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Clermont's East Side Water Reclamation Facility plays a crucial role in preserving potable water supplies. Proposed new water plants in Groveland and Clermont could greatly expand reclaimed water use throughout the county.

# Brimming with potential

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Trying to ease water-use demands, officials are eyeing a pair of water reclamation facilities to serve five South Lake communities.

One of the proposed plants would be built in Groveland near the intersection of State Road 50 and Highway 565A at a cost of \$1.65 million to hold more than a million gallons of treated wastewater. The other would be built in Clermont near the intersection of Highway 50 and Sunburst Lane at a cost of \$1.48 million to hold about three million gallons.

Both plants — under the umbrella of the South Lake Regional Water Initiative — would not only be connected to one another, but also share a connection with Clermont, Groveland, Mascotte, Minneola and

**This infrastructure project is by far the most cost effective way to address the state-mandated alternative water supply requirement. And it just makes sense because we are one of the highest aquifer recharge areas of the state.**

— County Commissioner  
Sean Parks

Montverde to use the reclaimed water. Both facilities would also have the potential to be connected to a wastewater treatment facility in Orlando.

"Gone are the days of cheap water," County Commissioner Sean Parks said. "This infrastructure proj-

ect is by far the most cost effective way to address the state-mandated alternative water supply requirement. And it just makes sense because we are one of the highest aquifer recharge areas of the state.

"I hope that one day in the future, our commercial and residential landscapes are irrigated with non-potable sources such as reclaimed and stormwater. We may one day look back and say, 'Wow, I can't believe we used to use expensive potable (drinking) water that is meant for people and business, to irrigate our lawns and landscapes,'" Parks said.

"Our economic base depends on an affordable and predictable water supply. Sure, it may seem reasonable now to some, but what happens if in the coming years the typical water

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## MASCOTTE

# Elementary schools add police protection

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Creek Principal Bob Curry said.

A pair of Lake charter schools — Mascotte Elementary Charter School and Spring Creek Charter school in Paisley — have become the first elementary schools in the county to bring armed security officers on campus.

The independent boards that operate both schools have decided that, high price or not, the full-time "school resource officers" will be part of their daily staff.

"The way we look at it, it's priceless," Spring

Wayne Cockcroft, the principal at Mascotte Elementary Charter, said he and the conversion board at his school are thankful to have been in the financial position to hire a full time officer to provide extra security.

Both schools' boards made the decision to hire officers at separate emergency meetings held earlier this month.

"If schools can possibly afford it, I think it's an added layer of security

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## MASCOTTE

# Residents voice opinions on shortfall

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Residents and council members had their say Tuesday about Mayor Tony Rosado's idea of handing over firefighting duties in Mascotte to Lake County in order to even out a looming \$500,000 budget shortfall.

Several residents

spoke against it, citing concerns over firefighter job losses and longer response times to fires.

"You need a responder here in the city," resident John Thurling said. "I think Lake County would have to be responding elsewhere quite often. I also think the fire department spent a lot of time

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## CLERMONT

# 'God will get your attention'

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Mike Skupin is a survivor — literally. Twelve years ago, when he first appeared as a contestant on the second season of the reality show "Survivor: The Australian Outback," he fell face first into a campfire and holds the distinction of being the first person on the show to be medically evacuated from the competition because his wounds were too severe to be treated on loca-

tion.

The incident also put him closer to God, Skupin recently told members of Family Christian Center, a church in Clermont where he appeared as a guest speaker.

"So, my talk today isn't about Survivor," he told the congregation. "I mean, I had an experience, a very spiritual experience on a show called 'Survivor.' And it's really not about

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Two-time "Survivor" contestant Mike Skupin, left, signs an autograph for Kyle Richards from Groveland, right, as security guard Chris Lackey looks on.

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# Word on the Street

What South Lake residents are saying about the...

## SUPER BOWL

Which team are you rooting for in the Super Bowl?



*I want the 49ers to win because my dad is going for the 49ers. I don't really follow football too much. I am only interested in it if I am actually there at the game.*

**STEVEN MCKINNON**  
GROVELAND



*I don't follow football, so whoever wins, wins. Yeay! I do watch the Super Bowl for the commercials and that stuff; that's always fun.*

**LAURA MARSHALL**  
CLERMONT



*I'm going for the 49ers because the Ravens beat the Broncos, my team, and because of their undefeated Super Bowl history. They've won five rings already and Kaepernick, the quarterback, has really stepped up.*

**RASHAD PORTER**  
MINNEOLA



*I'm rooting for the 49ers because Jim Harbaugh (head coach) came from the college ranks and he made it to the pros so it'd be an amazing accomplishment for him to make it in the big game.*

**MICHAEL MCMULLEN**  
CLERMONT



*The 49ers because the Ravens beat my New England Patriots. The young quarterback for the 49ers, Colin Kaepernick, he's gonna be somebody too.*

**MARK MCKINNON**  
GROVELAND

## POTENTIAL

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bill increased three or four times over. The five cities of south Lake and Lake County agreed that it is in our best interest to work together to protect our residents from rising water costs and ensure our economy will grow."

The South Lake area is the fastest going part of the county and is home to the largest city, Clermont. So, providing reclaimed water to the area is essential to conserve drinking water, officials say. Projections indicate the area's population will grow by 56 percent in the next 12 years and its water demands will increase by 54 percent, according to county records.

"The St. Johns River Water Management District has recognized this initiative as a model

for sub-regional cooperation and a model for engaging the business community," Parks said. "Our initiative is not about enacting new rules and regulations or making people do something. We are just fulfilling a basic role of government by providing infrastructure in the most cost effective manner and protecting our residents property values."

No funding sources for the project have been identified, but the water management district backs it and may be able to help with some of the costs.

"The district supports the work of SLRWI and is actively engaged in the process," said Kraig McLane, its intergovernmental coordinator. "The district believes the initiative's direction to bring reclaimed water into the South Lake region is a positive step because it will offset the use of groundwater."

Hank Largin, the district's public communications coordinator, said the Clermont and Groveland projects are part of Lake County's big-picture solution to water usage.

The Orlando water reclamation plant is on Conserve II, a 2,000-acre parcel east of U.S. Highway 27 and south of Hancock Road that Orange County and the city of Orlando bought in the late 1990s. The city of Clermont has long wanted to buy reclaimed water from Orlando because it would take pressure off the aquifer, but it's been very expensive.

Some cities have even looked at buying water from other sources, such as the Coquina Coast Seawater Desalination Plant in Flagler County, but found that to be cost prohibitive, too.

Lake County Conservation and Compliance Director Greg Welstead said SLRWI will help economic development in the south end of the county. He said people are not going to move into an area or start a business if there isn't enough water available.

"Right now, we have a limited supply, and we are looking to extend the life of that limited supply, and we have to get additional water in, and reclaimed water is the way to do that," he said.

The city of Eustis is building a pair of tanks that will hold 2.5 million gallons of reclaimed water. The \$2.32 million project

will halt the city's annual consumption of about 54 million gallons of drinking water for irrigation and make reclaimed water available for others.

Ray San Fratello, president of the South Lake Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber's economic committee has been in talks with the water district about water issues in the southern part of the county. He said district officials are very concerned that aquifer overpumping will hurt surface waters and springs.

The Lake County Water Authority recently commissioned a study to see how water is flowing in the aquifer. If major problems are identified, water restrictions could tighten.

Clermont uses reclaimed water for irrigation, but said a new tank is needed because the old one is reaching capacity.

"This will help us to serve our city but also to connect with neighboring cities when they're ready, too..." city engineer Tamara Richardson said. "Finding alternative water supplies is a big issue facing everybody.

"We can't get (water) from wetlands or springs. We are not close to any of the alternative water sources, so what's feasible here is the conservation of and the expansion of our re-use systems. That way, we can continue to take wastewater, treat it and distribute it for irrigation."

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to build and grow it from being a volunteer fire department on up, and we should keep it the way it is."

Thurling was also concerned that the council would have second thoughts later on.

"Once it goes over the county, you can't very well bring it back," he said. "It takes a lot of money to restart something that's been closed, from having to re-buy buildings, equipment, hire personnel and obtain funding. I think the council needs to talk to department heads and discuss other ways to cut costs to make up the differences on the budget, even if it means cutting personnel, but not a whole department."

Former Mayor Jeff Krull said he would have never considered such an option in light of the care local firefighters have shown the city and its residents.

Shirley Fulmer, another resident, wondered why, after her fire fees were raised in August, Rosado would suggest abolishing the department three months later.

"I'm familiar with how the county works and bringing them in here would probably be the biggest mistake you can make," she said.

Rosado's fellow council members were irked he met with county officials without telling City Manager Jim Gleason, the rest of council or even the city's fire chief.

"This was a slap in the face to our city manager, the fire chief

and our council," board member Brenda Brasher said. "I'm embarrassed that as mayor, you are doing this and I want that on record. You went to a meeting without our city manager and that it totally inappropriate."

Rosado did offer his apologies, but told the council that he was trying to gather numbers and information before presenting them to the council.

"I wanted to have something to support my idea," Rosado said.

Gleason confirmed that Rosado did notify him after meeting with county officials.

"I have a number of questions on the proposal and would like some time to hear the plan first before giving an opinion," council member Stephen Elmore said. "But in all fairness, every single option is going to have to be put out on the table and we are objectively going to have to look at all the issues. I said before that we were going to have some tough things ahead of us."

Gleason said the council will discuss the matter further during budget workshops tentatively set for late March.

Rosado said that taking money from reserves to cover fire department costs might be another option, but added it wasn't a good idea for a city already \$3 million in debt.

"The department was built up with the expectation that the community would be about twice the size that it is and that every household would be paying \$120 in fire fees plus property taxes, and that is not the case," Gleason said.

## South Lake Briefs

### CLERMONT

#### Downtown Partnership hosts food truck night

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., today, guests can sample culinary delights from food trucks, including Kona Dog, Matt Daddy's BBQ, Monsta Lobsta and others in downtown Clermont on Minneola Avenue.

Free parking is available in the city lots off Montrose Street, behind City Hall and throughout the downtown area. Shops and restaurants will be open through the event.

Many of the trucks do not accept credit cards, cash is recommended.

Lawn chairs are recommended as seating is limited at the event.

For information, call 352-406-0904.

### WINDERMERE

#### Church to celebrate Black History Month on Sundays

February is Black History Month promoting social justice and equality and the Windermere Union Church, 10710 Park Ridge-Gotha Road in Windermere, will celebrate the meaning of the month-long event every Sunday in February during the 10 a.m. worship service.

The Rev. Barton Buchanan, senior pastor will bring a series of sermons focusing on great African-American people in history. Music director Kevin Harris will include many African-American classic spiritual hymns and gospel music into the services.

For information, call 407-876-2112.

### CLERMONT

#### Relay For Life to host barbecue and car show

Uncle Kenny's Barbecue and Raymond James Financial Center in Clermont have teamed up to support the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life with a barbecue and car cruise in at Uncle Kenny's Barbecue in the Citrus Tower parking lot from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

In addition to classic cars, great music, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle, there will be specialty vendors with items ranging from handcrafted jewelry to homemade pepper sauce.

For details, call event chair Jackie Kelly at 352-516-5890.

### CLERMONT

#### Registration has started for spring cheer season

Open registration for the 2013 spring cheer season has started for the Clermont Knights Pop Warner cheerleading program, ages 6 to 15, new and experienced cheerleaders are welcome.

Coaching opportunities are also available.

For information, call the cheer coordinator, Debbie Gargano at 352-394-8696 or email ckcheer59@aol.com.

### CLERMONT

#### Learn the basics of landscaping on Saturday

The Lake Beautyberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society invites residents to stimulate their creativity while learning the basic principles of landscape design at this IFAS Lake County Agriculture Center presentation at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Dr., in Clermont.

A variety of native plants suitable for home landscapes and available from local nurseries will be displayed.

This program is free and open to the public and older children are welcome.

For information, call Jon Pospisil, chapter representative, at 407-448-6195.

### CLERMONT

#### Athletic boosters to host meeting on Wednesday

East Ridge Athletic Boosters Inc. will hold their next meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday in the lunchroom at East Ridge High School.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the organization, plan to attend all meetings 90 days prior to the May election, as required by the current bylaws.

Those who wish to be added to the agenda or have questions can email Leesa Hodges at hodgesdlk@aol.com.

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“Survivor.” Professional athletes talk about their faith and it doesn’t have anything to do with the sport but during their time in professional sports, God will use anything. He’ll use professional sports, there’s Hollywood movies now that make it mainstream that are Christian movies and he’ll even use dumb reality shows to reach people for Christ.”

As he preached, Skupin showed clips of the show.

“I was winning challenges and providing for my tribe, and our team was winning and we were having to not vote people off, and it looked like my path to the end of the game was pretty well mapped out, that I could possibly have a chance at winning this game and getting that million dollar prize,” Skupin said. “But instead, God got my attention 12 years ago in the Australian Outback when I fell in that fire.”

Little did he know that

would be the start of his journey from his home in Michigan to places all around the country to speak about his experiences on the show and about the faith he found within himself.

In March of 2012, Skupin was called back to appear on the 22nd anniversary show of Survivor and he was off to the Philippines.

“This time, I was the old guy out there,” he joked, adding that his second appearance on the show also became a spiritual experience.

That’s because while there, he started out praying and relying on his faith to get him through.

In turn, that allowed him to bring another contestant closer to God when she was bitten by a venomous snake and nearly had to be evacuated herself. Since the start of the show, that contestant — Denise — berated prayer and any kind of faith in anything but her own self.

After the snake bite got the best of her, however, she finally walked over to Skupin and his alliance on

the the show and asked for them to pray for her.

Less than two hours later, Denise was better.

“God is gonna get your attention. He never stops trying and thank God he never does,” Skupin said. “It took a poisonous snake bite for Denise and it took me falling into the fire. What is it gonna take for God to get your attention? And when are we gonna say, ‘OK?’ When are we gonna say, ‘We’re in?’”

After his preaching, attendees at the church had the opportunity to meet with Skupin, purchase his books, DVD messages, T-shirts and get his autograph.

“His message was the type of message that reaches out to those people who may not get it. When they see him on the show and hear it in that way, they are like ‘Wow,’” said Brett Shelton, 13. “What he said really reached out to me in so many ways.”

Shannon Shelton, Brett’s mom, said that she used to watch Survivor and vaguely remembers the episode

when Skupin fell in the fire.

“It was one of those moments you wonder about and ask, ‘Did that really happen?’” she said. “But yeah, I had no idea there was so much more to it. It’s very amazing and his message really hits home. It makes you think about what you always hear, that people are put in places for a reason. His (Skupin’s) own experiences show you it’s true.”

Skupin’s appearance at FCC was not his first. In fact, his landing in Clermont has a back story of its own, happening only by chance when he was trying to open a Christian based gym in his hometown years ago.

Skupin said he read about one in Clermont in a Men’s Fitness magazine — formerly “The Lord’s Gym” — owned by local business owner and Chiropractor Dr. Paul Sorchy.

Skupin contacted Sorchy and flew to Clermont from Detroit, MI, to meet him and talk business.

In talking, Sorchy was intrigued by Skupin’s story and therefore, contacted his

friend Rick Van Wagner, the pastor at FCC, and asked him to allow Skupin to preach a sermon at the church.

Van Wagner, though reluctant, met with the pair, and the next thing you know, Skupin made his first appearance at FCC on a day that by coincidence, was decorated with palm trees, torches, tents,

etc, because the church was teaching about “being a survivor.”

And though Skupin’s gym never manifested, a friendship with Sorchy and Van Wagner, along with the occasional visit to FCC was born.

“We’re not reaching for it, but God’s hand is so obviously in it,” Skupin said.

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that’s more than worth the cost and fortunately, we’re in the position where we could do it at this time,” Cockcroft said.

“There’s nothing that can be 100 percent foolproof, but in the end, you have that extra layer on top of all other security measures that are being taken in various other ways.”

The hirings are in response to the December mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., that killed 26 people — 20 of whom were children between the ages of 6 and 7.

Lake County Schools spokesman Chris Patton said every middle and high school in the county has a resource deputy assigned to it full time.

The same presence has never been required at elementary schools in the Lake County district because the younger students tend to have fewer serious behavioral issues.

However, immediately following the Sandy Hook shooting, officers — some from local police departments and some from the Lake County Sheriff’s Office — were stationed at

every elementary school in the county to ease parent’s fears that something similar could happen anywhere.

That service was provided during the two weeks before and after the winter holiday.

At a recent meeting that included school officials and county commissioners, School Board members concluded that, for now, the county’s elementary schools “are safe and will continue to be safe.”

The cost effectiveness of security measures in elementary schools is being studied, Patton said.

“For now, deputies throughout Lake County, (through a cooperative understanding) have stepped up their presence at schools,” Patton said.

Nevertheless, Cockcroft and Curry both said they stand by their boards’ decisions to hire full-time resource officers.

In Mascotte, the school resource officer will be a Mascotte reserve police officer who will receive \$34,000 a year. The school and the city will divide the cost, with school paying the officer’s salary from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays and the city paying his salary on off hours, weekends, holidays and school

vacations.

“We got a call from the school principal at Mascotte Elementary wanting to know if I could assign an officer to his school campus and I responded immediately without even thinking twice about it that yes, I did,” Mascotte Police Chief Rolando Banasco said. “We wanted to do whatever we could to make sure the students in our city are dropped off and picked up safely.”

Cockcroft said the hiring is the “best we can do at this time to give our parents and students an extra sense of security and peace about safety for the children, teachers and staff during the school day.”

At Spring Creek, Curry said the board is paying their resource officer, who is a different Lake County sheriff’s deputy the department sends out each day, about \$30 per hour for his time there during regular school hours, Monday through Friday.

“We’ll continue this way through February when we have another board meeting and then we’ll decide whether or not to hire a dedicated resource deputy or continue contracting with the LCSO,” Curry said. “It will be my recommen-

dation that we have a dedicated resource officer for the remainder of the year and into next year.”

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## OURVIEW

## Mayor was right to find out facts

### CRITICISM UNDESERVED:

Scoffing at Mascotte Mayor Tony Rosado for his proposal to turn the city's fire protection over to the county was unprofessional and short-sighted.

The city of Mascotte is in something of a financial predicament. City leaders and residents are finding the way to the exit increasingly clouded with small-town politics and shortsightedness. The city faces a \$500,000 budget shortfall, and the challenge of finding the money to fill that gap appears to be growing.

Ask Mayor Tony Rosado about proactive thinking or taking the initiative in finding solutions and he just might provide advice to the contrary.

Rosado's idea was to allow Lake County to handle firefighting services for the city. He asked some questions and conducted some research.

Council member Brenda Brasher found Rosado's actions offensive.

"This was a slap in the face to our city manager, the fire chief and our council. I'm embarrassed that as mayor, you are doing this and I want that on record."

Rosado apologized during the meeting. "I wanted to have something to support my idea," he said.

Mascotte's mayor should not have apologized. Rosado did his homework. He did his due diligence. He was looking for the least bitter medicine to cure the city's ailment, and he spent his time reading the labels before presenting his proposal.

Council member Stephen Elmore put the discussion in its proper context.

"In all fairness, every single option is going to have to be put out on the table and we are objectively going to have to look at all the issues."

Gleason said the council will discuss Rosado's idea more in-depth during budget workshops in March.

Gleason said city leaders of the past anticipated Mascotte undergoing considerable growth, and tagged public services to that trajectory. The expected growth never materialized, requiring recent city leaders to readjust their projections.

With a population of 5,175, the city has few options. Scoffing at the mayor for his proposal is unprofessional and short-sighted.

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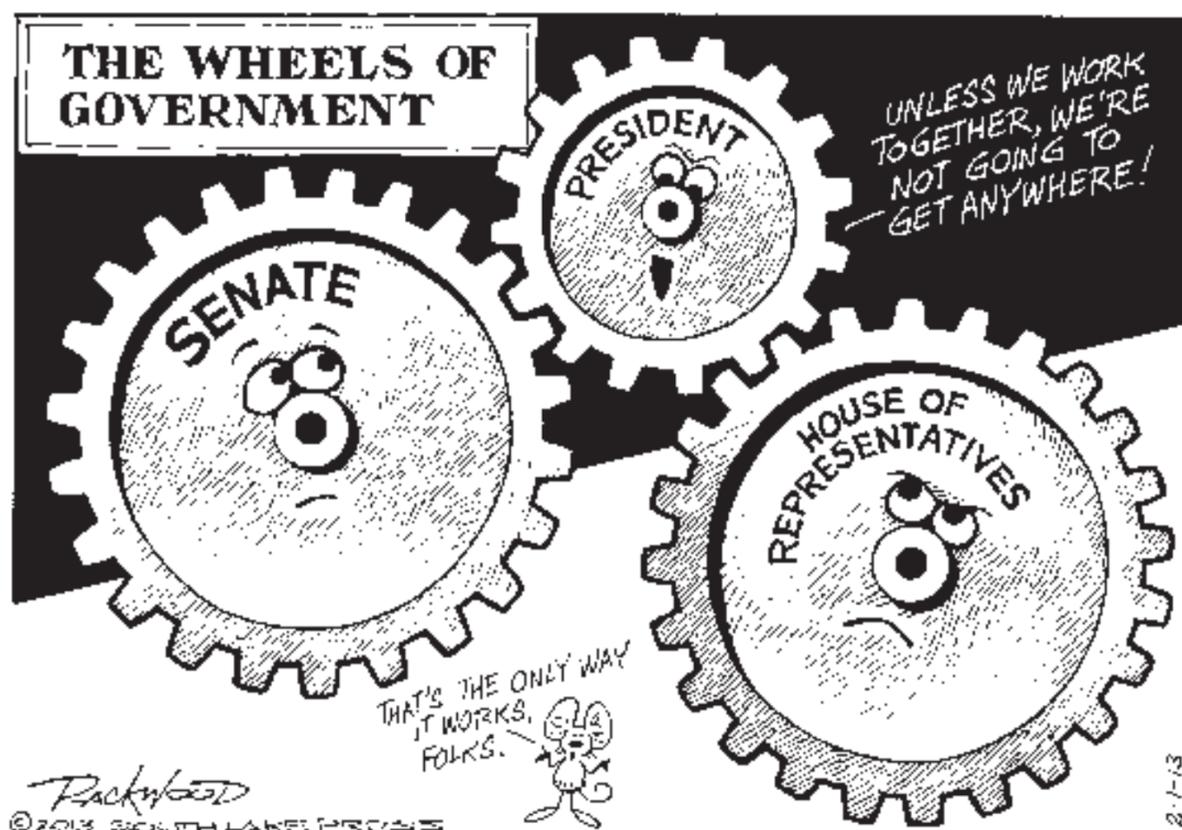
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## YOUROPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The wealthy are not driving growth in jobs

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson wants to perpetuate the myth that wealthy people create jobs in America. She says wealthy people deserve lower taxes because they invest in companies that hire workers.

In the next sentence, she says that small businesses create most of the jobs in America.

Which statement is true?

There are 197,000 mid-sized companies in the U.S. They create jobs. Hiring grew by 2.2 percent in the past year, which was greater than any of the 500 companies on the Standard and Poors.

Big corporations answer to shareholders, so they cut jobs to build profits. Between 2007 and 2010, most mid-sized companies survived the bad economy and added 2.2 million jobs. In that same period, 97 percent of big companies survived as they cut 3.7 million jobs. Republicans like to praise small business because small businesses create 70 to 80 percent of all new jobs. However, small business owners are not the wealthy elite class in America but Republicans prefer tax cuts for the wealthy class who do not create jobs.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics consistently shows that small businesses create jobs. So, why do Republicans insist on tax breaks for the megawealthy like the Koch brothers? The University of Maryland economists confirmed that small businesses create more jobs than big corporations.

Why do wealthy corporate investors deserve those tax cuts?

In 2001, the Bush administration signed tax cut laws that benefited wealthy people to the tune of \$1.3 trillion. Republicans said that the tax cuts would create jobs.

The Bush tax cuts had little impact on job creation. Yes, those tax cuts did spark part-time employment but the tax cuts in 2001 had little effect on full-time employment for 10 years.

A recent study by Kaufman Foundation showed that real job growth is only created by "start-up" firms. While new firms add about three million jobs in their first year, older companies lose one million jobs annually.

With this information about job creators, why would Republicans like Hutchinson insist on tax cuts for the wealthy and ignore the real job creators? Maybe Republicans are looking to the wealthy folks (Koch brothers) to hand out money to finance their next campaign. After all, small business owners cannot afford to toss millions into the GOP political campaign.

Robert Wesolowski resides in The Villages.



### VETERANS

If you know of a veteran living in Lake, Sumter or Marion counties whose name should be added to the Lake County Veterans Memorial, call 352-314-2100.

### LETTER of the WEEK



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## Gerrymandering destroys democracy

In our politically polarized nation, we face a future of gridlock on a scale not seen before. The main cause of our gridlock is that we have become a nation ruled by the minority.

The main reason for minority rule is gerrymandering. Florida is a poster child for how gerrymandering destroys our form of representative democracy. In a state in which registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by some 600,000 voters and have won the last two presidential elections and the last U.S. Senate seat, consider why the Democrats have only 10 of the 27 U.S. House seats, or 37 percent of the seats.

On the state level it becomes even worse. The Democrats have 14 of the 40 state Senate seats, or 35 percent. The state house has only 41 Democrats out of 120 seats, or 34 percent.

The 2010 election with its low voter Democratic turnout nationwide had devastating effects on our democracy in which Republicans gained control of several key state legislatures. This allowed them to gerrymander state and federal legislative districts in their favor in key Democratic states like Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida.

In Florida, we elected a governor who only received the vote of 22 percent of the registered and was able to use his own wealth to buy the governorship.

The effect of this gerrymandering is evident in the total votes for the U.S. House in 2012 nationwide, in which Democrats received close to a million more votes and wound up with only 44 percent of the House seats.

The U.S. Senate is another example of minority rule in that the 20 senators from the 10 largest states represent more people than the 80 senators from the next 40 states.

The only reason the Democrats control the U.S. Senate is that it cannot be gerrymandered. There is a movement on the right to correct this by abolishing the 17th Amendment, which created the direct election of senators. Without the 17th Amendment, the Republicans would have control of the Senate by having gerrymandered state legislatures appoint the senators as pre-17th Amendment.

The presidency is also an office that does not fall prey to gerrymandering now but look for attempts to change that.

In the key battleground state of Ohio, legislation is being prepared to change the way states' electoral votes are awarded. Electoral votes statewide would be awarded to the winner of each gerrymandered congressional district with the overall statewide winner receiving the electoral votes allocated to the two senators.

If that scheme had been in place for the 2012 election in Florida, Romney would have received 17 electoral votes and Obama 12. Romney would also have more electoral votes in the key states of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The U.S. Senate is the best example of rule by the minority in that it takes 60 votes to pass any major legislation giving the power to block any bill with the minority's 41 votes. Also, each senator has the power to block appointments and some legislation with his lone vote.

Marvin Jacobson resides in Clermont.

CLERMONT

# Birders stand up to be counted

Special to the South Lake Press

The Inaugural Clermont Christmas Bird Count took place on a cold and dreary January 4.

Thirty-five devoted birders converged on the Florida Scrub-Jay Trailhouse at 5:30 a.m. for breakfast and maps of their assigned territory, a section of a 15-mile circle surrounding Clermont.

This event is ramping up for next year's Audubon Christmas Bird Count, a national event.

After breakfast and briefings, the teams went out and scoured their territories for 12 hours, documenting their sightings.

At the end of the day, they all reconvened at the trailhouse to report their sightings, and feast on a fabulous dinner, generously donated by Clermont's Carrabba's Restaurant.

The results were very impressive: 123 species were counted, totaling 10,800 birds.

Cathy Brown, executive director of the Florida Scrub-Jay Consortium, which hosted the event, said the consortium was glad to be a part of the first-ever count.

When John Thomson, the organizer of this count, came to us and

asked if we would host the event and provide the 'base camp,' we jumped at the opportunity," said Brown. "We are very proud to be a part of bringing this important event to South Lake County and recognizing our abundant bird population, including Florida's only endemic species, the Florida scrub-jay.

"We are looking forward to hosting this event next year and for many years to come, and encourage parents and children to go outside and experience nature, South Lake County style," she said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Birders who gathered Jan. 4 at Lake Louisa State Park to participate in the inaugural Christmas Bird Count get some instructions from Ranger Edward Boyd,

LEESBURG

# Fire destroys almost everything

ROXANNE BROWN | Staff Writer  
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A fire in a Leesburg home has left a family with just their lives and the clothes on their backs.

Everything else was lost. "On Saturday morning after 2 a.m. sometime, we were all sleeping and my 2-year-old woke up and was asking for milk," said Brittany Banks. "I put him back to sleep and went back to bed myself, but something made me get back up. I saw a little tiny fire at first in the utility room behind the kitchen and immediately grabbed both babies."

"I called for Chris (Anderson) and he told us to get out of the house so he could put it out. He started trying to put the fire out and I went to leave but when I looked back, the whole back of the house was on fire."

Banks said several neighbors came to their aid. One called 911 while another went to the store and purchased a can of baby formula.

According to a fire report, the blaze caused \$60,000 in damage to the house at 206 N. Chester St., while the family's belongings were estimated at about \$25,000.

The young couple, who had signed a lease to rent the property less than a week ago, had not purchased renter's insurance. Banks said as far as she knows, the owner of the house had no insurance either.

Because of that, friends and co-workers from Chris' previous job at the Elite Car Wash in Clermont have banded together to help the family.

"We were watching as our house burned down and we couldn't even move our car because the keys were in the house," Banks said. "We watched our car burn up, too, and there was nothing we could do but stand there. I know I was crying but even Chris was crying and he never does that," she said. "When we went back the next day to see what was left, all we could see was just black.

"Everything was full of mud and tar and there was not even structures or any remnants of what we had." According to Anderson, they lost "literally everything," including both babies' clothes, toys, diapers, food, books and bedding.

In addition, three or four months worth of WIC checks also were lost and, according to Banks, cannot be replaced according to the agency's lost or



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This house at 206 N. Chester St. burned to the ground on Saturday. The fire claimed all the possessions of Chris Anderson and Brittany Banks, who had just moved into the rental property.

stolen policy.

"So now, we have no formula for the baby, which is scary," Banks said.

With no immediate family in the area, the couple has another dilemma on their hands, since they have no place to stay after Thursday, which is the last day of hotel assistance they received from the Red Cross.

"I'm kind of scared," Anderson said. "I mean we don't have anything and I don't know where we are going to live right now. I also am going to lose my job if I don't get it together before Friday but I don't know if I can get all this done and find us a place before then."

As of Tuesday, Banks said they have been looking for places to rent, but none so far are available for immediate move in or are too expensive because of the up-front money needed

for deposits.

Princess Braue, the owner of Elite Carwash in Clermont, said everyone there wants to help.

To do that, Braue is asking that people visit the car wash to drop off donations consisting of non-perishable food items, household items, clothes, grocery store gift cards, diapers, baby supplies, items and toys to help the family.

Braue said she is offering a free exterior car wash through Feb. 15 for anyone who drops off any donation for the family.

"Chris worked at Elite for more than six years, so he's part of the family there," she said. "We want to see if we can't help his family a little bit, so we're asking the community to come together and get them some of the things they need. I can't stand to know they have nothing."

The car wash is at 1230 Oakley Seaver Drive in

Clermont.

"We are so grateful. We were not expecting this but we just want to say thank you for everybody trying to help us, especially our children," Banks said of the car wash's efforts. "We were really upset at first and we still are, but we're trying to take it day by day. It really helps to know we're not alone."

For more information, call the car wash at 352-404-6973 or Chris Anderson at 352-460-6081.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 16**

**NEW BEGINNINGS 1ST ANNUAL SPRING BLING FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES:** From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Trilogy Community, 10 Falling Acorn Ave., in Groveland. Tickets are \$25. Door prizes, vendors, auctions, and more. Go to [www.newbeginninglake.org](http://www.newbeginninglake.org), or call 352-404-6946 for information.

**FEBRUARY 19**

**PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH LAKE:** Help Session, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Special Collections Room, on second floor, Cooper Memorial Library, Clermont.

**FEBRUARY 20**

**PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH LAKE:** Other Research Forms, 10 a.m. in the Special Collections Room, on second floor, Cooper Memorial Library, Clermont.

**COMPUTER USERS GROUP MEETING:** 1 p.m., in room 221 at the Cooper Memorial Library. Bob Dill

will discuss "Creating a Family Photo Genealogy Album."

**FEBRUARY 21**

**PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH LAKE:** Help Session, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, in the Special Collections Room, on second floor, Cooper Memorial Library, Clermont.

**FEBRUARY 25**

**MASCOTTE ELEMENTARY CHARTER BOARD SAC MEETING:** 5 p.m., PTO will follow at 6 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Call 352-429-2294.

**FEBRUARY 26**

**PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH LAKE:** Help Session, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Special Collections Room, on second floor, Cooper Memorial Library, Clermont.

**FEBRUARY 28**

**PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH LAKE:** General Help and Census Records, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, in the Special Collections Room, on second floor, Cooper Memorial Library, Clermont.

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# Greenswamp club to host rifle clinic Feb. 9-10

Staff Report

A Project Applesed Rifle Marksmanship Clinic will be offered at Greenswamp Sport Club in Clermont on Feb. 9 and 10.

Project Applesed is an activity of The Revolutionary War Veterans Association and is dedicated to teaching those who attend about the difficult choices, the heroic actions, and the sacrifices that this country's founders made to ensure freedom and independence.

"Our heritage program vividly portrays the Battles of Lexington and Concord," groups spokesperson Heather Francis said. "Modern listeners are confronted with the danger, the fear, and the heartbreaking separations that arose out of the choices made on April 19, 1775.

"They are also reminded of the marksmanship skills and masterful organization that ultimately helped set the colonists on the path to success. Those who attend gain a better understanding of the fundamental



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People practice target shooting.

choices faced by our ancestors as they began to set the stage for the nation we now enjoy."

The Greenswamp Sport Club is at 7401 State Road 33 in Clermont. Clinic registration

begins at 8 a.m. The clinic itself starts at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m., both days.

Most of the instruction at a Project Applesed event is conducted on the firing range at

25 yards, at reduced size targets to simulate 100 to 400 yards. Students will learn safe gun handling, proper use of a sling, and Revolutionary War history.

Participants must bring their

own rifle with sling and ammo, ear/eye protection, rifle mat, bug repellent, hat, sunscreen, a packed lunch, snacks and drinks.

A .22-caliber rifle is recommended due to the cost of ammo, but participants can use a centerfire rifle if preferred. About 250 rounds of ammo will be needed per day.

Cost for men is \$50 one day/\$80 two days, with adult females charged \$20 one day/\$40 two days. One free youth will be allowed for each paying adult.

There will be no clinic fees charged for active military, National Guard and reserve officers, law enforcement officers with ID, disabled people, elected officials and Revolutionary reenactors in costume. Additional club range fees of \$15 per day apply to all except current Greenswamp Sport Club members, active duty law enforcement and military, and youth under age 16.

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**FEBRUARY 10**

**LOW COST PET VACCINATIONS CLINIC:** From noon to 4 p.m., Irish Trails Farm and Pet Supply, 102 S. U.S. Highway 27 in Clermont. Call 352-243-0924.

**FEBRUARY 14**

**PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH LAKE:** At 5 p.m., room 108 at Cooper Memorial Library, Clermont. The guest speaker is Martinette Mitchell, author of "Finding My Way Home." For Pastfinder members there will be a brief meeting after her presentation.

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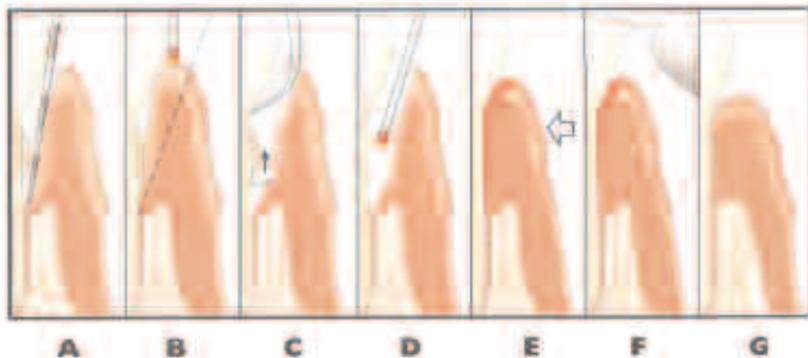
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**FEBRUARY 4**

**CLERMONT WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON:** From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Palisades Country Club, 16510 Palisades Blvd., Clermont. Call 352-243-1499.

**FEBRUARY 5**

**PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH LAKE:** Help session, in the Special Collections Room, on second floor, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cooper Memorial Library, Clermont.

**FEBRUARY 6**

**EAST RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING:** 6 p.m., school lunchroom in Clermont. Email Leesa Hodges at hodgesdlk@aol.com for information.

**PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SAC MEETING:** 7 p.m., in the media center.

**PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH LAKE:** Basic Genealogy Forms, 10 a.m. in the Special Collections Room, on second floor, Cooper Memorial Library, Clermont.

**GROVELAND/MASCOTTE GARDEN CLUB MEETING:** 9:30 a.m., at the Masonic Lodge on Jim Payne Road in Groveland. Susan Kelly is the guest. Call 352 429-4271.

**FEBRUARY 7**

**DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASSES WITH KAMI CATHERMAN:** For details of classes held every Thursday, email kami@artworkbykami.com, classes will be held at the Cagen Artist Boutique, 16640 Cagen Crossings Blvd. Clermont.

**CLERMONT | FIRST PLACE**



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Pat Matson, owner/operator, of the Finders Keepers store in downtown Clermont, received her first-place certificate for the winning Christmas display of decorations in the kitchen of the Townsend House during "Holidays at the Village" recently. Matson was awarded a \$25 gift card from Starbucks and a year's membership in the South Lake County Historical Society. Go to [www.southlakehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.southlakehistoricalsociety.com) or call Dodie King, Historic Village manager, at 352-593-8496 for information about the Historic Village.

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## LAKE MINNEOLA HIGH | TOP ATHLETE



COURTESY PHOTO

Lake County Schools Student Athlete of the Week is Rian Barnett, a senior at Lake Minneola High School for the week of Feb. 25. Barnett has been captain of the varsity soccer team for the past two years. Playing from the center back position he scored 10 goals and had four assists this season, and eight goals came in the last two weeks of the season. He currently has a 3.4 GPA and was recently accepted to Florida Gulf Coast University.

## SOUTH LAKE HIGH | TOP ATHLETE



COURTESY PHOTO

Deanna Denapoli, senior at South Lake High School in Groveland, was named the Lake County Schools Student Athlete of the week on Jan. 18. Students of the week are those who embody a dedication to athletics as well as academics and extracurricular activities. Denapoli has been a member of the South Lake High School varsity girls basketball program for four years. She has started every game for three years and has been captain for the junior and senior year. She currently averages 12.5 points per game, two rebounds, two steals, and two assists per game, helping the Lady Eagles get to a 9-5 record. She is an active member of the National Honor Society and student government and carries a 4.3 GPA and currently volunteers at the South Lake Hospital.

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### DEATH NOTICES

#### Daniel S. Bailey

Daniel S. Bailey, 92, of Eustis, died Sunday, January 27, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home.

#### Elizabeth J. Bell

Elizabeth J. Bell, 94, of Eustis, died Tuesday, January 29, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

#### Lela T. Brown

Lela T. Brown, 91, of Eustis, died Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Eustis.

#### Norman E. Cassavore

Norman E. Cassavore, 82, of Tavares, died on Sunday, January 27, 2013. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

#### Dorothy Jean "Dot" Crowe

Dorothy Jean "Dot" Crowe, 79, of Tavares, died Friday, January 25, 2013. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

#### Rosemary Louise Desjardins

Rosemary Louise Desjardins, 67, of Paisley, died Monday, January 28, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

#### Rose Estrina Dobson

Rose Estrina Dobson, 36, of Eustis, died Wednesday, January 16, 2013. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home, Eustis.

#### Marie L. Dolin

Marie L. Dolin, 55, of

Eustis, died Sunday, January 20, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

#### Georgia Hanis

Georgia Hanis, 81, of NY, New York, died Friday, January 25, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

#### David L. Fenton

David L. Fenton, 75, of Oxford, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

#### Robert D. Harris

Robert D. Harris, 87, of Leesburg, died Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

#### Russel Arlen Patton

Russel Arlen Patton, 68, of Arcanum, Ohio, died Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

#### Dolores Perez

Dolores Perez, 58, of Eustis, died Monday, January 28, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

#### Willie Lee Perry

Willie Lee Perry, 71, of Webster, died on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc.

#### Lucretia M. "Pat" Purvis

Lucretia M. "Pat" Purvis, 75, of Wildwood, died on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Arrangements are

entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

#### Harvey V. Richardson

Harvey V. Richardson, 80, of Leesburg, died Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations.

#### Merril Andrew Ristow

Merril Andrew Ristow, 90, of Brooksville, died Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

#### Minnie Ola Ivey Smith

Minnie Ola Ivey Smith, 88, of Summerfield and formerly of Tavares, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

#### Aruthur Stephenson

Aruthur Stephenson, 84, of Leesburg, died Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

#### Margie Faye Ward

Margie Faye Ward, 63, of Salt Springs, died Friday, January 25, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, ASTOR.

#### Joseph Edward Wilk, Jr.

Joseph Edward Wilk, Jr., 49, of Lake Panasoffkee, died Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell.

#### Doris Warren Winstead

Doris Warren Winstead, 89, of Umatilla, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

## MINNEOLA | NEW ASSOCIATE



COURTESY PHOTO

Rainbow International in Minneola has announced Doug Hoy as the company's new business development associate. Hoy will be responsible for driving revenue, developing relationships with insurance agents and trade companies as well as researching the market area for services offered by the company. Hoy worked as an insurance adjuster estimating damage and settling claims with homeowners for the past eleven years. During that time, he was the auto team lead with State Farm overseeing training. He was also a project manager and auto sales businessperson. Rainbow International is a global franchise organization providing residential and commercial restoration and cleaning services. Go to [www.rainbowinternational.com](http://www.rainbowinternational.com) or call 352-404-8923.

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## MONTVERDE



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**ABOVE:** Montverde Academy's Kasey Hill (4) guards La Lumiere's Ade Aruna (23) on Saturday at the Montverde Academy Invitational Tournament. **RIGHT:** Montverde Academy's Dakari Johnson tips in a rebound as La Lumiere's Johnathon Wilkins, Montverde Academy's Devin Williams (5) and La Lumiere's Torren Jones (0) try for a rebound that never came.



# Montverde wins MAIT on Senior Night

FRANK JOLLEY | Staff Writer  
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You're supposed to win on Senior Night!

On a night when a team's veteran players are honored for their contributions to the program, anything short of a victory is unacceptable.

When you're the Montverde Academy boys basketball team and many of those seniors will be moving on to make an impact with some of the nation's top college programs, the pressure to go out with a win is even greater.

The Eagles got contributions from many of their seniors Saturday and walked away with a 57-38 victory against LaPorte (Ind.)

La Lumiere in the championship game of the Montverde Academy Invitational Tournament in the school's Center of Sportsmanship and Wellness.

It marked the Eagles' fifth MAIT title in the tournament's 10-year history.

Montverde Academy was almost methodical with its game plan. The Eagles relied on senior leadership to keep their team focused amid the carnival-like atmosphere created by the capacity crowd. While the student body waved purple and

gold balloons and raised the decibel level inside the brand new, \$6 million gym, veterans like Kasey Hill, Devin Williams and Miguel Cartegena never let their teammates get caught up in the festivities.

After a slow start, Montverde Academy eventually wrestled control of the game away from La Lumiere, which hoped to use the pregame celebrations against the Eagles. Even though Montverde Academy was in control for most of the contest, it

could never put the Lakers away.

The Eagles built a 10-point lead early in the third quarter, only to see it slip away behind a combination of offensive miscues and La Lumiere defense. A dunk by Torren Jones

off an offensive rebound at the 3:11 mark of the third quarter cut the deficit to four (32-28) and forced Montverde Academy to call time.

The Eagles came out of the time out with a six-point scoring run that pushed the lead back to double digits.

The Lakers never got closer than four points after that.

Montverde Academy (22-2) led by as many as 19 points on two occasions in the fourth quarter, including the final outcome.



For much of the first half, the game was a contrast in styles. The Eagles tried to kick start the offense with defensive pressure.

La Lumiere, on the other hand, wanted to get the ball inside the 3-point arc as quickly as possible and find an open shooter in the lane.

Montverde built its first double-digit lead at the 4:30 mark of the second quarter when a turnaround layout by Williams gave the Eagles a 23-12 advantage.

As is often the case when a team celebrates Senior Night, the Eagles started out flat and the Lakers took advantage by jumping out to an early lead.

Eventually, the Eagles found their stride and took their first lead of the game at the 3:48 mark of the first quarter when Hill hit a short jumper.

Montverde Academy closed out the quarter on a 9-2 run and

took a 16-10 lead after the first period.

Johnson led the Eagles with 15 points, followed by Williams with 13. Hill added 10 and Cartegena scored nine.

Stefan Cox paced La Lumiere with 14 points.

The win against La Lumiere (23-3) was Montverde Academy's second in less than a year. In March, the Eagles stopped the Lakers in a quarter-final-round game at ESPN's National High School Invitational tournament in Bethesda, Md.

In Saturday's early games, Inglewood (Calif.) beat Orlando Christian Prep in overtime 69-63. Orlando Edgewater picked up its second win of the tournament with a 58-51 victory against Oldsmar Christian. The Eagles were originally scheduled to play Baltimore St. Frances

and Oldsmar Christian was scheduled to play Snellville (Ga.) Shiloh, but a scheduling conflict forced Oldsmar Christian and Baltimore St. Frances to switch games.

**Notes:** The All-Tournament team, along with the Most Outstanding Player and Most Valuable Player was announced after play was completed Saturday. Members of the team included: Dayshawn Wells and Tevon Sandler from St. Frances; Nate Mason and Trayvon Reed from Shiloh; Dakari Johnson and Miguel Cartegena from Montverde Academy; Orlando Edgewater's Eddie Keith; and, Jalen Jones from La Lumiere. The tournament's Most Outstanding Player was Montverde Academy's Kasey Hill and its Most Valuable Player was Montverde Academy's Devin Williams.

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Great Deal Classifieds

# A second look at Dollar Tree's revised policy

Remember in August 2012 when I wrote about Dollar Tree stores entering the world of coupons? Dollar Tree wanted to join the ranks of coupon acceptance to compete with its largest competitors, Dollar General and Family Dollar. The policy was released, the employees were trained and then in December 2012, Dollar Tree corporate released a revision to the policy.

Dollar Tree corporate still stands behind the philosophy that everything will remain \$1. It can be a huge help to your budget by checking out Dollar Tree. Its stores carry many name brand manufacturers items. If you have never shopped Dollar Tree, then I encourage you to take a coupon or two and give it a try.

Be sure to take the Dollar Tree coupon policy with you in case you run into any issues at checkout. The policy is posted at every register but many of the employees are still not trained on coupon acceptance.

You can get a copy of the policy from my website, [www.divinesavings.com/category/store-policy/](http://www.divinesavings.com/category/store-policy/) and also from Dollar Tree.com

The ABC's of the new revised Dollar Tree coupon policy are:

**MANUFACTURER'S COUPONS**

Dollar Tree uses manufacturer's coupons only.

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■ You can only use one manufacturer's coupon per single item purchased. (This means simply that if you are buying five items, you need five coupons.)

■ Dollar Tree stores do accept coupons over the dollar amount on a single item, and no cash will be given back. (Nivea put out a coupon for \$3 off any two. The price was \$1 in the store. Dollar Tree will allow the coupon. The cashier will need to price adjust the coupon.)

■ Coupons for free items are only accepted if a purchase is required to get one free (for example, buy one get one free offers).

■ Dollar Tree stores will accept up to two Internet coupons per household per day.



*Tanya Senseney*

DIVINE DEAL DIVA

Last week, I was able to purchase 10 bars of Olay soap, five boxes of Gain fabric softener sheets, five Maybelline lip glosses, a few soft soaps and all of this was free, except for tax.

Later in the week, I went again for the Red Baron pizza singles and Sargentto cheese sticks at a total cost of 50 cents each.

And even if you don't need all the items you could purchase, remember that many of the items bought would be perfect for donations to local food pantries.

What will you get this week at Dollar Tree?

*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](mailto:Tanya@DivineSavings.com), or go to [www.DivineSavings.com](http://www.DivineSavings.com).*

**SERENADES**

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of three beautifully decorated and inviting neighborhoods, each containing 15 apartments offering spacious private suites and affordable two-bedroom shared suites.

From the latest safety and security features to the fully accessible interior courtyard featuring lush landscaping, a putting green, children's play area, covered porches, butterfly houses, bird baths and more, Serenades' commitment to providing an unparalleled community is evident, according to

officials.

Serenades by Sonata is West Orange County's first stand-alone memory care community specifically designed and programmed for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

"After taking tours of our Serenades location, many of the families are completely wowed because you don't see construction like this very often. When they see how our features are tailor made for Alzheimer's and dementia patients, they say, 'You thought of everything,'" Ellis said.

He pointed out that

such things as vertical lighting strips to help gain balance and reduce falls as residents try to maneuver themselves around at night to such places as the bathroom, are important details that were included in every room.

"From 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., a vertical light strip comes on in every room, in addition to an amber cuing light leading residents to the bathroom," Ellis said. "There are also motion detectors that sense when a resident gets up and that send a page to a resident assistant, who is then alerted and can enter in to help them with whatever they may need.

"In addition, the amber light means assistants do not have to switch on any big lights so as not to startle residents and allow them to fall back to sleep much easier."

Other safety features include a completely secure building that family members can access with a swipe card but that makes it impossible for patients to wander out of.

Cameras at all exterior exits also help monitor who is coming in and out of the building.

Beyond security and building features, morning and afternoon program sessions specifically designed to keep residents

"engaged" will be implemented immediately.

For instance, Ellis said there is a creative design program that will allow residents to focus on a famous artist and their work. Each participant will then work on replicating the artist's work.

Other programs will involve arts and music and one will teach residents how to do English sign language, opening up another avenue for communicating.

The key, Ellis said, is incorporating each resident's proper participation level into the lessons.

"We're excited about our programs because we

believe are really going to help our residents thrive.

Even in the dementia capacity, residents are still able to learn through arts and music and we are going to make sure they have that stimulation," Ellis said. "We're excited about our facility because nobody else in the industry has this type of innovative technology."

Ellis said Serenades will have three neighborhoods in all. The first is set to open today and is 36 percent occupied based on preleased agreements.

The second will open next month, and the third at a later date yet to be announced.

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### 003 Legal Notices

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

Case No. 2012 CA 2234 Civil Division

CITY OF EUSTIS, a Municipality in the State of Florida,

Plaintiff

vs.

ELSIE M. GRIMSHAW, deceased and WILLIAM ADKINS as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Elsie M. Grimshaw, et al.,

Defendants,

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of March, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., the following described real property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash:

The West 1/2 of Lots 49 and 50; and the East 1/2 of Lots 57, 58, 59, and 60, according to the Plat of Quayle's Golf Links Subdivision, recorded in Plat Book 5, page 24, Public Records of Lake County, Florida

Said sale will be held in the lobby of the Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, Tavares Florida. The sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the above-styled action, dated and entered January 8, 2013.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

The name of the Clerk making the sale is Neil Kelly.

Dated at Lake County, Florida, this 9 day of January, 2013.

Neil Kelly  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ S. Holeywinski  
 As Deputy Clerk

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## 003 Legal Notices

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

CASE NO.2010 CA 004760

KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION Plaintiff,

vs.

GENEVA L. FREEMAN, DAVID T. FREEMAN, AND THE PLANTATION AT LEESBURG HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

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Neil Kelly  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
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 As Deputy Clerk

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail this 28 day of Jan., 2013, to the parties listed below.

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Orlando, FL 32837

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- WHEN:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Friday, February 15, 2013
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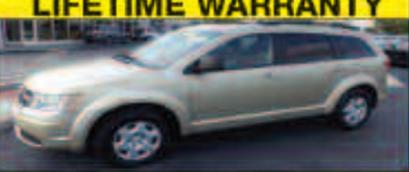


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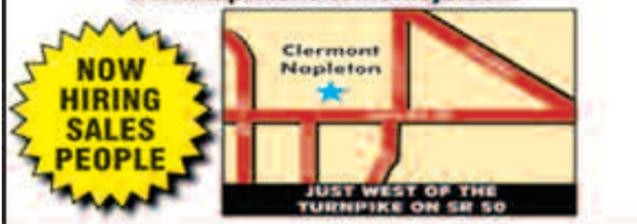
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## REAL ESTATE NEWS

### Salas completes realtor spokesperson course

ORLANDO — In December, Betty Salas, broker/owner of Coldwell Banker All Village Realty in Lady Lake, successfully completed the "Spokesperson Issues Training Program" conducted by Florida Realtors and held at its headquarters in Orlando.

The course, designed to improve public speaking abilities, enhance communication with the media, and increase awareness of the issues affecting the realtor profession, was taught by Tom Morgan and Mark Barker, Orlando based communications experts who have extensive experience with print and electronic media news.

Florida Realtors, formerly known as the Florida Association of Realtors, serves as



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a voice for real estate in Florida, providing programs, services, continuing education, research and legislative representation to its 115,000 members in 64 boards and associations.

Go to [www.media.floridarealtors.org](http://www.media.floridarealtors.org) or call Coldwell Banker All Village Realty at 352-753-9828.

### Last year's real estate report shows good news

MOUNT DORA — The My Florida Regional MLS statistics for the REALTORS Association of Lake and Sumter Counties for 2012 are good news to the housing industry.

During the last quarter of 2012 there was an average of seven months of inventory of homes available for sale. The average during the last quarter of 2011 was 12 months.

Months of inventory is used to calculate how long it would take to sell of the active inventory, based upon the rate homes are being sold.

After seven months it becomes a Seller's market, rather than the buyer's market seen in 2011.

More importantly, the two counties

sold 4,089 homes in 2012, nearly a 19 percent increase over 2011, and the average sale price increased from \$128,535 in December 2011 to \$146,447 in December 2012, a 12 percent increase. On average, homes are selling for 95 percent of list price and spend approximately 120 days on the market.

This data clearly reflects a strengthening resale market. Some homebuyers are finding that they are in multiple offer situations or missing homes by not acting fast enough. I have personally had to go knock on some doors and ask, "Would you sell your home, if I have a qualified buyer?"

A tight resale inventory bodes well for HBA builders and remodelers. Consumers will start to entertain staying in their current homes but upgrade them to keep them happy.

And a lack of affordable homes means builders will need to pick up the pace and offer specs, find more lots, and be prepared to build for more qualified buyers.

For details call Jeanne Taylor Abernathy, broker associate, at Southern Style Management, Inc., 352-308-7515,

1202 N. Donnelly St., Mount Dora.

### Local builders association series starts Feb. 6

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, Tues., Feb. 5 at 352-343-7101 or by email to [admin@lakehba.com](mailto: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

### Voss named 2012 realtor of the Year by association

ORLANDO — Sharon Voss, Watson Realty Corp., was recently recognized for her professionalism and commitment to the Orlando Regional REALTOR Association and to the real estate industry with the association's 2012 REALTOR of the Year award, the highest honor bestowed on an ORRA member.

The honor was presented during the 13th annual ORRA awards program, which this year was part of the ORRA Red, White and Groove awards and inaugural gala held at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport and also included installation of ORRA's 2013 officers, a silent auction to benefit ORRA's Florida Real Estate Foundation, and dinner.

The award acknowledges an individual who has displayed exceptional commitment, service, and dedication to the ideals of the Realtor membership, to the association, and to the real estate profession.

Voss was vice chairman of ORRA's 2010 board of directors and was re-elected to the 2013 board. She has served over the years on ORRA committees ranging from budget and finance to RPAC. In addition, she is a state-level past president of the Women's Council of Realtors.

Others honors presented during the ORRA awards program:

Affiliate Member of the Year Award: Alice Weinberg, Seminole County Property Appraiser for exceptional service and dedication in support of association programs.

APPRECIATION AWARD: Stephen Baker, RE/MAX Central Realty for outstanding leadership as 2012 ORRA Chairman of the Board of Directors.



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CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD: Dean Vanderpool, Devan Realty and Development Corporation, for steadfast commitment and service to risk management efforts.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD: Steve Amburgey, Realty Executives Central Florida, for dedication and tireless efforts.

DON GALLAGHER MENTORSHIP AWARD: John Huguenard, John D. Huguenard, for providing expert guidance and wisdom to his fellow realtors.

GRANT CLARKE VOLUNTEER AWARD: Lou Nimkoff, Brio Real Estate Services, LLC, for commitment of countless hours of service and dedication to the association and to the real estate profession.

PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD: Kathy Llamas, MCT Realty, LLC, for unselfish volunteer service towards the betterment of the community.

RIISING STAR AWARD: Bruce Elliott, Prudential Florida Realty, for demonstrating exceptional potential and dedication in service to the association.

SPECIALTY AWARD, COMMERCIAL: Theodora Uniken Venema, Downtown Brokers, LLC, for devotion, time, and talent on behalf of the Orlando Regional Commercial Council.

SPECIALTY AWARD, INTERNATIONAL: Cleberto Copetti, Realty 180, LLC, for devotion, time, and talent on behalf of the Orlando Regional International Council.

SPECIALTY AWARD, YOUNG PROFESSIONAL: Tara Corriveau, North American Title Co., for devotion, time, and talent on behalf of the Orlando Young Professionals Network.

WALTER ROSE LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD: Dean Asher, Don Asher and Associates, Inc., and Beverly Pindling, Beverly Pindling Real Estate Services, Inc., for tireless devotion and service to the real estate industry and to the highest ideals of the Realtor organization.

### NAI negotiates sale of industrial building in Sanford

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated the sale of an industrial building at 3551 West First Street (S.R. 46) in

Sanford for \$1,629,200.

Michael Heidrich, a principal at NAI Realvest, represented the seller, 3551 First St., LLC in negotiating the sale of the 13-year-old warehouse and distribution facility to SNK America, Inc., a manufacturer and supplier of precision tools and parts that serve the auto, aircraft, medical and sports industries.

The buyer is headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Mt. Prospect, Ill. and was represented in the transaction by Michael T. Davis of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank.

Call Michael Heidrich, principal NAI Realvest, 407-875-9989 [mheidrich@realvest.com](mailto:mheidrich@realvest.com) or go to [www.NAIRealvest.com](http://www.NAIRealvest.com).



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### Prestigious Beymer Building welcomes new tenant

WINTER HAVEN — Fairchild Advisors, LLC, has relocated to the prestigious Beymer Building on Third Street in Winter Haven. Established in 1981, Fairchild Advisors provides investment management and financial planning services. Lease arrangements for Fairchild Advisors, LLC were facilitated by 6/10 Commercial Real Estate.

Owner Linda Fairchild cited the location as a primary reason for relocating the business to 20 Third St.

"This is the location that most represents what clients expect to see," said Fairchild.

The new offices are in suite 304 of the prestigious, newly renovated Beymer Building. Built in 1923, the Beymer Building was named after one of Winter Haven's founding families. It is a historic, downtown Winter Haven landmark centrally located at the corner of Central Avenue and Third Street.

The downtown offices also boast sever-

al boutiques, brick sidewalks, an award-winning library, and a manicured central park, and weekend community events bringing community residents and out-of-town visitors to the area each weekend.

For information on commercial space availability, call Angela Harwell, Broker/Realtor of 6/10 Commercial Real Estate at 863-595-0237, or email to: [aharwell@610corp.net](mailto:aharwell@610corp.net) or go to [www.610commercial.com](http://www.610commercial.com).

### Mercantile provides commercial real estate loan

ORLANDO — Mercantile Capital Corporation, which ranks as one of the nation's leading providers of U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 loans for small business owners who want to acquire or develop their own facilities, closed a commercial loan for Brighton Park Animal Hospital, LLC recently for \$534,790 in total project costs.

Brighton Park Animal Hospital is a full-service animal hospital that provides pet vaccinations, sterilization (spay/neuter), examinations, hospitalization, and soft tissue and bone surgeries. They also provide boarding and grooming services for pets at their Happy Pets Boarding & Grooming facility that is adjacent to the animal hospital. With an in-house pharmacy and access to specialists, their facility offers a one stop shop for pet health and medical care.

As traditional lenders have yet to loosen their purse strings, Chris Hurn, CEO of Mercantile Capital said SBA 504 lending ranks as perhaps the nation's most effective stimulus for economic recovery.



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From left, ERA Real Estate president and chief executive officer Charlie Young, Gus Grizzard and Tom Grizzard celebrate the nomination of ERA Tom Grizzard Inc., as a Gene Francis Memorial Award finalist. Charlie Young, president and CEO of ERA Real Estate, made a surprise visit to ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. of Leesburg recently to announce that the company is a finalist for ERA Real Estate's national company of the year for 2012 — The Gene Francis Memorial Award. The award is given annually to ERA Real Estate's "Top All-Around Company." Last year, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc., became the first ERA company to win the award two years in a row. The company continues to grow with transactions increasing by 13 percent and sales volume by nearly 40 percent in a relatively flat market earning ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. a third consecutive nomination which is unprecedented in the ERA franchise system.

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fect for teenagers, guests, in-laws, etc. Kitchen opens to oversized breakfast area and boasts solid surface counters, center island, lazy Susan, pull-out shelves, several glass door cabinets, convection microwave and wall pantry. Master has access to pool, his & her walk-in closets, double vanities, linen closet, jetted tub and walk-in shower. 3 car garage with workshop area, 3 ac units & surround sound. Boathouse w/electric, water, lift & seawall. It's like being on vacation every day. Call Carole Thompson 352-267-0064 at ERA Tom Grizzard.

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## Home of Merit!

This beautiful doublewide home of approximately 1200 sq. ft. heated area is located in a "park-like" setting in the Ridgecrest Resort Community on US Hwy 27 just south of Leesburg. With an open-concept floor plan, it has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and 2 Sun Porches. The Living, Dining and bathrooms all feature NEW Laminate flooring and both bathrooms also have new toilets. New carpeting recently was installed in both bedrooms and a new Microwave was added in 2012 to the very workable kitchen. The home has an inside storage area and an inside laundry room

with new Washer and Dryer. A new HVAC system was installed in 2012. This lovely home also features a carport and an additional outside storage unit. Ridgecrest Resort offers planned activities day and night during "Snowbird Season". It offers a spacious clubhouse with card playing and billiard areas, a heated pool, a hot tub/spa, & Shuffleboard Courts. The lot rent is \$390 per month, but there are no HOA fees or ad valorem taxes to pay. Priced at only \$34,900! For more information, please call Audrey Mackiewicz at 352-460-0210.



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## Plantation-golf course frontage

The Plantation is a community for golf and tennis so you can enjoy that Florida living. Open floor plan with great room. Home is immaculate and ready to move in. Split plan with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. Kitchen with breakfast nook area. Large hallway with built in desk and inside laundry room. Master bedroom very spacious and the master bath has granite countertops and double sinks with large walk in shower and closet. Carpet is neutral and the ceramic tile in the kitchen and baths. Covered patio screened with blinds. Exterior of home was painted in Oct 2012. One car

garage also has enough room to park your golf cart. Plantation is a gated community that has amenities galore. Two 18 hole golf courses, tennis courts, 3 pools each with jacuzzis, volleyball, world class fitness center, 3 huge clubhouses with lots of monthly activities planned. Enjoy the restaurant when your too busy to cook. What a great place to spend the winters or live all year round. Home is being offered at \$139,900. Please call Jo Leen Cooper with Morris Realty and Investments at 352-267-0770 for an appointment. Check out the virtual tour at <http://www.tourfactory.com/idx939244>

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"Small business entrepreneurs all across the nation are using 504 loans to expand their operations, create jobs, and grow their businesses," Hurn explained, adding that interest rates are the lowest ever making this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for entrepreneurs.

The SmartChoice Commercial Loan Program helps owners of small to mid-sized businesses, like Brighton Park Animal Hospital, LLC,

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Call Chris Hurn, Mercantile Capital Corporation, at 407-786-5040 or Robin Lashley, Mercantile Capital Corporation, 407-786-5040 or go to [www.504experts.com](http://www.504experts.com) for information.

### Royal Oaks appoints Lopez as controller

BALDWIN PARK — Royal Oak Homes has appointed Eric Lopez as controller.

Steve Orosz, co-president of Royal Oak Homes said Lopez has



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# Does this serving tray include actual butterfly wings?

HELAIINE FENDELMAN  
and JOE ROSSON  
Scripps Howard News Service



JOE ROSSON and HELAIINE FENDELMAN / SHNS

Was this piece made using butterfly wings or with foil and feathers?

**DEAR HELAIINE AND JOE:**  
I have a glass serving tray that has been decorated with butterfly wings. The tray seems to have some sort of Art Deco design, with an exotic-bird pattern in the background instead of images of butterflies. It has gold-trimmed detailed etchings. I also noticed that it has a newspaper clipping, in German, in the back underneath a picture. The picture has a tag with "Czechoslovakia" written on it. Any information as to date and value would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,  
**M.G., AUGUSTA, GA.**  
**DEAR M.G.:**  
This piece perplexes us. Items decorated with the wings of butterflies are usually a bit more flamboyant than this example.

Often, the backgrounds of these pieces are covered with the spectacular, iridescent wings of the peacock-blue morpho butterfly. This butterfly is a native of South

America, but we have found references to it as having been raised on farms in Europe, primarily to be used in making small pictures and jewelry.

But the background on this piece appears to be painted solid black, and we find that a bit troubling. We have also examined the photograph with a magnifying glass and

are not convinced that butterfly wings were used at all.

For those who have a picture in your mind of cruel individuals tearing the wings off living butterflies to make items like these, put your mind at rest. It is our understanding that — at least these days — the wings are harvested from butterflies that have lived out their life predator-free, and upon their death the wings are harvested. We cannot assert that it has always been this way, but for modern pieces we understand this is the

procedure.

We recommend that M.G. use a powerful magnifying instrument to examine the areas that are supposed to be decorated with butterfly wings. She should see scales if butterfly wings were used. However, many pieces were made using colored foil, and a magnifying glass will reveal this deception instantly (bright, shiny surface and no telltale scales).

Also — and we believe this to be a stronger possibility — the magnifying glass may reveal feathers.

Many pictures were made for the tourist trade using feathers taken from exotic birds. Feathers from less-exotic birds were used as well, but these were dyed and manipulated to look more like the plumage from rarer species (the garish colors from artificial dyes should be apparent).

We know that the label on the front of the tray reads "made with butterfly wings," but that appears to be the work of a secondary seller and not a label used when the tray was made or first sold. It appears to be the work of a more recent vendor. As for the "Czechoslovakia" label in back, this means that the tray could not possibly be any older than 1918, when a country by that name first came into being.

We believe this tray was made sometime between the 1930s and the '60s, and feel comfortable with a circa-1950 date. If a large quantity of butterfly wings had been used, the insurance value should be in the \$150-\$250 range. But if foil or feathers are detected, the price drops by two-thirds or more.

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

## Eustis / Grand Island Residential Real Estate Market Homes Sold 2011 Compared to 2012

### 2011 Sold Homes by Price Range

Price Range	Quantity	Average DOM
\$49,999 or under	76	99
\$50,000 - \$99,999	135	119
\$100,000 - \$149,999	130	120
\$150,000 - \$199,999	48	142
\$200,000 - \$249,999	18	112
\$250,000 - \$299,999	9	170
\$300,000 - \$349,999	2	128
\$350,000 - \$399,999	2	66
\$400,000 - \$499,999	2	187
\$500,000 - \$599,999	2	411
\$600,000 - \$699,999	0	0
\$700,000 - \$799,999	0	0
\$800,000 - \$899,999	0	0
\$900,000 - \$999,999	0	0
\$1,000,000 or over	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>121</b>

### 2012 Sold Homes by Price Range

Price Range	Quantity	Average DOM
\$49,999 or under	76	84
\$50,000 - \$99,999	121	113
\$100,000 - \$149,999	144	104
\$150,000 - \$199,999	53	141
\$200,000 - \$249,999	25	105
\$250,000 - \$299,999	7	109
\$300,000 - \$349,999	6	69
\$350,000 - \$399,999	7	135
\$400,000 - \$499,999	5	183
\$500,000 - \$599,999	3	153
\$600,000 - \$699,999	5	143
\$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>453</b>	<b>110</b>

	2011		2012		
Summary	List Price	Sale Price	Summary	List Price	Sale Price
High	\$649,000	\$580,000	High	\$849,999	\$820,000
Low	\$13,000	\$13,000	Low	\$5,700	\$1,000
Average	\$118,701	\$110,200	Average	\$130,141	\$128,874
Median	\$109,000	\$100,000	Median	\$115,000	\$110,000

### Year over Year Summary

In Eustis & Grand Island we've seen approximately a **7% increase** in the total number of homes sold in 2012 compared to 2011. The average overall sale price has **increased by 17%** year over year. The average days (DOM) a home has been on the market before it has closed has **decreased by approximately 8%** indicating homes are selling slightly faster year over year.

When comparing total sales in the Mid Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service, bank owned sales are **down by 10%**. Short Sales, which are properties sold for less than the borrower owes, have seen an **increase by approximately 14%**. Our homes selling without distress, a normal sale have also **increased by approximately 14%**.



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Sumner Beach Club LLC to Swiss Fairways Inc, Lt 20 Skiing Paradise Ph I, \$10.

Chase Paul H and Chase Kelly Maher to Blackmon Dennis L and Blackmon Alice E, 1-19-24 Eas, \$169,000.

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First Baptist Church of Fruitland Park Inc to Heritage Community Church of Central Fl Inc, Blk 6, Lts 1-7 Blk 1 George T Clarks Gardenia Sub Etc, \$100,000.

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Gleason Thomas P, Epoch Biodiesel LLC, Epoch Capital Group LLC, Epoch Green Partners LLC and Lake County Clerk of the Court to Allen Linda S Tr and Linda S Allen Living Trust, 25-22-24, \$100.

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 James 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.

# Putting toilets in tight spaces

**ED DEL GRANDE**  
Scripps Howard News Service

**Q** I enjoy your take on plumbing and hope you can help me. We're replacing our old round front toilet and I would like to put in an elongated toilet. My husband says that the space is too tight for an elongated. Is there another option we can look into before he runs out and buys the same type of toilet? — Betty, New Hampshire

**A** Let's catch everyone up. Toilets generally come in two basic sizes:  
1. **ROUND FRONT** — This toilet has a circular bowl that can fit into a tighter space.  
2. **ELONGATED** — This toilet has a slightly longer, egg-shaped bowl for

extra comfort.  
So, the bad news used to be that if you wanted to replace a round-front toilet with an elongated, in many cases the longer toilet would not fit the space. The good news is that now we have toilets on the market with "compact-elongated" bowls. These specially designed one-piece toilets offer the comfort of an elongated bowl with the same footprint of a round-front toilet.  
However, compact-elongated toilets usually cost more, so let's hope the price increase won't "bowl" you over!

(Master plumber Ed Del Grande is the author of "Ed Del Grande's House Call," the host of TV and Internet shows, and a LEED green associate. Visit [eddelgrande.com](http://eddelgrande.com) or email [eadelg@cs.com](mailto:eadelg@cs.com). Always consult local contractors and codes.)



Since toilets come in two basic sizes, check out your space before you buy one. SHNS

# The Midas touch was all over the High Point furniture show

**PATRICIA SHERIDAN**  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**HIGH POINT, N.C.** — There was a certain warmth at the Fall International Home Furnishings Market, and it wasn't simply the smiling vendors anticipating a stronger season. It was the unmistakable glow of gold tones emanating from so many showrooms. Upholstery, hardware and veneers all had the Midas touch. Getting the cold shoulder were the nickel, chrome and silver hues that have been dominant over the past decade.

"Rich gold colors and other 17th-century Baroque influences leapt to the forefront this fall from Dolce & Gabbana's runway to our showroom," said Heather Eidenmiller, director of brand development at Bernhardt Furniture.

The warmer ambience of brass, bronze, gold and even copper may herald a return to a consumer appreciation of higher-caliber furnishings, perhaps echoing the



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The Devin Chest by Councill with gold leaf facing.

precious metal's escalating value. Here is a sample of the manufacturers returning to the gold standard:

Bernhardt Furniture issued a strong statement with the Fitzgerald sofa upholstered in gold velvet. Portia armless chairs are

paired with the Brielle end tables and coffee table done in a patina brass base and ivory lacquered tops. The look speaks to a healthy bottom line.

Appreciating the value of all that glows is the Bill Sofield lighting collection for Baker. It includes the Valerian chandelier in antiqued white gold leaf covering steel leaves for a one-of-a-kind look. The Signature table lamp from the same collection is more contemporary in molded and hammered natural brass.

Global Views expressed its lust for luster with several introductions, including the Egg and Palm brass and bronze lamp and a stunning Collectors cabinet. The cabinet, in hardwood with black lacquer finish and gold detail, features two locking doors that open to reveal adjustable glass shelves. With solid-brass ring pulls and gold eglomise mirror doors, this dynamic piece exudes elegance.

Councill Furniture was not shying away from rich veneers, either. The Parker cabinet speaks to affluence, with a gold-leaf finish, poppy-lacquer interior and ebony-lacquer base. A member of the same club is Councill's Devin chest, also with gold-leaf exterior.

Studio A demonstrated a desire to go for the gold with its gold Waves martini table (although it also comes in silver and graphite). For warmth without the glint, there is the Izmir cocktail or end table, both done in hammered brass.

Theodore Alexander's Autumnal Glow chest should come with sunglasses. Light plays nicely with the gold-leaf doors, embossed with impressions of real leaves.

Hancock and Moore has been looking to the fashion industry for inspiration. The venerable leather-chair company aimed for glamour, but it hit the glitzy bull's-eye with the Flirt chair in gold leather. It's the seat

of luxury.

The Clairval coffee table by French Heritage features a glittering gold-shard glass top sitting on a metal base covered in gold leaf. It's a rich addition to any room and comes in console or end-table versions.

It isn't just interiors that are looking Fort Knox-worthy. Brown Jordan brought back Kantan, originally designed in 1956 in aluminum for pool and patio playtime. This timeless mid-century, low-slung profile has been upgraded to brass and has been christened Kantan II. The strapping is no longer the old hard nylon that left its mark. Known as Sun Cloth, it's a revolutionary soft design with lots of give and many colors.

"After years of minimalist, monochromatic neutrals and doing with less, I think people are ready to incorporate a bit of joyful emotion in their interiors," said Eidenmiller, adding, "A beautifully constructed piece, with a bit of glamour and glow, communicates quality. Quality comforts and quality lasts."

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The Flirt Chair by Hancock & Moore.



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### Lennar to host gala realtor preview of model homes Wednesday

CHAMPIONSGATE — Lennar will host a Gala Realtor Preview and Reception from 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., at I-4 exit 58 (C.R. 532) south of Orlando.

Mark Metheny, president of Lennar's Central Florida Division, said Orlando's famous 4 Rivers Catering will provide the 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., and 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).

# Home prices accelerate

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. home prices accelerated in November compared with a year ago, pushed higher by rising sales and a tighter supply of available homes.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 5.5 percent in November compared with the same month a year ago. That's the largest year-over-year gain in six years.

All but one of the cities in the index posted annual gains. The largest gain was in Phoenix, where prices jumped nearly 23 percent. It was followed by San Francisco, where prices rose 12.7 percent, and Detroit, where they increased 11.9 percent.

New York was the only city to report a drop from a year ago.

Prices also rose in 10 of the cities measured by the index in November from October. That's up from seven in October from September. The biggest monthly gains were in San Francisco, Phoenix and Minneapolis.

Monthly prices are not seasonally adjusted and frequently decline over the winter. The 20-city index dipped in November from the previous month.

Steady price increases should help fuel the housing recovery. They encourage more people to buy before prices rise further. Higher prices also build homeowners' wealth, which can spur more spending and economic growth.

The data "show a broad-based recovery in housing activity and prices across the country," said Michael Gapen, an economist at Barclays Capital. "We expect this housing recovery to continue in the coming years."

The S&P/Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. It measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The November figures are the lat-



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This Nov. 14, 2012, photo shows a home for sale in Leucadia, Calif.

est available.

The index began to show annual gains in June and have been larger each month since. Prior to that, the index had fallen for 20 straight months.

Despite the increases, prices nationwide are still about 30 percent below the peak they reached at the height of the housing bubble in the summer of 2006. They are now at the same level as in the fall of 2003.

Purchases of previously occupied homes rose last year to their highest level in five years. The National Association of Realtors forecasts that sales will rise 9 percent this year. Independent economists have similar forecasts.

Sales of new homes also rose in 2012, although they remain near depressed levels.

Stable job gains and record-low mortgage rates have encouraged more people to buy homes. And the limited inventory of homes for sale has made builders more confident to step up construction.

The number of previously occupied homes has fallen to an 11-year low.

Millions of homeowners still owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth, making it difficult for them to sell. That's one reason the supply of homes is so tight. But higher home values are lowering the number of those "under water" and should encourage more homeowners to put their homes on the market.

More people are also moving out on their own after living with friends and relatives in the recession. That's driving a big gain in apartment construction and also pushing up rents. Higher rents are encouraging investors to buy homes and rent them.

The tighter supply of homes pushed builders in December to start work on the most homes in 4 ½ years. Last year was the best year for residential construction 2008, just after the recession started.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS



**LOCATION:** 14024 Royal Fern Way, Astatula **FEATURES:** Newer manufactured 3BR/2BA home with fenced backyard. **LISTING PRICE:** \$49,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$49,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Tammy King, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** James McFadzean, Zip Realty Inc.



**LOCATION:** 1113 South 14th Street, Leesburg **FEATURES:** Commercial property with 95 ft. of highway frontage **LISTING PRICE:** \$119,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$85,500 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lisa Jones, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Fred Slotnick, Sunstar Real Estate.



**LOCATION:** 3646 Lakeshore Drive, Mount Dora **FEATURES:** Beautiful 3BR/2BA on Lake Dora with boat dock and lifts. **LISTING PRICE:** \$495,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$443,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Betty Hensinger, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Angi Biederman, Re/Max Realty Center.



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