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South Lake Chamber hosts awards ceremony

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The South Lake Chamber of Commerce installed its 2013 board, introducing Orlando Health's Robert Thompson as the incoming chair, before announcing its picks for Businesses of the Year at its annual Chairman's Gala Saturday night.

Approximately 250 people were in attendance to hear which of eight finalists in three categories would be honored.

"We're extremely proud of the over 700 (Chamber) members we have and the diversity that's represented by what each of them offers to the community," Thompson said of all the South Lake Chamber members and potential nominees.

It was a good feeling to be recognized by my peers but I was definitely surprised. I didn't know one way or the other how it was going to go and I was up against another good company, so to hear my name called was really a nice thing.

— Clinton Pownall,
Computer Business
Consultants

"There are many businesses that exemplify the criteria of each category so it's hard to whittle the field to just three and then pick a winner, but luckily, we have a committee to sort through the nominations and make its picks."

The highest honor of the night was the Business of the Year award, which according to the Chamber,

must be a business that embraces giving back as a value and encourages community involvement throughout their organization.

The finalists were: Computer Business Consultants and Walmart at Cagan Crossings. The winner was Computer Business Consultants headed by Clinton Pownall.

This IT company based in nearby Oakland at a newly built data center, is a two-year Chamber trustee.

The company was located in Clermont for more than 11 years.

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CLERMONT | PARALYMPIANS BEGIN TRAINING



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ABOVE: U.S. Paralympic Team member Dane Pilon gets in a quick workout in Clermont on Saturday. BELOW: Monica Bascio of Denver straps her feet to her recumbent handcycle.

Pedal for the medal

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To be defeated or to defeat the odds? That is a question that each member of the U.S. Paralympics team has had to face.

To anyone who caught a glimpse of the nine members who belong to the U.S. Hand Cycling Team in Clermont last week as they began training for the start of their season, the path they've chosen is evident.

Members from across the United States rode their bikes up and down South Lake's hilly terrain for hours at a time the entire week. Garbed in official Team USA gear, they have attitudes that would give able-bodied athletes a run for their money.

"When I was first injured, I was devastated. I thought my dreams of competing in the Olympics were gone," said Muffy Davis, 40, who in September, became a three-time gold medalist in the 2012 London

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Helping the blind with Braille

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Braille is vital tool for those with reduced vision or blindness, and New Vision for Independence is offering to help businesses, schools and nonprofit organizations expand their client base with free printed materi-

als in Braille.

"Our community could use some more Braille menus in restaurants and Braille sales flyers for those who are visually impaired," said Chantel Buck, executive director for New Vision, which is housed at Lake Hall on the campus of Lake-Sumter State College.

"We are noticing that

Braille literacy is on the decline a bit because of the smart phones and new technology, but for those who are Braille readers, they want access to literature and that is a powerful market because once consumers who use Braille notice a business is supportive, they let all of

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Chantel Buck, executive director for New Vision for Independence, holds a restaurant's braille menu transcription.

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BOY SCOUTS

What are your thoughts about the Boys Scouts of America's consideration of lifting the ban on gay scouts and leaders?



I think it's a good thing and in this day and age, I think it's good that they are finally coming out of the prehistoric age. Every kid should have the opportunity for the cool experiences they can get from scouting, camping, camaraderie, etc. There are not that many organizations left like that.

BRETT HILLER
GROVELAND



I'm against it because boys don't need to be exposed to that as children. It's tough enough when they grow up and who knows what those people are gonna do.

TALMON DAVIS
MONTVERDE



I think that's great. Every child should have the opportunity and not be judged by their preference. Every person should be judged by the content of their character and not by how they look or what they are. I mean, we are in the year 2013. And as a mom, I wouldn't mind my child being taught by someone who is gay as long as they acted appropriately.

ANNETTE PAULINO
CLERMONT



My opinion is that all boys should be accepted by the Boy Scouts regardless of their situation. As far as the leaders, I think they should be able to pass a background check but not be overlooked simply because they are gay. You have to be careful with the leadership in any group but to take the opportunity for scouting from the kids for that reason alone is unconscionable to me.

TIM GOEBEL
GROVELAND



I've never really thought about it myself. I have no opinion on the matter.

JOHN KING
CLERMONT

South Lake Briefs

MINNEOLA

Scholarship opportunities available for 2013 grads

Many business, civic clubs and organizations are offering scholarship opportunities for 2013 graduates in the Lake County school system.

A database of local scholarships has been compiled by Back to School is COOL-Lake County and is available at www.backtoschooliscool.org.

For information, email Aimee Stanley ataimeeoptimaone@gmail.com or if you know of additional scholarships to post that will benefit local students.

CLERMONT

'Because I Love You' event to be held Saturday

The Renaissance Group of Central Florida Inc., invites children and families in Lake County to a community outreach event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at The Renaissance Group of Central Florida, 345 N. U.S. Highway 27.

The goal is to encourage youth to think about what they can give to others, inspiring thoughtfulness and promote positive thinking.

Materials are provided for the children to create cards and small gifts for family members and friends.

All gift items are free.

Volunteers are also needed for the event to help wrap and fill out cards with the children.

For information, call 352-242-1711.

TAVARES

Annual 'Give Kids a Smile' event scheduled

The Lake County Dental Association, Lake County Health Department and the Florida Department of Health Volunteer Health Care Provider Program have combined to give underprivileged children, ages 6-18, access to free dental services in celebration of the national Give Kids a Smile campaign.

Lake county volunteer dentists and hygienists will provide free exams, cleanings and fluoride treatments, distribute free educational material, toothbrushes, and toothpaste from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 15, Lake County Health Department office, 875 Oakley Seaver Dr.

An appointment is required and are limited to the first 100 eligible patients. A parent or legal guardian must be present at the appointment.

To determine eligibility and schedule an appointment, call 352-217-7115 by 5 p.m., on Monday.

MINNEOLA

Library to host sewing and crafting sessions

The Minneola Schoolhouse Library will hold sewing and crafting sessions on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning Tuesday and ending May 28, in the café at the Minneola City Hall.

Minneola resident Marie Cameron will facilitate the projects.

For information and times, call 352-432-3921.

CLERMONT

Retirement workshop to be held on Tuesday

The second in a series of complimentary workshops will be presented by Superior Residences of Clermont along with Keiber Retirement Solutions and Keiber Senior Services, to help women facing special challenges when planning for retirement.

The workshop will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Superior Residences of Clermont, 1600 Hunt Trace Boulevard.

The free workshop will have complimentary coffee and snacks.

Call Lindsay Finkbeiner for reservations at 352-394-5549.

CLERMONT

ERHS slated to present 'Brighton Beach Memoirs'

The public is invited to attend "Brighton Beach Memoirs" at 7 p.m., Wednesday through Feb. 15 at the school.

Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved at the school office, 13322 Excalibur Road in Clermont or by emailing santov@lake.k12.fl.us.

A dinner theater will be presented at 6 p.m. on Feb. 16. Cost for the dinner and show is \$20. Reservations are required.

For information, call 352-242-2080.

PEDAL

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Paralympic Games, despite a broken back she endured much earlier in her life that left her paralyzed.

"I had to change my thinking and focus on the fact that what happened to me meant a different life, not a loss of life," she said.

Since the age of 7, Davis' dream was to compete as an alpine ski racer in the Olympics. She was well on her way toward her dreams until a debilitating skiing accident in 1989, at the age of 16, left her with a broken back.

Years later, despite being paraplegic, she'd be on an Olympic podium getting three gold medals as a member of the U.S. Paralympics Hand Cycling team.

Davis went on to train as a member of the U.S. Paralympics Alpine Ski team.

She medaled but never reached gold. In 2002 she retired and got married. In 2008, she gave birth to a daughter and, while trying to get back into shape, began hand cycling.

Davis found that cycling and being out on the road were therapeutic.

The prospect of competing drew her in, and in 2010 she was back in the game, this time as part of the hand cycling team.

"There were all these twists and turns but in the end, I still reached the lifelong dreams I'd set as a little kid. I just accomplished them a little differently," Davis said. "I got my gold medals, I'm in the best shape I've ever been in today and I'm very blessed."

According to coaches Rick Babington

and Mike Durner, Davis' story is similar to those of many members of the team, since each endured a sickness or accident that turned their lives upside down.

Steve Peace, a veteran who served 16 years in the Navy and retired as a lieutenant commander, was left partially paralyzed and unable to speak after a stroke.

"I got up to go to bed and had a bad stroke. Just like that, I couldn't walk, I couldn't speak; nothing. I lay there for 14 hours before somebody found me and from that point on, my whole life completely changed," Peace said, adding that it took six months for his speech to return.

Peace didn't want to just lay around and do nothing, so he got into cycling with the Wounded Warrior project, an organization that places injured veterans into various sports or activities.

"Initially, I started doing this to get out of the house, but now, I can't imagine not doing it," Peace said. "It's been a long process but you know what? I fall down and get back up."

Peace means that in the literal sense too, since he admits that he's fallen from his bike on several occasions, but gets right back up and onto the bike and out on the road again each time.

In fact, Peace stands out on the team as the only member who rides an imported English trike instead of a recumbent bike, which is a low-to-the-ground bike which places riders in a reclining position.

Peace competed in the Paralympic games in September and said the entire experience was "unbelievable."

He said he's happy to still be representing

his country.

David Randall, who served in the U.S. Navy as an operational specialist from 1993-1997, said he also hopes to experience that feeling by landing a spot on the national team and traveling to South America in 2016 for the next Paralympic games.

Randall suffers from a rare condition called Von Hippel-Lindau disease, which caused tumors on his spine that left him paralyzed. He did not make the 2012 games because he had to take 2011 off to have another operation.

"I just love it," he said.

Each member of the team, led by Durner and Babington, still has a long way to go. The group has just started training in South Lake. Members trained in Clearwater for two years before they visited Clermont and agreed to move and train here instead.

"The hills add some intensity to our training," Durner said. "The trails and roads here also make for a safer ride for our athletes. Compared to how 'dead flat' it was where we were, this is much better for us."

Babington said the terrain better matches what the cyclists may have to endure during the racing season.

"Not just anybody can do this," he said.

"The members of this team really want to do this. These are people; athletes, who are doing what they were told they couldn't do. They're groundbreakers and they are proving all those statements wrong. They're told, 'No, you can't,' and they'll say, 'Yes, I can.'"

For more information or to keep up with the team, visit www.ushtf.org or www.teamusa.org and click on the link to the Paralympics team.

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"It was a good feeling to be recognized by my peers but I was definitely surprised. I didn't know one way or the other how it was going to go and I was up against another

good company, so to hear my name called was really a nice thing," Pownall said. "My focus has always been to give back as much as possible to the people in need and other business owners."

Pownall is chair of the Chamber's Education Committee and also volun-

teers on additional Lake County school initiatives, including educating the business community about Common Core, the new testing program replacing FCAT.

Pownall also supports charities such as Clermont's New Beginnings and the FAITH Neighborhood Center and the arts by way of the Orlando Shakespeare Company and the United Arts of Central Florida.

Another award given out Saturday was the Revitalization Award, given to a business that according to the Chamber, has demonstrated excellence in revitalizing the architecture of an existing building or has enhanced the value of a business through new additions. The finalists for the award were: Modern Orthodontics, Sugar Mama's Bake Shoppe and the Women's Centre for Excellence.

The winner was the Women's Centre for Excellence, headed by Drs. Kristina McLean and Mary Beth Lewis-Boardman for the transformation of an old bank building into a doctor's office with a Tuscan-style lobby and examination rooms decorated in different themes, such as Africa, Bora Bora and Key West.

The Oakley Seaver Special Service Award, named after a beloved South Lake resident who dedicated his life to community service.

The award honors a nonprofit business, club, organization, educational institution or healthcare provider that has made contributions with lasting impact to the

South Lake community.

The finalists for the award were: Back to School Is Cool, Clermont's Downtown Partnership and Pig on the Pond.

The winner was Pig on the Pond in Clermont, that altogether has raised more than \$580,000 since 2003 to support South Lake education and local scholarships for college bound students.

Thompson as the new chair, also spoke on his focus and goals for the upcoming year as far as the Chamber goes.

"Every year, the new chairperson puts out a focus of where the chamber is headed and this year, we as the chamber are going to be focused on branding South Lake County as the center of health, wellness and fitness," Thompson said. "That way, people in and outside of the community will know what we're all about. I think it's very exciting and something that's badly needed."

"With the National Training Center, the ski school, all the triathlons we have and the countless Olympians that live and train here, it makes sense to make that our focus."

Thompson said he and the two succeeding chairs have committed to focusing on the initiative long term.

The award for Citizen of the Year, usually announced at the gala was delayed because the recipient could not be there. The winner will be announced at February's Chamber Breakfast on Feb. 15.

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ing people to have it available.”

New Vision will work with businesses and organizations on the process.

“We will work with them on formatting it so it is easy to read with Braille,” Buck said. “We will print it and provide all the paper.”

During New Vision’s independent living classes designed to help clients learn how to use adaptive items to adjust with low vision, Buck said clients often talk about going to restaurants, but having to rely on others to tell them what’s on the menu.

“They have no idea that large print and Braille menus are available in the larger chains,” Buck said. “Once they learn about that, they are very excited and they always ask ‘Why don’t the smaller places have them as well?’”

Buck wants smaller restaurants to know that New Vision can provide them with a Braille menu.

“For bigger companies, it is a requirement that you have to follow the Americans with Disabilities Act and that you have this literature available,” Buck said. “A lot of the small restaurants that we have in Lake County are exempted from the requirement, but it is still a good idea

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to have it available so that you are not isolating certain customers. They want to go out to eat and they want to know about the specials that the local pharmacy is offering.”

New Vision also provides free classes for those who want to learn Braille as well as other classes to help those with low vision. The organization’s client base continues to grow with the expansion of The Villages.

“Sumter County is the fastest growing county in the state and most of those individuals are retirees,” Buck said. “And 75 percent of our client base are retirees who have lost their vision later in life. We’re constantly letting people know that we are here.”



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Chantel Buck writes on a Braille machine.



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OUR VOICE

Be a Guardian ad Litem volunteer

LEND A HAND: The suffering of the smallest, the most tender and the most vulnerable in Lake and Sumter counties is real and profound. The Guardian ad Litem program offers help.

Hundreds of children are under court supervision in Lake and Sumter counties. They are the silent ones — abandoned, removed from homes because of abuse or neglect. They are placed with relatives, foster parents or in group homes.

It is not the role of government to provide that deep nourishment of the soul that only a parent should provide.

But the government must nonetheless provide at least a part of what's missing from those frightened lives — protection and legal representation.

To ensure children have a voice within Florida's child protection bureaucracy, courts attempt to appoint a Guardian ad Litem for each child. The guardian is an independent advocate for the child. The guardians are volunteers. They — in a sense — can empathize with their child. Theirs is the yeoman's task.

It takes someone special to volunteer for this type of job; defending the rights of a child who needs state protection from abusers or absent parents requires fortitude, assertiveness, compassion and sensitivity, an odd and blustery mix.

The guardian helps track the child's condition in foster care and makes sure the child participates in court cases.

"They provide a voice for the child in court and help the child cope with their terribly, difficult circumstances," said Marcia Hilty, circuit director of the Guardian ad Litem program for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. "They bring real life experience, common sense and an objective point of view to the situation."

Lake County has about 230 guardians. And that's not enough. The county needs nearly twice that number to represent and protect adequately and properly the children in this program.

The suffering of the smallest, the most tender and the most vulnerable in our neighborhoods — and in Lake and Sumter counties — is real and profound. Our busy lives and our personal concerns may shield us from witnessing the anguish. But helping a child is the most noblest of human ventures.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where are the statesmen willing to protect us?

The Founding Fathers of our country and the Constitution guaranteed us the right to bear arms. When they did this, they envisioned the right of each family to have a musket and sword to fight tyranny and protect and feed their families.

Even in all their wisdom, Washington, Jefferson, Adams and Franklin could not have foreseen the weapons we have today. Reasonable men like them would never have unleashed the horrors visited upon innocent men, women and children of today.

These American heroes would never sit by, sell their souls and enrich themselves while their innocent countrymen died around them.

Where are the statesmen who will stand up and protect us today?

DAVID JACOBELLI | Tavares

It's time for a nonpartisan redistricting commission

Due to partisan politics, the major parties have gerrymandered the congressional districts so badly that it is estimated that only 35 of 435 districts nationwide are competitive. That is why so many incumbent members of Congress, irrespective of his or her job performance, were returned to that dysfunctional body.

That will continue to be the case until this nation adopts nonpartisan commissions to draw equitable congressional districts. That will not be the case as long as the two major private political parties have unwarranted control over the redistricting every 10 years.

These are public offices not private political offices for the privileged few. Let's take our districts and the political process back.

Do we want a Congress that works for all the people and not just to appease the majority of partisan voters in the rigged districts? Yes! Do we want office holders that must appeal to all voters and not just the party? Yes.

Now is the time to set in motion the effort for nonpartisan redistricting commissions and nonpartisan public offices, and finally turn the corner on the partisan divide that has crippled our country.

CHOICE EDWARDS | Clermont

We're working hard to keep needy children warm

When I moved to Florida eight years ago, I was surprised to find there were organizations doing clothing and food drives for the homeless in the Ocala National Forest. I was unaware of the vast and growing number of families who were forced for whatever reason to live in and around the Ocala Forest area. I supported the drives and looked for an opportunity to do more.

Two years ago the Knights of Columbus, of which I am a member, was asked to support a coat drive being run by our Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn. We would purchase the coats from them at wholesale and

LETTER of the WEEK



COURTESY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

A ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Wanger in Fresno, Calif., has issued a ruling to save an endangered minnow, the Delta smelt, a species that grows to no more than three inches and never lives longer than a year under ideal conditions.

World is laughing at our downsizing

The smaller the more successful. The final destiny of all true governments is downsizing.

Really, if you think about it, our Founding Fathers presented a regulation of how we should interact with each other, a Bill of Rights. They regulated a fair trade act between states — regulated value received between states as an equal exchange rate, and gave birth to federal currency, equality by regulation between states and between citizens in these states.

Historic evidence proves once you regulate something you no longer need to regulate that something again. Eureka, we have a downsizing of government. So why does not government become smaller?

Now let me ask a question. If you had a nice cushy job that paid well and you didn't have to be there all the time, wouldn't you want to keep it? Wouldn't you like the power of that position? So, you create things that really don't need regulation but you regulate them anyway.

There is a California minnow that is dying because of fertilizer con-

tamination in the water. The idea of regulation in this case is to stop the farmer from farming. Harvesters lose their jobs; there is a food shortage in five states; prices go up; and the farmer cannot feed his family.

However, the minnow is doing well and so is the "fat cat" politician.

That is regulation today, not to be confused with conservation.

Now, we are told that the employment figure for November 2012 is up. Things are in an uptrend. What they neglected to tell us is 73 percent of that uptrend is the hiring of government employees. The government employees will now be paying their federal income tax on our federal income tax. Doesn't that sound crazy?

Is America the land of the free? Freedom's only enemy is a freedom without faith in the government, and where virtue is a standard and a right. The first book of St. Peter, 2:15 has taught us the words of fools are the religion of the lost.

If you hear laughter, that is the rest of the world laughing at our downsizing.

WILLIAM R. MILLER | Tavares

we would distribute them as needed. We distributed more than 300 new coats to the director of the Help Agency to the forest, and the pastors of two Baptist churches that help the homeless.

Early in 2012, we were advised of the great need in our local area for coats at our local schools. This past season when told of children getting off school buses wrapped in blankets because they had no coats, we included Lady Lake Elementary and the Belleview Elementary Schools with the groups we supported last year.

The need is greater then ever because of our economy and high unemployment.

We distributed more than 300 new coats again this season, and with the weather getting colder I'd like to do more. I can't picture any of my nine grandchildren waiting for a bus with no coat.

Since it costs as much to clean and store used coats, we have been supplying new coats to the children with the tags still on them. For some of them, it's the first new thing they have ever received. One child recently told me the coat was toasty warm and she was going to wear it to bed that night. It brings a tear to my eye.

TOM RUECK | The Villages Community Director, Knights of Columbus Council No. 14222

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GRAY MIDDLE | CAREER DEVELOPMENT



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From left, Gray Middle School FFA students at the 2013 Horse CDE were Morghan Neuhofer, Katie Strickland, Jillian Phillips, Breann Ellis and Belle Birchfield. They successfully defended their 2012 championship at this year's Middle School Horse Evaluation Career Development Event state championships held on Jan. 18 at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center. FFA advisor is Casey Ferguson.

LOST LAKE | PRINCIPLE'S BREAKFAST



COURTESY PHOTO

The Principal's Breakfast is a monthly program for students in grades 3 -5, where each teacher chooses a student that has made significant improvement in the area of conduct, grade, citizenship. The children are Dylan Myrland, Jacob Bell, Paolo Aguila, Elijah Casillas, Lauren Bassett, Chloe Vassell, Madelyn Vargas, Kaeli Jugmohan, Jordan Limpus, Eric Le, Luiza Iljiza, Sayed Islam, Edian Negrón-Lindor, Christian Seaton, Aidan Matos, Kyle Johnson, Valeria Guitierrez, Tianny Piggot, Hannah Hough, Elian Berberena, Joniel Alicea, Jesus Estrada, Kenedy Monroe, Peyton DiRocco and Noah Silva.

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FIRST GREEN BANK | PROMOTION



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First Green Bank recently promoted Tracy Durrance to branch manager of its banking facility at 1391 Citrus Tower Blvd. in Clermont. Kenneth LaRoe, chairman of First Green Bank, said Durrance has been with the bank and worked with the Clermont team since First Green Bank opened in 2009. Durrance attended Brevard Community College and is a Clermont resident. She has more than five years banking experience and prior to her promotion she was the assistant branch manager in Clermont, LaRoe said.

CLERMONT | NEW DOCTOR



COURTESY PHOTO

David J. Wright, D.O., F.A.C.O.S, has joined the surgical staff at Mid-Florida Surgical Associates, board certified general surgeons in Clermont. Dr. Wright completed his education at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, in Des Moines, Iowa and is board certified in general surgery. He is an active staff physician at South Lake Hospital and serves as a member of the tumor board committee and the quality review board at the hospital, and is an active staff member of Health Central in Ocoee. Wright, his wife and two children moved to the area when he joined the group.

Briefs

FEBRUARY 19

PASTFINDERS

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: 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: 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.

FEBRUARY 21

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IN MEMORY

OBITUARIES

Nicolette Hoffman

Nicoletta Hoffman 76, of Clermont, FL passed away on January 21, 2013 at Mike Conley Hospice House in Clermont, FL. Born on November 10, 1936 in Hoboken, New Jersey. Mrs. Hoffman was preceded in death by husband John Hoffman and is survived by a loving son John Joseph Hoffman. Services will be held on Saturday February 9, 2013 at 11:00am at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church 720 12th St. Clermont, FL 34711. Baldwin Fairchild Winter

Garden Chapel in charge of arrangements. Please sign and view the guestbook at www.baldwinfairchild.com.



HOFFMAN

Leesburg, died Monday, February 4, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Norma E. Bean

Norma E. Bean, 101, of Eustis, died Sunday, February 3, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Ernest "Trinaada" Berry

Ernest "Trinidad" Berry, 57, of Lake Panasoffkee, died Thursday, January 31, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Charles Boeckler

Charles Boeckler, 82, of Leesburg, died Saturday,

Feb. 2, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

Marvin H. Bonamy

Marvin H. Bonamy, 53, of Orlando, died Sunday, January 27, 2013. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.

Wayne Brandtjen

Wayne Brandtjen, 68, of Grand Island, died Thursday, January 31, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Barbara Carlini

Barbara Carlini, 80, of Clermont, died Tuesday, January 29, 2013, Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

Robert L. "Robin" Chandler III

Robert L. "Robin" Chandler III, 68, of Leesburg, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Charlie Lee Cole, Jr.

Charlie Lee Cole Jr., 53, of Leesburg, dies Friday, February 1, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Margaret Ann Copeland

Margaret Ann Copeland, 71, of Paisley, died Wednesday, January 30, 2013. Beyers Funeral home, Umatilla.

Mavis I. Delgado

Mavis I. Delgado, 80, of Tavares, died Monday, February 4, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Donette Ruth Finkes

Donette Ruth Finkes, 88, of The Villages, died February 2, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake.

James "Jim" Stanley Glover

James "Jim" Stanley Glover, of Tampa, 69, died Wednesday, January 23,

2012. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.

Terry Hambleton

Terry Hambleton, 71, of Fruitland park, dies Wednesday, January 30, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

Marjorie Lee Harris

Marjorie Lee Harris, 81, of Tavares, died Monday, January 28, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Louis T. Joseph

Louis T. Joseph, 79, of Tavares, died Monday, January 28, 2013. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

Willie K Lee

Willie K Lee, Sr., 78, of Umatilla, passed away Monday, February 4, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Ethel M. Lindberg

Ethel M. Lindberg, 93, of Tavares, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

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DEATH NOTICES

Joseph Annese

Joseph Annese, 86, of Leesburg, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

Susan C. Baker

Susan C. Baker, 81, of

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CLERMONT | BACK TO SCHOOL



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From left, Renee Carter, family service manager with Habitat for Humanity, and Julie Hulley of Back to School is COOL-Lake County. Hulley presents a plaque on Jan. 18 to Carter for collaborative efforts with the local charity in providing clothing, uniforms, backpacks, school supplies, shoes and outerwear throughout the school year to Lake County children.

CLERMONT | ROLE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY



COURTESY PHOTO

Dolores Gano Walker, secretary of the South Lake County Historical Society, gave a presentation at the Jan. 31 meeting of the morning Kiwanis. Walker is shown with Historic Village manager Dodie King, board member Donna DiGennaro and Kiwanis president Gary Ash. Walker spoke about the role of the Historic Society in maintaining Clermont's Historic Village in addition to giving a brief history of the railroad in Clermont and central Florida. For information, call Dodie King, Historic Village manager, at 407-314-7382 or go to southlakehistoricalsociety.com.

CYPRESS RIDGE | TERRIFIC KIDS



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Cypress Ridge Terrific Kids for Jan. 29 are Sabrina Martinez, Isabell Antonetty, John Wade, Peryn Joyner, Preston Casavant, Ethon Cole, Abigail Bautista, Kate Gallagher, Jacob Dunn, Carson Brookes, Nicholas Aquilino, Braden White, Molly Cayton, Katon Schmidt, Andria Waite, Aaron Myers, Jaya Rougas, Gavin Sorrells, Jacob Krug, Carter Zollweg, Michael McGuire, Ryan Sanders, Nadia La Rosa, Aidan La Rosa, Timothy Quirk, Hayden Violette, Nicholas Gaspard, Andres Ordonez, Drew Ornstein, Paige Cox, Nolan Braucher and Tyler Miller.

OBITS

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Leslie McIntire
Leslie McIntire, 68, of The Villages, died Friday, January 25, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations,

Wildwood.
Phyllis J. Montgomery
Phyllis J. Montgomery, 79, of Eustis, died Thursday, January 31, 2013. Beyers Funeral home, Umatilla.
Loretta Ann Nichols
Loretta Ann Nichols, 70,

of Mount Dora, died Saturday, February 2, 2013. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.
Henry Silvia
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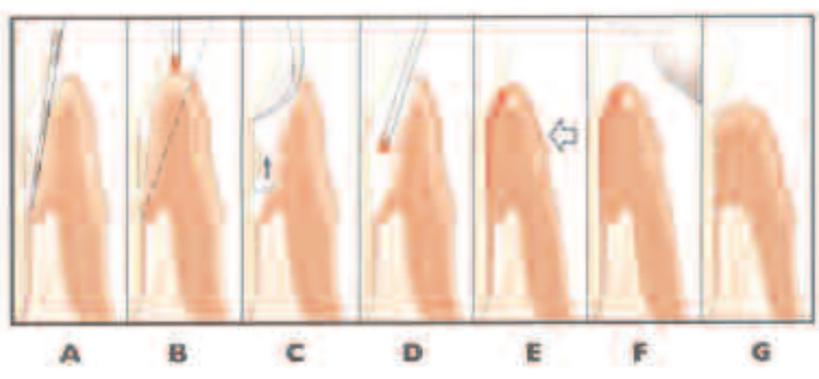
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Usos Foundation Lia Maivia Scholarship recipient Clifford Aubuchon of Minneola graduated from the Marine Mechanics school at Universal Technical Institute recently. Aubuchon moved to Florida and found the Usos Foundation, and the WXW family, helping him to transition from military life. Usos, The Samoan Family Foundation, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Minneola offering scholarships to young men and women through professional wrestling learning the art and skill of the sport, self-esteem, motivation, life skills, respect and career skills. Go to www.usosfoundation.org for information.

SOUTH LAKE HIGH SCHOOL | ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Morgan Kerns, a junior at South Lake High School, is Student-Athlete of the Week for Lake County Schools. Kerns is a three-year varsity starter on the South Lake High Lady Eagles basketball team. She is currently team captain and averages 14 points and 8 rebounds per game. She is also a member of the South Lake High's track and field team, student government class president and president of the prom committee. Other extracurricular activities include National Honor Society member, Eagle Heart member, Key Club member and Peer Buddy. She has a 4.5 weighted grade point average. "Morgan is a very responsible student-athlete and a great example of one," said coach Amanda Shafer.

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CLERMONT

FUMC preschool to celebrate 60 years

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The preschool — officially known as the Child Development Center — at the First United Methodist Church in Clermont is 60 years old this year, a milestone that school officials there want to celebrate.

On Feb. 16, that's exactly what they plan on doing.

"We would love for anyone who's been a part of the school or has been touched by it in some way to join us on our special day because they're part of the legacy," Director of Adult Discipleship Candy Ogden said.

Director Misty Leistikow said, "We're having a big celebration to mark this big occasion."

From 4 to 7 p.m., Feb. 16, staff, students, alumni, supporters, parents and volunteers are invited to FUMC, located at 950 7th St., for an event intended to celebrate all the years the preschool has seen in its day. The event will take place in three separate locations on campus.

According to Leistikow, one room at the preschool will be set up like a "sock hop" to celebrate the 1950s and '60s and its graduates.

Another room, dubbed "the big hair, rockin' band era room," will celebrate the 1970s and '80s, complete with a DJ and disco balls to illuminate the faces of those who graduated during that time.

Finally, the Wesley Center inside the main church building will be set up like a carnival to celebrate the 1990s and current times. Just outside, there will be an old car show.

"We're going to have a big carnival, face painters, stilt walkers, live bands and lots of prizes,"



COURTESY PHOTO

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education (VPK) teacher Debbie Piper works with students in her classroom at First United Methodist Church of Clermont's Child Development Center.

FUMC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 950 7th St., Clermont

INFORMATION: Call 352-394-0191.

WEBSITE: www.fumc-clermont.org

Leistikow said, adding that hamburger and hot dog meals will be available for purchase for \$3 with proceeds to benefit the school.

The students will kickoff the evening at 4 p.m. with an opening song written for the school this year. The students will be followed by a performance by FUMC's youth choir and a few words by school officials.

Ogden, who is part of four generations of family who have been involved with the school, will be there with her family to celebrate and remember old times.

Ogden's mother, Deanie

Carter, started the family legacy, working at the preschool as a teacher and director from 1971 to 1975. Ogden followed suit and became a teacher at the school in 1984. Later, Ogden also became the director for three years until 1993.

Ogden's son, Justin, and daughter, Carly, also attended the school. Now, her granddaughter Taylor, 3, is a student.

"So four generations, it's quite a legacy in heritage," Ogden said as she reminisced about how much her mom, now deceased, enjoyed working at the school and teaching the kids there, just like she did.

This year, Ogden will celebrate 28 years on staff.

Leistikow said the Christian-based preschool at FUMC was started in 1952 by two local teachers at which time it became a kindergarten.

"It opened as a kindergarten, which was uncommon in that time, but from what I know the church decided it was to be a ministry of FUMC," she said.

Through the years, the school has been a K-2 school, a before- and after-school care facility and a day care.

Today, the school is back to being a preschool with 216 students enrolled and a mission statement that reads: "To develop cognitively, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually, to the best of his or her ability."

In the fall, however, FUMC plans to restart its kindergarten program.

"We've come full circle," Leistikow said.

The one thing that's remained constant over the years is the public interest in the program.

"There is always a waiting list for the school," Ogden said. "It's even gotten to the point that when women in town find out they are pregnant, they put their future baby on the list for when they get old enough to attend."

Just recently, Leistikow also announced that the FUMC Child Development was awarded the prestigious Gold Seal Accreditation from UMAP and Department of Child and Family Services with a Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten School Readiness Rate of 87 out of 100.

Leistikow said she is excited about the celebration and hopes people will come enjoy the day.

"I love my kids, I love my job and to know that I've been a part of a legacy that's 60 years old is just amazing," Leistikow said. "I'm extremely proud of what the school has been able to accomplish over the years."

Meet Your NEIGHBOR

ARDIANA M. TERAN



■ **HOMETOWN:** Clermont

■ **OCCUPATION:** Pediatric nurse practitioner, ARNP, CPNP

■ **FAMILY:** Husband, Adolfo Teran, and two kitties, Mino and Lola.

What do you enjoy most about South Lake County?

Clermont is a small community just outside of the hustle and bustle of a major city like Orlando. It is a city where you can enjoy the gorgeous hills and lakes. It truly is a gem. We moved to Clermont in 2007 and have loved this beautiful city's charm.

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

Always be a fair, caring and honest person by treating everyone with respect.

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

A person who I have recently learned more about, and who has impacted me in a positive way, is Walt Disney. Although no longer living, the story of Mr. Disney is

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REMEMBER WHEN

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In 1891, Clermont's city limits were 2,000 acres. Thirty-one men signed the notice of organization of the Town of Clermont at 2 p.m., June 9, in Wilson's Hall.

E.H. Goodenough was the first mayor (1891-95). Aldermen were W.H. Eavenson, V.L. Flood, J.B. "Jim" Jones, A.R. Gano and Joseph Tarpey. The law offices of William H. House at the corner of 7th and Minneola served as city hall for several years.

Minutes were kept of the first two meetings but none are available after June 15, 1891.

Following the big freeze of 1894-95, the town charter was abolished.

The town was then run by a Board of Trade consisting of 90 of its citizens, who took charge of

every improvement. There were no taxes. Everyone pitched in with private donations or man hours.

The *Clermont Clarion* (*South Lake Press*) reports on Dec. 29, 1916, there were 75 registered voters; 62 voted for and 12 against re-incorporation. Much of the Board of Trade's duties reverted to city council. All bills were paid and the board turned over 19 sacks of cement and the \$11.35 it had in the bank.

C.E. Roe was elected mayor. Meetings were held in the Woodsmen of the World building at the foot of 8th Street on Lake Minneola.

The first mention of taxes in the city's minutes are on July 6, 1917. Millage assessed was 7 mills for roads, 1.2 mills for lights, 1.2 mills

for publicity and 1 mill for the general fund.

A special election was held in August 1920 to issue \$30,000 worth of negotiable bonds to build a water works system.

The 19th Amendment passed in 1920 and Kate D. Chase was the first woman elected to public office. She was the first town treasurer.

Also in 1921, the Florida Legislature annulled Clermont's charter and granted a new one. This was necessary because bonds had been issued and could not be sold because the old charter had no provision for a board of trustees.

A special election in 1921 was held to ratify the decision of the council to purchase the electric

light plant from L.A. Zinsser for \$10,000 at 8 percent interest. This was ratified by the voters.

Another special election was held in 1922 to issue negotiable coupon bonds of \$65,000 for paving streets, laying water mains, discharging the city's current indebtedness and adding to the electric light works. A water tank was built at Lake Avenue and DeSoto Street. Water meters were available for \$1.50 a month.

The assessed valuation of the city was \$1,780,372 and millage was reduced from six to four mills. Meetings in 1922-23 were held in the library building on DeSoto Street.

In 1923-24, real estate was

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Menstrual cycles don't have to be a 'curse'

Premenstrual Syndrome, or PMS, is a condition that can range from being inconvenient to debilitating to women from puberty all the way to menopause.

It is the collection of symptoms that starts, usually, one to two weeks before menses and can continue until the period stops. Symptoms can include bloating, cramping, breast tenderness, headaches, irritability, mood swings, cravings and sometimes severe bleeding. Many women describe the above picture and say "that is normal for me" but I tell them that is not what a normal period should be like.

After working on balancing various systems in their body most return and say they had the mildest menses ever, and they never dreamed a period could be like that.

Heavy bleeding, more than the other symptoms, can be debilitating, leading to anemia from blood loss, profound fatigue and perhaps even being a "shut in" because the woman cannot leave the house due to the profuse bleeding.

This can sometimes be caused by uterine fibroids or endo-



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metriosis, which are related to hormonal imbalances. Often, the conventional medical treatments are surgery or oral birth control pills, both of which can have adverse effects.

Surgeries, such as hysterectomies, should be a last resort. There are many protocols that can be done before any type of surgery is done for heavy menstrual bleeding or pelvic pain/cramping.

Estrogen and progesterone are the major female sex hormones and are made primarily from cholesterol. (Do you think that driving cholesterol too low with anticholesterol medications might cause a problem with hormones?) Conventional hormone testing uses a blood test and gives a one-day snapshot of what is happening in the body. This only gives a limited picture of what is going on.

However, there is a nonconventional saliva test available whereby a person will collect samples over the course of a full month. It will give a more complete picture of the hormones in relation to each other as different hormones are "in charge" at different times of the month.

A poorly functioning liver detox pathway can cause hormonal issues. The liver is responsible for the breakdown of hormones (among other things), so if the liver isn't working correctly the hormones can be greatly affected.

Often, when the liver function is optimized many hormone levels will regulate on their own like they are supposed to. Using proper and appropriate detoxification protocols are paramount as improper liver detoxification protocols can cause serious side effects and worsen conditions. Certain herbs and other supplements can also help to correct imbalances.

Stress is a major disrupter of hormone balance. Cortisol, our major stress hormone, is the default hormone. It is made in the adrenal glands. If you are giving your body the building blocks to make female sex hormones but you are subjecting it to stress, the body will use these building blocks to make cortisol and not the female sex hormones. For example, I have seen women who are taking estrogen or progesterone not receive the desired results because those

hormones are being converted to cortisol. Often, sex hormone balance may not be corrected unless the adrenal glands are balanced, too.

Chinese medicine can greatly assist treating menstrual disorders. Acupuncture, electrostimulation or laser acupuncture can help to balance hormonal function. Many studies have been done on the effectiveness of acupuncture in everything from PMS to menopause to infertility.

I have had patients suffering with very heavy menstrual bleeding come into the office when flow starts and we can regulate flow and decrease or eliminate their cramps with a few needles, almost immediately. Then we work on balancing cycles and periods after that.

Remember, periods don't have to be a "curse." You don't necessarily need to take birth control pills or have surgery to make the period livable.

Optimizing liver and endocrine function, reducing stress and balancing the body can lead to tolerable if not pain-free menstrual health. It's your life. It's your health.

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booming in the area and it was ironic that the city council outlawed gambling during the boom.

Council meetings were moved to the Fesler building.

In October 1924, a City Planning Committee was formed. Members were Dr. A.L. Izlar, C.O. Roe, H.R. Scott, B.W. Wait, Albert Johnson, W.N. McKinney, Andy Aesheim, Mrs. W.M. Bess, C.D. Kennedy, Dr. O.I. Woodley, Edna O'Hara and H.C. Brown.

The purpose of the committee was to "prevent future growth placing the city in the condition that many Florida cities now find themselves, streets too narrow, improper location of business, manufacturing and residence sections, lost value of natural beauty such as lakes and streams and similar comparatively unimportant matters now that in a few years will retard progress and public convenience."

In March 1925, the city sold the municipal electric plant to Florida

Public Service Company of Orlando, which paid \$10,000 plus an agreement to pay \$210.27 in one or two years at 7 percent interest.

In August 1925, the voters approved a new city hall and police and fire station to cost \$27,000. This two-story building at the southeast corner of 8th and DeSoto streets was completed in June 1926.

In 1927, the city purchased a 10-acre tract on East Avenue and established Oak Hill Cemetery.

Also that year, the school published its first annual and built the grandstand behind the auditorium. Meals in the school lunch program were nine cents per meal. Area voters turned down school redistricting 933 against and 77 for. There were three routes for transporting children. In 1929 school enrollment was 254 pupils.

During the boom years, bond indebtedness piled up to \$996,300 plus interest. The bonding company brought suit in 1929 to force the city council and the tax assessor to set a millage high

enough to pay the paving bonds. The council refused to raise taxes.

The problem got worse and in 1932 the millage was raised from 11 mills to 266 mills. In 1933 the millage was 450, and in 1934 it was 691 mills. No one was paying taxes, including council members.

In 1937 there was a lien against every piece of property in the city. It operated on the revenues from the municipal water works.

The city went into bankruptcy in 1939 with a bond indebtedness of almost \$1,500,000. At one point, the millage was 4,207 mills. Property values were decreased to almost nothing, and people neglected their property because they did not know how long they would have it.

Clermont was said to have the highest bonded indebtedness per capita of any municipality in the world. Finally, a bond refund plan was worked out according to the citizens' ability to pay (50 cents on the dollar.) The taxpayers paid 92 percent of the taxes by April 1, 1940, and a sizable amount of the debt was paid off.

NEIGHBOR

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living, the story of Mr. Disney is extremely touching. He has taught me to never give up on your dreams and goals. Sometimes in life there is no direct travel from point A to point B as there may be obstacles and challenges that we face. As long as we keep persevering, our dreams will come true.

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

Being a pediatric nurse practitioner in South Lake County gives me the opportunity to reach out to young children in the area, and teach the importance of a healthy lifestyle and prevention. Teaching and being an advocate for my pediatric patients will positively affect them in their futures. The greatest accomplish-

ment in my educational and professional career is becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner and having my own practice with my husband, who is a family physician. I have the honor to touch many children's lives and impact them positively toward healthy choices and healthy living. Helping children achieve healthy outcomes is one of my important goals to be reached in the community.

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

Travel through northern Europe.

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

The advice given to those who are contemplating reaching out in the community is to make small goals at a time and try your hardest to accomplish them, then move toward other goals.

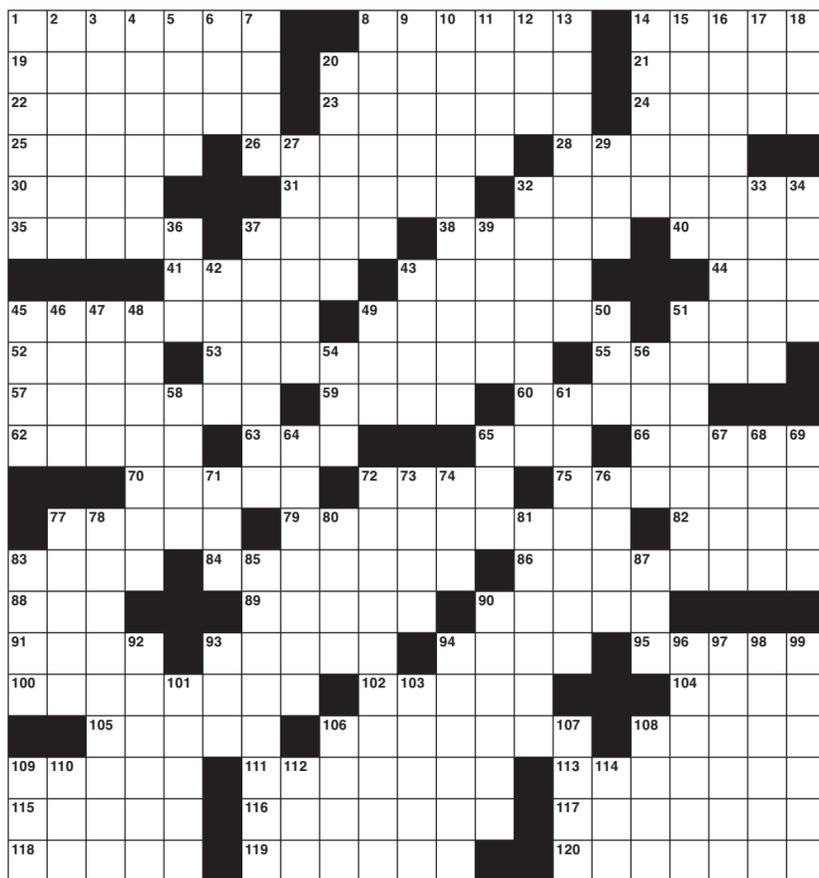
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Football players sign national letters of intent

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Keanu Neal wasn't always an offensive coordinator's nightmare.

The South Sumter High School All State defensive back was once so laid back on the football field that coaches called him "cotton candy," because he didn't like contact.

Not anymore.

Since turning up at his first Raiders practice as a freshman, Neal has transformed himself into a battering ram bent on creating havoc on offenses that dare creep within his reach. He became a team leader and an example of what becomes of hard work and desire.

He's also about to become a college football player.

Neal spearheaded a group of five South Sumter standouts Wednesday when he signed a national letter of intent with the University of Florida on National Signing Day, the first day high-school football players can sign binding agreements with NCAA schools.

Neal chose Florida over six other schools on his short list, including UCF, USE, Duke, Georgia Tech, Kentucky and South Carolina.

At South Sumter, Neal helped lead the Raiders to an 11-1 record in 2012 and a No. 1 ranking for part of the season. He had 30 solo tackles and 50 assists, along with two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

When he graduates later this year, Neal will leave South Sumter as one of the school's most decorated student-athletes. During his high-school career, Neal has collected 16 varsity letters, including four in football, basketball and track.

Neal was all smiles after signing and almost immediately began reflecting on his high-school career. Thanks to questions asked by friends and reporters, Neal also was forced to begin pondering his future.

He credited his older brother, Clint Hart, for playing a role in his football development, along with his coaches.

Hart was a standout with the Raiders in the 1990s and went on to become a defensive back in the National Football League with the Philadelphia Eagles, San Diego Chargers and St. Louis Rams.

"Clint gave me some big shoes to fill," Neal said of Hart. He didn't play college football, but he did play on the game's biggest stage. That's where I want to be one day and he talks to me about that and tells the things I need to fulfill my dream. He tells me about the distractions I need to stay away from and how I can help myself. He's such a positive influence in my life.

"I'm so lucky to have him as my big brother and role model."

Hart attended Wednesday's signing ceremony along with his parents, Clinton and Kathy. He stressed the importance for Neal to stay focused on his athletic and academic requirements in college, and to maintain his values.



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Teammates help Montverde Academy's Cedric Udegbe to cut his cake after he signed a letter of intent to play football for the University of Delaware on Wednesday.

Hart doesn't believe Neal will become enamored with himself and begin taking shortcuts to achieving his dream, but if senses that Neal is beginning to change, Hart said will be the one to help plant his brother's feet back in reality.

"It's important for him stay humble and remember how he got to where he is," Hart said. "God blessed Keke (Neal's nickname) with a tremendous amount of talent, but he has to learn how to use the gifts he's been given. It's easy to get sidetracked with everything that goes on at college and he has to learn what to avoid. He can do that because of his maturity."

"And if he does start to head down the wrong path, we'll square him away."

South Sumter coach Inman Sherman said Neal was always one of the Raiders' hardest workers. Even when the team was struggling to win, Sherman said Neal continued to work and drive his teammates through drills and practices.

"If anything, sometimes I think Keke works too much," Sherman said. "He gives so much of himself, not only on the football field, but in the classroom and in the community. As a coach, you always talk about how you want to have players like Keke. When you finally have one, it's really special."

"He's really been a lot of fun to coach."

Also signing alongside Neal were Brandon Curtis, Bo Farmer, Chance Edwards and Devyn Jessmer in what Sherman said was, "may be as good a class as we've ever had at South Sumter. Certainly it ranks right up there

AREA FOOTBALL SIGNEES	
South Sumter	Wildwood
Keanu Neal, Florida	Byron Mathews
Brandon Curtis, Wofford	Montverde Academy
Chance Edwards, Eastern Kentucky	Cedric Udegbe, Delaware
Bo Farmer, Stetson	South Lake
Devyn Jessmer, Stetson	Kris White
East Ridge	The Villages
Brian Mills, Iowa State	Cody Taylor, Jacksonville
Kennar Johnson, Georgia	Umatilla
Mount Dora	Hunter Green, Earlham
Terrance Bynum, FIT	* Joseph Huggins
Devin Holdeman, Trinity	* Jackson Browning
Eustis	* Jamie Riggins
Logan Lantrip	* Blake Semento
Lake Minneola	* did not sign on Wednesday
Marvin Hart, Stony Brook	

with the best we've ever had here."

Curtis signed with Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C. and Edwards signed with Sherman's alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky. Farmer and Jessmer signed with Stetson University in DeLand, where they will become part of the Hatters' first football program since 1956.

South Sumter's class signees was among the largest contingent in Lake and Sumter County. More than 20 student-athletes signed Wednesday, including the first signees from Lake Minneola and Montverde Academy.

At Montverde Academy, Cedric Udegbe became the school's first football player to ever sign a national letter of intent when he signed with the University of Delaware, alma mater of Super Bowl MVP Joe Flacco.

Originally from Germany, Udegbe said played football for

various clubs before coming to the United States and enrolling at Montverde Academy.

"I'm honored to be the first player from Montverde Academy to get a scholarship to play football," Udegbe said. "It was always a dream of mine to come to America and play football. The coaches here have me so much to achieve my dream. I'm so grateful to have gotten the chance to represent Montverde Academy on the football field."

Montverde Academy coach Brian Treweek said Udegbe helped to establish a work ethic within the program that future players will be expected to follow. He said Udegbe played with pride throughout the season, even though the upstart Eagles were overmatched against virtually every opponent this season.

"Cedric was a non-stop worker for us," Treweek said. "He played on both sides of the ball and

never quit or asked out of a game, no matter how bad things got for us. You can't coach heart and Cedric has a huge heart. When it was time to play football, he gave us 100 percent.

"Always."

Lake Minneola also celebrated its first football signee, Marvin Hart, who signed with Stony Brook University in New York.

After years of having some of the largest signing classes in the area, South Lake had no signees. Kris White, the last Eagle to verbally commit during Walter Banks' tenure with the team, reported in January to Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, after graduating early from South Lake.

During his 12-year tenure at South Lake, the last five as head coach, Banks found college homes for more than 60 student-athletes. Since being let go by South Lake, Banks has moved on to Montverde Academy as the Eagles' offensive coordinator.

Other area signees included: Brian Mills and Kennar Johnson from East Ridge; Terrance Bynum and Devin Holdeman from Mount Dora; Logan Lantrip from Eustis; Byron Mathews from Wildwood; Cody Taylor from The Villages; and Hunter Green, Joseph Huggins, Jackson Browning, Jamie Riggins and Blake Semento from Umatilla.

In addition, two non-football signees also were reported to the *Daily Commercial*.

Mount Dora softball standout Jessica Rees signed with Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken N.J. and Leesburg middle-distance runner Allison Wilson signed with Brigham Young.

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When I walk out of the thrift store feeling like I am on cloud 9 it is because I paid a fraction of the cost for the namebrand clothes for my kiddos. They are happy and our checkbook is doing the happy dance!

There are other things that I need to spend money on — like shoes for my teen. He is growing so fast that at almost six feet tall, I can't just buy any old shoe. My checkbook wishes it could but something like that will affect how his feet grow. (I will still look for a sale or coupon like \$10 off \$50 shoes at Hibbet Sports or other sports-type stores). When it comes to other things they need, like clothes, then spending \$50 for one shirt just isn't in our budget. By getting creative, I can save by

spending less. That's what I call getting my thrifty groove on.

Below is my Top 5 list of things to buy at the thrift or consignment store.

1) KIDS CLOTHES

Let's face it; we cannot keep our kids from growing. It is going to happen whether we want it to or not. Have you ever bought a shirt or jeans for your little one only to find that a week or two later, they are too short? Why spend top dollar for clothes that you are not going to get your money's worth out of?

Check out your local thrift, Goodwill or children's consignment stores. You are sure to find children's clothing that looks new and has lots of wear left.

2) SHIRTS

If you have a tween or teen, then you know how important the namebrands like American Eagle, Abercrombie, Gap and Old Navy are to them. You can find those same brands at your local thrift/consignment shops.

I refuse to pay \$30-plus for a shirt just because it looks vintage or old.

3) JEANS

The new trend this year is jeans that look worn or have whitewashed marks. Not too long ago it was somewhat frayed spots on the jeans.

Why pay \$30-plus for jeans? You can pay a fraction of that and experiment on jeans and actually get them to look the way you want, or simply buy regular jeans.

4) COSTUMES

This is something each year that can get more expensive. If you have multiple children, then costumes can put a hurt on your budget — even more so if the adults like to dress up also.

Many thrift/consignment shops will have great costumes for sale that will cost you a fraction of the price. The Goodwill stores have a large selection of costumes each year. Many items are new with tags.



Tanya Senseney

DIVINE DEAL DIVA

If you do not need the whole costume, you can build your costume from pieces that you find. Last year, my son wanted to be a hippy. We found the polyester pants, shirt and shoes for under \$12.

5) UNIFORMS

If your child wears school uniforms, then you may try looking at your local thrift stores located near your child's school, or see if your school has a used uniform store or trade-in discount.

Many thrift/consignment stores and Goodwill stores have a section for medical scrubs as well. Next time you are in need of new scrub tops or bottoms, you might try thrifty buying instead, especially since the cost of a new scrub top can start at \$30-plus.

What items do you buy used or at the thrift store?

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

CLERMONT

East Ridge High theater to present 'Brighton Beach Memoirs' Feb. 13-16

Special to the South Lake Press

The East Ridge High School Theater Department invites the public to make plans to attend the funny, heartwarming show of a family Brighton Beach, N.Y., as they present "Brighton Beach Memoirs" at 7 p.m., Feb. 13-15. Tickets are \$10.

To reserve tickets stop by the school office, 13322 Excalibur Road in Clermont, or send an email to Vince Santo at santov@lake.k12.fl.us.

A dinner theater will be presented at 6 p.m., Feb. 16. The cost of the dinner and show is \$20. Tickets for just the show are \$10. Reservations are required.

Part of Neil Simon's autobiographical trilogy, "Brighton Beach Memoirs" provides a portrait of the writer as a young teen in 1937 living with his family in a

crowded, lower middle-class Brooklyn walk-up.

Eugene Jerome, a Polish-Jewish American teenager, is going through puberty, a sexual awakening, and search for identity all while dealing with his intense family. His formidable mother, overworked father and his worldly older brother, Stanley, create a unique living environment.

The bittersweet memoir evocatively captures the life of a struggling Jewish household where, as his father states, "If you didn't have a problem, you wouldn't be living here."



CLERMONT

Stirling Sotheby's named broker for luxury home on Crescent Lake

Special to the South Lake Press

Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has been named exclusive sales and marketing representative for a four-bedroom luxury home overlooking Crescent Lake on the Clermont Chain of Lakes.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, said International Luxury Home Specialist Benjamin Hillman with Stirling Sotheby's Orlando/Dr. Phillips Marketing Center is representing the prop-

erty located at 10800 Crescent Lake Ct. which is listed at \$625,000.

The luxury home offers 5,416 square feet of air-conditioned living space with four oversized bedrooms and a custom-crafted kitchen with large center island, granite countertops and stainless appliances.

The family room, living room and master bedroom have all been designed around lake views and with easy access to the pool and spacious patio.

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Case No.: 12CC3245
SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership, Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANCISCO MEDINA OROZCO and FABIOLA BARRAGAN OROZCO et al Defendants.
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IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
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SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership, Plaintiff,
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Civil Division

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

Plaintiff
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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

Ad No.00378253
Feb. 1 & 8, 2013

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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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Lake County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Lake County Florida, described as:

Lot 66, THE PLANTATION AT LEESBURG MULBERRY GROVE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 55, Page 10 and 11, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

Address: 3715 Mulberry Grove Loop, Leesburg, FL 34748

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. o'clock a.m. on the 23 day of March, 2013, at 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida, in the first floor lobby near the information desk of the Lake County Judicial Center

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THIS 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 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 45.031, FLORIDA STATUTES.

Dated this 24 day of Jan, 2013.

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

Plaintiff's Attorney:
August J. Stanton, III
Stanton & Gasdick, P.A.
390 North Orange Ave.,
Suite 260
Orlando, FL 32801

Luis D. Carraja
Attorney for Geneva and Damien Freeman
14129 Town Loop Blvd.,
Suite 220
Orlando, FL 32837

Eryn M. McConnell
Attorney for Plantation at Leesburg Homeowners' Association, Inc.
646 E. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32803

s/S. Holeywinski
Deputy Clerk

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the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Judicial Center, P.O. Box 7800/500 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone (352) 253-0900 ext. 100, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Ad No.: 00379059
Feb. 1 & Feb. 8, 2013

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 12CC2456
SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership, Plaintiff,
vs.
EDWARD H. REED and BRENDA REED et al Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS GIVEN, that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the captioned matter dated Dec. 11, 2012, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, Tavares,

Florida 32778, at 11:00 AM on March 5, 2013, the following-described property, all of which are THE VILLAS AT SUMMER BAY, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1897, page 1089, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, as amended.

Count 1 EDWARD H. REED and BRENDA REED Timeshare Period Week (O)35 in Condominium Unit No. 107-108

Count 2 RAYMOND RIVERA VELAZQUEZ and NITZA COLON MEDERO Timeshare Period Week (O)37 in Condominium Unit No. 107-307

Count 3 TERESA RODRIGUEZ Timeshare Period Week (E)40 in Condominium Unit No. 106-108

Count 4 ABUNDINO G. SALAZAR and ZONELA ANAYANSI WELCH Timeshare Period Week (O)40 in Condominium Unit No. 103-301

Count 5 ALFREDO SARDINAS OLIVARES Timeshare Period Week (E)21 in Condominium Unit No. 103-306

Count 6 MAURICE ALEXANDER SEYMOUR and MICHELLE ARNEZ SEYMOUR Timeshare Period Week (E)23 in Condominium Unit

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No. 104-103

Count 7 ANDREA A. SMITH Timeshare Period Week (O)1 in Condominium Unit No. 103-202

Count 9 DAVID D. STROUP Timeshare Period Week (E)18 in Condominium Unit No. 104-104

Count 10 MARGARITA RIVERA TAPIA Timeshare Period Week (E)13 in Condominium Unit No. 105-205

Count 11 GARY DEAN TRACY and MARQUITA JASMIN TRACY Timeshare Period Week (O)1 in Condominium Unit No. 104-203

Count 12 GEORGINA VELAZQUEZ ORTIZ and PEDRO SAMUEL VELAZQUEZ PEREZ Timeshare Period Week (E)8 in Condominium Unit No. 104-208

Count 13 TIMOTHY JASON WILLIAMS and CYNTHIA ANNE WILLIAMS Timeshare Period Week (E)18 in Condominium Unit No. 103-205

Count 14 WILLIAM LEWIS WILLIAMSON Timeshare Period Week (E)1 in Condominium Unit No. 104-307

Count 15 JAMES ALBERT WITTE and SHAWN ALLEN HALES Timeshare Period Week (E)44 in Condominium Unit No. 105-208

Attorney for Plaintiff
NEIL KELLY
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/W. Tillman
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R.C. Stevens Construction Co. is also progressing with the Orlando Orthopedic Outpatient Surgery Center's interior renovation and expansion. The project consists of 1,000 square feet of renovation and 1,300 square feet of expansion, and will be completed in February ahead of schedule.

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Parade of Homes set for Feb. 23 to March 3

This year's Parade of Homes promoting the skills, talent and craftsmanship of builders and remodelers, with over 20 entries kicks off Feb. 22 with the kickoff banquet. Banquet tickets are \$35 and available at the Home Builders Association (HBA) office, 1100 N. Joanna Ave., in Tavares.

The Parade of Homes begins on Feb. 23 to the theme, "The Dream is Back," saluting Trilogy by Shea Homes as it has been selected as the Dream Community.

Guidebooks for the tour will be in the *Daily Commercial* and locations around Lake County prior to the opening.

Go to www.LakeSumterParade-OfHomes.com or call the HBA office at 352-343-7101 for information, or go to www.LakeHBA.com.

Builders and remodelers can also get entry information by calling the HBA.

R.C. Stevens Construction completes projects

Winter Garden-based R.C. Stevens Construction Co. has completed numerous projects in the Winter Garden community recently.

The renovation of a 4,500 square foot cardiac center at a local health care facility with installation of a new camera system has been completed. A project val-

PEOPLE, EVENTS AND PLACES

M/I Homes acquires site on Bear Lake Road

ORLANDO — M/I Homes has acquired a 10-acre site overlooking Bear Lake on Bear Lake Road in Maitland for development of a future luxury residential community.

David Byrnes, president of M/I Homes in Florida, said the Enclave at Bear Lake will include 35 luxury homes that range in size from 1,800 square feet of living space to 3,400 square feet.

Byrnes said single-family homes will be priced from \$225,990.

Site development will start in March, Byrnes said, and M/I Homes will start construction of model homes in October at the Enclave at Bear Lake.

Barbalato of Pulte named sales consultant of the year

VENICE — Real estate veteran Mike Barbalato of Venice was recently named Sales Consultant of the Year for the South Florida Division of Pulte Group, which ranks as one of the nation's largest home builders and community developers and includes Pulte Homes and the Centex Homes, DiVosta Homes and Del Webb brands.

Scott Mairn, vice president of sales and marketing for the South Florida Division of

PulteGroup, said Barbalato sold the highest number of new homes at the homebuilder's community of IslandWalk in Venice.

"Mike was instrumental in the success of IslandWalk in 2012. He was not only able to showcase the fantastic community but also the quality of our new home designs," said Mairn.

Barbalato is a native of Buffalo, New York, where he studied Business Management and Marketing at Canisius College and began his career as a real estate broker in 1970.

He relocated to Florida seven years ago, and joined Pulte Group in 2010 as a sales consultant and is a member of the Florida Association of Realtors

Barbalato currently sells new two and three-bedroom single-family homes priced from the \$150s in seven

distinctive designs at IslandWalk at the West Villages, located at 13575 Salinas St. in Venice.

For information, go to pultegroup-inc.com

NAI negotiates agreements for Class A office space

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new lease and a sublease totaling 3,055 square feet of Class A office space in Lake Mary.

Senior Broker-Associate Mary Frances West, CCIM represented SubTenant Atlantic Coast Financial Corporation d/b/a Atlantic Coast Bank in the sublease of suite 4019 with 1,629 square feet at 1001 Heathrow Park Lane a/k/a International Blvd.

American Pioneer Life Insurance Company, the SubLandlord, was represented in the transaction by Mike Phipps of C.B. Richard Ellis.

West represented landlord Maya Associates LLC of Okemos, Mich. in a lease agreement with Global KTech, Inc. for suite 200 with 1,426 square feet at The Crystal Center, 3300 West Lake Mary Blvd.

Call Mary Frances West, at 407-875-9989 or email to mwest@realvest.com for information.

Park Square features learning thermostats

ORLANDO — Park Square Homes, which builds homes priced from the \$100s to the \$400s in nine Orlando area communities, has introduced the energy-saving Nest Learning Thermostats in all new residential single-family homes the company builds.

Anthony Rouhana, marketing coordinator for Park Square Homes, said Nest Learning Thermostats are designed to learn a family's habits and behaviors and imitate them by automating temperature controls when family members are away at work or school.

Learning the homeowner's patterns help to save energy and energy costs, Rouhana explained.

Nest Learning Thermostats also offer add-on features to make them even

smarter, Rouhana said.

"Additional controls like smart phone apps enable homeowners to alert Nest if the day's plan changes," Rouhana said.

Visit www.parksquarehomes.com or call Anthony Rouhana, Park Square Homes at 407-529-3031, or email to Arouhana@paksquarehomes.com.

NAI negotiates new office lease in Longwood

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest negotiated a new lease agreement for 3,455 square feet of professional office space at 1920 Boothe Circle off S.R. 434 and I-4 in Longwood recently.

Michael Heidrich, a principal in the firm, brokered the transaction representing the Maitland-based landlord, Ray A. Kennedy.

The law offices of Scott M. Miller, P.A. is the tenant who signed a lease for Suite 100 in the office building.

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

Royal Oak names Sylvester Lionel, Jr. assistant builder

BALDWIN PARK — Royal Oak Homes, based in Baldwin Park, has named Sylvester Lionel, Jr. an assistant builder.

Matt Orosz, co-president at Royal Oak Homes said Lionel earned his B.S. degree in building construction from the University of Florida's M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction.

Lennar Homes to host grand opening Saturday

Lennar will host a grand opening celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday 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 plenty of activities are planned in addition to model home tours, Metheny added, legendary golf trick-shot artist Peter Jöhnke, the Trick Shot Master, will perform from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Lennar plans to give away an Alaskan cruise for two.

Food and refreshments will be provided by Orlando's famous 4 Rivers Catering. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Only adults

may register to win the Alaska Cruise, Metheny added.

Visit www.Lennar.com for information.

Mercantile provides commercial loan

ORLANDO — Mercantile Capital Corporation 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 McDimit Davis and Company, LLC and Ledford Financial, Inc. recently for \$3,856,000 in total project costs.

McDimit, Davis & Company, LLC is the 9th largest CPA firm in Central Florida, per the Orlando Business Journal. The company employs over 20 full time employees and is a full service firm including audit review, compilation, tax, and business consulting services.

Ledford Financial, Inc. is the 12th largest Wealth Management firm, per the Orlando Business Journal, specializing in investment advisory and financial planning. The company's services include financial planning, employee retirement benefit plans, insurance products, and wealth and portfolio management.

"Mercantile Capital Corporation was a great partner to work with on this project. They kept us on task and patiently walked us through the entire process. We would not have closed on this project without their help and guidance," said co-owners, Troy Olson, Elden McDimit and John Ledford.

The SmartChoice Commercial Loan Program helps owners of small to mid-sized businesses, like McDimit Davis and Company, LLC and Ledford Financial, Inc., have an opportunity to create wealth and financial freedom. Their specialization in SmartChoice Commercial Loans, also known as SBA 504 loans, allows borrowers to own their commercial property with the highest cash-on-cash return financing available, without tying up their precious capital, so they can grow even faster.

For information, go to www.504Experts.com.

Ashton Woods opens luxury town homes in Lake Mary

LAKE MARY — Ashton Woods Homes recently opened two ready-to-move-in luxury town homes priced from \$230s and plans to open two more at Fountain Parke, off Rinehart Road north of Lake Mary Blvd. in Lake Mary.

Mike Roche, vice president of sales and marketing for Ashton Woods Homes in the Orlando region, said the three-story, three and four-bedroom town homes at Fountain Parke range in size from 2,170 square feet of living space to 2,504 square feet and come with two full baths and two half baths.

"Fountain Parke town homes are distinctive for their size, their elegant design and their architecture," Roche explained. A third story to add economical space lent itself to the community's Romanesque architectural theme, Roche said.

"The columns, arches, porches and tile roofs make an awesome impression," Roche explained.

Three floor plans are available at Fountain Parke.

For information, go to www.ashtonwoods.com.



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Located in Scottish Highlands..Great 2BR/2BA featuring 1252 sq ft living area. Home also has well and is located on an oversized corner lot. Home also features foyer with coat closet, cathedral ceilings. An open living room greets you as you walk into the home. Large living room with sliders to glassed enclosed Florida room. Large kitchen with dinette area, newer refrigerator (2012). New heat and air in 2011, newer architectural roof in 2002. Master suite has 2 closets and walk-in shower in bath. Guest bath has tub/shower combo. Nice sized 2nd bedroom (15x11). Home features cathedral

ceilings in Florida room. Termite bond. Home has loads of amenities. Convenient location close to shopping, restaurants, worship and medical facilities. Scottish Highlands has many amenities including indoor Olympic sized pool, Jacuzzi, outdoor pool, tennis, rec centers, shuffleboard, auditorium with stage and kitchen for gatherings. Also storage for RV/boats. Make Scottish Highlands your next address. For more info or to view this great property, call Cindy Wheeler at 352-255-6032 at ERA Tom Grizzard. \$79,900. G4691006



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pump! The home was freshly painted inside and out in 2012 and has screens on the garage and front door. All appliances have been upgraded - including front loading washer and dryer. Arlington Ridge is a delightful Active Adult community that features a Town Center concept with a centrally located Movie Theater, Spa, Restaurant, Tavern, and a stunning Clubhouse known as Fairfax Hall. Innumerable upscale amenities include a Resort Pool, heated lap pool, Fitness Center and spaces for billiards, crafts, and many other clubs and activities. For more information call Linda Chaffee at 352-460-0210.

US home prices rose last year by most in 6.5 years

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

All signals point to a continued improvement in the fundamentals underpinning the U.S. housing market recovery.

— Anand Nallathambi, CEO of CoreLogic

WASHINGTON — U.S. home prices jumped by the most in 6 1/2 years in December, spurred by a low supply of available homes and rising demand.

Home prices rose 8.3 percent in December compared with a year earlier, according to a report from CoreLogic, a real estate data provider. That is the biggest annual gain since May 2006.

Prices rose last year in 46 of 50 states.

Home prices also increased 0.4 percent in December from the previous month.

That's a healthy increase given that sales usually slow over the winter months.

Steady increases in prices are helping fuel the housing recovery.

They're encouraging some people to sell homes and enticing would-be buyers to purchase homes before

prices rise further.

Higher prices can also make homeowners feel wealthier.

That can encourage more consumer spending.

Most economists expect prices to keep rising this year.

Sales of previously occupied homes reached their highest level in five years in 2012 and will likely keep growing.

Homebuilders, encouraged by rising interest from customers, broke ground on the most new homes and apartments in four years last year.

Ultra-low mortgage rates and steady job gains have fueled more demand for houses and apartments.

More people are moving out into their own

homes after doubling up with friends and relatives in the recession.

At the same time, the number of previously occupied homes for sale has fallen to the lowest level in 11 years.

"All signals point to a continued improvement in the fundamentals underpinning the U.S. housing market recovery," said Anand Nallathambi, CEO of CoreLogic.

The states with the biggest price gains were Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, California and Hawaii.

The four states where prices fell were Delaware, Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The housing recovery is also boosting job creation.

Construction compa-

nies have added 98,000 jobs in the past four months, the best hiring spree since the bubble burst in 2006. Economists forecast even more could be added this year.

Housing has been a leading driver of past recoveries. But the bursting of the housing bubble pushed a flood of foreclosed homes on the market at low prices. That made it hard for builders to compete.

And a collapse in home prices left millions of homeowners owing more on their mortgages than their houses were worth.

That made it difficult to sell.

Now, six years after the bubble burst, those barriers are fading.

Some economists forecast that housing could add a point or more to economic growth this year.

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Taking back the land is arduous but satisfying work

JOE LAMP'L

Scripps Howard News Service

Lately, I've been sharing with you a few of the challenges and frustrations — mostly frustrations — of taming the neglected property I now call home. The five-acre area (half pasture) beckons me every waking moment.

Six months ago, the growth was so thick, comprised mostly of what I refer to as "teenage thugs" (tall, spindly, good-for-nothing trees making their way skyward, yet still a long way from breaking through the canopy of their more mature neighbors), invasive plants (such as Chinese privet) and an impenetrable web of vines, including common green-brier, Japanese honeysuckle and poison ivy.

I recognize the value that all these provide to wildlife — food, shelter, nesting sites — as well as their aesthetic benefits and even their contributions to improving air quality. I get that. But I also get the impact that such aggres-



This photo shows a growing pile of debris.

sive and invasive plants have on a biodiverse ecosystem, and how such a system is not able to bloom on this little piece of paradise right now because of them. So, in trying to develop a more inviting environment for people and wildlife, I plan to systematically, ever so slowly, remove problem plants.

And that is my greatest frustration at the moment: the time it will take to take back the land. It's just me. I want it to be landscape-ready now, not a year or more from now. Sure, I could easily hire a few helpers to speed up the process and lighten my own load. It's reasonably affordable, workers are

available and now is the time, while everything is as dormant as it will ever be.

Yet I don't want to go there.

Even though there is no creative genius to this part of crafting a beautiful landscape, it's still part of the process, and I don't want to give up even the most arduous and tedious part

of this transformation. As much as I loathe this phase of the work, I still find satisfaction in ripping up, cutting down or pulling out every single solitary evil bush, tree or vine — because, at the end of the day, I have a visual reminder of the fact that I have made progress. The evidence lies in an ever-growing pile of plant debris, and a slightly clearer landscape.

Perhaps the bigger and more important issue in not rushing this job is something I know to be true when creating any well-thought-out landscape. I strongly believe you have to live with a property through at least four seasons to really get to know it; to discover the way light moves across the land, and how water flows and drains (or doesn't).

What plants are sleeping now will I be pleasantly surprised to see this spring? And what unfamiliar trees and shrubs will be standouts this fall?

Most of all, it's all the

time I'll spend over the next year, looking out from every window, being outside to check out the terrain — all for the purpose of studying my current layout and imagining my future layout before I ever put a shovel to the ground.

Even as I stand exhausted amid the draping vines during the clearing phase, I take in every available vista with an eye toward the future and pondering what this view might be like a year or more from now. Living the land through the seasons is my time-tested and -proven first and perhaps most important step to a methodical landscape plan that really does work to promote a natural and beautiful setting.

It's a seamless integration of old and new, and the perfect balance for an environment that's welcoming and pleasing to all.

Joe Lamp'l, host of "Growing a Greener World" on PBS, is a master gardener and author. For more information, visit www.joegardener.com. For more stories, visit shns.com.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS



LOCATION: 32550 Wolfs Trail, Sorrento **FEATURES:** Beautiful Wolf Branch Village 3BR/2BA pool home. **LISTING PRICE:** \$225,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$213,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Tammy King, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Joyce Sundar, Coldwell Banker Residential RE.



LOCATION: 4300 Baywood Blvd., Mount Dora **FEATURES:** Move-in ready 2BR/2BA condo with unobstructed water view. **LISTING PRICE:** \$69,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$65,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cheryl Hilty, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cindy Wheeler, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 1025 Jayhil Drive, Minneola **FEATURES:** 4BR/2.5BA, 2,320 sq. ft., in Pine Bluff, with a fenced yard, den, open kitchen with stainless steel appliances & more. **LISTING PRICE:** \$125,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$135,777 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lisa Jones, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Katy Bramkamp, Only Way Realty, LLC.



LOCATION: 462 Valley View Drive, Winter Garden **FEATURES:** Kitchen w/butler pantry and granite counters, master bedroom w/walk in closet. **LISTING PRICE:** \$399,899 **SELLING PRICE:** \$395,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cheryl S. Glover, Keller Williams Classic III. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Myra Waterman, Homevest Realty.



LOCATION: 3601 Mount Hope Loop, Leesburg **FEATURES:** CBS home in The Plantation **LISTING PRICE:** \$139,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$127,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Adriana Skoloda, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Marilyn Morris, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 8310 Lakeshore Drive, Yalaha **FEATURES:** Spacious 3BR/2BA, remodeled kitchen & tile throughout. **LISTING PRICE:** \$179,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$175,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cheryl Hilty, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Karen Riscinto, Vangie Berry Signature Realty.



LOCATION: 3650 Liberty Hill Drive, Clermont **FEATURES:** 2,425 sq. ft., 5BR, master bathroom **LISTING PRICE:** \$159,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$150,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Richard Bisaillon, Tony Hubbard Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Bobbie Mitchell, Hendry Realty.



LOCATION: 16512 Spring Park Dr., Clermont **FEATURES:** 4BR/3BA, split plan **LISTING PRICE:** \$220,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$215,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lisa Jones, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Yannet Sabarido Keller Williams Classic III Realty.



LOCATION: Summit Greens, 3000 Pinnacle Ct., Clermont **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA, 1,800 sq. ft. gorgeous view, on golf course, 2/2/den, corion counter tops, 42" cabinets, 2 car garage, Active adult community, great facilities. **LISTING PRICE:** \$185,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$175,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mike Derenthal, Keller Williams Classic. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Halverson, Keller William's Classic III.



LOCATION: 955 Brogden Drive, Clermont **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,561 sq. ft. Great home, deeded lake access to the Clermont chain of lakes **LISTING PRICE:** \$158,500 **SELLING PRICE:** \$154,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Robert Lyles, Micki Blackburn Realty Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Duane Lanier, Vangie Berry Signature Realty.



LOCATION: 15402 Lafite Lane, Clermont **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,385 sq. ft. On a cul-de-sac street, large backyard, near all shopping **LISTING PRICE:** \$120,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$110,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Robert Lyles, Micki Blackburn Realty Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mirna Foley, Century 21 World Properties.



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Yardsmart: Thoughtful plantings make the difference in patio gardens



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This aged looking stonework hardscape derives its Mediterranean character from olive trees and climbing roses with flowers densely planted along the front wall.



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This large backyard with its boulders wouldn't be nearly so beautiful if the patios and pool were not nestled into beds of riotous planting.



MAUREEN GILMER / SHNS

A tiny beach house is but a postage stamp in size, yet it feels more like a garden than a patio due to the elegant planting.

ing. They solve problems — a palm or crape myrtle can distract the eye from a large bare wall or a row of them can improve privacy, define space or block unattractive views. Nothing is better for spot shading or to fill an empty corner with foliage and flowers.

■ **PLANT FRAGRANT FLOWERS.** The haunting scent of jasmine adds romance to a patio, particularly after dark. Carefully chosen plants can create a succession of seasonal aromatherapies. Keep fragrant plants close to seating and dining areas for a more intense experience, or give them distance for subtle background fragrance. The scent from those planted upwind will waft into the patio on the prevailing breeze and perfumes from those near windows and doors will be drawn inside.

■ **PLANT FOR OFF-SEASON INTEREST.** While planting for warm months is a given, strive to design with plants that feature off-season interest, too. For example, coral bark Japanese maple is one of the most popular small trees for winter beauty with its bark that stands out on dull days or against snow. Make doubly sure to use uplighting to create a beautiful view of these plants after dark.

■ **EMPHASIZE DIVERSITY.** Some homes don't have pleasant views, so intricate planting combinations can offer the next-best thing. Use a wide variety of small-stature plants with exquisite qualities that won't overgrow the space. Too often, modern designers fall back on massing a single species rather than carefully mixing and matching species in a visually appealing patio garden.

■ **PLANT FOR SEASONING.** Culinary herbs make some of the finest plants for patio areas, where they are convenient to pinch for fresh flavors in the kitchen. Some herbs such as purple fennel offer outstanding form, color and texture. Even herbaceous parsley and basil make fast-growing seasonal fillers.

It's wise to consider all that pricey hardscape your designer goun. Then take your time to get the shoes and bag and wrap just right. The result will look perfectly put together, both day and night, in every season.

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MAUREEN GILMER
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Imagine wearing a beautiful designer gown to a party but neglecting to select the right accessories to finish the look. Today's pricey custom stone hardscapes are like that ball gown. Without complementary planting, no matter how well-designed or -built they are, those backyard living areas will never be truly remarkable.

Well-designed planting should offer beauty, fragrance, texture and color. In the hands of a good designer, these artistic features can offer benefits two ways — in the enjoyment of the patio; and in the view when looking back to the house and patio from deeper in the backyard.

There are six ways to design great planting that enhances the beauty of patios and outdoor living spaces:

■ **EXPLOIT CLOSE-UP DETAIL.** While sitting on the patio, you'll get an eyeeful of close-up planting. This is where your designer can use intricately detailed flowers too often overlooked in a larger landscape. Many of the new plants featuring colorful foliage can be mixed and matched here for high contrast all year round.

■ **USE TREES IN POTS.** Small trees in big pots are powerful tools for patios that lack ground for plant-

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Hobbies: A floral arrangement with a clock

SHARI HILLER and MATT FOX
mattandshari.com

Floral arrangements are always a wonderful addition to any home. They are welcoming in the foyer, on a dining table — even in a bedroom or bathroom.

We are always looking for something new and interesting to do with, well, just about everything, but floral arrangements for sure.

We saw a floral arrangement incorporating a clock at a hotel in Hartford, Conn., and thought it was a fabulous decorating idea. We can all appreciate a clock, in just about any place in the home, so combining the two — well, brilliant!

Such an arrangement actually has a lot more going for it than simply the clock. Our container is a lovely, textured trunk made out of twigs, some leather strappings and upholstery tacks. It



MATTANDSHARI.COM / SHNS

A floral arrangement with a clock inside will accent any room in the home.

measures 16 inches wide by 12 inches deep. The height is 8 inches, so it would easily hold floral foam, silk flowers and

the clock.

You can use different-sized clocks in the container of your choice, but you'll need to adjust

the accompanying materials accordingly — for instance, maybe having more flowers than were used in our exam-

ple. Experiment, and have fun with this!

Our clock is one with some filigree along the bottom edge. Floral foam was glued and strapped with floral wire to the trunk. The clock was then attached to the floral foam with wire and floral picks. Greenery was subsequently attached.

As with most floral arrangements, start with the focal flowers. These are usually the largest, most dramatic flowers in the arrangement. There are four in this one and are spaced evenly.

Then the rest of the arrangement is put together with secondary flowers. We thought it was nice that all of the flowers were off-white. It kept the entire piece sophisticated and simple and let the clock stand out. To accent the antiqued appearance of the metal clock that we used, brown pheasant

feathers and large seedpods were added in.

The finishing filler was a variety of different greens, from larger leaves to small strands of ivy. It was a combination of gray-green leaves and brighter green to add depth and interest.

Keep in mind that you will need room for your hand to fit behind the clock to periodically change the time. However, it looks great to have a variety of flowers and greenery surrounding the clock.

There is a bit of the trunk's lid exposed in our example and it becomes part of the textural background.

We hope you take the time to give this one a try. It's beautiful and functional. What more could you ask for?

Shari Hiller and Matt Fox are best known for HGTV's "Room by Room." They now host the PBS television series "Around the House with Matt and Shari." Visit them on their website, www.mattandshari.com.

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Drains, catch pans for appliances

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I recently converted the attic space in my home to a bedroom, bathroom and laundry. I hired a contractor with years of experience to design and complete the work, and I am well-pleased with his work.

I'm now relocating and the home is for sale. The buyers requested an inspection, and everything seemed to be OK except the laundry. The inspection report said I had to install a drain in the floor for the laundry room. I asked the contractor and he said he thought the inspector was just being picky, but the buyers are insisting on having me make the repairs.

Have you ever heard of anything like this?

Anytime you have appliances that could leak and those appliances are located above a finished area of the home, you have to provide a drain or a drained catch pan to prevent damage to the rooms below. There is always the possibility that

the bathtub, toilet or sink could leak and do damage to the rooms below, but it's only the laundry and the AC/furnace that require drains.

In most cases, a pan is placed under the washing machine to catch spills, overflows, leaks or a runoff from a broken supply hose. The pan must have a drainpipe, which extends to the exterior of the home to a viewable location. Connecting the drain to a sewer pipe will not alert you if there is a problem; however, a pipe that drains to the outside above the garage doors or above a main entry door will let you know you have a major problem that needs immediate attention.

Likewise, an AC/furnace located on the second floor or in an attic above a finished area of the home requires a catch pan with a drain that drains to a viewable location.

Another solution is to have a float switch installed inside the pan to shut the AC off if the pan fills with water. Either way, you are alerted to a problem needing immediate attention.

I also find furnaces with catch pans, but the overflow drainpipe from the pan is connected to the

same sewer pipe or drain opening as the condensate pipe from the furnace. The two pipes cannot drain to the same opening. If the main opening fails, then both the condensate and the drain pan will fail and the rooms below the furnace will be damaged.

The drain pan's pipe should drain independently of the condensate drain and to the exterior of the home.

The alternative (not a solution) would be to install stainless-steel hot and cold supply hoses for the washing machine and a water alarm for both the laundry and the furnace pan. You can find several water alarms and even an alarm that will shut off the main water supply to the laundry at www.thewateralarm.com/.

I have seen the damage caused by a tiny leak on the second floor of a residence that occurred while the owners were on vacation. I would guess the damage to be in excess of \$25,000, not to mention the loss of personal valuables and mementos.

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A Look at Lake County Real Estate Averages 2003 – 2012

Average Sale Price

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Price	\$139,780.00	\$165,947.00	\$229,864.00	\$249,292.00	\$240,897.00	\$192,214.00	\$145,182.00	\$139,426.00	\$128,636.00	\$135,046.00

Average Days till Home Sold

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Days	88	70	81	127	148	172	165	173	190	180

Number of Homes Sold in Lake County

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Count	4691	5898	5927	4683	3297	3044	4121	4258	4386	4949

Analyzing the history of real estate sales in Lake County over the past 9 years, it's looking like 2013 will be a good year for our local real estate market. Since 2009, we have been trending upward in total amount of homes sold with 4,949 sold by year end in 2012 - the highest number since 2005! The average price of homes sold in Lake County has remained relatively flat since 2010 with an average price increase of approximately 4% over 2011, getting closer to the average price in 2003. Although the time it takes to sell a home has decreased slightly over 2011, there hasn't been a significant change in the time to sell in the past 5 years.

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