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Veterinarian Boyd Harrell gives a dog a shot at Lake County Animal Services in Tavares on Monday. Animal Services uses spaying and neutering in conjunction with other initiatives to keep the number of euthanized animals as low as possible.

TAVARES

## Officials: More adoptions, fewer animals put down at animal shelter

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Lake County Animal Services Division officials say big changes have occurred at the animal shelter since two critical internal audits cited at least 45 areas for improvement.

In addition, shelter officials now agree there is a need for a low-cost spay and neutering program, which would help reduce the number of animals brought to the shelter, in effect, preventing the euthanization of dogs and cats.

Bob Melton, inspector general with the Lake County Clerk of Court's office, who conducted the audit, said among his most significant findings was

### PERCENTAGE OF DOGS EUTHANIZED

Lake County is euthanizing just over 15 percent of the dogs that come into its shelter, a sizable decrease from 2009, when 25 percent of dogs were being put down.

Whitney Willard / STAFF GRAPHIC

Year	Percentage
2009	25.49%
2010	16.44%
2011	17.63%
2012	15.98%
2013	15.03%

that the shelter kept poor records of animals coming into the facility.

"We found that animals were unaccounted for and the software was not being used properly," he said. "There were also significant issues in how the

animals were cared for — for example, keeping the lights off in the quarantined area during the day and keeping the animals in the dark."

Cyndi Nason, the county's new director of animal services, who took the place of Marjorie Boyd after she resigned in April 2013, said the shelter uses a new computer software system to keep better track of animals.

The previous system, she said, was "antiquated and not used correctly."

The audits also indicated the county was missing out on hundreds of thousands of dollars a year because pet licensing laws weren't being

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## CLERMONT Cutting out right-turn tickets could cost big bucks

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Clermont city officials say they could be on the hook for up to \$28,000 a month if they decide to stop citing drivers for making illegal right turns using the new red light cameras.

At a City Council meeting last week, City Manager Darren Gray said eliminating the right-turn-on-red violations would reduce the number of tickets so dramatically that there wouldn't be enough revenue to pay for the cameras each month.

"We would be responsible for paying ATS, which means \$4,750 per camera

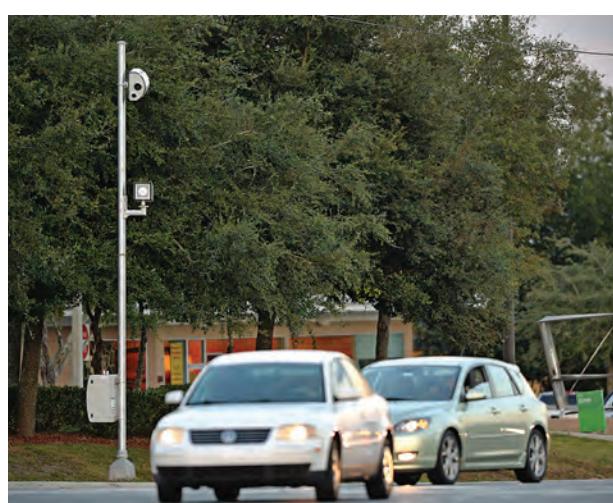
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**City Manager Darren Gray**

per month," Gray told council members. ATS is the company that installed and runs the red light cameras through a contract with the city.

With just six of 24 cameras installed now, that payment could be as high as \$28,500 per

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A red-light camera watches the intersection of U.S. Highway 27 and State Road 50 in Clermont.

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### CLERMONT

## LYNX, Lake can't make deal on bus route

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Evening bus service for Link 55 in south Lake will not be restored anytime soon, according to county officials.

LYNX and county officials were unable to reach a new agreement last week.

When the Link 55 route — which runs from Cagan Crossings along U.S. Highway 192 to downtown Kissimmee — was reinstated Jan. 12, the service only offered eight round trips instead of the 16 that riders and Lake County officials thought would be offered.

County officials were stumped when they received a response from LYNX in December that they could only offer half the number of trips at an increased cost of \$16,000.

The cost for the 16 trips was originally \$50,685.

Furthermore, the bus service only offers four trips in the morning from 6 to 8 and four trips in the evening from 5 to 6:30. The service ended two and a half hours earlier than the agreed upon time, upsetting many shift workers.

The change came because the Link 55 route was expand-

ed into Osceola County, adding three miles to the route, LYNX officials said.

"They do not have the marginal capacity in the system to be able to expand the service easily," said David Heath, county manager.

At the meeting, LYNX officials said they could reinstate the service for an additional \$22,000. The costs were raised to accommodate the bus route's expansion.

Another option included forming a partnership with Polk County because they run a

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# Word on the Street



*The effect of drawing down the lower aquifer, in my opinion, would cause an excessive amount of damage to the upper aquifer because you have to go through the upper to reach the lower. There would be a mixture of material between the two. The effects are in quantity and in quality.*

**DARIAN ARRIAGA**  
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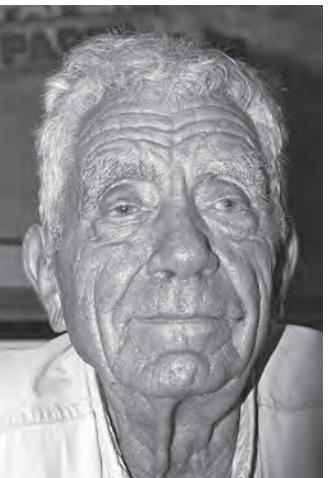
*Maybe by taking from one and not the other, you're reducing the quality of the one not being taken from. It's the homeostasis of it all - mainly the level of balance.*

**SUZY GIBSON**  
local resident and businesswoman



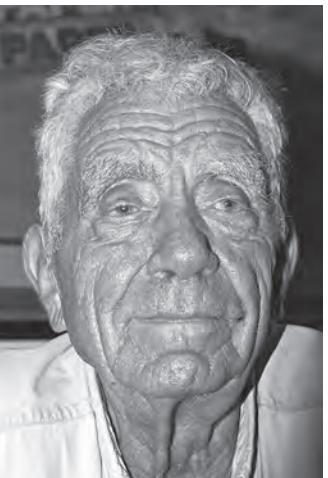
*I'm guessing that higher is better than lower in terms of quality of water. It could go either way. Water could be cleaner. It could also contain more bacteria. There will be movement between the aquifers.*

**FRANKIE GEORGE**  
WINTER GARDEN



*It's not a case of upper aquifer versus lower aquifer. Does anyone really know what effect one has on the other? Lake County can't continue this development extravaganza. We need a long moratorium on development until we can figure out how to stabilize our water resources.*

**STEVE AMANN**  
CLERMONT



**RICHARD DE FRAN**  
CLERMONT

## TICKETS

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month, Gray explained. City Attorney Daniel Mantzaris said a contract is a contract.

"We entered into a contract agreement, and while stopping the right turns on red is not in breach of the contract, what enables the city to ensure they aren't losing money will go away," Mantzaris said. "There may or may not be enough money at the end of the contract to pay for the cameras, so it adds that risk element."

The six red light cameras went live in early January at troublesome intersections. But almost immediately, motorists began to complain that they were being unfairly ticketed for making right turns on red.

City officials expressed concerns as well, noting that about 90 percent of the 3,000-plus citations issued have been for right

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**SUZY GIBSON,**  
local resident and businesswoman

turns. Their concerns only grew when Police Chief Charles Broadway reviewed 59 right-turn violations and overturned 51.

Gray said he thinks he can convince ATS to delay installing any other cameras until the city resolves its concerns. He added that ATS representatives agreed that the percentage of tickets being issued for right-turn violations is "kind of high."

"It's only in its first month, so we'll have to wait and see how it goes from here, but they (ATS) did express to me that the 80-90 percent (of tickets issued for right turns) was a high amount for a city," he said.

Gray also reiterated that he has asked Broad-

way to review every right-turn violation — approximately 3,000 — sent out from Jan 3, to Feb. 11.

As the city wrestles with implementing the cameras successfully, the Florida Legislature is expected in the upcoming session to consider limiting or banning red-light cameras statewide. Gray believes a clause in the city's contract would let them out of it.

Mantzaris, however, voiced some doubt.

"There's concern whether the new legislature can legally affect existing contracts that would otherwise be legal without the new laws," he said.

Councilman Ray Goodgame said he'd talked to Senator Alan Hays and

understood that any legislation would be specifically directed toward right turns on red.

Matthew Modica, a longtime resident of Clermont, expressed concern that the city is bound to the contract for three years and may even have to install the additional cameras as originally agreed.

"I don't know what we can do about this. I'm concerned about adding 18 more cameras, and so I don't see a solution for this," Modica said.

Suzy Gibson, another local resident and businesswoman, told the council she believes the city and citizens were "bamboozled" by ATS.

"I understand the city of Clermont needs to make a profit, but I urge you to do your research in the future. Right now, we're kind of stuck with it (contract) and we all got bamboozled and left asking, 'What are the consequences of our actions?'" Gibson said.

## Area Briefs

### CLERMONT

#### Vendors sought for annual South Lake Women's Expo

The 12th annual South Lake Women's Expo is seeking vendors for the event sponsored by the Clermont Women's Club to be held March 22 at the Wesley Center at First United Methodist Church, at 950 7th St., north of State Road 50, Clermont.

Applications are now being accepted for the event offering a bonus for vendors, included in the vendor fee a business card ad to be published in the March 19 edition of the *South Lake Press*.

Admission is free for the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For information or an application, email [BSsportzfan@aol.com](mailto:BSsportzfan@aol.com).

### CLERMONT

#### Annual Scholarship Fair scheduled for March 11-12

Back to School is COOL Lake County, a local nonprofit organization, will host the 2014 Scholarship Fair from 4:30 to 7 p.m. March 11-12.

The event, open to all Lake County school seniors and their families, will be held at the Clermont Community Center, 620 W. Montrose St., in downtown Clermont.

Business sponsorships are available for \$100 for both days of the event. Registration is required.

For information, go to [www.backtoschooliscool.org](http://www.backtoschooliscool.org), or email Julie Hulley at [Julie@backtoschooliscool.org](mailto:Julie@backtoschooliscool.org).

### CLERMONT

#### Police to conduct DUI, traffic safety checkpoint

The Clermont Police Department will conduct a DUI and traffic safety checkpoint from 5 to 9 p.m. March 13 on East Avenue, just north of Grand Highway.

The goal of the checkpoint is to promote safe driving by ensuring that all motorists are wearing seat belts. Officers will also check safety equipment on vehicles, make sure all drivers are licensed and insured and will apprehend those driving under the influence.

### CLERMONT

#### Tax service at Liberty offered

Liberty Tax Service in Clermont is offering free tax preparation to new customers and to local community heroes, at their office 711 S. U.S. Highway 27, unit B, during March.

Teachers and school employees through Sunday, medical providers and staff personnel from March 10-16 and people in the military and veterans from March 17-23.

For information or to schedule an appointment, call 352-536-1829.

spay and neutering programs. Funding, however, is a big concern.

Lake County Commissioner Sean Parks voiced the same concern at a recent County Commission meeting.

"It is money well spent," he said of the programs.

In October 2013, the county implemented a spay and neutering program. Residents can fill out paperwork at animal services to receive a \$50 rebate if they spay or neuter an animal.

Doreen Barker, president of the South Lake Animal League, a no-kill animal shelter for dogs and cats, said spay and neuter programs are essential to reducing the pet population and euthanasia.

"The reason for the number of pets in the shelters is because people don't spay and neuter their pets," she said.

Barker said the Animal League's mission is to get to the root of the problem of the overpopulation of pets and help the community understand the importance of spaying and neutering animals.

## ANIMALS

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followed. At the same time, the audit found the county was not charging enough for the licenses.

"We have tightened the way we handle money," Nason said.

According to the audit, "current kennel operations may not maximize the safety or well-being of animals." There also is no air conditioning in any of the rooms.

Mike Brown, president of Harris Air Conditioning Inc., has since volunteered to put in a free air conditioning unit at the shelter.

Nason said the lights have been fixed in the quarantined area and she wants to have the whole shelter area brightened.

Further, the audit stated, "practices and procedures relating to animal socialism and behavior should be improved."

Nason said she makes sure the animals get out at least once every day, and she is working to set up play groups for the animals to get more exercise.

Melton said the audit showed during fiscal year 2012, Animal Services euthanized 4,571 animals, which is "reasonable compared to other counties."

In the last four months, animal services has not euthanized any adoptable dogs, according to Brian Sheahan, director of the Department of Community Safety and Compliance and Nason's boss.

The audit recommended a more formal process for deciding when to euthanize animals, as opposed to the director of animal services solely making the call.

That process is already implemented, according to Nason.

"It is more of a group decision," she said.

Since the audit was conducted, Sheahan said, the shelter has "improved protocols for disease control and standard operating procedures for the vetting of animals, whether they are suitable for adoption or not." The continued goal, he added, is "to reduce euthanasia overall."

"We can always do a better job with adoptions, and



A stray husky lies down in a kennel at Lake County Animal Services.

improving our relationship and coordination with rescue partners," he said.

In 2013, 15 percent of dogs deemed adoptable found new homes.

Melton said the Division of Inspector General plans to perform a follow-up au-

dit of animal services to determine whether the recommendations were implemented.

While the current spay and neutering rebate program has been successful, according to Nason, the county needs more low-cost



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Clermont Police Chief Charles Broadway, left, scores a goal against the team from Belgium. Broadway was playing as part of the unified Orlando team.

## Policemen from across the globe compete in Clermont

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The Clermont Police Department and National Training Center played host to the inaugural World Police Soccer 7's World Championship last week.

Welcoming officers across the globe for the tournament was organizer Steve Crane, a former British police officer and professional soccer player who now runs Striker Soccer Academy in Winter Garden.

Crane, along with the International Police Association Region 39, co-sponsored the event.

"It's cops helping cops, using service through friendship and no politics," said IPA President John Nabet. "This tournament has been wonderful. We have seen some great games and some fantastic players, but it's really more about camaraderie."

Teams comprised of seven to 14 players came from as far away as Sweden, Wales, Chicago and Belgium and as near as Orlando and Tampa.

Each team played at least seven games over three days and, on Friday, Sweden played Wales for the championship.

Chief Charles Broadway, who led the Or-



A player from Belgium, left, encounters two unified Orlando players.

lando/Central Florida team, said they were impressed with the athletic skills of the Swedish team.

Groveland Officer Robert Mata, the team's goalie and MVP, put it a little more bluntly, declaring, "They destroyed us."

"It's been a lot of fun though. We've gotten to meet a lot of people and it's been an honor. Officers from all agencies have come together to play and just have fun," Mata said.

Originally from Costa Rica, Mata played soccer since he was 5 years old. He said he under-

stands the difference between the mentality of the international players and why they are sometimes better at soccer than many U.S. players.

"In Costa Rica, it's like people say, 'Hey baby, welcome to the world, here's your (soccer) ball,'" Mata joked.

Peter Eriksson, who led the Swedish team to a 3-2 victory against Wales, said everyone on his team has played soccer professionally. When in uniform, he and his teammates patrol the town of Eskilstuna.

"In Sweden, soccer is the biggest event. It's the

national sport and everyone on our team has played at high levels," Eriksson said. "Many of the players then seek their way into police work because they seek the adrenaline."

Eriksson hopes his team will return to defend its title next year.

## CLERMONT Celebration Center fills first event slots

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transferred to the city and event planning is underway.

Meanwhile, the event schedule is filling up quickly.

Last week, the city announced that the "Pat Burke Hoops Life Basketball and Life Skills Program" will visit the site from March 10 through June 7.

A youth basketball program is set to begin in March and events are being planned for May.

A city spokeswoman said the grand opening for the Celebration Center is being planned for sometime in June.

City Manager Darren Gray said the city is focusing its efforts on the maintenance that needs to be completed before then.

"Inoperative locks have been repaired and estimates are being gathered for re-keying the entire building," Gray said.

Gray said walls have to be repaired, lighting must be upgraded in the gymnasium, blocks will be leveled around the pool to avoid tripping hazards and restroom facilities must be made ADA compliant.

In addition, fire extinguishers and kitchen fire-suppression systems must be inspected and certified and the building will be treated against termites.

Gray also said that the fire sprinklers were inspected and deficiencies were found, something the city is repairing, along with several air conditioning units that must be serviced or replaced.

Gray said the roof warranty was just

according to Gray, the city plans on hiring eight life guards on a part-time basis and adding five positions to operate the facility.

Some city departments will also occupy the building. The Clermont Police Department will occupy about 10,000 square feet and Lake County Tax Collector Bob McKee is interested in a long-term lease for about 10,000 square feet as well.

Officials said they are considering official names for the complex.

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**BUS**  
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route close to the Lake County line.

"We have looked at these options before but it has been awhile," said Dottie Keedy, director of community services. "It hasn't been in the same circumstances."

County Commissioner Sean Parks, who has fought for the route's reinstatement, said he was unhappy a new agreement could not be reached.

"I am extremely disappointed," he said. "I am appreciative of the commission supporting this, but LYNX needs to make this right with their riders."

County commissioners approved a motion in January to work with LYNX officials to extend the evening bus service for Link 55.

At the time, riders such as Celeste Clifford were paying about \$10

a day for a cab home. In one week, Clifford said she spent \$70 on cab fare.

Clifford said she was saddened to hear there was no new agreement.

"It affects you," she said. "You can't do the grocery shopping you normally do. You can't save. It is robbing Peter to pay Paul."

It also doesn't help

that the buses run late, sometimes by hours, she said.

"Some are waiting an hour and a half for a bus," she said. "Buses are passing passengers (on the side of the road) because they are behind schedule."

Matt Friedman, spokesman for LYNX, said the bus service delay "depends on traffic."

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## OURVIEW

## Bad-grade policy should be dumped by Lake's schools

**I**t recently came to light that a handful of schools in Lake County will not give students scores of less than 50 on class assignments, while several other schools do so only during official grading periods four times a year.

It's not a novel idea in education circles. Some school districts, in Florida and elsewhere, have adopted such approaches in hopes of improving the odds that struggling students will pass and, ultimately, graduate from school.

The theory goes like this: A student who earns a very low grade early in a marking period may have trouble recovering from it and fail. Those students may become frustrated and consider dropping out.

It is not clear how many schools in Lake County have adopted the more lenient grading system, but district administrators confirmed that at least some won't award any grade lower than 50 on class assignments, even if a student earns a zero.

*Daily Commercial* reporter Livi Stanford reported last week that the practice has caused some debate among Lake County School Board members, some of whom want to eliminate that option. A board workshop is planned in March to discuss the issue.

We agree that the practice should be abolished district-wide, and soon.

This approach, however well-intentioned, is fraught with problems.

Principal among these is that it rewards poor academic performance by providing an artificial safety net that virtually assures every child of passing, no matter how little effort they invest in their studies.

While we recognize that not every child will excel academically, we also recognize that the world is a cruel place for those who don't try, and the no-grade-lower-than-50 approach certainly removes some incentive for students to put forth the effort needed to achieve even a minimum level of academic success.

You also have to question the basic fairness of this system. One child may try hard and fail a test with a grade of 59, and another may earn a 20 while putting in no effort and still come away with a 50. The message we send to the child who tried is this: Quit trying and you can get virtually the same result. It's a bad approach that provides artificial results.

The fact is, school officials have better tools at their disposal for ensuring that struggling students pass.

They can offer extra credit to erase bad grades. And why not? It's a legitimate way of rewarding a student's effort while also offering enrichment. And best of all, the student must earn the grade.

School grades, like real-world rewards, should be based on effort and merit, after all.

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# OPINION



## LETTER of the WEEK

### Red-light camera program is a farce

In response to the current debate over the red light cameras in Clermont, I would like to offer this opinion. During earlier discussions regarding the possible use of red-light cameras at the city council meeting, I presented evidence from numerous studies across the U.S. that concluded the cameras were marginal at best for providing safety for drivers.

Furthermore, these studies also indicated a heightened distrust by the general public for these devices. Under the assumption that safety and not revenue was the central motivation for the cameras, I provided

the council members with several alternatives. These options included lengthening the duration of yellow caution lights; installing strobes within the green lights to warn of the forthcoming light change; setting up separate flashing

lights at the roadside to do the same; or convening a committee to recommend other changes.

I provided the council evidence that every single referendum taken in the country had turned down red light cameras. It's im-

portant to recognize that both Mayor Hal Turville and Councilman Keith Mullins had the foresight to realize the red light camera program was a farce, which now has turned into a fiasco.

STERLING O. FREY  
Clermont

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Scott's making bad appointments

Governor Rick Scott's appointees to the St. John's River Water Management District are giving Florida's water away at no cost to the Niagara Water company so the company can sell it for huge profits. And his appointees to the Expressway Authority name an unqualified politician to run the Authority.

Anyone who votes for Gov. Scott's re-election so he can make more appointments as mentioned is a complete idiot.

SAMUEL E. LUellen | Grand Island

### Just walk away from trouble

There are some activities we possibly engage in from time to time that may be illegal. Does it mean that someone has the right to take our life?

When we were 17-years old, and even today, we all broke the law in some manner. It would be a sad state of affairs if a citizen responded to our trash talking with a gun and ended our life.

Many of us have children, and so do our friends. Teenagers like to play their music very loud. I certainly would not want an adult to confront these youth to the point of ensuring an argument that ended with a death.

Whatever happened to just walking away? In some cases we should give up our right for another's wrong. Why can't we show love rather than hate? We can engage in peace rather than

war and offer compassion rather than revenge.

There are times when things do not go our way. If we would take a step back and ask God for tolerance, apply common sense to the situation and not always have to be right, there would be less need to lament "If I could do it all over again..."

We are blessed to live in the greatest country on earth. In America we have many freedoms and of course we misuse some of them. Let's show how thankful we are to be citizens of this great land by treating others as we wish to be treated.

With this simple rule our lives would be enriched with joy, peace and happiness.

CELESTINE WRIGHT | Leesburg

### Stop giving away water

I agree with Carole Rietzel in her letter from Jan. 12.

I also think the St. Johns Water Management District does not have the authority to make decisions requesting that we conserve water, yet they are giving away thousands of gallons of water daily.

I get a water bill every month

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that I pay. I wonder how much the St. Johns charges for water? The water belongs to the people that pay to use it each month. If this continues for long we will have less water.

One of the main causes of sinkholes is the lack of water in the ground. The ground becomes dry with lack of water, at which point the sandy soil gives way and we have a sinkhole.

When man takes away from the earth, the earth gets sick and takes away from man.

ELMA NELSON | Leesburg

### Thanks to the businesses that keep their property clean

I walk every day with my dog, and, as a Northerner I enjoy the green I see all around.

However, the amount of trash that is on the sides of the roads spoils this beautiful area.

I want to thank the two women I saw hauling a large trash bag on County Road 452 for collecting other people's trash. There was a lot of trash on Florida Hospital Waterman's property. When I contacted them, they promptly sent maintenance staff to clean the area.

I wish people would stop tossing trash from their cars! But until that time, thanks to the individuals and Waterman Hospital for picking up after irresponsible litterers.

If more businesses would clean around their properties, imagine how much nicer it would be.

PENELOPE JOHNSON | Tavares

## LEESBURG

# Woman, 92, was a 'Rosie' who built planes like 'Fifi'

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Jane Graham was 22 when she boarded a bus from her former West Virginia home more than 70 years ago and headed to Detroit, Mich., to become one of the Rosie the Riveter gals during World War II.

On Feb. 25, the eve of her 92nd birthday, the Leesburg resident sat in her walker seat underneath the wings of a B-29 bomber at the Leesburg International Airport and recalled riveting the wings and tail gunner cabin on the B-29s.

"I really wanted to see this," Graham said. "This is humongous. When we were working in it, it wasn't that big, but it was just the wings that we worked on. We'd go around the holes that the rivets went in and ream it out and make sure it was clean, with no pieces of metal in it."

Graham was one of many women who left the rural mountain areas for the big city and filled the temporary industrial labor shortage



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Jane Graham, 92, center left, and Benjamin Staba, 94, center right, stop to talk. During World War II, Graham helped assemble the tail section of B-29s and Staba served on the aircraft carriers USS Wasp and USS Princeton. Graham is accompanied by her daughter Denise Brewster, 60. With Staba is his son-in-law John Hoban, 70.

created by the men serving overseas. She rode a streetcar to work.

"It was really cold in the winter time, but I wanted to make a living," Graham said.

She recalled that the pay was good at \$1.32 an hour, and her work on the B-29 was the job she loved the most throughout her working career. "I thought it was great

that I got to work on it."

Graham beamed as she showed the rivets underneath the wings to her daughters, Rose Stafford and Denise Brewster, and son-

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Jane Graham

in-law Dennis Brewster. Graham has outlived two sons who passed away one day apart in 2004.

"This might have been one of the very planes that you worked on, Mom," Rose said to her mother. "Wouldn't that be something? Did you put your initials on anywhere?"

Graham chuckled.

"This is a part of history and it makes us a part of history," Denise said of seeing the B-29 and knowing that her mother had a vital part in the war effort during World War II. "They were the greatest generation."



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Kadeen Lytle of East Ridge High School helps tune up the band's woodwind choir prior to its performance.

## Local bands compete in Tavares

**Staff Report**

Band students from all over Lake, Sumter and Marion counties recently met at Tavares High School for the Florida Bandmasters Association District 19 Solo & Ensemble Music Performance Assessment. About 1,000 entries from 38 schools participated in the three-county festival. High school perform-

ers whose solo or ensemble met certain difficulty standards, and whose performance was rated "Superior," are eligible to repeat the process at the state level in about a month.



MILLER

and Leon Hawkins during the argument, Miller pulled out a gun and pointed it at Russell's face. Russell slapped the gun away and ran, at which point Miller fired several times at Russell, striking him in the back, the affidavit stated.

Russell died from multiple gunshot wounds, an autopsy showed.

U.S. Marshals arrested Miller at a relative's home in Albany, N.Y., according to the Lake County Sheriff's Office still considers a missing-person case.

Miller remained in jail Friday on no bond.

The shooting occurred Feb. 1 in a field just north of 1570 Stuckey Loop in Groveland, where a large number of people had gathered.

According to a probable cause affidavit, Miller, who has ties to Clermont but lives in Groveland, showed up with his mother and got into an argument with a man from the Stuckey area of Groveland, apparently part of an ongoing feud over a missing Groveland man.

The affidavit states that when Russell stepped between Miller

## GROVELAND

## Shooting suspect now in Lake jail

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A teen on the run after being suspected in a Groveland shooting death, who was captured in New York last week, is now in the Lake County jail after waiving extradition.

Travis Leonontez Miller, 18, was moved here on Thursday to face second-degree murder charges in the killing of 31-year-old Justin Russell in early February.

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force agent aided in the capture. The affidavit adds people from the two areas were apparently feuding because some people in Stuckey believe people from Clermont are responsible for the disappearance of Xavier Tarrand, a Groveland-area man. Tarrand was last seen in mid-January getting into a vehicle at a RaceTrac gas station on State Road 50 in Groveland in what the Lake County Sheriff's Office still considers a missing-person case.

One of those issues is funding a study to find an alternative water supply to groundwater in south Lake, as the projected demand for water continues to grow. Water experts predict there will be demand for 300 million gallons of water a day in 2035. The traditional source, the Floridian aquifer, can currently meet a demand of only 50 million gallons, according to water experts.

"I'm very hopeful for funding for the study based on support expressed by Rep. Larry Metz, R-Groveland, and Sen. Alan Hays, R-Uma-

tilla," County Commissioner Sean Parks said. "I am looking forward to getting that (study) project listed as an appropriation." The South Lake Regional Water Initiative — consisting of the South Lake Chamber of Commerce, the county and the municipalities of Clermont, Groveland, Minneola, Mascotte and Montverde — agreed in January to equally share in the cost of hiring a consultant to help find an alternative water source for south Lake County.

Working in conjunction with the Central Florida Water Initiative, which is developing a unified process to address Central Florida's current long-term water supply needs,

the South Lake Regional Water Initiative must come up with \$300,000 to fund a study to explore alternative water

sources in the region.

Hays said he did not know of any higher priority statewide than the protection of water resources.

"Water has been an issue in Florida for years," he said. "Now, we have more revenue and are able to do more than we previously could."

Metz agreed.

"We are going to be addressing water issues on some level," he said. "What you are going to see most of is the ability to fund water projects that haven't been funded previously because we were in budget-cutting mode the last couple of years. I think some of the water projects will be funded this year."

Scott already has said he wants to spend \$130 million this year for Everglades and other water projects, plus another \$55 million for springs protection.

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**DEATH NOTICES****Laura Lynn Belding**

Laura Lynn Belding, 44, of Leesburg, died Saturday, February 22, 2014. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations.

**Brian David Chambliss**

Brian David Chambliss, 52, of Tavares, died Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home.

**Rosemarie Therese Christ**

Rosemarie Therese Christ, 75, died Saturday March 1, 2014 in Fruitland Park. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

**Alvin James Nesbitt**

Alvin James Nesbitt, 71, of Tavares, FL passed away on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Stevenson, Hamlin & Hilbush Funerals and Crematory, Leesburg.

**Maxinia Edwards**

Maxinia Edwards, 63, of Orlando passed away on February 19, 2014. Anderson-Hence Funeral Home, Wildwood.

**Robert J. Grayford**

Robert J. Grayford, 80, of Clermont, died Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home.

**Philip L. Hollenbeck**

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**IN MEMORY**

86, of Eustis, died Friday, February 28, 2014. Hamlin & Hilbush Funeral Directors, Eustis.

**Jean P. Jaroch**

Jean P. Jaroch, 85, of Wildwood, died Sunday, February 16, 2014. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations.

**Max E. Love**

Max E. Love, 79, of Fruitland Park, died Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

**Wylie Torrance**

Wylie Torrance, 90, of Eustis, died Friday, February 28, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

**Funeral Home****Richard Smith**

Richard Smith, 88, of Leesburg, died Saturday, March 1, 2014. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations.

**Ryan Addam Smith**

Ryan Addam Smith, 29, of Welaka, died Thursday, February 27, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Astor.

**Ernest 'Mike' Tilghman**

Ernest "Mike" Tilghman, 68, of Eustis, died Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Hamlin & Hilbush Funeral Directors.

**Brenda Walburn**

Brenda Walburn, 59, of Leesburg, died Friday, February 21, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home.

**Edna G. Willis**

Edna G. Willis, 86, of Oxford, died Sunday, February 23, 2014. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations.

**CLERMONT****Firefighters honored for rescues****Staff Report**

Two Lake County firefighters and a lieutenant recently were honored for their service in rescuing dozens of people from a resort building that collapsed into a Clermont-area sinkhole last year.

Lake County firefighters Carlos Herrera and Matthew Barton, and Lt. Jeremy Hendrix, received plaques at Eustis Elks Lodge 1578 during its annual banquet recognizing top local law enforcement and fire rescue personnel.

The three were stationed at Fire Station 112 in Four Corners on Aug. 11 and were first on the scene helping residents evacuate a three-story structure at the Summer Bay Resort as it partially

collapsed into a large sinkhole.

"Their actions that evening rose to the highest standards of Lake County firefighters," Lake County Public Safety Fire Chief John Jolliff said in a press release. "I am proud of each of them."

About 30 percent of the three-story structure collapsed into the 100-foot sinkhole, Lake County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Tony Cuellar said at the time. The resort is at 17805 U.S. Highway 192, a half-mile east of U.S. Highway 27 and about 10 miles west of Disney World.

"It was like crack, crack, boom," guest Alma Villa Nueva told reporters on the scene of the building collapse. "Then the building started sinking a little. Then again, a crack, crack, boom and it sinking lower."

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## Ex-Jacket in record books for three pointers

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It's likely that P.J. Foster's accomplishments on the basketball court at Limestone College won't soon be forgotten.

Foster, a former Leesburg High School standout, secured his place in history Saturday when he drained his 131st three pointer of the season and established a new school record for long-range shots.

The senior sharpshooter netted four three pointers in Saturday's 80-75 loss against Mount Olive, adding on to his NCAA Division II lead in 3 pointers made and attempted. Foster entered Tuesday's game

against Lees-McRae with 132 three pointers on the season.

Following Saturday's game, Foster leads all three NCAA divisions in made 3-point shots. NCAA all-time record holder, Travis Bader of Oakland University, an NCAA Division I school, had two fewer three pointers despite having played in five more games.

Foster established the new mark with 6 minutes, 52 seconds left in the game on a jumper from the left wing. With the basket, Foster surpassed Chuckie Scotland, who set the school mark of 130 in the 1989-90 season.

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Former Leesburg High School and current Limestone College standout P.J. Foster drains a three pointer late in the second half of a game on Saturday against Mount Olive College in Gaffney, S.C. The basket gave Foster, a senior, a school single-season record with 131 three pointers.

## LEESBURG Carver boys wins second straight middle school title

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Many student-athletes at Carver Middle School eventually wind up at Leesburg High School.

That being the case, supports of the Yellow Jackets boys basketball team likely are chomping at the bit in anticipation of future graduating classes at Carver.

Especially after Wednesday night, when Carver blasted Clermont Middle School 75-41 at the Big House in Tavares to complete an

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Lake Minneola players sit on the bench after losing the class 6A state final to Miami's Norland High School 60-44 at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland on March 1.

## HAWKS GROUNDED

### Lake Minneola falls to Miami Norland in Class 6A state championship contest

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LAKELAND — Unfinished business.

That's how Lake Minneola boys basketball coach Freddie Cole looks at Saturday's 60-44 loss to Miami Norland in the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 6A state championship at The Lakeland Center.

"Our goal this year, since our first practice, was to win the state championship," said Cole. "We didn't get that done, but that didn't make this an unsuccessful season. We learned so much about what it takes to win at this level, but we're going to approach next season like we left something on the table this time around."

Miami Norland put the game away late in the fourth quarter when its superior size — the Vikings had three players taller than 6-foot-6, while Lake Minneola had no starter taller than 6-foot-2 — became a factor. On four-straight possessions midway through the period, Miami Norland was able to get to the rim for putback dunks or tip-ins.

That enabled the Vikings to break open a tight game after trailing 36-35 heading into the fourth quarter.

Until that point, Lake Minneola was able to stay close with quickness, aggressive defense and ability to beat Miami Norland to open areas on the floor. The Hawks attacked the basket for most of the game and led by as many as seven points but



ABOVE: Lake Minneola junior Avery Brown (5) shoots the ball over a Miami Norland defender during the first quarter. RIGHT: Lake Minneola junior Anthony Brown (3) shoots the ball over Miami Norland senior Zachary Johnson (5) during the second quarter.

couldn't overcome a scoreless stretch in the fourth when the Vikings found their stride.

"That dry spell killed us," Cole said. "You can't come into a game like this, against a team like Miami Norland, and not score the basketball. A lot of that was Miami Norland playing on-the-ball basketball and you have to give them credit for that, but we also didn't convert some makeable shots. Until the fourth quarter, I was pleased with the way we executed our game plan.

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Lake-Sumter State College freshman Walker Sheller pitches during a game between LSSC and the Davenport University junior varsity at the LSSC baseball complex.  
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## LSSC beats Davenport junior varsity

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Lake-Sumter State College fell behind early, but rebounded with nine unanswered runs on Feb. 26 in a 9-2 win against Davenport University junior varsity team at the LSSC baseball complex.

The Lakehawks improved to

9-4 with the win against the NAIA school from Caledonia Township, Mich.

Davenport jumped on LSSC starter Michael Hennessey for two runs in third inning, but the Lakehawks offense got cranked up in fourth with two runs. LSSC added two runs in the sixth and seventh innings and put the game on ice with three

runs in the eighth.

Tanner Barnhard scored two runs for LSSC and Walker Shell had three hits and four RBIs, including a home run. LSSC totaled 10 hits against four Davenport pitchers.

Kyle Schackne picked up the win in relief and improved to 3-1 on the season.

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# Area players, coaches earn postseason honors

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Local boys basketball players fared well recently when the Florida Athletic Coaches Association announced its postseason awards for District 8.

Mount Dora Bible's Zac Ward and Eustis' Kiron Williams earned three honors apiece among players, Mount Dora Bible coach Steven Hayes and Eustis' Mike Bowe earned Coach of the Year accolades.

Ward was named the District's Class 3A Play-

er of the Year. The senior averaged 23.5 points per game for the Bulldogs.

Williams, one of four seniors in the Panthers' starting lineup, averaged 16.4 points per game en route to being named the Class 5A Player of the Year.

He also grabbed 3.2 re-

bounds and led Eustis with 3.8 steals per game.

In addition, Ward was the district's Most Valuable Player and Williams was the runner-up.

Ward and Williams also earned dis-

trict nominations for All State.

Hayes was the Class 3A coach of the Year. He paced Mount Dora Bible to a 21-7 record and won the Class 3A-District 5 championship.

The Bulldogs reached the regional quarterfinals.

Bowe, whose daughter Brittany represented Team USA in speedskating at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, led Eustis to a 22-8 record. He had in the Class 5A Elite Eight for the second straight year.

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undefeated season and win the Lake County Middle School Championship for the second-straight season. Carver closed out the 2013-14 campaign with an 11-0 record.

Carver led from start to finish, using relent-

less full-court pressure to build a 42-17 lead at half-time. In the second half, Carver went to a zone defense and cruised to the championship.

Calvin Heflin led Carver with 13 points and 11 assists. Cordrayius Graham also had a double-double with 12 points and 10 assists.

In addition, Kenny Jones had 11 points,

Trey Johnson added nine and Wayne Wat-

kins scored eight.

After the game, Carver coach Ben Nash praised his players.

"I am extremely proud of this group of kids," Nash said. "They have worked hard since November and grew together as a team. They put themselves in a position to win."

## RECORD

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Foster finished with 18 points in 38 minutes. He was 7-of-18 from the field and went 4-for-15 from 3-point range.

Limestone College, located in Gaffney, S.C., is a member of Conference Carolinas. The Saints have a 17-8 overall record and a 9-6 mark in Conference Carolinas, not counting Tuesday's game.

Foster leads the team with a 20.4 scoring average on 45 percent shooting. He is shooting 43 percent behind the 3-point line.

Foster began his college career at Brevard Community College in Melbourne in 2009 and scored 20 points in the first game. He averaged 9.8 points per game and hit 39 three pointers in his only season at BCC.

From there, Foster transferred to Pasco-Hernando College

in New Port Richey in 2010 and raised his scoring average to 15.3 points per game with a career high of 37 points. He was sixth in the National Junior College Athletic Association in three-point percentage.

After being redshirted his first year at Limestone, Foster stepped up as a redshirt junior to average 11.5 points per game and shot 42 percent from behind the three-point line.

In addition to the Class 5A award, Bowe was named the District's All Classification Coach of the Year and was nominated to coach in the District

All-Star Game.

Other awards handed out included East Ridge's Isaiah Matthews earning Class 7A Player of the Year. Three local players also earned Academic All-State nominations — Mount Dora Bible's Daniel Johnson in Class 3A, Eustis' Coy Patterson in Class 5A and East Ridge's Josh Click in Class 7A.

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"We just couldn't get the ball to fall in the fourth quarter."

Lake Minneola (28-4) got out to an early lead when Carlyle Holder scored on a layup on the game's opening possession. The Hawks tried to attack the basket in the first quarter with mixed results but shot only 27 percent from the field and trailed 13-8.

Even more telling was the Vikings' dominance on the backboards. Miami Norland out-rebounded Lake Minneola 8-3 in the opening period and finished with a 41-24 advantage.

"We had to con-

trol the tempo against them and we did that by rebounding the basketball," said Miami Norland coach Lawton Williams. "Our size had to be a factor on the boards. If we let them rebound the ball, they were going to run and that would create big problems for us."

Lake Minneola junior Avery Brown helped the Hawks get back into the game in the second quarter. Brown got to the rim with a variety of drives, challenging the Vikings' size and closing out the first half with 14 points.

In addition, the Hawks stepped up their backcourt pressure. When Brown ignited the Lake Minneola faithful with a thunder-

ous dunk at the 2-minute mark, the Hawks took a 23-18 lead and seemed in control of the game.

Less than a minute after Brown's dunk, Lake Minneola suffered a devastating blow when Holder injured his right ankle. The injury kept Holder on the bench at the start of the second half and even though he played most of the second half, his effectiveness was severely limited.

"We lost a lot when Carlyle got hurt," Cole said. "We lost a scorer and we lost a lot of quickness on defense. It forced us to make adjustments and get away from our game plan some."

In the third quarter, Lake Minneola came out and looked to run away from the Vikings. At the 5:09 mark, the Hawks had built their largest lead, 33-26, but a defensive switch by Miami Norland changed the complexion of the game.

Williams began to look for someone to neutralize Brown and



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Avery Brown (5) dunks the ball over Miami Norland senior Larry McKnight (1) during the second quarter.

found his stopper in senior Zachary Johnson. The 6-foot-2 Johnson, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, shut down the Hawks' leading scorer, holding him scoreless for the final 13 minutes.

"I asked if anyone could stop (Brown)," Williams said. "We weren't going to change anything we were doing, as far as our game plan, but we needed someone to step up and stop him. Zach

went out and got the job done and still managed to carry his load of the offense.

"That was part of our senior leadership. When we've asked someone to raise their game, our seniors have always stepped up."

For the game, Lake Minneola shot 31 percent from the field and was 2-of-19 from behind the 3-point line. Brown, who was the Hawks' tournament MVP, scored a team high 16 points, but was

the only Hawk in double figures. He and Andrew Mendoza led the team in rebounds with five apiece.

Miami Norland (27-5) shot 49 percent from the field, including a blistering 58 percent in the second half.

In the fourth quarter, Lake Minneola managed to hit only 4-of-17 shots (24 percent).

The victory was Miami Norland's third-straight Class 6A championship. It also marked Williams' fifth championship in nine years at Miami Norland.

Cole said he and his players, while disappointed in the loss, are proud of their accomplishments and how far they have taken the Lake Minneola program in only three years of existence.

"Some players and coaches never get to play for a state championship," Cole said. "We're going to work even harder next year to get back to Lakeland and win it all. We have to get back here and finish the job we started."

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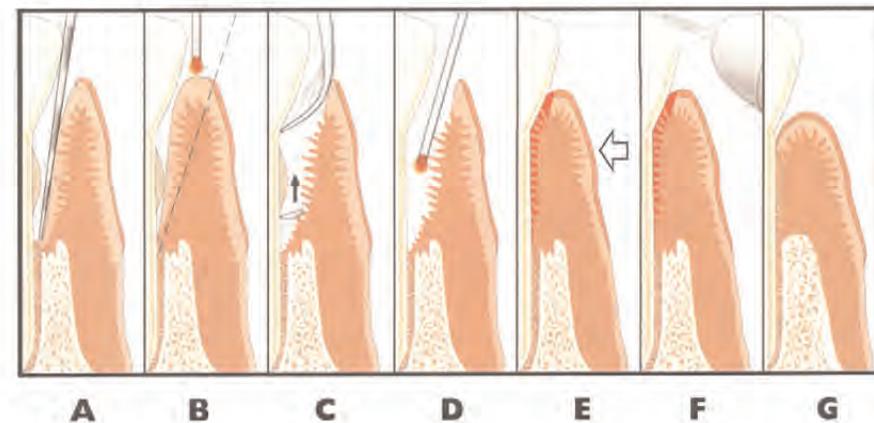
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Al-Marah Ranch owner Mark Miller with one of the Arabians he was selling Saturday at his Clermont farm. Miller founded the now-closed Arabian Nights dinner show in Orlando and decided to sell many of the show horses.

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## Arabian Nights stars sold at auction

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The man who founded and built the popular Arabian Nights dinner theater equestrian show in Kissimmee opened his Clermont ranch Saturday in hopes of adopting out 16 of the horses that performed at the attraction before it closed.

Mark Miller, who was raised around horses and learned all about the Al-Marah Arabian breed from his mother Ruth Bazy McCormick Tankersley, called it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire one of the highly trained show horses.

"All of the horses are beautiful. They are trained for riding and if you wanted to go to horse shows with them, a lot of them can still compete," Miller said.

Al-Marah spokeswoman Eileen Daley said about 80 or 90 people showed up, and six of the horses found new homes.



Mark Miller with Nuncho Primero Whiz (AKA "Rocky") a palomino quarter horse gelding and former show horse at Arabian Nights.

The six that sold are Officer, a grey Arabian gelding; Dark Storm, a black Arabian stallion; Lucky's Queen, a half Grey, half Arabian Irish draft mare; Shift Work, a Grey Anglo Arabian geld-

ing; Sonny, an 11-year-old Percheron gelding; and Regency Royal, a 5-year-old Belgian gelding.

A couple of sales are still pending

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Mark Miller

check us out and we were pleased that six of our horses were able to find new homes," Daley said.

A press release issued by Al-Marah announcing the auction calls the animals "the most famous horses in Central Florida."

"If not the entire country," said Miller. The horses have performed for 500,000 to 600,000 people annually at Arabian Nights.

Miller's ranch is on 80 acres off Lakeshore Drive overlooking Little Lake Nellie and Lake Nelli. Its name, Al-Marah, a word from the Budeon tribe that means "An Oasis," is synonymous with the Tucson, Ariz.,

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## Meet Your NEIGHBOR

JOANNE RAFACZ



■ HOMETOWN: Clermont  
■ OCCUPATION: Holistic Health and Wellness Coach

**What do you enjoy most about South Lake County?**

When I was house hunting and drove to Clermont, I immediately fell in love with the beauty of the rolling hills and the tropical look, with the palm trees and the aroma of the orange groves. I love the weather and the idea of riding my bike on the trails in the middle of winter and then sending pictures to friends in the Midwest who are in freezing temperatures, and showing them what I am up to.

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

Love God, love and serve others!

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

I have to say one person who comes to mind is Mo Mydlo. She has such a servant heart and a desire to encourage and support single moms. She is truly an inspiration to me.

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

I grew up learning about organic gardening, healthy eating, and exercising – as a result, having lots of energy and preventing disease. This is my mission, to encourage and support those busy individuals who want to live a healthy life full of energy and preventing disease. I also work with the Life Center in Clermont, and we offer a complete wellness opportunity to those individuals who are desiring a change in their lifestyle. I am also a part

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*Ann Dupree*

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**CHAMBER INSTALLS OFFICERS**  
Clermont Chamber of Commerce Past President Mary Ogilvie installed new officers at the annual meeting Friday morning, Feb. 17 at the Citrus Tower Restaurant: Bobby Duncan, Market Basket, president; Bruce Yates, Subway Sandwiches and Salads, vice president; Jack Sargent, Harold Roberts Realty, treasurer; and Amy Walker Wynn, Central Florida Blood Bank, secretary.

Board of directors are: Keith Mullins, Lakeridge Winery; Bridget Robinson, Domino's Pizza; Sharon Williams, Meritor Savings; Cecil Smart, Smart's Locksmith and En-

gravers (immediate past president); Gabby Monroe, United National Real Estate; Gene Landers, Private Ledger; Paul Lewis, Florida Power; and Bob Patterson, IDS Financial Services.

Outgoing board members are Diane James, Peggy Weatherbee, Roger Bornt, David Payne, Jim Hurtak and Michael Floyd. Chamber Executive Director Marge Tindal and Executive Secretary Carol Schommer selected Jack Sargent as Board Member of the Year.

Susan Craycraft, SunBank; Susan Matthews, Hilltop Stationery; Gene Landers, Private Ledger; Joyce Driggers, Meritor Savings; and Dennis Horton,

local attorney, won door prizes with a Valentine's theme.

### BUSINESS NEWS

Bill Jayne Carpets has opened in Emerald Lakes Plaza.

Hugh and Ida Johnson purchased the shoe repair shop in South Lake Plaza from J.C. and Lois Coble. It has moved to larger quarters in the Plaza's east end next to John York Jewelers, enlarged to include the sale of several nice lines of men's and women's shoes. The name is changed to Cobbler Shoe Repair.

A popular eatery in Tavares was Chicago's on Hwy. 441, which on St. Patrick's Day served Corned Beef and Cab-

bage Dinner for \$5.99 and Irish Stew for \$4.99.

### SOUTH LAKE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

South Lake Development officers are Bob Wade, president; Frank Bergau, vice president, Ed Augustine, treasurer; and Lucie Blake, secretary.

Chairing standing committees are: Planning and Zoning, Jay Vander Meer and Lawson Wolfe; Government Regulation and Legislative, Roy Caldwell and Ed Augustine; Education, Bud Ambrose and Richard Bell; Commercial Development, John Hughes, Frank Bergau and Don Bailey;

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# Clermont's first synagogue opens Friday

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Clermont's first ever synagogue — Temple L'Chayim — will celebrate its grand opening Friday with a procession by the families that make up the congregation, board members and city officials.

During the procession, Torah scrolls will be carried inside and placed into their new home.

Temple L'Chayim board members Nathal Axel, Jay Forman and Andrew Feldman announced that Orlando's Anne Perry, who accepted the post as the synagogue's rabbi last week, will lead the Sabbath service to follow.

"This will be a joyous service. We will have our spiritual leader there with us and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone into our new home and the growth that lies ahead of us," Forman said. "It has been a long time coming."

Temple L'Chayim is located at 4420 South Highway 27, Suite 4, next to Walgreen's in Clermont. The procession will begin at 7 p.m. and be followed by the service.

Worshippers and guests will get to meet the new rabbi during a reception at 6:30 p.m. Services will also be followed by Shabbat, a social hour.

"We are sure that everyone will be pleased with Rabbi Anne Perry. We would like everyone to join us in mak-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Nathan Axel, Andy Feldman and Jay Forman, board members, stand with Millie Altholz, the oldest congregant of Temple L'Chayim, during an open house for Temple L'Chayim, a new temple opening in Clermont this week.

ing her feel welcome," board member Nathan Axel said.

Forman said he wants visitors and families to feel at home and wants everyone to know that there is much more in store for the temple.

"We want to provide the Jewish community with a place to gather for prayer, learning and socializing, but this is just the start," Forman said. "We have benefactors made up of many Jewish organizations, including the Jewish Society of Florida, that have committed to funding land and a building so the synagogue will have a permanent building pretty quickly.

"For now, however, we feel

confident and are very happy, that the place we have chosen as our temporary home will be a great place for coming together."

Temple leaders say L'Chayim features members from a broad background, including orthodox, conservative, traditional reform, interfaith families and Jews-by-Choice, made up of families, singles and people of all ages.

The synagogue will provide a full range of services, including weekly Sabbath services and the celebration of major Jewish holidays. It will also offer Barmitzvahs and Batmitzvahs, baby naming services, funeral remembrances, wed-

ding and yarzit services.

L'Chayim leaders would also like to establish a Hebrew school to provide instruction in coming of age rituals.

Forman said those who miss the open house will still have the opportunity to sign up for Charter Membership status, which means no fees, including building fund fees, and a cap on the membership costs so they will never go up in the future, at the service Friday.

The deadline for the charter membership at a cost of \$350 per family or \$175 per individual, runs through March 31.

For information, call 352-241-6030.

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Residential Development, Richard Huff; Peggy Weatherbee and Joe Washuta; Environmental Impact, Dick Stokes; Finance, Ed Augustine; Public Relations, Lawson Wolfe; Program, Lucie Blake; Membership: Richard Huff.

### CLERMONT POLICE WANT PENSION CHANGE

A petition signed by all but one member of the Clermont Police Department

requesting a change in the retirement age for police officers was brought before the Pension Fund Board of Trustees at its quarterly meeting.

The request, presented by police department representative and board member Mitchell Rogers, was to reduce the retirement age, with full benefits, from 60 to 55, to bring the plan in line with the retirement age for city fire department employees.

Several months ago, police officers voted to take increased benefits with retirement at age 60 in lieu of

the earlier retirement. Officers have re-evaluated their options and now feel it is in their best interest to be able to obtain full retirement benefits at age 55.

All city employees covered by the pension fund are fully vested after 10 years employment, according to City Manager Wayne Saunders. Saunders stated Clermont's pension plan benefits were compared with those offered by other cities and found to be better than the average plan. The request will be considered at the next Pension Board meeting.

## NEIGHBOR

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of Real Life Church, and there are so many wonderful outreach opportunities.

### 4) Name one of your greatest accomplishments so far.

I have to say raising my children. I have a daughter and son. They are both adults now, and I am so proud of them. I really did focus on them when they were growing up. Now that they are off on their own, I am focusing on what my passion is and that is to change the world one person at a time regarding health and wellness.

### 5) What's something you've al-

### ways wanted to do but haven't yet?

I have always wanted to do more travel. I would especially love to travel to Europe. My grandparents were from Prague, and I have relatives there and would love to visit them. That is just one of the places out of the many on my list.

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

I am a part of Real Life Church and there are so many wonderful outreach opportunities. One in particular, which I have been a part of since moving to the area, is called Real Help. We make over a home four times a year, similar to Extreme Home Makeover, and totally transform the home. We also support a single mom's home.

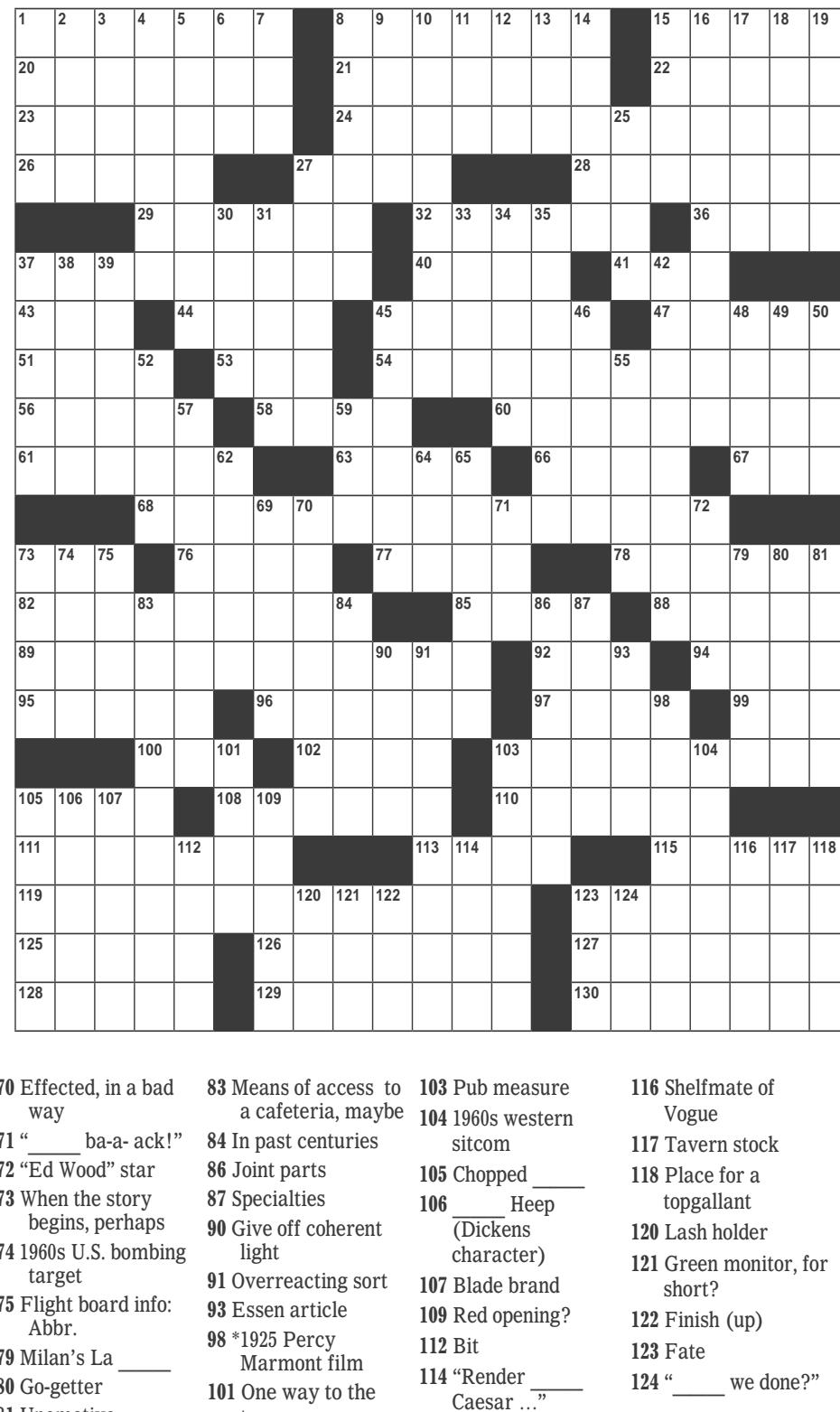
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## HORSES

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ranch Miller's mother ran. Miller has about nine national champion horses in Clermont, in addition to the 16 that came from Arabian Nights.

Miller said while he personally loves the horses, he is keeping only a couple from the show to use on his ranch as teachers to some of the others. The rest are not from the core herd of horses his family has bred since the 1940's.

Breeds available include Al-Marah Arabians, Percherons, Appaloosas, Saddlebreds, Belgians, Irish Sport Horses and Quarter Horses.

Buyers had an opportunity to discuss the horses with Al-Marah Arabians staff, including Miller and head trainer Kassie Bartreau.

Prices ranged from \$2,500 to \$20,000.

"They're all like family to me really, and they each have their very own personality. They love being around people. That's what they do," Miller said. "It'll be nice for anyone interested to come out and have a look at them."

## CLERMONT

# Black Caucus leader: Embrace your identity, battle injustice

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The head of Florida's Democratic Black Caucus told a group gathered in Clermont for Black History Month on Feb. 22 to embrace their differences and to be fearless about fighting against intolerance.

Henry Crespo Sr. fired up a crowd numbering about 200 when he reminded them that the promise of the civil rights movement has not been fulfilled 50 years after its birth.

Crespo encouraged guests to throw away the African American title, accept their identities aside from race and to challenge the system by standing up for what they believe.

"Sometimes we blame our young people for not knowing, but we have to teach them to push back. Sometimes things don't happen because there was no push-back," Crespo said. "Don't be scared to challenge the



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A Black History Month presentation at Clermont's Community Center featured a fashion show modeled by local community members.

system. The only reason we are here in the masses is because people were fighting, people were struggling.

"Never negate the blackness of who you are or the beauty it represents."

The program, at Clermont's Community Center,

drew a number of influential speakers, including Pastor Mervin Morgan, Joan and Paul Johnson, Minister Nial Alvarez and Elder Evadnie Watkis.

The event also featured a fashion show highlighting Afro-centric designs

Broadway, Clermont's first black police chief, reflected on his own past as well as the story of baseball great Jackie Robinson, reminding everyone that results are achieved through perseverance, even in the toughest of times.

"His (Robinson's) life and the life of his family were threatened, and because of that, he could have played (in the Negro Leagues) and been done, but he chose not to," Broadway said. "He chose to stick it out, he chose to persevere through the tough times and at one time became the highest paid Dodger of that time and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame."

Lastly, Dee Lee, a Christian stand-up comedian, took the microphone to deliver a message that was at once humorous and poignant.

"Racism is not born in you, it's raised in you. It's taught to you," Lee said. "But you've got to laugh at life. You can't let it get you down. You just have to get up every morning and thank your maker for another day to try to get things right."

## Batteries Plus Bulbs opens 34th Central Florida location

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Batteries Plus Bulbs has opened its 34th Central Florida location in Clermont.

Owner Joe Kasper said he's been getting good response from people who say they have had a hard time finding special batteries and bulbs.

"I've had trouble finding certain size

batteries for items I own and, if that happens, you just have to go without them," said shopper Jean Rhubin. "What's especially nice is that this store also has watch batteries. We go through a lot of watch batteries, and let me tell you, they are hard to find around here."

Batteries Plus Bulbs is in a 1,700-square-

foot Clermont location at 1120 State Road 50 in Clermont, next to FedEx/Kinko's.

Kasper is a seasoned Batteries Plus Bulbs franchise owner, making the Clermont store the 11th on his roster, including others in Brandon, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Kissimmee, Lakeland, Ocala, Tampa, Winter Haven and two in Orlando.

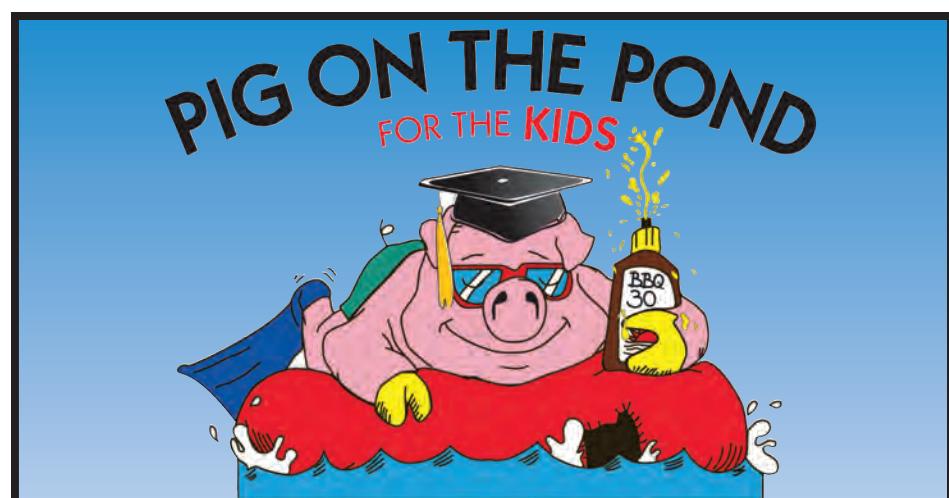
"Florida has been wonderful to my business over the years, and I couldn't be happier with another opportunity to bring our breadth of products, services, expertise and helpful advice to the Clermont community," Kasper said.

Batteries Plus Bulbs

stores offer thousands of batteries for devices including watches, cars, golf carts, digital cameras, laptops and cell phones, as well as hard-to-find batteries for old toys and novelty or obscure devices. The Clermont store also assembles, tests, conditions and de-

signs custom battery packs for rechargeable household and business-to-business products.

Kasper is working with the South Lake Chamber of Commerce to set up a date and time for a formal ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration.



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7 p.m., 10710 Park Ridge-Gotha Road, with the Rev. Barton Buchanan officiating. Go to [www.windermereunion.org](http://www.windermereunion.org) or call 407-876-2112.

**PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SAC MEETING:**

At 7 p.m. in the media center.

**PLAY CANASTA ON WEDNESDAYS AT THE LIBRARY:**

From 2 to 5 p.m., at Marianne Beck Memorial Library in Howey-in-the-Hills. For information, call 352-324-0254.

THURSDAY**FREETRIATHLON CLINIC**

**AT GEAR FOR MULTISPORT:** From 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays in March, at the National Training Center in Clermont. First-come, first-served. Email [multisportgear@aol.com](mailto:multisportgear@aol.com) to reserve a spot, or go to [www.gearformultisport.com](http://www.gearformultisport.com).

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY**PIG ON THE POND SANCTIONED BARBECUE COMPETITION AND FESTIVAL:**

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Special Lenten services every Sunday evening preceded by a potluck dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. A service on the theme of forgiveness follows at 6:30 p.m., 10710 Park Ridge-Gotha Road. For information, go to [www.windermereunion.org](http://www.windermereunion.org) or call \$275, members \$245.

MONDAY**TODDLER STORY HOUR AT THE LIBRARY:**

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A three-day watercolor workshop at the South Lake Art League's Cagan Art Studio, 16640 Cagan Crossings Blvd., in Clermont, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 14-16. Non-members \$275, members \$245.

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