other interior designers offer tips on creating the perfect family headquar-

ters to wrangle homework assignments, invitations, permission slips, calendars and more.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

The key pieces are:

- a calendar (paper, digital or both) that the whole family can access
- accessible storage space for incoming mail, invitations and permission slips where things won't get forgotten
- a message board (dry-erase white boards and/or corkboards are popular) where family members can post and share information

- a labeled bin or section of corkboard space assigned to each family member
- a power strip for charging electronic devices, with shelf or desk space to keep those items while charging

Ideally, the space will also include a work surface where kids can do homework and parents can handle tasks like filling out permission slips. Many families also include a laptop or desktop computer for homework or checking e-mail. If you have a computer handy, you're more likely to enter information digitally and eliminate paper clutter.

WHERE TO PUT IT?

Homes built in the past few years often come with what Flynn calls a "bonus room" with no designated purpose. These small, spare rooms work well as a family organization center, as do mudrooms.

Atlanta-based designer

Mallory Mathison has helped clients convert a pantry or small closet into an organizational hub. She suggests removing the doors to open up the space, then adding a deep shelf that can be used as a desk. Tack fabric to the underside of the shelf and hem it just above the floor, creating hidden storage space and a place to tuck a bench or stool.

Shelves can be added to the wall above the desk-top, along with a message board and calendar.

If you lack a spare room or closet, designer Cortney Novogratz suggests choosing one corner of your kitchen, since it's a room the entire family uses daily. Novogratz, co-star of HGTV's "Home by Novogratz" series, lives in Manhattan with her husband and seven children. She often works with clients who have limited space, so she advises them to use a single kitchen cabinet as their organizational hub.

Novogratz suggests lining the cabinet door with the calendar and corkboard or dry-erase board. Then add small bins on the cabinet shelves for each family member's items. A small laptop can be kept inside the cabinet and taken out for use at the kitchen table.

For additional storage, she suggests buying a rolling cart with labeled drawers where each child in the family can keep things like pending work or art supplies. This can be wheeled around the kitchen or other rooms as needed. Novogratz says it helps kids stay organized and feel a sense of ownership over their work when they have a permanent space for it, even if it's just a labeled drawer.

WHAT FURNITURE DO YOU NEED?

The costliest option is hiring a carpenter to install a built-in, custom workstation with a desk-top, shelving and closed storage.

Flynn suggests a cheaper alternative: Buy two kitchen cabinets from a big-box home improvement store, and two pre-fab bookcases. Assemble the cabinets, then the bookcases and stack them directly on top of the base cabinets. Mount them to the wall and add some basic molding to the front edges, creating "the look of custom built-ins, but for only a few hundred bucks."

To save even more, he suggests plundering the



/MALLORY MATHISON, FLIP FLOP PHOTOGRAPHY / AP
This Jan. 3 photo provided by Mallory Mathison shows the Givan family office that Mathison designed in Gulf Breeze

rest of your home in search of old furniture. "I recently took one hot mess of a bonus room, which was used for checking e-mail, working on art projects and keeping kids' artwork and files stored, then turned it into a colorful, designer-caliber multipurpose space using 100 percent leftover pieces from other rooms," he says.

He placed two old dressers next to each other, using their surfaces as a place to collect mail and pending paperwork. He outfitted the dresser drawers with a hanging file system, then brought in an old table and chairs from a child's playroom.

"You can make just about anything work together, as long as disparate pieces are united with the proper color story. In my case, I gathered white, brown, gray and blue pieces, then set them all against a fire-engine-red backdrop."

Another option: If space is limited, Mathison suggests searching estate sales (or your own attic) for one large piece of furniture like a wooden secretary, which has a desk-

top and a mix of open and closed storage. Refinish it with several coats of glossy paint and, if necessary, drill holes in the back for power cords.

HOW DO YOU MAKE IT WORK?

Even the best system won't work unless you use it. Flynn says beautiful, bright colors can help draw you to your organizational space, and successful homework projects and tests can be posted alongside your kids' artwork for added inspiration.

Plan the space carefully based on your needs — do older kids need extra space for doing homework? Are you juggling lots of appointments and need to make your calendar the centerpiece? Novogratz suggests hanging up a family calendar and business calendar together so you can mark things on both, and kids can see when you'll be busy with work commitments.

If scheduling is key, post pending items like permission slips and invitations in a prominent spot or keep them in an in-box that you'll check regularly.

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\$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	375
\$350,000 - \$399,999	0	0
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\$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
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\$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	\$380,000	\$340,000
Low	\$5,500	\$5,500
Average	\$110,219	\$100,460
Median	\$99,850	\$90,000

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 15%.

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House of the week: Big Country



HOMEPLANS.COM / AP

In this rendering released by Homeplans.com, House of the Week HMAFAPW1720 shows a four plus bedroom, three bath big country home with a full-width porch to enjoy the outdoors.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you're looking for an open, highly functional one-story layout, take a look at plan HMAFAPW1720 from Homeplans.com.

The single-level, four-bedroom design features 3,029 square feet of finished living space on one level. An optional bonus room over the garage adds another 288 square feet.

Each of the four bedrooms boasts a walk-in closet, with the master suite offering the most comfortable accommodations of all; the suite includes a large bedroom and adjoining sitting room, along with a fabulous master bath.

The whole family will enjoy

relaxing in the spacious Great Room, which flows easily to the dining area and kitchen. Sit by the fireplace, or step out to the back porch.

In the kitchen, there's plenty of counter space at the central island and the peninsula. Seat kids at the snack counter for quick breakfasts, or set up appetizers here when company comes over.

The mudroom is the perfect place to store shoes and coats on the way in from the two-car garage.

Need more space? The bonus room upstairs would make a great home theater, complete with a half-bath.

HMAFAPW1720 DETAILS:

Bedrooms: 4+

Baths: 3

Main floor: 3,029 sq. ft.

Total Living Area: 3,029 sq. ft.

Bonus room: 288 sq. ft.

Garage and storage: 668 sq. ft.

Dimensions: 70-0 x 80-0

Exterior Wall Framing: 2x4

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Hepburn house owner loses court fight

DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A prominent New York City developer balked when he was ordered to shave a foot off the height of two 5-foot granite posts he had installed at the driveway entrance to Katharine Hepburn's former estate along the Connecticut shore.

A veteran of navigating zoning rules and regulations, Frank Sciamè thought the local historic commission didn't have the authority to issue the order in 2010. His

response? Place foot-high flower beds at the base of the posts and tell the commission he was complying with its order.

That didn't sit well with the Historic District Commission of the Borough of Fenwick in Old Saybrook, which began court proceedings that culminated Monday in a state Appellate Court ruling against Sciamè, who owns the estate.

The state's second-highest court upheld a lower court ruling and dismissed Sciamè's claims that the commission overstepped its

authority and inflicted emotional distress on him by making him lower the posts. At a public hearing in June 2010, commission members said they were concerned that the height of the posts made them too visible from surrounding areas, including local streets and a golf course.

The Appellate Court ruled that Sciamè didn't appeal the commission's decision within a required 20-day period and that the claims of emotional distress were not legally sufficient.

Sciamè's Milford-based

lawyer, Genevieve Salvatore, said she wasn't pleased with the court's rulings but respected them. She said no further appeals were planned, and the posts already have been lowered to the required height.

"The facts may seem trivial, but it's the procedure he's concerned about," Salvatore said. "What Mr. Sciamè was really concerned about was a governmental entity running roughshod over somebody's rights. I think he was trying to show them ... that I'm not someone who's going to be pushed around."

The commission's lawyer, Lewis Wise, called the case "very, very unfortunate."

"He did the mounding of dirt and basically said, 'What are you going to do about it?'" Wise said. "He basically left them (the commission) no choice, and it's too bad."

Sciamè founded F.J. Sciamè Construction Co. Inc. in Manhattan in 1975. The company's projects have included many notable New York City buildings, including the Pierpont Morgan Library and Museum, the New Victory Theater, Central Synagogue and the exterior restoration of the Guggenheim Museum.

He has served on the executive board of the New York Landmarks Conservancy and was hired by New York offi-



AP FILE

This 1981 file photo shows actress Katharine Hepburn. Connecticut's second-highest court upheld a lower court ruling ordering Frank Sciamè a prominent New York City developer was ordered to shave a foot off the height of two 5-foot granite posts he had installed at the driveway entrance to Hepburn's former estate along the Connecticut shore.

cial in 2006 to find ways to reduce the cost of the Sept. 11 memorial at ground zero.

Sciamè bought Hepburn's nearly 4-acre estate, which includes an 8,400-square-foot home, for \$6 million in 2004. He made extensive renovations and is now trying to sell it for \$30 million.

The granite posts mark the beginning of the property's driveway. Sciamè had them lowered a few months ago to comply with a judge's ruling.

"Apparently in certain neighborhoods, as in life, size does matter," Judge Robert Holzberg wrote in that August ruling, after a trial. "This is a dispute about 12 inches and how it is measured."

Holzberg found that

historic district regulations don't spell out how height is to be measured. He nevertheless sided with the commission but declined to impose fines on Sciamè.

After the commission ordered Sciamè to lower the posts and he installed the flower beds, he told commissioners that he had no intention of taking further compliance action and "invited" the commission to take enforcement measures against him, according to court records.

"Mr. Sciamè is certainly not a bully," Salvatore said. "The decisions he makes, he makes rationally and he makes them in good faith. At the end of the day, I think he didn't want to be bullied."

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Yardsmart: The value of manure as fertilizer



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A European farm manure pile that will be distributed with a spreader on the fields.

MAUREEN GILMER
Scripps Howard News Service

From the moment the good manure is buried, its subterranean life begins: millions and millions of microbes, fungi and fermentation begin the work of attacking the hardest pieces; lime, sand, clay, organic matter of all sorts, they select, digest, secrete. — Fernand Lequenne, "My Friend the Garden," 1941

I have always gardened with manure, just like untold generations before me. I do not have much compost, but am rich with this earliest form of fertilizer in agricultural history. When taken from the stable and distributed into gardens, the cycle of life is completed. For me, using free manure makes a garden and lifestyle greener. Best of all, it's cheap.

Unfortunately, the benefits of manure have been overlooked in favor of bagged or homemade compost. Bagged compost is expensive, and my home composting generates too little to sufficiently feed a sizable garden. While compost is an ideal soil amendment, it is not the only one.

As backyard food gardeners expand from a small raised bed to a large tilled area, they find that the cost or availability of compost may limit their potential. Over the span of each growing season, soil microbes consume a lot of the organic matter you applied in spring. Therefore, it must be done again each year to keep fertility high. Maybe it's time to bring manure into your garden. After all, manures from all farm animals are applied today on small European farms, just like they were centuries ago.

The downside to manure is that it contains seeds that pass through a horse intact. Fewer exit a cow because it has three stomachs and is better able to digest seeds. This is why manure can introduce weeds to your garden. In its long journey through the digestive tract, ground-up hay picks up all sorts of bacteria, fungi and microbes. The result is the holy trinity of organic soil: nitrogen, organic matter and microbe loads make manure a powerfully holistic soil builder.

Horse owners have a manure problem -- there's just too much of it. One horse produces up to 50 pounds per day. When it builds up on site, it's not environmentally beneficial. Rainfall carries runoff from manure piles to pollute rivers and groundwater. That's why equestrians need to get rid of manure and gardeners need to find more of it. When these two special-interest groups come together within a community, there's an opportunity to solve problems on both ends simultaneously without money changing hands. That is the essence of sustainability created through cooperation.

Horse manure has two basic forms. That which is relatively pure is the more fertile form that can be composted and aged so viable seeds are heat-killed, but this is neither a quick nor foolproof process. Some weed seeds will survive. This form is also ideal for extending scanty compost with finely textured nitrogen-rich material.

The other form is manure from stalls bedded with straw or wood shavings, which resist decomposition. Such woody organic matter isn't great for small gardens, but it's perfect for opening up heavy clay soils on a large scale to increase oxygenation and drainage. This form is not particularly fertile unless enhanced by another source of organic nitrogen such as alfalfa meal.

My dream is for gardeners and equestrians to come together in an effort to improve soil for gardening and protect the environment by distributing manures far and wide instead of in large concentrated piles. When gardeners help a horse owner with manure management, the result is larger gardens with more diverse microbe populations and greater overall fertility. Facilitating this partnership would be an ideal project for any group devoted to protecting animal rights and the environment while promoting slow food at the same time.

So when you're faced with fortifying a big food garden worn out from too many years without enough compost, bring in manures. After all, it's Mother Nature's best effort at creating a perfectly designed fertilizer.



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Horse manure tilled in helps this sandy desert ground retain moisture while introducing both microbes and nitrogen.



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One horse can produce up to 50 pounds of fertile organic matter every day.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS



LOCATION: 5109 Aurora Drive, Leesburg **FEATURES:** Custom home with pond views in Legacy of Leesburg. **LISTING PRICE:** \$149,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$145,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Marilyn Morris, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Marilyn Morris, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 5810 Celebration Way, Leesburg **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA CBS home in Legacy of Leesburg **LISTING PRICE:** \$115,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$115,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Marilyn Morris, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Marilyn Morris, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 2820 Nicholas Lane, Apopka **FEATURES:** Stunning 4BR/2BA, custom home built 2001 **LISTING PRICE:** \$135,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$135,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Jaret Whitney and Nicholas Poulsen, Exit Realty Tri County, Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Michael Berlant, Exit Realty Central.



LOCATION: 5320 Royal Stuart Court, Leesburg **FEATURES:** Royal Highlands - 3BR/2BA in pristine condition. **LISTING PRICE:** \$169,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$165,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Shirley Peacock, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Doug DuVarney, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



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