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ABOVE: Lisa Grant-Duguid performs during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration on Monday at Waterfront Pavilion in Clermont. BELOW: Brandon Grant, 17, bows his head in prayer as the Rev. Michael Hopewell delivers the opening prayer.

## Mascotte gets \$600K to deal with wastewater

Theresa Campbell  
and Roxanne Brown | Staff Writers  
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The financially strapped city of Mascotte has landed a nearly \$600,000 state grant that will allow it to tap into wastewater treatment facilities in Leesburg and Groveland to help promote growth that has been stunted by septic tanks.

"I wanted to bring Mascotte into the 20th century as far as infrastructure and this will allow us to," Mayor Tony Rosado said, noting that the only homes and businesses in Mascotte that are not on septic tanks use small, standalone package plants. "It will also allow the spurring of economic development down Highway 50."

Ray Sharp, public works director and interim city manager for Leesburg, said Mascotte officials approached Leesburg a few months ago about the possibility of tapping into Leesburg's turnpike wastewater treatment plant. The two cities' interlocal agreement was approved last month by the Leesburg City Commission and the Mascotte City Council.

"We have the capacity," said Sharp, who estimates Leesburg will receive about \$215,000 in annual revenues for providing wastewater services to Mascotte.

"It is very unique and rare that you've got interlocal projects of this nature to benefit different cities," Mascotte City Manager Jim Gleason said.

"It's a win, win," Rosado added. A portion of the nearly \$600,000 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity requires a city match of approximately \$150,000.

Currently, Mascotte's lack of a municipal wastewater treatment facility has caused some potential businesses to look elsewhere, Rosado said. In fact, the newest business in town, a Family Dollar store, wanted municipal wastewater but had to install a septic system that can be easily converted to a sewer system if one became available.

Mascotte Councilman Stephen Elmore

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## Clermont pays tribute to MLK

We've been witnesses to disappointments and witnesses to tragedy. Things that seemed so senseless at the time. Times when it seemed that people gave their lives for nothing. Fortunately, for us now in life, those were times that made a difference.

— Hal Turville, lifelong Clermont resident

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L ongtime mayor and lifelong Clermont resident Hal Turville remembers segregation, not just in Clermont but the nation as a whole, and shared those experiences Monday morning before a large crowd gathered at the waterfront pavilion for South Lake's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

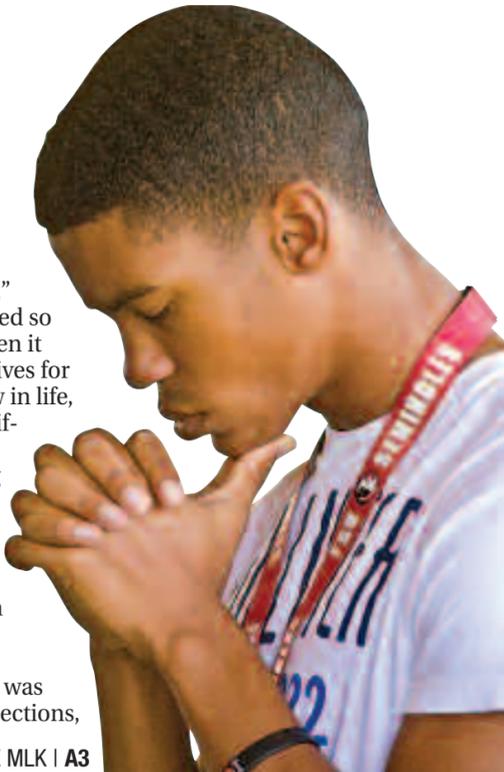
He talked about black and white people not sharing bathrooms and not eating at the same restaurants. He also talked about segregation in schools and, most of all, about the people who worked toward change and about those who laid down their lives for civil rights. "We've been witnesses to disappoint-

ments and witnesses to tragedy," Turville said. "Things that seemed so senseless at the time. Times when it seemed that people gave their lives for nothing. Fortunately, for us now in life, those were times that made a difference."

Organized by another lifelong resident, Tim Murry, on behalf of Christian Men in Action and sponsored by the South Lake Democratic Club, Clermont's second annual MLK celebration went without a hitch.

Turville's introductory speech was followed by prayers, musical selections,

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GROVELAND

## SWAT team provides training on how to best deal with an active shooter

Staff Report

Gray Middle School in Groveland was silent on Saturday when the sounds of gunfire and screams shattered the serenity of the 1,000-plus student campus.

Soon thereafter, students appeared to be rolling on

the ground in pain after being shot by crazed gunmen, one armed with a 9mm handgun and the other carrying a Remington shotgun. A SWAT team then burst into the halls and "killed" all three.

Immediately afterward, it was the SWAT members sitting in the classroom to

receive their grades.

The events were part of a training exercise by the Special Weapons and Tactics unit from the Lake County Sheriff's Office that was staged to teach Groveland and Mascotte police how to deal with an

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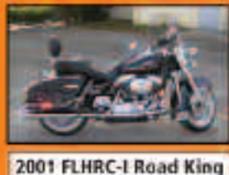
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SWAT officers used imitation 9mm handguns as part of the 'rapid response shooting' training session.

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What South Lake residents are saying about the  
**FLU VIRUS**  
*Have you been affected by the flu virus this year?*



Fortunately, I got a flu shot in November and assume that that is what has warded off any flu virus that has been going around.

**TOM THOMAS**  
CLERMONT



Yes, I have been affected by it. I was sick for about an entire week. I haven't gotten a flu shot.

**DANIELLE SOLOMON**  
CLERMONT



No, I haven't been affected at all, even though I didn't get a flu shot. I don't like shots.

**COLLIN SMITH**  
CLERMONT



No, I'm happy to say, even though I have been around it with my grand kids and have not gotten my flu shot. I've been lucky.

**ELLIE CLARK**  
MINNEOLA



Not in Florida, but in the Chicago suburbs. I was up there in December and it was bad there. In Florida, I or people I know have not been affected. I hope it stays in the Midwest.

**CINDY PERRY**  
CLERMONT

**South Lake Briefs**

**GROVELAND**

**SLHS hosts free kids baseball camp Saturday**

Camp sessions hosted by the South Lake High School baseball team will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at South Lake High School, 15600 Silver Eagle Road in Groveland. A clinic for all youth league baseball coaches will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

The baseball camp is for all players playing spring baseball in the Little League system for Dixie Youth in Groveland; South Lake baseball in Clermont, and Babe Ruth in Minneola.

Ages for the camp are from 6-14 years.

For information, call Kerry Whetro at 352-551-7908, or email whetrok@lake.k12.fl.us.

**CLERMONT**

**Free community health and wellness fair set**

This family friendly event for all ages will give guests the chance to meet with specialty doctors, dentists, nutritionists and more than 70 vendors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, Wesley Center, 950 7th St. in Clermont.

For information, go to [www.newbe-ginningslake.org](http://www.newbe-ginningslake.org) or call 352-404-6946.

**CLERMONT**

**Sy Harger Snowflake 5k benefit run is Saturday**

The Sy Harger Snowflake 5K run is 8:30 a.m. on Saturday at Waterfront Park in Clermont. People wanting to participate in the run can register at [www.imAthlete.com](http://www.imAthlete.com) or at [www.sysssnowflake5k.com](http://www.sysssnowflake5k.com).

Those wishing to run or walk a shorter course can also sign up for a 1K run.

Organizers hope to raise awareness and funds for 6-year old Sy Harger, a local boy who is battling a rare disease called Eosinophilic Esophagitis.

The disease causes severe allergic reactions and swelling of the esophagus from eating. In Harger's case, his allergy is severe enough that, without proper treatment, his esophagus would close and he would need a permanent feeding tube to get proper nutrition.

All proceeds from the run will benefit Harger and his family, and will help pay for medical treatment and food.

**CLERMONT**

**Moonlight Theater to host family-friendly show**

The Moonlight Theater is hosting a performance by the Moonlight Lunatics, a youth improv group, at 7 p.m. on Sunday at Moonlight Players Theater, 732 Montrose St., in Clermont.

This is a free event. Donations for the theater will be accepted and the concession stand will be open.

Call 352-989-3333 for information.

**CLERMONT**

**Soccer club to hold tryouts at Hancock Field**

Clermont FC Soccer Club will hold tryouts at Hancock Field from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday at Hancock Road in Clermont.

The tryouts are open to players ages 9 to 19.

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

Go to [www.clermontfc.com](http://www.clermontfc.com) or call 407-610-1485 for information.

**GROVELAND**

**SLHS to host parent informational night**

South Lake High School has joined forces with local community leaders offering information for parents and community about the "C" Ready initiative from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Hope International Church, 7432 S.R. 50, suite 109, in Groveland.

Parents will learn about academic opportunities, will be given the opportunity to work with school personnel for the eSemblar program.

For information, call Linda Nichols, assistant principal, at 352-394-2100, ext. 5414.

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said all the land along State Road 50 will be more valuable should landowners decide to go with a sewer system, adding that Mascotte could now have similar opportunities to that of Groveland.

"You've seen the economic growth that Groveland has because they have sewer, and they have the same numbers of people going through there as we have here, since we are direct neighbors," Elmore said. "This really opens us up for future opportunities for the city to attract new business. It's a big deal."

Gleason said he is well aware that state and federal officials at any time can crack down on older and aging septic tanks, requiring them to be replaced or done away with altogether.

"When they start to fail, it may be more advantageous fiscally to go with sewer," he said.

Mascotte would prefer to build its own wastewater treatment facility, but that would cost between \$7 million and \$9 million, and the city of 1,700 homes doesn't have that kind of money.

"That is on top of the \$3 million the city of Mascotte already has in debt," Gleason said. "Based on that, I thought it would be to our advantage to reach out to Groveland and Leesburg."

Mascotte has also spoken with Groveland officials, who have not approved a wastewater deal yet but are expected to do so.

Mascotte plans to use the sewer grant to run connection lines along SR 50 to Groveland's treatment facility and along State Road 33 to Leesburg's treatment facility. The point of connection here is just north of The Plantation at Leesburg.

Leesburg's turnpike wastewater treatment facility was constructed in 1999 and it went online at the end of 2000.

"It's purpose was to provide wastewater treatment for what we call our southwest service area, basically everything in the 470, U.S. Highway 27, State Road 33, County Road 48 corridor," Sharp said. "That is our major growth area for the city and wastewater treatment anticipating future development."

Sharp said the facility was permitted in 2000 to have the capacity of 3 million gallons a day.

"Today our average flow is

around 1.3 million gallons a day," he said. "When we did the most recent operating permit for that facility, we included in that an upgrade in re-reading of that facility, and so today that facility is permitted for maximum capacity of 4.5 million gallons day, so we have plenty of excess capacity. That plant is ready to serve the city of Leesburg for the foreseeable future. It's unlikely that we will ever exceed the capacity of that plant."

Right now, the main areas that Mascotte is looking to service with municipal wastewater are SR 33 and SR 50.

Sharp said the Leesburg plant could also accept additional flow from Mascotte or if Howey-in-the-Hills wanted wastewater service. Howey is the only other town in the immediate vicinity that doesn't already have municipal wastewater.

"In years past, we have talked with Howey-in-the-Hills and said if they decided to start up a central sewer service system, we indicated our willingness to do the treatment for them at our turnpike facility," Sharp said.

"The advantage for a city or town that doesn't have wastewater treatment today is that they don't have the issue of septic tanks," Sharp said. "In my personal opinion, for a new development in particular, it's preferable to be on a central sewer system than on an individual septic tank."

"And from a developer's point of view, if they are on a central sewer system, they can get a little more density than they could otherwise because the lots do not have to be as big because of the separation of the septic systems of one from the other," Sharp said. "The developer gets a little bit of an advantage and of course from local government perspective, it's potentially a revenue source to help offset costs in the general fund."

While Mascotte would be responsible for hooking up to the wastewater treatment facilities, residents, businesses and developers would end up paying Leesburg and Groveland to dispose of their wastewater and treat it.

Gleason said if the Lake County School Board wants to participate, Mascotte can get Mascotte Elementary School hooked into the sewer line, allowing them to close its package plant currently used to provide services and "get out of the sewer business."

"It just goes to show that by working together, something great like this can happen," Rosado said.

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LEFT: New Jacobs Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Youth Choir members perform. RIGHT: Former Orlando police chief Val Demings delivers the Martin Luther King Jr. Day keynote speech.

**MLK**

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and many inspirational performances by the children from various organizations and churches in the area.

The New Generation praise dancers wowed the crowd, followed by the Unity Thru Praise singers, the Boys and Girls Club students reading a poem, and the New Jacobs Chapel youth choir.

Lake County Commissioner Sean Parks also took the stage to read a proclamation the county commission approved, declaring that Jan. 21, 2013, would forever be proclaimed a day of celebration in honor of King's life and dreams.

"...May this be a day for the people of all races, religions and stations in life, to put aside their differences and join in the spirit of togetherness, a day for our nation to pay tribute to Dr. King and the

movement which awakened us to the best qualities of the American spirit," Parks said as he read the proclamation.

Emcee Ronald Jones then followed by throwing a challenge out to the younger attendees.

"I'd like to take this time to challenge our young adults to realize what this dream is all about... Don't let the dream die with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, but continue to take the mantle and carry it forward," Jones said.

Beyond that, the message was that anyone, black or white, young or old, male or female, can do anything should they, too, dream and persevere.

That sentiment was supported by the mention of President Barack Obama sharing the Monday King holiday with his inauguration into his second term in office.

"On this day, when MLK said I have a dream, what would he say if he knew a black man would be

sworn in for his second term as president of the United States?" Turville asked. "Today, I hope he's the proudest person in heaven, as he well deserves to be today, and let the lesson learned be that if you have courage, strength and you work hard and stick with it, you can be successful in most anything you want."

Other examples of people achieving great heights, in spite of color or obstacles, were Clermont's first ever black police chief, Charles Broadway, and Val Demings, the first woman police chief of Orlando and a former congressional candidate.

Demings, who was the morning's keynote speaker, shared her family story, starting with her parents' struggle as a housekeeper and a janitor, while raising seven children in segregated times — and ending with her own personal success.

She also spoke about the progress and contin-

ued journey toward racial equality in the country, using experiences she encountered while on the Orlando police force and throughout her life.

She spoke about Orlando having hired its first black officers in 1951 and the journey, like King's and so many others', they undertook to make it better for others down the road, including herself.

"They (first black officers) had the uniform, the badge and gun, but they were different," she said, adding that those officers worked in the community during a time when they were not wanted or respected. "But they had the courage to live the nightmare so that we could live the dream."

Demings compared their struggles to King's. "If you take a good look at American history, we

can't help but see African Americans, right there, working to build our country into a great nation. That's exactly what Dr. King did," Demings said.

"We know that no great moment just happens on its own," she said. "Great moments in history only happen when someone has enough courage to make things happen. Dr. King was such a man. It took courage to do what did. Courage. That is the special thing that makes ordinary people rise up and do

extraordinary things."

Demings also asked that the younger generations show courage through struggle and adversity to reach their own dreams.

"Learn to dream big and live up to your full potential," she said. "We ask that today, as we remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was a man who dreamed big, with faith, determination and courage. He asked to be remembered as a drum major for justice. Today, we remember."

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**OUR VOICE**

**Make hard,  
 not bad choices**

**Discovery Gardens** has had to endure cuts in each of the past four years.

Lake County officials are considering closing Discovery Gardens, three libraries and all of the county's public lands to save money. They argue the closings will save the county more than \$500,000.

We don't believe that's a good idea. Although we understand that county officials must produce a balanced budget, we don't believe library cuts are the best fiscal target.

We also understand that county commissioners must decide between raising taxes or cutting public services to develop a budget. But commissioners are paid to do the heavy financial lifting. Finding additional money elsewhere or cutting other services fits into their job description.

Eliminating a service that provides the public with an education is a bad investment.

Juanita Popenoe, director of the Lake County Extension Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, which operates Discovery Gardens, said she's had to make cuts for the past four years. Her institute has eliminated five full-time employees. She said she thinks another 5 percent cut is impossible.

"It is unfortunate, and I'm really upset they would want to cut our gardens," she said. "I know the master gardeners are really upset, too. The master gardeners have contributed so much to building this and maintaining those gardens for educational purposes. It is like a slap in the face to have that taken away after all that volunteer work."

The Paisley County Library may also face cuts. Paisley resident Becky Adesso said closing the library would hurt the area. She refers to statistics stating the average median household income in the area is \$24,500 and more than 29 percent of residents live in poverty. She said the library also serves as a safe haven for young people.

Officials are considering closing East Lake Branch Library and discontinuing funding of the smaller libraries in Minneola, Montverde, Howey-in-the-Hills and Fruitland Park.

Lake County's total proposed budget for next fiscal year is \$379,822,392; \$500,000 is pocket change by comparison.

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**YOUROPINIONS**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Gun owners should be activated into military**

In my opinion, the only purpose for a gun is to kill. People who buy guns have prepared their mind to kill something. This is against God's law, which states, "Thou shalt not kill."

The Second Amendment infers that to own a gun is to be a part of the militia to serve our government when needed. Since our militia is so well-armed, the people who own guns should be activated into service to give our overdeployed troops a rest. This would remove a lot of guns from this country, thereby stopping shootings and armed robberies.

I am sure our overseas troops and their families here would be very grateful for their assistance.

**REV. NORMAN L. CONAWAY** | Eustis

**Don't let those children die in vain, buck the NRA**

People say the definition of crazy is doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different result. After the horrible event in Newtown, Conn., and similar events across the U.S., it is now time to do something else.

The NRA's way on automatic weapons in every pocket isn't working. People, children are being slaughtered on the alter of the Second Amendment.

The Constitution says we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Civilized people can't attain these attributes living in an armed camp.

Mr. President, congressmen, elected officials ... please do something! Stand up to the NRA and the gun lobby! Make automatic weapons, body armor and other instruments of death illegal.

Twenty innocent children died for no other reason than they went to school. Don't let them die in vain.

**DAVID JACOBELLI** | Tavares

**Why continue to engage in lost military causes?**

I am not a military man but I wonder why, at this time, we continue to engage in lost causes involving combat against guerrilla forces.

We have the most powerful military in the world, capable of defeating any other army worldwide. However, it seems that ours, like so many others, has tried and failed. The British tried it twice — in America and Afghanistan — and failed, as have the Russians.

Now our government has made the same mistake.

When, other than our Revolutionary War, have we been engaged in wars longer than 10 years? Only in Vietnam and the Middle East, and we have lost. Why must we continue to spend blood and treasure in such adventures that can't be won?

Perhaps if we just engaged to win it would be possible but must we also engage in nation building in backward countries living in the sixth century? To me, it just does not make sense but as I said, I am not a military expert.

**WILLIAM KRUEGER** | Leesburg

**LETTER of the WEEK**



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**It's the economy (and debt) stupid!**

The long list of President Obama's "tough and shifting" challenges that were listed in a recent Associated Press story was the economy, immigration, gun control and the "deeply divided public and Congress."

That doesn't seem like a terribly long list for someone with his authority and the appropriate management skills and experience. Oops, I forgot he is missing that last part. Another thousand executive orders should do the trick, since our Constitution and established legal protocol don't mean anything to him.

As anyone awake and with half a brain understands, there is one overriding problem that must be dealt with effectively or the rest won't matter. "It's the economy (and debt) stupid."

If we don't seriously reduce out-of-control government spending now and start reducing our national debt now, the "fiscal cliff" will look like a pothole in our rear-view mirror a few years from now.

I particularly loved the writer's reference to Obama's "visionary powerful address in 2008" as if he could solve these daunting problems with speeches. God knows he's given enough of them. The sheer number of words should have accomplished something. Oh yes, they got him elected, twice, by an uninformed, uncaring, rock-star-gazed electorate.

If Obama "muses" about his legacy, as the writer suggests, he most

likely dreams of presiding over the USS of America. Most Americans could care less about his or any other president's legacy; they simply want their lives and that of their families and successors to be as free and fulfilling as possible.

Unfortunately, solving problems this large and complex require communication and dictation, planning, organizing, goal setting and coordinated action, not demeaning and insulting commentary.

It requires bringing together in a partnership the best available minds in a determined joint effort, not establishing Barackades and creating enemies.

It also requires one other essential element: a strong belief in our founding principles and a desire to restore our country to the great and prosperous nation it once was.

By the way, there's no doubt that this country is more deeply divided along all social fault lines than it's been in recent history, and much of the credit goes to President Obama.

Using Obama's name and the world "leadership" together is an oxymoron of major proportions.

If he truly wants to get people out of poverty and restore prosperity to this country, which I seriously doubt, he will put the economy in sharp focus and take everything else off the table for the immediate future. Giving speeches maneuvering for political advantage will not get the job done.

*Hoyt Elrod resides in Leesburg.*



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Groveland Police Department officers enter a classroom at Gray Middle School, where one of three "gunmen" hides, as part of a training exercise in "rapid response shooting."

### SWAT

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active shooter in a school setting.

Sgt. Jim Mock, of the sheriff's department fugitive unit, played the role of one of three gunmen.

"You have to look behind you," said Mock as he pointed to a trainee whose backside was splattered in red paint by a gunman who snuck out of a room that read "faculty only."

Saturday's training by the sheriff's SWAT unit came just more than a month after the school massacre in Newtown, Conn. pushed many school administrators and law enforcement officers across the nation to learn how better to deal with shooters on campus.

Cindy Homelius, newly

installed as her department's new chief, had actually asked for the training just before the Connecticut shooting.

"It was a coincidence, but it was something we knew we needed," Homelius said.

The SWAT team and police officers, attired in protective gear, could be seen proceeding in formation through hallways, past green lockers and science labs, up and down staircases and toward the cafeteria, calling out commands in a number of different scenarios.

Their weapons included G36 rifles, loaded with rounds that had paint applied to the tip of each.

The gunmen could be seen yelling, some throwing trash can lids across the hallways.

"We are trying to make it

as real as possible," said Ralph McDuffie, SWAT commander.

Lake County students from an Explorer Program played the victims.

"It seems like school shootings are happening more and more, so this is something we need," said Taylor Gibbs, a ninth-grader.

McDuffie said while at least one student has been shot in a Lake County school, he doesn't recall any incident involving what law enforcement calls an "active shooter," i.e., a gunman looking to commit mass murder.

He said that anyone finding themselves in a school setting during such a scenario should first try to run. If that doesn't work—hide.

"Fighting back should be the last option," McDuffie said.

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## CLERMONT | HEALTH CARE



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Audrey Jackson-Morgan, left, president of the Kiwanis Club of Clermont, spoke about how she was inspired to enter the health care management field. She is the co-founder of Hopes and Dreams Teams, a non-profit organization that takes women from welfare to work. Tanya Blair, a nurse for more than 22 years and winner of the Orlando Health Nurse Excellence Award during her tenure at Orlando Regional Health Hospital, is also pictured.

## MASCOTTE

# Lawsuit against city gets moved to federal court

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Last March, the city of Mascotte, four council members and the former mayor were named in a \$20 million lawsuit by Flagship of Lake County, a developer whose request to build a landfill was denied rezoning.

The project was known as the Heron's Glen project. The meeting was in October 2011.

Nearly 300 residents attended the five-hour hearing on the proposed Class I landfill on a 245-acre site along County Road 33, two miles north of State Road 50 off Smith Road.

Based on public input during the meeting and about 100 statements, residents were opposed

to the landfill because of the possibility of harmful chemicals, effects and odors the landfill might emit.

Flagship presented expert witnesses to assuage environmental concerns.

The council voted against the proposal. Flagship contended the council vote violated the proposal's intent, which was to determine whether it would comply with the city's comprehensive plan.

Flagship claimed bias and confusion dominated the meeting.

The suit against Mascotte was filed on March 29, 2012 in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in Lake County.

The city, former Mayor Jeff Krull and then coun-

cil members Tony Rosado, Brenda Brasher, Barbara Krull and Stephen Elmore were served on April 3. The Florida League of Cities was charged with litigation, liability and lawyer's fees.

City Manager Jim Gleason said the individual defendants were removed from the suit.

"The portion against the mayor (former) and council members as individuals was removed," Gleason said.

The case has been moved from state court to federal court and is now being handled by Dean, Ringers, Morgan and Lawton, an Orlando firm.

No further information is available and Conner could not be reached for comment.

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GROVELAND

# City council accepts Miller's resignation

## Fire chief Willie Morgan in charge until replacement can be found

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Groveland Council members have agreed to accept the resignation of City Manager and Finance Director Dolly Miller, putting Fire Chief Willie Morgan in charge until a permanent replacement can be found.

During an emergency meeting Thursday, Mayor Jim Gearhart — after consulting with city Attorney Anita Geraci — said no public comments would be forthcoming. Miller spoke briefly, thanking the city staff, the council and the residents of Groveland.

She offered no explanation for her reason for resigning. She submitted her resignation last week. Miller's last day is Feb. 7. Morgan will fill in as city manager until a

replacement is hired. He grew up in Groveland and started serving as a volunteer firefighter in 1974 before being hired as chief in 1999. A general contractor, he has served on the city council for 10 years.

The council directed Geraci to begin a city manager search, conduct interviews and develop a short list of four to five potential candidates. Council members agreed she could use potential candidates as suggested by the Range Riders organization — a group of retired managers who help cities — along with any resumes that Clermont may make available after its search for an assistant city manager.

Gearhart said the vacancy presents a good opportunity for Groveland.

"I would like to see us explore all our options and really find the best fit and one who has only the best interest of the city

and the citizens at heart, as I and the rest of the council do," he said. "I also want someone in the position who is aggressive in promoting new businesses and growth in the city. I'm not saying that isn't being done currently, but only that that's what I want for our future, too."

Gearhart said Miller's \$117,000 annual salary was too high for a city the size of Groveland.

Gearhart said hiring a new finance manager will be the new city manager's decision.

"Who knows, our new city manager might be a finance person, too," Gearhart said.

Resident George Rosario, who attends most city meetings, said he wishes Miller well.

He said he wonders if division within

the city prompted Miller's resignation.

"There are people who have their own personal agendas and you can't have that when you are trying to do good for the city," he said. "You just get fed up."

Rosario said he was pleased public comments were prohibited during the meeting.

"This was an emergency meeting and no comments were required," he said. "It was business as usual but on a different level and there was no room for further division and confusion," he said. "But as for Mrs. Miller, I really wish her well. She was a transparent and very intelligent lady. I thank her for the work she's done and I wish her the best in her decision to move on."

GROVELAND

# Crash victims identified

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A 41-year-old Lakeland father and his three children killed last Friday night when their car struck several trees and a pole near Groveland were identified on Saturday.

The father and driver was Wilfredo Malave, who along with his son Zion, 9, died at the scene. Phoenix, 7, and Avaya, 2, were pronounced dead at South Lake Hospital, according to FHP.

The crash occurred about 6:45 p.m. Friday on State Road 33 at Groveland Airport Road, just south of Groveland, with a posted 60 mph speed limit.

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MASCOTTE

# City prepares for half-million dollar shortfall

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Mascotte City Council members began talking about next year's budget, knowing full well a half-million dollar shortfall is looming.

But to Mayor Tony Rosado, it meant the perfect opportunity to run with an idea he's had that would erase that shortfall by allowing Lake County to take over firefighting duties in Mascotte.

"The city cannot sustain itself the way it's going," Rosado said. "If we don't do something this year, I can guarantee that the city will be non-existent in two years."

"So, in order to save the city, one of the alternatives I've looked at is merging our fire department with Lake County, which would save us between \$500,000 to \$600,000 per year. They would come to us, run out of our station, but our truck would still say City of Mascotte. They would contract out to serve Mascotte."

According to Rosado's plan, some Mascotte firefighters would go to work for the county — but not all of them. The county has tentatively agreed to retain about half of the 12-person department.

For the past five years, Mascotte has been running its fire department with a \$640,000 federal grant, supplemented by the county. That money is about to run out.

"This is the first time in the city's history that nothing in revenue has been coming into the city for the fire department," City Manager Jim Gleason said.

If the county steps in to run the department, a better way will have to be found to pay for firefighting in Mascotte. According to Gleason, each of the city's households should be paying close to \$1,000 a year in property taxes for firefighting and police protection, but that's not the case. That's why city officials have had to rely on outside funding sources.

"Although each household should be paying close to \$1,000 in fees to cover the police and fire departments, about 100



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homes are paying zero and about 700 homes are paying from \$1 to \$100," Gleason said. "So, about 79 percent of taxpayers are paying \$500 or less, all the way down to zero."

"That does not come close to covering the cost of those departments, so, from that aspect, I understand where the mayor is coming from."

Lake County Fire Chief John Joliff confirmed that he's talked with Rosado about the idea and is on board, pending approval from the city council and from Lake County Commissioners.

Joliff said the idea isn't new. In fact, he said, Lake County services other cities like Lady Lake, Howey-in-the-Hills and Astatula.

Joliff also said that a

transition would be easy since the county department has worked with Mascotte for years.

"We know the area well, we know the people, we know the firefighters," Joliff said, adding he would take over as chief should the deal be considered. "But we'll see what happens. I know there's a lot of

pride in a city having its own fire department but there's probably more pros than cons in this deal."

"I know I can run the department cheaper for starters."

Gleason said the city also considered contracting with the Lake County Sheriff's Office to take over law enforcement duties in

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Mascotte, but found that would cost more than what the city is currently paying.

Gleason said the Mascotte doesn't have a lot of options to reduce expenses because of years of personnel cuts and retirement reductions. Workers haven't received raises in five years.

"The options are slim and the cupboard is empty," he said.

Councilman Stephen Elmore said he has not seen the entire proposal but is looking forward to hearing more about it today.

"It's something we've kicked around as a council

or individually in our own heads as things have gotten tougher and tougher," Elmore said, adding the proposal might be good for Mascotte's bottom line but not for residents' wallets.

"If the Mascotte Fire Department was to shift to a county fire department, it may end up being better for Mascotte, financially, but it may not be cheaper for the residents," he said. "The ultimate thing we've have to look at is what is best for the residents. We're going to have to look at all the avenues before coming to any decision."

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# Calendar of Events

## FEBRUARY 2013

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### HEALTH & WELLNESS SERIES

**CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH**  
FEB 20, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Learn about the latest in prevention and treatment for cardiovascular disease. Presented by Board Certified Cardiologist Lushantha Gunasekera, MD. Free and open to the public. To register, please call 352.394.4071, ext. 4412.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

**BREASTFEEDING WORKSHOP I**  
FEB 6, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

For expectant parents teaching breastfeeding basics and establishing breastfeeding habits for beginners. Course fee \$30, or \$15 for Childbirth Education attendees. To register call 352.241.7109.

**BREASTFEEDING WORKSHOP II**  
FEB 11, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Advanced issues in breastfeeding taught including maintaining breastmilk supply, pumping and returning to work, and incorporating solid foods while continuing to breastfeed. Class taught by an IBCLC. Course fee \$30, \$15 for those who attend Breastfeeding Workshop I. To register call 352.241.7109.

**CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION**  
Express Class: FEB 9, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
5 Week Series, FEB 19 – MAR 19, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Series classes meet on Tuesdays. Prepares new parents for labor, delivery and postpartum, and how to care for yourself and your baby after delivery. To register and for fee information call 352.241.7109.

**CPR TRAINING**  
FEB 13, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
FEB 22, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for community members and health care professionals. Course fee \$25. For more information call 352.394.4071, ext. 4419.

**DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION**  
FEB 27, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

A one-day program designed to help diabetics learn self-care behaviors. Course fee \$10. To register call 352.241.7109.

**FIRST AID**  
Classes will resume in April.

**NEWBORN CARE CLASS**  
FEB 12, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

This class will teach you how to care for your newborn so that you will feel more confident when you take your baby home. Free to those attending five week Childbirth Education class, all others \$15. To register call 352.241.7109.

**NEW VISION GROUP**  
FEB 21, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

An overview of programs and services available for people with visual impairments and adjusting to vision loss. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to New Vision for Independence at 352.435.5040.

**NEW VISION VOCATIONAL REHAB**  
FEB 21, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Attendees will learn assistive technology for those visually impaired. Please inquire to New Vision for Independence at 352.435.5040.

**SAFE SITTER®**  
MAR 25 & 26, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Safe Sitter® teaches adolescent babysitters how to handle crises and how to nurture and guide a young child. Safe Sitter® babysitters help children stay safe and sound while their parents are away. In the process these 11 to 13 year olds emerge as more confident, responsible and compassionate teens and adults. Course fee \$50. To register call 352.394.4071, ext. 4419.

**SMOKING CESSATION**  
Mondays, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Six week smoking cessation course. Instructor teaches a step-by-step method for changing behavior, quitting smoking or other nicotine addiction habits. Free program. For more information call 352.241.7109.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**BETTER BREATHERS**  
FEB 12, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Support program for people with chronic lung and breathing problems. Free program. For more information call 352.241.7109.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
FEB 14, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Free program. For more information call 352.429.9343.

**JOINT REPLACEMENT EDUCATION**  
FEB 5 & 19, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Located at Hospital, 3rd Floor, Outpatient Entrance Program for patients scheduled for hip or knee replacement surgery at South Lake Hospital. Free program. For more information call 352.394.4071, ext. 4419.

**LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP**  
FEB 16, 12:00 PM

Free program. To confirm date and time, call 352.241.0844.

**MOM'S MORNING OUT**  
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Located at the Centre for Women's Health, 2nd Floor. Bring your newborn to six month old and join our casual, fun and supportive group as we discuss parenting issues and provide professional breastfeeding support. Free program. For more information call 352.241.7109.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS GROUP**  
FEB 20, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Free Program. For more information please call 352.242.2350.

**MYOSITIS SUPPORT GROUP**  
Classes will resume in April.

**NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**  
FEB 21, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Support group to help caregivers, family members, partners and significant others understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well being. Twelve-week course, meets Friday evenings. For more information call 352.217.5709 or 352.989.2601.

**BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT LINE**  
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**IN MEMORY**

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Norma Jean Badger**

Norma Jean Badger, 65, of Sanford, died Saturday, January 15, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

**Willie Bell, Sr.**

Willie Bell, Sr., 92, of Umatilla, died Thursday, January 17, 2013. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc., Apopka.

**Claudius "Big Bo" Glover-Bonds**

Claudius "Big Bo" Glover-Bonds, 48, died Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.

**Alexander Stewart Church**

Alexander Stewart Church, 91, of Orlando, died Wednesday, January 16, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

**William P. Ferris**

William P. Ferris, 89, of Lady Lake, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

**Trina Marie Harvey**

Trina Marie Harvey, 27, of Leesburg, died Saturday, January 12, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

**Betty June Truesdell Harbin**

Betty June Truesdell Harbin, 72, of Deland, died Monday, January 14, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

**Hope Electa Harris-Harvey**

Hope Electa Harris-Harvey, 94, of Mount Dora, died Saturday, January 12, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

**Michael L. Hei**

Michael L. Hei, 67, of Wildwood, Fl. passed away Friday, January 18, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

**Denee Lawrence**

Denee Lawrence, 48, of Leesburg, died on Sunday, January 13, 2013. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home Eustis.

**Irene P. Little**

Irene P. Little, 88, of Fruitland Park, died Wednesday, January 16, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals

& Cremations, Leesburg.

**Doyle Lee Loadholtz**

Doyle Lee Loadholtz, 81, of Wildwood, died Sunday, January 20, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

**Roy Ellis Lovett, Sr.**

Roy Ellis Lovett, Sr., 87, of Tavares, died Monday, January 21, 2013. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc.

**Alfred W. Massnick**

Alfred W. Massnick, 85, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

**Eddie Lou McCall**

Eddie Lou McCall, 84, of Umatilla, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

**Sherry Denell Mincey**

Sherry Denell Mincey, 60, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc.

**Richard Oberson**

Richard Oberson, 76, of Leesburg, died Wednesday, January 16, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

**Larry Lee Saul**

Larry Lee Saul, 63, of Astor, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Astor.

**Dorothy Louise Slone**

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**Laurie A. Stockholm**

Laurie A. Stockholm, 86, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

**Bernard Eugene Taylor**

Bernard Eugene Taylor, 56, of Eustis, died Thursday, January 10, 2013. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home Eustis.

**Laretta "Rita" Bridges**

**Thurmond**

Laretta "Rita" Bridges Thurmond, 66, of Coleman passed away Thursday, January 18, 2013. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

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Pine Ridge Elementary Terrific Kids for Jan. 11 are Faith Harvey, Andrew Ramsundarsingh, Taylor McQuillen, Victor Romero-Andujar, Riley Behen, Tucker Bell, Larry Galinski, Emily Pitt, Madison Lee, Catherine Decker, Mishell Beck, Blake Williams, Anabella Klee, Marian Yemm, Tyler Hyatt, Lily Klaber, Briana Watson, Samantha McVay, Anthony Terrazas, Madison Steele, Kayden Greenstein, Nathaniel Creel, Katherine Van Slambrouck, Kaylee Boyd, Haley Graczyk, Kaitlyn McDonald, Kylie Warman, Sloan Hudson, Destiny Mendez, Ashley Sohit, Caylee Hochreiter, Joseph Mora, Dominik Stacy, Holden Florence, Nikkolas Barajas, Taina Lopez, Paul Oyarzun, Alisa Sommers, Taylor Roubicek, Shelby Van Den Bogaert, Matthew Poulin, Winona Scott and Jena Salber. COURTESY PHOTO

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Aimee Stanley, co-owner of Optima One Realty, Inc., was awarded as the 2012 Board Member of the Year for Back to School Lake County. Stanley is the marketing director for the charity. From left, Jack Wallace, Kristen McCall, Aimee Stanley and Marion DeAnnuntis.

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## CLERMONT | BACK TO SCHOOL



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Dr. Matthew Karcher, DC; office manager Lisa Ward; Dr. Paul Sorchy, DC; and Dr. Albert Ferrer, DC, at Clermont Chiropractic Life Center hold an award they received from Back to School is COOL-Lake County for collecting hundreds of dollars worth of holiday gifts for homeless and under privileged students. For information, go to [www.clermontspine.com](http://www.clermontspine.com) or [www.backtoschooliscool.org](http://www.backtoschooliscool.org).

## CYPRESS RIDGE ELEMENTARY | TERRIFIC



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Cypress Ridge Elementary School Terrific Kids for Jan. 15 are Gene Orr, Emma Iannuzzi, Merrily Arnold, Owen Visscher, Derrick Graham, Michael Gonzalez, Connor Sproule, Kevin Jensen, Gabriel Ortiz, Jayce Firestone, Julianna Newman, Mati Frey, Anna Guernsey, Skylar Hutcherson, Sydney Boswell, Brett Badolato, Juliana McGuire, Aaron Bluemke, Brooke Theisen, Sydney Benson, Alexis Burke, Jake Theisen, Sydney Bedingfield, Ryan Monaghan, Alex Gonzalez, Jayci Brauman, Zach Hoffman, Emily Visconti, Nicole Ritzel, Alie Sunseri, Jalynn Thompson, Anthony Venezia, and Macaela Irwin.

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## CLERMONT MIDDLE | NEWTOWN MEMORIAL FUND



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Clermont Middle School hosted a community fundraiser in December to benefit the Newtown Memorial Fund established at the school to serve the needs of families in Newtown, Conn., and raised more than \$4,100, to be used to design and build a memorial in Newtown for each victim and fund scholarships in the names of each of the victims. Dinner was provided by Spiros Pizza, Oakwood Smokehouse and Grill and Donut King. Drinks and serving items were provided by Winn-Dixie, Chick-fil-A, and BJ's Wholesale Club, and also in attendance were the Clermont police and fire departments, with entertainment provided by the Clermont Middle School Jazz Band and local artists Paul Stone and the Bass Tones, Tayler Buono, Azriel Clary and Ms. Lively. The primary organizer of the event was Vette Ciccio, science teacher.

## NOTEBOOK

### SATURDAY

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 For career business achievement of 20 years or more.

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 A business leader whose achievements within his or her field have aided the economic business climate of Lake County.  
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 Small (less than 11 employees) • Medium (12-39 employees)  
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 An employed, elected or volunteer educator who has shown innovation and dedication to public or private schools in Lake County.

**Humanitarian**  
 An individual whose volunteer activities have improved the quality of life in Lake County.

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 An outstanding elected or employed official of state, county or city government; or a volunteer who has made contributions toward improving Lake County's quality of life.

**Sports/Athletics**  
 A person who has achieved in sports through performance or in promotion of athletic events in Lake County.

**Chris Daniels Memorial Public Safety Award**  
 To recognize an individual in the area of Public Safety who has demonstrated superior performance in their career, and has shown a commitment to better the Lake County through community involvement. This would include those persons in Lake County in the careers of law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services and emergency management.

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CLERMONT

# Pig on the Pond raises funds 'For the Kids'

**ROXANNE BROWN** | Staff Writer  
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**P**ig on the Pond "For the Kids," Clermont's signature event to help raise money to fund scholarships for local students and to help non-profit organizations raise money for their causes, will return to Waterfront Park in Clermont this year on March 8 and 9 for its 15th year.

This year, however, event organizers want people to put their running or walking shoes on and get ready to "run their help" to the finish line.

"We're adding some cool new things this year that we think will help us raise even more money for our children," Cheryl Fishel, Pig on the Pond (POTP) event organizer, said.

Since the POTP event first began in 1998, nearly \$600,000 has been raised for the cause.

Benefactors of the event are organizations such as Kiwanis Clubs of Clermont, South Lake Jr. Woman's Club, South Lake Rotary Club, Frank B. Farr Scholarship Fund, East Ridge High School Band Boosters, and many more local charities.

This year, the two-day POTP celebration will feature the events attendees look forward to — such as the chili cook-off and country concert on Friday and the sanctioned barbecue competition on Saturday, not to mention the food vendors, performances, crafters, pig races and carnival. New events include cooking demonstrations, a hot-air balloon glow that will feature seven-story high balloons over Lake Minneola, and a "Battle of Barbecue Junction" that will see



COURTESY PHOTO

Cub Scout Pack 14 had a booth at Pig on the Pond "For the Kids" in 2012 to raise money to send some of their members to Esteem Building seminars. POTP allows not for profit organizations to sell products to raise money for their causes and helps raise money that goes toward scholarships for students in South Lake County.

barbecue teams compete on a stage cooking live in front of the audience from secret ingredients in baskets, much like the television hit show "Chopped."

Another new thing being introduced to the event is a focus on health and wellness. Therefore, to kick off the Saturday event schedule, the POTP "For the Kids" committee is hosting the "Rib Run for Education - 5K Run/Walk" presented by First Green Bank. It begins at 8 a.m., March 9, at the Waterfront Park in Clermont.

To participate, those interested must register by Feb. 15.



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"We are so excited about the 5K this year. It will help us introduce a health and wellness aspect to our event as a whole," Fishel said. "People are always asking us, 'What can we do to help our kids?' and so here's another way that's fun and

healthy." Proceeds of the 5K run will benefit the Pig on the Pond Education Fund, "which changes the lives of deserving students by providing scholarships to South Lake County Students," she said.

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## Reliving history through the pages of the South Lake Press



*Ann Dupee*

REMEMBER WHEN

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

**CITY HAS 4 REMAINING STEPS FOR CHAIN DESIGNATION**

Four more steps are to be taken before the City of Clermont will finally achieve designation of its chain-of-lakes as a Florida Outstanding Waters (OFW).

The Environmental Regulation Commission (ERC) has received a written recommendation from District 5 State Department of Natural Resources, Clermont City Council, Garden Club, Kiwanis, Rotary, Business Women, Central Florida Triathletes, Waterways Association, Woman's Club and Recreation Club.

Letters of support have been sent to the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) by Dr. S.M. Asmann, Flo Dohower, Will Droege, Dr. M. H.

Thomas, Don L. Smith, Pat Stafford, Pamela Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thieler and Dr. and Mrs. Dan Williams.

The chamber of commerce is the local sponsoring organization, filing the petition requesting the OFW designation last January. On June 13, chamber executive Joyce Walker and committee chairman Rosemary Young met in Tallahassee with commissioners and DER staff to discuss the petition.

At that time a change in the wording eliminated any reference to waters in Polk County. County Commissioner Claude Smoak had wanted the Green Swamp, headwaters of Big and Little creeks and Lake Lowery in Polk County included, but proving and

describing the water connections was too complicated to include in the Clermont petition, DER staff said.

Following a September meeting here, the ERC will tour the Clermont chain from Lake Louisa to the Villa City Dam and issue a formal notice of acceptance. The last step will be a dedication ceremony in Clermont, probably in January 1986.

**IN OTHER NEWS:**

■ Miss Gloria June Fender, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Fender Sr., and a junior at Groveland High School, was named "Miss Florida American Coed Hostess" at the annual state pageant in Tampa. She competed against 127 contestants and won an all-expense paid dream vaca-

tion in Hawaii.

■ The 1985 Major Division Little League All Stars were: Dwight Wright, Shawn Hallee, Joey Lester, Christopher Stone, Mathew McCue, Casey Kelly, Michael Delaney, Christopher Griffin, Christopher Jackson, Michael Devon Cole, Brett Clarke, Matthew Duncan, Blaine Thompson, Dustan Amburgey, Charles Leonard and Todd Ingersoll. Manager was Bill Delaney.

Christopher Jackson and Brett Clarke received the top individual honors for 1985. Jackson was homerun king with a record 11 round-trippers and .589 batting mark. Clarke won the batting title

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Applicants requiring a reasonable accommodation, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, must notify the Guardian ad Litem Program by calling **(352) 671-5757**. Notification to the Recruiter/Trainer must be made in advance to allow sufficient time to provide the accommodation.

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# Be responsible, take the initiative for your life

With everything happening around us at this time, we have to look at things a bit differently than we have been.

We are in a dangerous time, not because we have a super power pointing nuclear weapons at us, that wall came down years ago, and not because we have a bunch of religious zealots planning on blowing us up along with themselves. Not because we have economic chaos, illegal aliens crossing the border, Social Security, taxes, a medical system and our politicians who are all fiscally, ethically and morally broken.

We are in a dangerous time because we are letting all of this be with just a grumble. We are internalizing the stress, chaos, depression, anxiety and helplessness and just complaining and complaining and not doing anything.

Now, I know many of you will take offense and say there is nothing you can do about it. It is a global problem; our politicians are not listening to us and continue to vote for things that most Americans are opposed to. Our health care system is running amok and we just keep paying more for less and less.

I can go on and on but ... it is our choice how we must respond and what we do in our lives.

The biggest problem today is



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the lack of responsibility and initiative we all are taking (or not taking) in our lives. I truly believe most of us are not as stupid as the media, politicians,

drug companies, chemical companies, etc., believe we are.

We are led around by our ears with promises that if we all pay more taxes to these corporations who are failing for a reason, we will all be better.

We are told by politicians that if you vote for me, I'll change things, and then things don't change.

We are told that you can take this drug and you can keep stuffing your face with junk, cakes, soda and just sit on your fanny and you will lose weight and be healthy.

We are told that chemicals that are listed as the toxic waste of one product miraculously become nontoxic when they are used in the production of other products.

Our biggest problem is not that we are stupid but that we are lazy and in denial. We think if we listen to the commercials or the "party line" that "this time things will be different."

You want to believe the doctors or the commercials for the diabetes groups that say artificially sweetened things are OK for diabetics, or that you can still eat the bread, pasta and oatmeal and you're healthy because your sugar is controlled on the three medications.

People, you need to wake up! If my tone sounds a little harsher than normal, it is. I am

angry that grown people are coming in with problems compounded by stress, depression, anxiety, medications, etc., and they are not taking control of themselves.

We are the greatest country because of our people. We are in the process of giving that title away because we are giving away our power. People are not taking responsibility for their actions.

Parents are yelling at teachers because "their children are angels and would never cause problems that they are accused of." And then teachers cannot defend themselves because the principles and the school boards fail to back them up. This is a problem, because we have kids who cannot read who are graduating from classes because we are "dumbing down" requirements for passing.

We are wondering why things are deteriorating and we are the cause.

Now, all is not lost because you can change things. Don't worry about the politicians or the media because they are just trying to "spin" their agendas. Worry about getting things right in your immediate life.

Start by taking an assessment of your life. Include your finances, health, family, relationships, career, recreation, personal development, etc., and

write down how things are now and how you'd like them to change. Come up with realistic goals for more immediate changes and for more long-term changes. (Remember to give yourself enough time to accomplish things).

Think about how you can change your attitude about things that are happening around you if you cannot change what is happening.

This next one is a hard one. If you have people who are hurting you, then you need to change the relationship, or remove them from your life.

Toxic relationships in work, home and recreation are giving away our power and can range from mildly annoying to literally fatal. If people are dragging you down, or are abusing you physically, mentally or emotionally, you must do something about it.

Get help if you are fearful but get help.

I've touched on some serious things here but they are things that need to be looked at in our lives. I always go back to the Serenity Prayer:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

May it bring you some peace.

## MOUNT DORA

### Fatal wreck claims mother, 3-year-old girl Woman was active in area music ministries

Staff Report

The former children's minister at Bay Street Baptist Church in Eustis and her 3-year-old daughter died Monday after their car flipped into a canal along Alligator Alley and trapped them inside for 30 minutes, news reports said.

Cecilia Rene Douglas' other daughter, a 4-year-old, survived the accident but was hospitalized in critical condition, according to Don Miller, director of missions for the Lake County Baptist Association in Eustis.

"It's a heartbreaking situation," he said. "All of us are shocked, and we are all praying for them."

The 33-year-old Douglas and her husband, Nathan, recently moved to Naples,



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where he is employed by Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Douglas was driving westbound on Interstate 75, near mile marker 88 east of Naples, when her 2005 Lexus hit another vehicle, veered off the road, and struck a set of barricade cables before flipping and landing in a canal, reports said. It took rescuers 30 minutes before they were able to smash the windows of the vehicle and remove the passengers, who were unresponsive.

"When they brought them out, they were not breathing on their own," FHP Sgt. Norman Parks said.

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## Business in Action

# CHAMBER of COMMERCE



Chamber Ambassadors recently welcomed many South Lake Guardian ad Litem volunteers along with Marcia Hilty, the local circuit director for the organization, to the South Lake Chamber of Commerce. Florida's Guardian ad Litem program advocates for thousands of children caught in the State's child-welfare system. Court-appointed volunteers are entrusted with the best interests of abused or neglected children to help them navigate through difficult times. Support and volunteers are always welcomed. Please see more information at [www.guardianadlitem.org](http://www.guardianadlitem.org) or call 352-671-5750.



Chamber Ambassadors welcomed long-time member Pat Caracciolo to his new pet-boarding, grooming, training and day care facility located at 7344 State Road 50 in Groveland. His business touts itself as a "Vacation Resort for Your Pampered Pets." He offers multiple pet discounts and great pet vacation packages. Please see more information at [www.patthedogcfl.com](http://www.patthedogcfl.com) or call 352-429-9202.



The South Lake Chamber of Commerce, along with government leaders from Lake County and the cities of Clermont, Groveland and Minneola, were part of the first regional streamlined permitting agreement in the country. On hand to witness the signing of the "Open for Business" resolution were, from left to right: Groveland Mayor Jim Gearhart, Chamber members Mikel Jorgensen and Bruce Greer, Chamber President Ray San Fratello, Lake County Commission Chair Leslie Campione, Lake County Growth Management Director Amye King and Chamber Director of Membership Ray Villegas.



The South Lake Chamber of Commerce received an appreciation award from Julie Hulley, founder of Back to School Is Cool for the Chamber's drive to collect school supplies and financial donations. From left to right are: Lucy Hage, Chamber Director of Operations; Julie Hulley with Back to School Is Cool; Chamber School Drive Chair Mary Lightcap and Chamber Director of Membership Ray Villegas.



Chamber Ambassador Chair Cuqui Whitehead (right) acknowledged the many volunteer contributions of the Ambassador Choice Award recipient Donnie Hunt (left) with Hunt Industrial Park. The award was one of the highlights of the January Business After Hours at Three Dogs Printing.



Emily Walker (right) was named Outstanding Student of the Month and was congratulated by Wesley Reed (left) with Ameriprise Financial Advisers, sponsor of the award. A 4.0 student at South Lake High School, Emily's many achievements include academics, athletics and volunteering. She is a member of her school's varsity softball, weightlifting, swim, track and tennis teams. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was a Homecoming Princess. She volunteers for Light Up Mascotte and tutors other students in history. During the summer, she works at Clermont Animal Hospital. Emily received an award and gift certificate from Ameriprise Financial Advisers



United Southern Bank Vice President Mike Bucher (left) was named the January recipient of the Chamber's Gem of the Hills Award. This award goes to outstanding community volunteers and organizations. Bucher is a former Chamber board chair, a past president of the Kiwanis Club of South Lake, past board member of Lake-Sumter State College Foundation and was a Junior Achievement volunteer. He is president of the Chamber Alliance of Lake County and is a board member and treasurer of Building Blocks Ministries. The award was presented during January's breakfast by Community Relations Chair Michelle Michnoff (right).



Team Schmid was named winner of the Chamber's 2012 Chairman's Club Champions Membership Drive. Volunteers from Schmid Construction in Clermont brought in the most new members. Shown holding their plaque from left to right are: Greg Flaxmayer, Lisa Sells, Karen Wentzell and Jamie Brush.

TAVARES

## Crappie Masters opens season at Harris Chain

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The fertile waters in the Harris Chain of Lakes and Wooton Park in Tavares will play host to the season-opening stop on the Bass Pro Shops Crappie Masters tournament trail.

Two-angler teams from around the country will converge on the nine-lake fishery beginning today for a two-day national qualifying event with onshore activities designed to keep fishing fans busy while they wait for the afternoon weigh ins to begin.

The Harris Chain of Lakes is one of the most popular stops among Crappie Masters teams because of the often fishing-friendly conditions and bounty of crappie found in area waters, according to Crappie Masters President Paul Alpers.

Anglers competing on the Harris Chain of Lakes and a one-day qualifier Feb. 2 on Lake Monroe, Lake Jessup and the St. Johns River in Sanford will battle for points based on their finish in each tournament. The team with the highest combined total will be declared the Florida State Champion.

Last year's winners, Johnny Hill Sr., and Johnny Hill Jr. won with a two-day total of 18.8 pounds. Crappie Masters officials said that team had not yet registered for this year's tournament by Tuesday, but were spotted pre-fishing on the waterway and officials said they expect the duo to sign up before the event begins.

"Many anglers often wait until the last minute to sign up," said

Mike Valentine, an official with Crappie Masters. "They're in town and I'm confident they're going to fish."

This will mark the sixth-straight year for the Crappie Masters Tournament Trail to stop in Lake County.

Local anglers George Parker and Darryl Cole are the only two-time winners of the event.

Parker and Cole took top honors in 2009 and 2011 with winning totes of 20.21 and 20.60 pounds, respectively.

The tournament record is 21 pounds, set by Charles Cantrell and Robbie Huff in 2010.

Weigh-in for today and Saturday's rounds will begin at about 3:30 p.m. at Wooton Park. Teams can fish from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day.

Weigh-in on both days will be held at Wooton Park, downtown Tavares.

Fans are invited to watch weigh-ins on both days and cheer on their favorite angler. Admission is free.

Saturday, a free fishing rodeo for children will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Wooton Park. Youngsters with their own poles and bait can fish for fun and prizes and a pizza party will follow the rodeo.

Like the fishing rodeo, the pizza party is free.

Registration for the fishing rodeo begins at 8 a.m.

The Wooton Park boat launch will be closed to the public until Saturday to accommodate the tournament. Other launches will be open to non-tournament anglers, but officials say all pleasure anglers should stay at

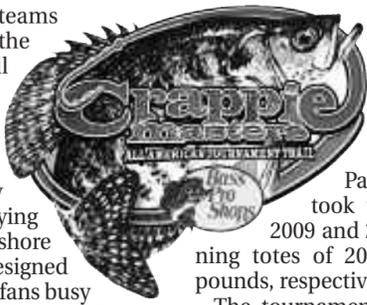


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Last year's winners of the Crappie Masters Harris Chain of Lakes tournament stop were Johnny Hill Jr. (left) and Johnny Hill Sr. The pair are holding up trophies after last year's decisive final round. As of Tuesday, the pair have not signed up for the tournament, but were seen pre-fishing on the Harris Chain of Lakes. Officials say many anglers often wait before registering.

least 100 feet away from teams competing in the tournament.

The Crappie Masters tournament trail is a season long, 17-event circuit, culminating Sept. 25-28 with the National Championship on Grenada Lake in Grenada, Miss. One of the highlights of this year's tournament trail is a \$100,000, one-day event, planned for Aug. 4 on Truman Lake in Clinton, Mo.

A second \$100,000 tournament is tentatively set for Grenada Lake on a date that has been decided.

"At the 2012 national championship, anglers were asked to

sign up if they interested in a \$100,000, 100-boat tournament with a \$1000 entry fee," Alpers said. "There were plenty of anglers that signed up showing their interest, so we're going to give it go. Teams will have to enter before March 15 for each \$100,000 tournament."

The top five teams from each tournament stop will qualify for the national championship and those that five in three or more events will automatically qualify. Any remaining spots will be determined by accumulated points.

Anglers competing on the

Harris Chain of Lakes will be fishing on one of the top 100 fisheries in America, based on a story that appeared in the April edition of Bassmaster magazine. In the report, the Lake County waterway was listed at No. 73 on the list, which six waterways in Florida.

Outdoors writers, editors, professional anglers and fishing industry veterans produced the final rankings. The panel compiled the rankings based on fishability of each lake, history, big fish and over potential for producing maximum catches, as well as aesthetic surroundings of each fishery.

## Montverde Academy will have great competition at MAIT

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Despite suffering back-to-back losses, the Montverde Academy boys basketball team still figures to be the team to beat in the 10th annual Montverde Academy Invitational Tournament.

The three-day tournament, which began Thursday at the school's new Center for Sportsmanship and Wellness, features seven other teams looking to knock off the Eagles on a national stage.

With 19-2 record at the start of the MAIT, coach Kevin Boyle got the Eagles off to an 18-0 start and a No. 1 ranking in ESPN's high-school poll before nationally televised losses against Fairfax (Va.) Paul VI and Henderson (Nev.) Findlay Prep Monday at the Hoophall Classic in Springfield, Mass.

Led by University of Florida commit Kasey Hill, Kentucky commit Dakari Johnson and

Devin Williams, who is committed to West Virginia, the Eagles are looking for their fifth MAIT title.

Among those in the field set to square off against Montverde Academy include last year's second-place team, Orlando Christian Prep, and LaPorte (Ind.) La Lumiere, which lost to Montverde Academy in the quarterfinals of the 2012 ESPN National High School Invitational in Bethesda, Md.

Montverde held off Orlando Christian Prep last year in the last MAIT contest ever played in front of an overflow crowd in venerable Roberts Gymnasium.

Other schools include Oldsmar Christian, Orlando Edgewater, Snellville (Ga.) Shiloh, Inglewood (Calif.), and Baltimore St. Frances Academy.

Orlando Christian Prep rebounded from the loss and went on to win the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 2A state championship.

MAIT games today are sched-



uled for 3 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 6:20 p.m. and 8 p.m. On Saturday, game times are 2:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 5:50 p.m., with the championship game to played at 7:30 p.m.

Montverde Academy opened defense of its title on Thursday against Orlando Edgewater. Games today will be determined by the outcomes of Thursday's games and Saturday's matchups will be decided based on today's results.

Against the highly touted tournament field, Montverde

Academy will be looking to stop its two-game slide — a first for the Eagles since Boyle took over the program prior to the 2011-12 season.

On Monday, against Findlay Prep, the Eagles held an 11-point lead midway through the fourth quarter when Hill fouled out. From that point on, Montverde Academy struggled to maintain its rhythm on both ends of the floor.

Findlay Prep found its groove and chipped away at the Eagles' advantage until it tied the game with less than a minute to play.

With two seconds to play, Nigel Williams-Goss drilled a three pointer to give the Pilots their second straight come-from-behind victory against Montverde Academy.

The last time the two teams met, Findlay Prep edged the Eagles 86-83 in overtime in the championship game of the 2012 ESPN National High School Invitational.

Williams-Goss scored 18 of his

game-high 26 points in the fourth quarter.

Johnson led the Eagles with 17 points, followed by Williams with 16 points and 15 rebounds.

Saturday, against Paul VI, the Eagles fell behind early, but battled back and took a 48-43 lead into the fourth quarter. Paul VI responded with a furious comeback and forced overtime. In the extra period, Paul VI prevailed 69-67 in front of a capacity crowd of more than 8,700 fans.

Tickets are \$10 per day and can be purchased at the gym.

Up-to-date tournament brackets will be displayed in the Center for Sportsmanship and Wellness.

The \$6 million building seats 1,500 for basketball. It also houses practice courts for the basketball team, volleyball courts, locker rooms and a weight room.

For information about the MAIT, email tournament directors jon hopman and mike foley at jon.hopman@montverde.org or mike.foley@montverde.org.

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# Getting started with your food stockpile

This week, I will answer all the questions that I've received during our ongoing series on stockpiling. I am so excited that the readers are starting their stockpiles. You will see a big difference in four weeks in your grocery bill as it starts to come down more and more each week.

**Q.** Do I have to buy 20 of an item each time I shop?

**A.** Great question Jane Q. No, you do not "have" to purchase 20 of each item to build your stockpile. You can buy two, four, six or more of the item, and have it in your stockpile.

The trick is when you find something like pasta for 75 percent off after your coupons, plus weekly sale, that is when you want to buy extra. Next time you need to make a dish with pasta,

## SEND YOUR PHOTOS

Have you started a little stockpile this month? Do you have a large stockpile? Snap a picture and send it in. I would love to show off your stockpile as a follow-up to our Stockpiling 101 series.

you can pull from your stockpile instead of paying full price.

**Q.** How do I keep up with the expiration dates in my stockpile?

**A.** Keeping a sharpie and/or masking tape nearby your stockpile will help you greatly with the expiration dates. Just write the expiration date on a piece of masking tape and apply it to your items where the date can easily be seen.

**Q.** There is a great deal on deodorant this week that I want to put in my stockpile but the coupon says limit four per

transaction. What do I do?

**A.** Manufacturers are trying to limit their stock so that in theory it is available to all. What you can do is separate transactions of four in each. Here's an example:

Purchase four (deodorants at \$1 each and use four \$1 off two deodorant coupons. Final price: free after using coupons.

Then you do this transaction again and you are meeting the requirements of the coupon. Make sure that you are not clearing out a shelf. Talk to the store manager or customer service and see if they have any more in the back. They would rather do that then empty a shelf for you. It is possible your manager will say it is O.K. to buy four, eight or 12 of that same item, too.

**Q.** We do not have extra money



*Tanya Senseney*

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to build a stockpile with. What do I do?

**A.** So many families are dealing with the same budget constraints. Do not worry or fret because you can still do it. Start very small. Coupons will be the key, plus store sales.

Maybe you can set aside \$10 per week, or every two weeks, for stockpiling. When you spot a sale on something, for example toothpaste or cereal, then with your coupons purchase \$10 worth of the item. Then next week you can pick something else to add to your stockpile.

Start small and think big.

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

## HISTORY

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with .590 average and compiled an 8-0 pitching record.

■ Apshawa Groves, beautiful rolling lakefront acreage, two miles north of Minneola offers five-acre parcels up to 25 acres. Starting at \$25,000. Excellent investment. Max Juxy and Associates, Inc., Realtor.

■ Lori Queen, incoming Clermont High School senior, won a beautiful saddle as the 1985 champion barrel racer in the Florida High School Rodeo circuit, accumulating the most points in wins over the year, 103. She also won a buckle for winning the Florida State Rodeo Association finals held at Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee.

Queen and her parents,

Joseph and Naomi Queen, leave for Rapid City, S.D, so Lori can participate in the National High School Rodeo championship. Last year, she placed 24th out of 130 entries in the nationals.

■ Melody Sapp, ranked fifth in the Class of 1985 at Groveland High School was crowned Miss Groveland at the annual July Fourth celebration. Little 5-year-old Jolitta M. Fernandez was crowned Little Miss Firecracker after the flag raising ceremonies at Lake David.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Seaver celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clay. Oakley and Sarah Jane hosted their 17 family members at a dinner party at L.J. Grunt's (now 801 City Grill at 8th and

Montrose.) Oakley chose that restaurant that is the location of a former grocery store where he had his first job.

■ The Clermont Recreation Center in Westgate Plaza (adjacent to the former Clermont City Hall on State Road 50) was sold July 1 by Herbert L. "Buddy" Rogers Jr. to Larry Yuha, 31, vice president and general manager; Lanny Krajeir, 37, president; and Joe Yuha, 60, secretary-treasurer.

■ The Lady Senators, sponsored by state Sen. Richard Langley, won their second consecutive Ladies Softball League championship. Members were Denise Wolfe, Patricia Davis, Tiffany Longwood, Julie Fillingim, Bernita Blake, Debra Wright, Vera Brown, Doreatha Miller, Laydean Stallworth, Felicia

Lynn Blake, Barbara Phillips and Mary Adams. Manager was Adolphus Church and batgirl was Destiny Crawford.

■ Will Droege eagled hole No. 5 at Green Valley Country Club.

■ Mrs. Ida Dean was surprised as the Senior Citizen of the Month by New Jacobs Chapel Baptist Church.

■ Grocery prices at Winn Dixie: One dozen large eggs, 9 cents; Scott towels, jumbo roll, 19 cents; tuna, 6 1/2-ounce can, 9 cents; Gold Meal flour, 39 cents for a five-pound bag; Raid spray, 16 ounces, \$1.99 each; whole fryers, 59 cents per pound; Budweiser and Bud Light beer, \$4.69 per 12-pack; Clorox bleach, 39 cents a gallon; boneless Delmonico steaks, \$3.99 per pound.

Grocery prices at Publix:

Strawberries, 69 cents a pint; bottom round roast, \$1.47 per pound; cottage cheese, 99 cents for 16-ounce cup; Kraft mayonnaise, \$1.39, 32-ounce jar; Heinz baby food, six, 4 1/2-ounce jars, \$1; white tuna, 69 cents for 6 1/2-ounce can; Publix milk, \$1.99 per gallon; large eggs, 29 cents a dozen; Smithfield bacon, one-pound package, 99 cents; fresh ground beef, 99 cents per pound.

Prices at Eckerd Drug store: Benadryl is now available without a prescription. Aqua fresh toothpaste, \$1.19, 4.6 ounces; Coke, Tab or Sprite, \$1.69 per six-pack in 12-ounce cans; Eveready Energizer batteries, two-pack, \$1.49; Mylanta, 12 ounces, \$2.29; Johnson & Johnson band-aids, 20-count, \$1.66; Bayer aspirin, bottle of 60, \$1.99.

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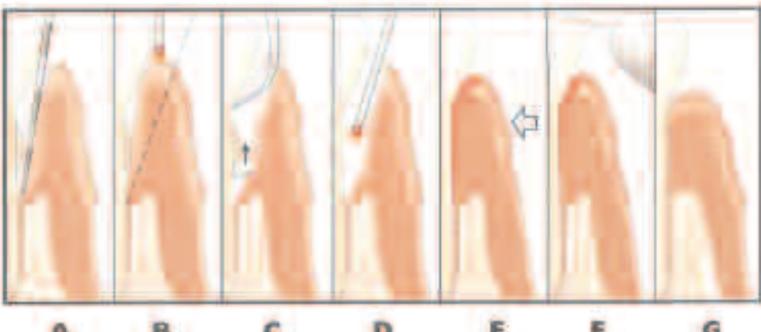
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property, in Lake County, Florida:

TO: RUTH C. MAHLER, deceased, whose last known address was 1441 Nassau Circle, Tavares, Florida 32778, and all unknown heirs, beneficiaries, legatees, devisees, personal representatives, creditors and any other persons claiming by through, under or against Ruth C. Mahler, the Estate of Ruth C. Mahler..

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
In The Name of the State of Florida:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a lien imposed by the Association, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 720.3085 on real property located in Lake County, Florida, described as follows:

Lot 151, Lake Frances Estates Unit 2, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 20, page 19, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, Paul M. Caldwell, of the law firm Caldwell & Payne, P.A., whose address is, P.O. Box 120069, Clermont, Florida 34712-0069, on or before the first date of publication, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED on the Jan. 4 day of 2013.

NEIL KELLY, As Clerk of the County Clerk By: S/W. TILLMAN Deputy Clerk

Ad No. 00376324  
Jan. 18 & 25, 2013

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### 003 Legal Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Case No. 2013 CA 000033

LAKE FRANCES ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida Not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff  
vs.  
RONALD H. MAHLER and RUTH C. MAHLER, deceased, and all unknown heirs, beneficiaries, legatees, devisees, personal representatives, creditors and any other persons claiming by through, under or against Ruth C. Mahler, the Estate of Ruth C. Mahler..

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Lot 151, Lake Frances Estates Unit 2, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 20, page 19, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your answer or pleading to said Complaint on Plaintiff's attorney of record, Todd J. Mazzenko, Esq., 600 Jennings Avenue, Eustis, Florida 32726, and file the original answer or pleading in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Lake County, Florida, on or before the March 7, 2013. If you fail to do so, a Judgment by Default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

Done and Ordered at Lake County, Florida, this 14 day of January, 2013.

Neil Kelly  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: S/ K.MITCHELL  
As Deputy Clerk

Ad. No: 00377100

### 003 Legal Notices

Jan. 18 & 25, 2013

### 100 Announcement

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## REAL ESTATE NEWS



### R.C. Stevens awarded contract with gardware

Winter Garden-based R.C. Stevens Construction Co. has been awarded the

12,883-square-foot land development and building-expansion contract for the ACE Hardware at the current location in Winter Garden.

### Morning Buzz series hosted by home association

TAVARES — The Feb. 6 Morning Buzz is a first for the group as Builders and

Realtors have joined forces to provide a presentation jointly, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Feb. 6, REALTORS Association of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc. office, 3001 S.R. 19 in Tavares.

The presentation, "Selling New, Selling Green, and Financing Options" is a panel presentation consisting of Joan Nagle, broker, and sales associate for KB Home; Joe Williams, GCP, FGBC, builder/owner

of TownSquare Construction; Nate Ritter, LEED AP, BD&C, CGP, GreenBuilt Solutions LLC; and Jeff Tierney, branch manager for DHI Mortgage.

An RSVP is due by noon, Feb. 5 at 352-343-7101 or by email to admin@lakehba.com for attendance.

Morning Buzz is free to Home Builder Association and Realtors Association of Lake and Sumter Counties members.

## PEOPLE, EVENTS AND PLACES

### Lennar to host preview of model homes Feb. 6

CHAMPIONS GATE — Lennar will host a Gala Realtor Preview and Reception, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 6 to showcase four new model homes at ChampionsGate, the master-planned golf community located on ChampionsGate Blvd., I-4, exit 58 (C.R. 532) south of Orlando.

Mark Metheny, president of Lennar's Central Florida Division, said Orlando's famous 4 Season's Smokehouse will be providing plenty of food and refreshments and Realtors will be able to register for an Alaskan cruise for two at the event.

Lennar plans to build 600-800 single-family homes priced from the \$240s at The Country Club at ChampionsGate including "The Hideaway," a single-family model home with four bedrooms and two baths in 2,246 square feet of living space and a two-car garage.

The "Sand Dollar" model home at The Country Club at ChampionsGate offers four bedrooms and three baths in 2,460 square feet with a three-car garage.

New homes at The Country Club at ChampionsGate range in size from 1,800 square feet of living space to 2,500 square feet.

Metheny said Lennar plans to build as many as 600-700 luxury vacation homes at The Retreat at ChampionsGate, including the Bali model with five bedrooms and four-and-one-half baths in 2,766 square feet of living space with a two-car garage.

The "Maui" model home offers eight bedrooms and five baths in 3,826 square feet of living space with a two-car garage.

Luxury vacation homes at The Retreat at ChampionsGate will range from 2,200 square feet to 3,800 square feet, Metheny said.

Metheny said Lennar will announce plans to pay a full 10 percent co-broker commission on sales of luxury vacation homes at The Retreat at ChampionsGate and three percent commissions for sales of single-family homes priced from the \$240s at ChampionsGate Country Club.

Metheny said, Realtor preview visitors should park at 8390 ChampionsGate Blvd. Free shuttles will be provided to the model center and the main events.

"ChampionsGate is such an incredible community we wanted to do something spectacular for our grand opening," Metheny said.

Go to [www.Lennar.com](http://www.Lennar.com) for information.

### Medallion Home sales and closings surged last year

BRADENTON — Medallion Home (Bradenton) enjoyed a record year in both sales and closings last year, generating 239 sales exceeding \$80 million and closed 165 homes.

Fourth Quarter sales were up 63 percent over the same period in 2011. "We had a strong 4th quarter and we're hopeful that is a precursor heading into the season," says director of sales and marketing, Gregg Glasser.

Medallion Home currently builds

homes in Bradenton at: Country Meadows, Harbour Walk, Bella Sole, The Reserve; and Riva Trace (University Park), Stone Walk Preserve (Venice), Bobcat Trail (North Port), River Plantation, Gamble Creek Estates, Fox Brook Estates, and Twin Rivers, all in Parrish; and Lakes of Mount Dora in Mount Dora.

For information go to [www.MedallionHome.com](http://www.MedallionHome.com).

### Developer starts Beijing trade mission

MAITLAND — A unique development enterprise based in Orlando recently participated in a trade mission to Beijing to brief Chinese investors in a bid to attract investors to develop assisted living facilities in Florida.

George Livingston, a principal of Orlando EB-5 Investments, LLC, said an extensive presentation for the potential backers, all members of a fast-growing class of increasingly affluent Chinese entrepreneurs, was made in Beijing.

Livingston and Orlando EB-5 Investments are banking on a 23-year old U.S. immigration policy that encourages foreigners to invest in U.S. businesses. The EB-5 immigrant visa category grants permanent resident status when they invest at least \$500,000 in approved U.S. business enterprises that generate jobs.

Currently the U.S. grants 10,000 EB-5 immigrant visas annually.

"That is a tremendous volume of investment capital and it substantially benefits the U.S. economy, not to mention our balance of trade," Livingston explained.

Livingston said Orlando EB-5 Investments boasts an influential principal — LivingVentures, Inc., formerly known as Green Global Investments, LLC.

LivingVentures currently operates 1,000 housing units in 10 facilities in Toronto, and plans to expand to 3,000-5,000 units by the close of 2013, Livingston said.

The firm is currently acquiring two Florida properties where it plans to develop 240 residential units for assisted living and memory care seniors.

"We are seeking funding from EB-5 investors to acquire and develop assisted living facilities and senior housing throughout Florida," Livingston said.

### Stirling appoints golfer Puerto as homes specialist

ORLANDO — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has appointed golfer Carlos Puerto as International Luxury Homes Specialist in the firm's Windermere/Dr. Phillips Real Estate Marketing Center.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, said Puerto is an avid golfer and has managed multiple golf clubs in Florida and whose own golf course home led him into real estate sales.

Soderstrom said Puerto will specialize in unique luxury community, golf community and resort community homes and properties.

Puerto was born in Cali, Colombia, and grew up in Massachusetts. He played on the first golf team at his high school, and continued his golfing career rising to the level of instructor and then manager of two of central Florida's finest golf courses, the Golden Bear Club's Jack Nicklaus signature design golf course in Windermere and the Red Tail Golf Club in Sorrento.

Puerto, who is bilingual, studied business at the University of Miami before launching his professional career in golf. Puerto doesn't limit his sporting activities to golf as he also plays soccer on the Juventus soccer team in Central Florida and flag football.

"We're a team of 40-somethings trying to relive the dream of being competitive players," Puerto joked.

### NAI negotiates lease with water damage experts

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new industrial lease agreement for 1,875 square feet in Suite 330, 6124 Hanging Moss Road at Hanging Moss CommerCenter in Orlando.

NAI Realvest Principal Michael Heidrich brokered the transaction representing the landlord COP-Hanging Moss, LLC of Maitland and the tenant, Dry-Tech Restoration, Inc., water damage experts.

For more information contact:

Go to [www.NAIRealvest.com](http://www.NAIRealvest.com) for information.

### Cuhaci & Peterson complete design of stores

ORLANDO — Cuhaci & Peterson Architects Engineers Planners, based in Orlando's Baldwin Park, completed design work to build 18 new Leslie's Pool Mart stores in nine states during.

Jed Downs, president of Cuhaci & Peterson, said the new Leslie's Pool Mart stores are located in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida.

Downs said the stores range in size from 2,400 square feet of retail space to 4,000 square feet.

### NAI completes lease agreement for law firm

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a lease agreement with a law

firm expanding into its second location at La Vina Marketplace, 9161 Narcoossee Road, at Lake Nona in southeast Orlando.

Senior Associate Mary Frances West, CCIM, brokered the transaction representing the landlord, Ripley's International LLC.

The new tenant, Englert, Leite & Martin, PL, is expanding from the Avalon Park location, has leased Suite B-210 with 1,467 square feet on the second floor of La Vina Marketplace.

Go to [www.nairealvest.com](http://www.nairealvest.com) for information.

### M/I Homes acquires home sites to start development

LAKE MARY — M/I Homes will start developing its newest community, Narcoossee Village, off Narcoossee Road and Jack Brack Blvd. in St. Cloud., offering 200 home sites in March.

David G. Byrnes, area president of M/I Homes in the Orlando region, said the homebuilder's new single-family homes at Narcoossee Village will range from 1,500 square feet of living space to 3,500 square feet and will be priced starting from \$179,900.

M/I Homes currently has 10 active communities in the Orlando area.

### NAI negotiates sale of industrial building

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest recently negotiated the sale of a free-standing industrial building at 2000 Tree Fork Lane at Big Tree Crossing Industrial Park off C.R. 427 in Longwood.

Michael Heidrich, principal at NAI Realvest, negotiated the transaction representing the seller, Sacramento, Calif.-based 2000 Tree Fork Lane, LLC.

Navrod Properties, Inc. is the buyer who paid \$330,000 for the 7,200 square foot building which includes some office/showroom space. Chuck McNulty of The McNulty Group represented the buyer in the transaction.

Go to [www.NAIRealvest.com](http://www.NAIRealvest.com) for information.

### Hendricks & Partners negotiates apartments sale

BIRMINGHAM — Hendricks & Partners, one of the nation's largest and most active multifamily investment banking and research companies, recently negotiated the sale of Woodbrook Trail Apartments, a 200-unit apartment community located in Alabaster, Ala. for \$8 million.

David Oakley, senior investment advisor of Hendricks & Partners Alabama office negotiated the sale representing the seller, Ambler, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, based in Birmingham.

Woodbrook Trail, constructed in two phases in 1977 and 1988, has a total of 179,344 square feet of rentable living space with one, two and three-bedroom apartments.

The buyer was TEG Acquisitions LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company, based out of New York.



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## Developer indicted on campaign law violations

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

PENSACOLA — A Panhandle developer was charged with breaking federal campaign finance laws by reimbursing numerous people who made the maximum legal donation of \$2,300 to a presidential candidate he supported.

Jay Odom, 56, surrendered to federal authorities in Pensacola on Tuesday. The U.S. Attorney's Office for Florida's Northern District said Odom would plead not guilty to charges that in 2007 he circumvented federal campaign contribution limits.

The indictment alleges Odom reimbursed some people who made contributions of \$2,300 to a presidential candidate, but does not mention the specific candidate. Federal records show that Odom and his wife made

contributions in late 2007 to former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee. Prosecutors say the illegal campaign contributions came to more than \$10,000.

Odom is a longtime and major commercial and residential developer in locations throughout the Panhandle.

In 2011, state prosecutors dropped charges against Odom and former Republican House Speaker Ray Sansom. Sansom had been accused of scheming to get \$6 million in the state budget to build a hangar at the Destin airport that would have benefited Odom, a major Republican donor.

A trial on the campaign finance fraud charges against Odom is scheduled to start March 4 before U.S. District Judge Lacey A. Collier in

Pensacola. Odom faces up to seven years in prison if convicted of all of the charges in the indictment.

Odom's attorney James Judkins said Tuesday that his client would fight the charges.

"He is very disappointed in this indictment and he will meet this challenge in court," Judkins said. He said Odom was released from custody Tuesday afternoon and was not due to report back to court before his trial date in March.

The U.S. Attorney's Office declined to say Tuesday whether the campaign finance charges represented the end of the investigation or whether more charges could follow. Judkins said he did not want to speculate about the scope of the FBI's investigation or the possibility of further indictments.

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Hancock Bank and Peoples First Community Bank to Oak Ridge 1 LLC, 25-24-26, \$500,000.  
Oak Ridge 1 LLC to Norfolk Properties LLC, 25-24-26, \$500,000.  
Baas Jason D to Summers Bryan K, 26-19-24, \$10.  
Colonial Acquisitions Inc. to Clermont Land LLC, 26-22-26, \$3,190,000.  
Myrick Roger D and Myrick Kimberly to DMG Clermont LLC, 26-24-25, \$129,895.  
Langley Winifred S to Langley Winifred S Life Est, Langley Christian Elliot, Evans Jennifer Langley Ind And Tr, Calvin J Langley Trust and Langley Calvin J, 27-18-27, \$10.  
Graham Jessica H to Properties Of Sumter Inc, 28-19-24 Eas, \$52,942.50  
Koch Glenn E and Koch Mary A to Archer Lea and Archer Larry L, 28-21-26, \$205,000.  
Ellis Randall S Tr and Dorothy L Ellis Trust to Griffin Malcolm H and

Griffin Leslie D, 29-20-26, \$32,500.  
Liner Source Inc. to Langford Holding Company Inc., 3-19-27, \$10.  
Lengemann Ralph Tr, Hannelore Lengemann Family Trust, Gerhard A Lengemann Family Trust and Lengemann Hannelore Ind And Tr to Lengemann Ralph and Lengemann Elke, 30-17-27, \$10.  
Clark Thomas J and Clark Karen M to Brigmond Perry L Brigmond Debra L, Lt 22 Dukes Lk Ph II, \$70,000.  
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Hess Nathan J and Hess Angela D, Lt 122 Reserve At Minneola Ph 1, \$86,000.  
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Lake County Clerk of the Court and Blevins Carl R to Citimortgage Inc and ABN Amro Mortgage Group Inc., Lt 16 Highland View Replat No 2 Etc, \$100.  
Lake County Clerk of the Court, BAC Home Loans Servicing LP, Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Garner James R and Garner Suzanne B to Federal National Mortgage Association, Lt 16 Magda Ests, \$0.  
Royal Oak Homes LLC to Marin Wilson R, Lt 161 Hammock Reserve, \$203,777.  
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and Ronald R Wolfe & Associates Pl to Decker

Karl O and Decker Reshella L, 13-18-26, \$145,000.  
Richardson Richard T Jr. to Underwood Olen, 13-19-25 Etc., \$20,000.  
Phillips Jeannette A to Henry Cindy L, Haslett Jeanne Marie, Tweed Kathy Ann and Phillips Jeannette A Life Est, 13-20-24, \$10.  
Us Bank National Association Tr and Wells Fargo Bank Na to Okeefe Robyn Louise and Okeefe Mark Joseph, 13-21-25 Eas, \$130,000.  
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Family Trust to Vanek Joseph Tr and Leland F Stahelin Irrevocable Trust, 14-21-24 Etc, \$787,600.  
Myrick Roger D and Dmg Clermont Llc, 14-24-25 Eas, \$44,000.  
Myrick Roger D to Dmg Clermont Llc, 14-24-25 Eas, \$1,210.  
Bonjorn Pamela S, Ludlum Eric W and Ludlum Eric W to Corona Cigar Company Inc., 15-23-25, \$45,000  
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# Home sales dip in Dec.; 2012 best in 5 years

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In this Dec. 20, 2012, file photo, a sign hangs in North Andover, Mass. U.S. sales of previously occupied homes dipped in December from November, in part because of a limited supply of available homes.

WASHINGTON — U.S. sales of previously occupied homes dipped in December from November, in part because of a limited supply of available homes. But for all of 2012, sales rose to their highest level in five years.

The National Association of Realtors said that sales declined in December to an annual rate of 4.94 million. That's down from a rate of 4.99 million in November, which was revised lower but was still the highest in three years.

Total sales last year rose to 4.65 million, 9.2 percent higher than in 2011 and the most since 2007. Sales are still below the roughly 5.5 million that are consistent with a healthy market. Still, most economists say the housing market is recovering and that the gains should continue this year.

Steady hiring, record-low mortgage rates and a tight supply of homes available for sale have helped boost sales and prices in most markets.

"We remain convinced that the housing recovery is well under way and should continue through 2013," said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at BTIG, an institutional brokerage.

The market is being held back by the shrinking supply of homes for sale. The inventory of available homes on the market dropped to 1.82 million in December, the lowest in 12 years.

And first-time buyers, who are critical to a housing recovery, made up only 30 percent

of sales in December. That's down slightly from a year ago and well below the 40 percent that is typical in a healthy market.

Since the housing bubble went bust six years ago, banks have adopted tighter credit standards and are requiring larger down payments. That's left many would-be buyers unable to qualify for the lowest mortgage rates on record.

The rate on the 30-year fixed mortgage averaged 3.66 percent in 2012, the lowest annual average in 65 years, according to Freddie Mac.

Sales are rising faster for more-expensive homes, the Realtors' group said. Sales of homes priced \$1 million or more surged 62 percent in 2012, while sales of homes below \$100,000 fell 17 percent.

Home prices rose 7.4 percent annually in November, real estate data provider CoreLogic said last week. That's the biggest annual increase since 2006, when the housing bubble burst. CoreLogic forecasts that home prices will rise 6 percent nationally this year.

Rising demand for homes has persuaded builders to step up construction, which adds to

economic growth and hiring.

U.S. builders started work on homes in December at the fastest pace in 4 1/2 years, the government said last week. And builders finished 2012 as their best year for residential construction since the early stages of the housing crisis.

The gains in home building helped boost construction hiring in December by 30,000 jobs — the most in 15 months.

# Homefix: Some wall cracks are cause for concern

**DWIGHT BARNETT**  
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**Q** Our home is on a hillside and was built with a walkout basement. The walls are concrete blocks on all sides except the wall on the low side of the hill. That wall is 2-by-4 wood studs.

I have never had water in the basement, but I have noticed cracks along the front wall and at the corners of either side of the wall. The crack is about 2 feet from the top block and the

cracks on the sides follow the mortar joints at an angle.

Should I be concerned with all the cracks? Should I have the basement repaired, or should I contact an engineer? Any advice would be appreciated.

**A** Cracks in concrete blocks can be caused by flooding, droughts, heavy traffic nearby or by a home being located near a construction or industrial area or near mining areas.

Anytime you notice horizontal cracks in a foundation, you should be somewhat concerned.

If it's just a hairline crack, that might be normal movement due to soil displacement.

If the crack is larger than an eighth of an inch wide, you should contact a structural engineer to evaluate the design and construction of the foundation and wall.

You should also take into account the location of the crack. A small crack 2 feet down on the front wall is more than likely caused by droughts.

I usually find this type of crack to be at the same level as the

yard on the outside of the wall. As the soils outside shrink, the wall can and usually will crack.

A larger horizontal crack or a crack midway down the wall should be inspected by an engineer. The pressures of the soils or water are pushing the wall inward and the wall could fail.

The cracks on sidewalks are called "stair step" cracks and are caused by settlement of the footings under the wall. Again, this might be caused by shrinkage, but larger "stair step" cracks will need to be inspected.

You can monitor the cracks by marking the ends of each crack with a black marking pen and then add the date you made the mark. Over time, you can see if the crack is growing.

If you have a vertical crack in the wall it may be a larger issue. If the crack is wider at the top than at the bottom, then the foundation may be settling on one or both ends or it may be heaving in the middle. In either case, a vertical crack can be bad news and you need an engineer.

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Graf John R and Graf Susan P to Graf John R Ind And Life Est, Graf Susan P Ind and Life Est to John R Graf And Susan P Graf Joint Revocable Trust, 19-21-26, \$10.

Whitehead Ginger J Est

to Salyers Dianna Jean, 19-24-25, \$10.

Whitehead John Michael to Salyers Dianna Jean, 19-24-25, \$10.

Fox Charles G Jr to Wyatt Carolyn A, 2-20-24 Eas, \$52,000.

Sumter Electric

Cooperative Inc to Lake County Pol Subdivision, 20-17-29, \$10.

Lemire Aaron and Lemire Ragan to Lemire Randolph, 20-19-24, \$3,500.

Cisneros Casildo to Houser Daniel L and Houser Tara L, 21-17-29 Eas, \$55,000.

Lake County Clerk of the Court and Lake County Pol Subdivision to Ashby Daniel and Bricker Ginger, 21-19-24, \$14,345.

Christian Worship Center Of Central Fl Inc to Khan Mohammad Adnan, 22-19-24, \$7,000.

Rader Robert E and

Makowski Rader Lillien to Spikes Billy G and Spikes Yvonne H, 22-19-26, \$212,500.

Norman Larry Joe to Gries Jack L, 22-20-24, \$30,000.

Ttitt LLC to Little Everglades Farm LLC, 22-21-25 Etc, \$3,200,000.

Wallace David S, Storm Johnnie Kay Est and Storm Johnnie K Est to Carr Jim Bob and Carr Christina, 22-22-24 Etc, \$120,000.

Umatilla Properties II LLC to Turner George R, 23-18-26, \$60,000.

Mccain Timothy A and Mccain Bonnie L to 185 Company Inc, 23-18-26

Eas, \$950,000.

M A C Building Inc and Mac Building Inc to Rollins Continental Inc, 23-19-24, \$124,000.

Pearce Kinne K and Pearce Nancy to Pearce Cheryl and Smith Thomas, 23-19-25, \$35,000.

Myrick Roger D and Myrick Kimberly A to DMG Clermont LLC, 23-24-25, \$2,200.

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# Small accent trees pack a big punch

**MAUREEN GILMER**  
Scripps Howard News Service

Small accent trees pack a big punch. They're attention-getters. That's why designers love to use them in the front yard. An accent tree in full seasonal glory will make pedestrians stop and drivers slow down to admire such an incredible display. So when you add accent trees for every season, your front yard will never be lacking in color.

Accent trees are smaller than shade trees. They may reach just 15 feet tall and nearly as wide at maturity. This size makes them ideal for fitting into more limited spaces up next to your home's facade. You can use just one accent, or flank an entry with a perfectly matched pair. Use a row to line the driveway or shelter a walkway. Try a naturalistic grove in your lawn or to provide filtered privacy for front windows. There's no end to these options, and the more diverse your tree selection, the more dramatic your seasonal changes.

The majority of accent trees strut their stuff in the spring. This includes all the flowering crabapples and cherries. The most outstanding is weeping Japanese cherry because it's top grafted to create an amazing effect while in bloom. For the all-native garden, both eastern and western redbud and the Rutgers disease-resistant dogwood offer intense color. You can also explore the delicate deciduous magnolias with their large pin or white blossoms.

During the summer, the options for bloom are more limited. The queen of the late season, particularly in the South, is crape myrtle with its array of beautiful red, pink, white and purple flowers. Choose the Fauriei hybrids if these trees are afflicted with mildew in your area.

In the fall, it's foliage color you're after. Nothing compares



MAUREEN GILMER / SHNS

The beauty of a single intensely colored accent tree can make your house stand out from the rest.

with Japanese maples and their close kin, which explode into fiery hues with autumn cold.

When you find a tree that offers interest in more than one of these seasons, then it's of

double the value in your landscape. The native redbuds and, in particular, the purple leaf "Forest Pansy" cultivar take on smoky sunset hues in late summer into fall. Dogwoods can also



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While disease has eliminated many dogwoods from our landscapes, the hybrids from Rutgers University offer the same great look in disease-resistant varieties.



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This western redbud starts its color change earlier when grown in a dry garden.

produce great color that makes them stand out in the evergreen forest.

When considering an accent tree, be sure to obtain the right form. You can choose a "standard" crape myrtle, which is a single trunk and well-defined canopy. These are prim and proper, with shapes that suit

narrower nooks in the landscape or recessed portions of the facade. This is the best choice for a pair of matched specimens to flank a doorway, fountain or garden art. They also line driveways at precise spacing for a clean and tidy approach.

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## PROPERTY TRANSFERS



**LOCATION:** Plantation at Leesburg **FEATURES:** Double master, 2BR/2BA, Florida room, patio awning, carport. 1,512 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$79,500 **SELLING PRICE:** \$70,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Adriana Skoloda, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brenda Greenlee, PAL Realty.



**LOCATION:** Hawthorne at Leesburg **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA, carport. 1,290 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$41,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$35,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cary Fier, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cary Fier, PAL Realty.



**LOCATION:** The Plantation at Leesburg **FEATURES:** Pool home, 3BR/3BA, 2 Car Garage, Den. 2,166 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$239,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$220,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brenda Greenlee, PAL Realty. **SELLING OFFICE:** RLP Realty.



**LOCATION:** 205 Giovanni Blvd., Clermont, Subdivision name: Verde Ridge **FEATURES:** 4BR/3BA, 3,023 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$249,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$235,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Larry Hevner & Frances Post, Travis Realty Group. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Charlie Cuccia, Watson Realty Corp.



**LOCATION:** 428 Cierra Oaks Circle, Lady Lake, Subdivision name: Cierra Oaks **FEATURES:** 4BR/3.5BA, 2,299 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$124,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$124,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** James Romeyn, Century 21/Arrow Realty Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Marina Clark, Travis Realty Group.



**LOCATION:** 13031 Scottish Pine Lane, Clermont, Subdivision name: Greater Pines **FEATURES:** 3BR/2.5 BA, 1,591 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$119,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$125,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Diane Travis, Travis Realty Group. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Deborah Boone, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



**LOCATION:** 11731 Osprey Pointe Blvd. **FEATURES:** Pool home, hardwood flooring throughout downstairs, granite countertops in kitchen, crown molding. Den/office, 3 Car Garage. **LISTING PRICE:** \$284,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$234,900 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brandie Mathison-Klein, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Jennifer Leachman-Lapoint, Keller Williams Classic Realty.



**LOCATION:** 3688 Eversholt, King's Ridge, Clermont **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA, 1,498 sq. ft. Popular Canterbury model, open bright floor plan. Quiet street. Screened lanai, 2 car garage, great fixer upper. **LISTING PRICE:** \$114,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$102,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Julie Clay, RE/MAX Navigator. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller Williams Classic III Realty.



**LOCATION:** 13327 Pinyon Drive, Clermont, Subdivision name: Spring Valley **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,638 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$139,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$125,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Steven Wilmot, Coldwell Banker West Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Deborah Collins, Travis Realty Group.



This combination living/dining room lacked personality and functionality.



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Now the living/dining room is a warm and inviting space that is sure to be the scene of many get-togethers.

# Budget renovation delivers rich results

**CANDICE OLSON**  
Scripps Howard News Service

Mike and Mary-Anne recently upgraded to a larger home. They're excited to have more space for themselves and their two kids. Plus, they both come from extensive families

and love to entertain big groups.

But the couple were running into trouble accommodating everyone in their combination living room-dining room, a space that lacked both personality and function-

ality. To provide enough seating for family dinners, tables had to be dragged in from elsewhere in the house to supplement the main dining table. Chairs had to be scrounged up from every room in the house. The result? No matter what was on their din-

ner menu, Mike and Mary-Anne's main course was always frustration.

Change was sorely needed, but the homeowners' budget was extremely tight. The good news was that their living/dining room had a lot of potential, and even with a limited budget I knew it was possible to create a functional and beautiful space.

We began by ripping out the wall-to-wall broadloom and replacing it with tongue-and-groove hardwood. To give the plain ceiling in the dining room some pizzazz, we installed a T-bar framework and then fitted each square with white-coffered gypsum tile inserts. Recessed lighting was added to the ceiling to brighten up the space. The cost was minimal, but the effect is classy and rich-looking. It just goes to show that your basement ceiling can be updated the same way, for a small investment.

In addition to the ceiling lights, we added two sconces and a classic chandelier in the dining room, along with table lamps behind the sectional sofa. Together, the lighting fixtures in this room combine to brighten the space while providing the ability to dim it down when a more dramatic effect is needed.

My plan called for drap-

ery panels to run the length of the dining-room wall, but we couldn't afford designer fabric. So, to create the illusion of custom draperies, we purchased plain ready-made panels off the shelf. Then we bought just enough gorgeous, rich-looking fabric to edge those panels. The effect was amazing — and we repeated the same treatment on the living-room window.

Family is important to Mike and Mary-Anne, and so we used an easy-to-hang photo wall kit to showcase some of their favorite pictures. Framed in a combination of silver and white, the photos — each one an individual work of art in its own right — combine to create a dramatic conversation piece along the back wall of the room.

With a larger home comes a bigger mortgage, and Mike and Mary-Anne didn't have the budget for an expensive reno. Nevertheless, it is still really important to splurge on classic "investment pieces" that you will enjoy for years. In this case, those pieces were a custom dining table with a double-pedestal base and a spacious sectional sofa.

Together, they make the room cozy and comfortable. Guests are easily accommodated around

the large table, complete with extension leaves. And the expansive sofa and additional seating practically beg everyone to move into the living room to relax after dinner!

After we invested in those classic pieces, though, we had next to nothing left to buy accessories. The solution was to sift through the wares at local antiques and rummage shops, in search of the perfect finishing touches. A wooden magazine box, some stackable old suitcases and even old trophies were just what the decorator ordered. We also breathed new life into a vintage sideboard with a fresh coat of white paint and a custom stone top. The couple's original wooden china cabinet, a marble-topped coffee table and a complementary area rug completed the transformation.

Mike and Mary-Anne's living/dining room is ready to serve up classic elegance to family and friends. It's a warm and inviting space sure to be the scene of many get-togethers.

Best of all, we were able to provide that classic elegance on a shoestring budget, which goes to show that creativity and resourcefulness play a very important part in decorating on a dime.

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## Lake County Residential Real Estate Market Report

Year over Year Homes SOLD January 2012 Compared to January 2013

### Through January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 SOLD Homes by Price Range

Price Range	Quantity	Average DOM
\$49,999 or under	23	114
\$50,000 - \$99,999	57	116
\$100,000 - \$149,999	52	93
\$150,000 - \$199,999	26	150
\$200,000 - \$249,999	6	100
\$250,000 - \$299,999	7	62
\$300,000 - \$349,999	3	193
\$350,000 - \$399,999	4	84
\$400,000 - \$499,999	0	0
\$500,000 - \$599,999	1	359
\$600,000 - \$699,999	1	277
\$700,000 - \$799,999	0	0
\$800,000 - \$899,999	1	415
\$900,000 - \$999,999	0	0
\$1,000,000 or over	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>116</b>

### Through January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 SOLD Homes by Price Range

Price Range	Quantity	Average DOM
\$49,999 or under	32	230
\$50,000 - \$99,999	52	129
\$100,000 - \$149,999	46	112
\$150,000 - \$199,999	29	105
\$200,000 - \$249,999	13	89
\$250,000 - \$299,999	8	140
\$300,000 - \$349,999	1	128
\$350,000 - \$399,999	2	41
\$400,000 - \$499,999	1	311
\$500,000 - \$599,999	0	0
\$600,000 - \$699,999	0	0
\$700,000 - \$799,999	0	0
\$800,000 - \$899,999	0	0
\$900,000 - \$999,999	0	0
\$1,000,000 or over	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>135</b>

### Summary of Lake County Residential Sales

#### Through January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012

Summary	List Price	Sale Price
High	\$775,000	\$820,000
Low	\$20,500	\$18,000
Average	\$139,154	\$131,607
Median	\$114,900	\$110,750

#### Through January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013

Summary	List Price	Sale Price
High	\$1,750,000	\$1,670,000
Low	\$23,000	\$17,600
Average	\$137,200	\$131,837
Median	\$115,000	\$114,000

#### Lake County Real Estate News Through the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2012 over January 2013 Review

We've seen approximately a **2% increase** in the total number of homes sold in January year over year in Lake County. The average overall sale price has remained nearly unchanged. The average days (DOM) a home has been on the market before it has closed has increased by approximately 16% indicating homes are taking a bit longer to sell.

When comparing total sales in the Mid Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service, bank owned sales are up by 2%. Short Sales, which are properties sold for less than the borrower owes, have seen a decrease by approximately 19%. Our homes selling without distress, a normal sale has increased by approximately 14%.



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Most small accent trees are also available in a "multi-trunk" version. This form takes longer to mature because growers manage the development of three or more trunks that split off low to the ground. This makes a much wider canopy over-

all, with more of an umbrellalike shape.

Crape myrtle is renowned for its pastel patchy bark, and there's more of it to enjoy with a multiple-trunk specimen. The coral bark maple is an outstanding candidate for night lighting through the winter months when its branches are bare.

The best use of small accent trees is for curb

appeal in the front yard. They won't become a surface root problem and their litter is minimal due to limited size. Most will bloom well early in life so there isn't a long wait to enjoy them. Best of all, you can buy a more mature specimen for an overnight makeover to sell your home, throw a party or just satiate your desire for a whole-new front yard come spring.

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