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MASCOTTE

Details surface on city manager complaint

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Details have emerged from a Mascotte city employee's claim she was harassed by City Manager Jim Gleason, an allegation that has led him to seek employment elsewhere. "I believe that I have

been discriminated against because of my race (Black, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander) in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended," Utility Accountant Alana Wilson wrote to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on May 29.

"I continue to work for the city of Mascotte and the work environment remains hostile."

An internal investigation by Fire Chief Randy Brasher and Police Chief Ronaldo Banasco, conducted after the complaint was lodged, found no validity to Wilson's claims.

But Gleason, in an email to city council members last month, said he has applied for the job of city manager in Titusville because of the "very tense work environment" now at Mascotte City Hall. His search is in the preliminary stages.

Wilson claims Gleason told

her she should change her computer log-in name to "token black person" and used the terms "pickaninny" and "nappy headed" in statements made in her presence. She also alleges the city manager related a story about

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CLERMONT



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Dao Mom receives the keys to a newly renovated house from John Moskos, alongside husband Staff Sgt. Socheat "Sok" Mom and daughter Keira. BELOW: The Patriot Guard Riders were the honor guard for the presentation.

A home of their own

Veteran's family gets gift of independence from foundation

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Staff Sgt. Socheat "Sok" Mom, a retired fire support specialist with the United States Army, along with his wife and daughter, stood speechless in the driveway of his new home last week.

The south Clermont home off U.S. Highway 27 near the Four Corners area had been abandoned and vacant but was renovated top to bottom and presented to Mom through the Military

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TAVARES

Shelter makes improvements

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An internal review of the Animal Services Intake Process concluded that the "current process relating to vaccination and deworming animals is adequate."

Bob Melton, inspector general with the Lake County Clerk of Court's office, who conducted the audit, said between February and May when the procedures were reviewed, the office noted a gradual improvement in the way the shelter handled animals.

But prior mistakes and the need for consistency were also noted in the report.

"Over the past several months there have been mistakes and they need

to make sure those mistakes are not repeated," he said.

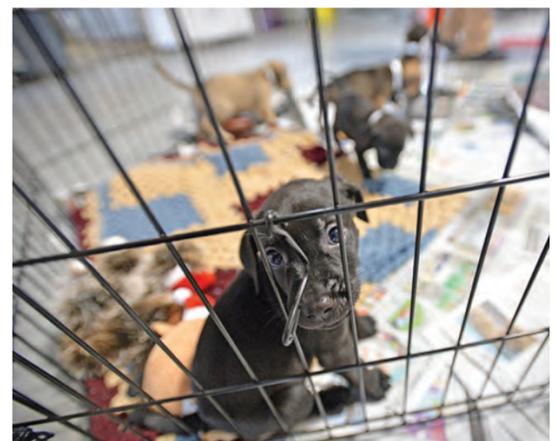
Those mistakes included inconsistencies in deworming and vaccinations during the intake process before written procedures were put into place at the end of April.

But the same report also determined prior to the written protocols, "animals were not vaccinated until they left the facility."

"It is important they are consistent in following these policies and procedures," Melton said.

The data reviewed in the report found an 80 percent compliance rate for deworming for the four months.

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Dogs wait in their kennels to be adopted at Lake County Animal Services in Tavares on July 2.

TAVARES

Economic director weighs effect of incentives

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A worker walks past a line of parked tractor-trailer cabs at Sunstate Carriers in Tavares, on Thursday.

When Sunstate Carriers opened its doors in Lake County in 2001, economic incentives served an important role in job creation, company officials said.

"It helped us to cover the expensive advertising for people and getting them to the training," Richard Baugh, president of Sunstate Companies, said.

But at the same time, he said his company would have created those 20 to 25 jobs without incentives.

"We would have found a way

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What south Lake residents are saying about ...

IRAQ

What role do you think the U.S. should play in Iraq at this point?



It's too late. We had our chance and blew it.

**KEN CAREK
CLERMONT**



We don't need to be there at this point. It's really not our fight. It's unlikely that we would ever be able to make a change. As someone who has served in combat, I think that we need to pull out now and stay away and let them handle their own future.

**MAJOR MCCARGO
MOUNT DORA**



Support, air attacks, advisers. We need some ground troops but not too many. If we get more involved it will be like it was before — as long as they don't turn on us. We're not helping the situation if they turn on us.

**CHARLES MUNDO
CLERMONT**



Well we should probably cry, because of all the people we lost and all the people in that country who thought we would be there. I do think we should help the Kurds. They want to have their own country. And we should let the rest of the country be carved up along tribal lines. Iraq has no natural borders. It is a country manufactured by the British.

**WALTER ULEKOWSKI
CLERMONT**

HOUSE

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Warriors Support Foundation in partnership with Bank of America.

The family was invited inside to see it for the first time after a brief presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance headed by a local chapter of Patriot Guard Riders.

Friends, family and neighbors looked on as the family, through smiles and tears of joy, entered.

Reas Dip, Mom's mother, who knows little English beyond "Thank you," needed no words, because her tears, bows and uplifted hands spoke volumes.

Despite all the thank yous directed at them, John P. Moskos, Bank of America's Central Florida Market president, said it is Mom who deserves the gratitude.

"This is just a small way for us to say thank you to Sergeant Mom for his service to the country and to his family for their sacrifices and support," Moskos said.

After having a look around the house, Mom said the experience was "a little bit overwhelming. I really didn't expect so many people to be here with us today and caring so much for us. We're truly blessed and we'll be forever thankful. We have never had a house of our own and really, we haven't been together as a family too much since I only just got out of the military in April," Mom said.

Mom's wife, Dao, said it all feels like a dream to her. One of her first orders of business, she said, is fencing the back yard and planting a garden.

"We love it (the house), but we just can't believe it. It hasn't hit us yet. Maybe in like a month we'll wake up and say, 'Where are we? How did we get here?'" Dao Mom said, adding that their furniture is scheduled to arrive from Washington state later this month.

Keira, who immediately found her room because of the toys, treasure box, drawing tablets and crayons, plopped down on a purple bean bag and began blowing bubbles.



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Staff Sgt. Socheat "Sok" Mom and wife Dao approach their new house while veterans stand at attention and salute. Daughter Keira is hidden between her parents.

Keira said she could not wait to move in and hope future décor ideas for her room include characters from "Avatar" and "The Last Airbender."

"Seeing how happy the family is and peeking in to see Keira blowing bubbles and sitting in her room, not wanting to come out, just makes it all worthwhile. That's what it's all about," said Brian Chilton, Bank of America's regional market manager for Lake County. "It's incredibly moving seeing the impact of our program firsthand. And just knowing what these veterans did for the country, you just can't thank them enough."

Bank of America recently surpassed its goal to donate 1,000 properties to nonprofits supporting military service member families and first responders. The bank works closely with Military Warriors Support Foundation and other nonprofit organizations that identify the home recipients and also provide related services, such as financial counseling. Originally envisioned as a three-year program when announced in August 2012, Bank of Amer-

ica reached its 1000th military home donation more than a year ahead of schedule. The bank will continue the program, officials said.

Mom's home marks the 240th home the bank has presented to a returning veteran in Florida.

Mom served in the U.S. Army from October 2007 to April 2014. He was born in Cambodia, served in the ROTC throughout high school in Long Beach, Calif., and joined the Army, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

While in the Uruzgan Province of Afghanistan in 2012, Mom's platoon was attacked by a suicide bomber. Wounded and dazed, Mom aided fellow soldiers injured by the blast. Mom was awarded a Purple Heart and an Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device for valorous actions under enemy fire.

Mom, planning to pursue a career in the medical field, said he is grateful to be alive and home with his family.

"That suicide bomber came out of nowhere. There were kids all around the place and he was about 15 feet away from us. Nobody knew

who he was. We tried to stop him, but he just exploded himself. Two people died and a lot of people were injured and on the ground. I was lucky," Mom said at the home dedication Wednesday.

Mom and his family are no stranger to hardship.

His mother led four small children and her own mother safely from the depths of the Cambodian jungle a refugee camp in Thailand. They made a grueling, month-long trek through constant drizzling rain, rice field fires, mud, heat and shelling.

The family arrived in Dallas, Texas, in the winter of 1980, and after settling in Long Beach, Calif., Mom recalls the family's struggles with gangs and poverty.

Looking back, Mom said the entire family is grateful to be alive, in the safety of the United States and in close proximity to one another now. His siblings live only one hour away in Zephyrhills.

Mom said even the injuries he sustained while serving in the Army are nothing compared to what the United States has given him and his family.

"I was a little kid, like about 5, so I vaguely remember fleeing Cambodia, though I've heard stories from my older sister and brother and from my mom and grandmother," Mom said.

"I clearly remember being just feet from the Thailand border when we turned around and saw that my sister, who was carrying our youngest brother, had dropped him, unable to endure his weight through deep banks of mud. My mother, older brother and me had to run and get him, and just as we were lifting him, a shell that landed right beside us in the mud slid away from us as a mudslide occurred so it didn't hit us.

"My mother always breaks down in tears when she talks about it," he said. "It's amazing we're here today. It's amazing what people have done to help us and we'll never forget that," Mom said.

Area Briefs

THE VILLAGES

Scott launches campaign office near Lake Sumter Landing

In an office packed with telephones, campaign signs, American flags, men in suits with ear pieces and what seemed like hundreds of supporters, Gov. Rick Scott on Friday morning opened a campaign office in the heart of The Villages.

The office is in the 900 block of Old Mill Run and directly across the street from Lake Sumter Landing, where Scott held a campaign rally in 2010. Telling the crowd it was a great place to spend the Fourth of July, Scott shook hands, chatted and posed for photographs with supporters. He gave a short campaign speech, in which he touted how much taxes had been cut and unemployment rates had dropped during his first stint in office. At one point, he led supporters in a chant of "let's keep working."

The office will be staffed by Republican volunteers who will answer phones, distribute bumper stickers and posters and conduct other efforts to get Scott elected to his second term in his run against his presumed opponent, Democratic front-runner and former Republican Gov. Charlie Crist.

TAVARES

Sheriff's office launches web page for residents

Reporting crime will become somewhat easier for area victims and provide less work for deputies, thanks to a new addition to the Lake County Sheriff's Office website.

CopLogic was launched last week on the website, giving residents the option to file reports online on low-priority and minor crimes. Such crimes include criminal mischief, damaged property, lost property, petty theft, ID theft, fraud and harassing phone calls.

Lt. John Herrell, sheriff's spokesman, said it should benefit crime victims who are already trying to balance work, children's activities, family and meal times and other demands for their time.

To file a report online, residents can go to the sheriff's website at www.lcso.org and then to the right column under "What's New" or the top row under "How Do I?" Once on the page, the resident is navigated through a series of questions.

CLERMONT

New guide showcases south Lake lifestyle

The South Lake Chamber of Commerce has announced the launch of its new South Lake, Florida: Visitors & Relocation Guide, available to the public in various businesses in south Lake and at the chamber office, 620 W. Montrose St.

According to chamber president Ray San Fratello, "This publication highlights and showcases many of the wonderful qualities associated with the south Lake area, which all come together to create a lifestyle that is the envy of Central Florida and beyond."

The new guide is also available online at the chamber's website, www.SouthLakeChamber-FL.com.

For information, call 352-394-4191 or email office@southlakechamber-fl.com.

MINNEOLA

Household hazardous waste collection event set

The Lake County Solid Waste Division is encouraging Lake County residents to dispose of toxic materials in a safe and environmentally sensitive way at an upcoming household hazardous waste collection event, from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Minneola City Hall parking lot, 800 N. U.S. Highway 27.

Representatives will be on hand to collect small quantities of unused or unwanted waste products such as lawn and gardening materials, photo and swimming pool chemicals, paint and related products, cleaning solutions, motor oil and used gas, batteries, fluorescent lamps, light bulbs and small propane tanks.

For information, go to www.lake-countyfl.gov or call 352-343-3776.



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OUR VIEW

**Too few options
 for Fla. voters**

It is no wonder that Florida voters have limited choices at the polls.

If there were employment ads for state lawmakers, the job description would hardly be enticing.

WANTED: Qualified people to run for elected office. Must overcome barriers such as an election system rigged to favor incumbents and entrenched interests. Job pays about \$30,000 a year and gets little respect.

Even with the obvious difficulties in recruiting good people to run for the Florida House and Senate, this year features an abysmal lack of choices. The qualifying deadline for candidates expired on June 20 with a third of the state Legislature facing absolutely no opposition.

Eight state senators, all incumbent Republicans, and 38 state representatives — all but one an incumbent — automatically won despite having no ballots cast in their districts, the *Tampa Bay Times* reported.

Another 14 state lawmakers face only third-party or write-in candidates that typically never win.

Thus, 43 percent of the Legislature was decided four months before the election, based on the number of candidates with token opposition or no challengers, the *Times* reported.

It gets worse. Even incumbents with challengers are likely to win. In 2012, incumbents won 96 percent of their races, according to the *Times*.

From the perspective of incumbent lawmakers, of course, this isn't a problem. They'll tell you that the lack of opposition is merely an indication that the public believes they're doing a good job.

Hogwash. A Quinnipiac University poll in April found that less than a third of respondents approved of the way the Legislature was doing its job.

But low approval ratings don't matter when the system is rigged in your favor.

As shown by the redistricting trial that ended this month, a voter-approved initiative to remove politics from the drawing of districts was largely ignored by lawmakers. Campaign finance reforms have left loopholes for large donors.

Ballot access laws make it difficult for independent and third-party candidates to make the ballot. And when they run as write-in candidates, the end result actually limits voter participation.

In races where candidates from just one party qualify, all voters can cast ballots in the primary. If a write-in candidate runs, the primary is closed.

That happened this year in 10 state legislative races.

Given all these barriers, Florida voters shouldn't be surprised that they have limited options at the polls.

Despite dissatisfaction with the Legislature, throwing the bums out really isn't an option.

True election reforms are the only way to bring real choices to state races.

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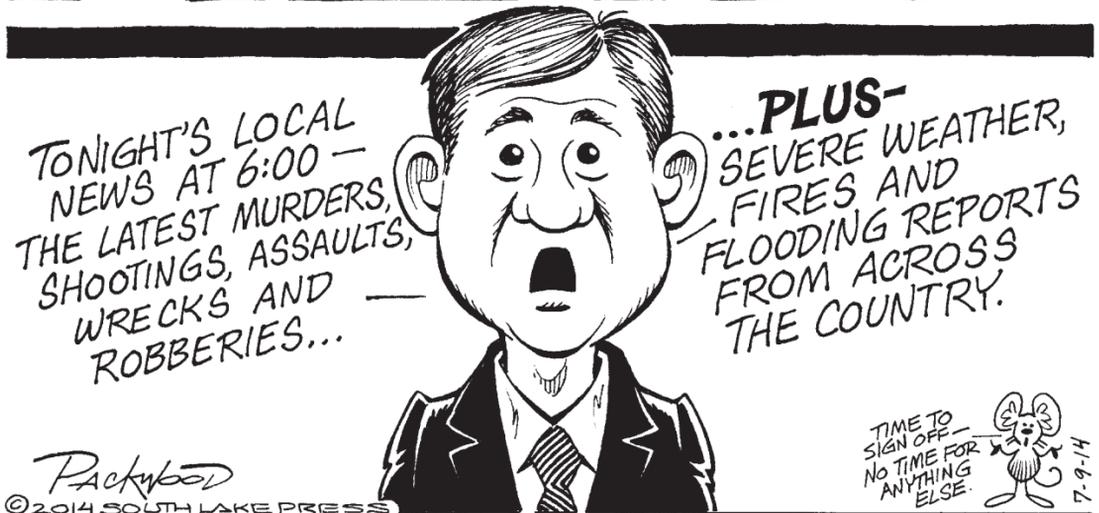
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**OPINION
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LETTER of the WEEK

A Florida disgrace

Shame! Shame! Another mess-up with Florida vote counters.

A judge, in the last 15 seconds of the time allotted to vote, drew lines to reverse his first vote during the Miss Florida pageant. The vote should not have been counted at all and the ballot should have been declared invalid, especially since Miss Florida had already been crowned.

What a tragedy for Leesburg's Elizabeth Fechtel,



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who has already won many pageants, including the early talent award, already made

Miss America plans and looked forward to the competition and preparations to go to Miami, all because one non-vote gave the crown to the second in show.

Knowing neither of these ladies, I can only ask myself, how much power did this judge have? Was he in his right mind? And how could the Miss Florida director, Mary Sullivan, uphold this travesty of justice?

Is this really the American Way?

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YOUROPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A weaker America

The editorial in today's paper, "Hillary Clinton, world-class troublemaker," by Gina Barreca describes her record as secretary of state as an asset. It is the opposite.

She failed to send help in Benghazi, lied about it later, didn't negotiate any treaty with anyone and said on her book tour the five prisoners released posed "no threat to America."

Hello? What's happening in Iraq now? The foreign policy of this president and State Department has emboldened our enemies and weakened our military substantially. Anyone who can read or watch television can see that.

MARY ALDERTON | Grand Island

Companies hide behind religion

The debate over the contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) has taken a dangerous and alarming turn.

One hundred businesses, religious entities and nonprofits have come out of the woodwork and sued to block women from receiving the reproductive health care to which they're entitled under the law.

The entities that have filed lawsuits against the contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act include military contractors, car dealerships, food processors and other for-profit businesses that depend on maintaining a good relationship with the public. I'm offended by their use of religion to justify discrimination against women.

That's why I'm supporting the National Organization for Women (NOW) in its Stand Against the Dirty 100 campaign. I refuse to support companies and groups that have decided that their personal beliefs are more important than the rights of their employees.

Birth control is a vital and common aspect of women's re-

productive health care. Ninety-nine percent of sexually active women in the United States have used birth control at some point, and here I include myself. I do not believe that the religious beliefs of an employer trump the religious freedoms and bodily autonomy of their company's female employees.

A for-profit corporation is not a "person" capable of religious exercise. And, the birth control coverage requirement applies to the company not the individuals who own it.

LUCINDA MCGINN | Eustis

American values celebrated

Parades, fireworks, patriotic music and family gatherings mark the annual holiday celebrating the birth of our nation. I have great memories of taking my children to the Mount Dora Fourth of July parade and watching the evening fireworks on the shores of Lake Dora in Tavares.

The Fourth of July is a great time to celebrate our nation's heritage. But it is also a time to reflect on those great Americans who preserved our freedoms. Woodrow Wilson said: "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about."

How can we honor our nation's heritage? President Ronald Reagan had the answer. He said,

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"Our families nurture, preserve and pass on to each succeeding generation the values we share and cherish, values that are the foundation for our freedoms ... in raising and instructing our children, in providing personal and compassionate care for the elderly, in maintaining the spiritual strength of religious commitment among our people."

I believe it's important to remember that each man, woman and child make of themselves what they make of their country.

REED MARKHAM | SORRENTO

A hidden gem

Clermont, the "Gem of the Hills," is an undervalued jewel. Since becoming a resident of Clermont last month, I realized it is one of the best kept secrets in Central Florida. The mix of big business and small entrepreneurial ventures creates an opportunity to satisfy anyone's curiosity.

As I go out and explore with my family, I continuously come across a variety of independently owned businesses that add to the charm of the city. While I have not fully tapped into the vast amount of possibilities, what I have experienced so far has been out of this world. I have enjoyed traditional dishes at Troy's Cuban Deli, exceptionally created tacos at The Urban Spot and mouthwatering deserts from Sugar Momma's Bake Shoppe.

Whether driving on State Road 50 or US 27, I get excited seeing the large variety of businesses available to me. As reported by Roxanne Brown for the *Daily Commercial*, my new city is "attracting businesses at a record rate." The growth and establishment of these businesses, whether established chains or small mom-and-pop start-ups, proves that Clermont is the place to be.

I don't know how long the secret will be kept, but I will enjoy it while it lasts.

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IN MEMORY

DEATH NOTICES

William T. Cox

William T. Cox, 84, of Umatilla, died Friday, June 27, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Johnny Lee Dukes Jr.

Johnny Lee Dukes Jr., 55, of Eustis, died Monday, June 30, 2014. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home, Eustis.

James Neil Eastwood

James Neil Eastwood, 59, of Tavares, died Sunday, June 29, 2014. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

Margaret Goodwin

Margaret Chapman Goodwin, 87, of Bushnell, died Saturday June 28, 2014. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Margie Hicks

Margie Hicks, 77, of Leesburg, died Thursday, July 3, 2014. Arrangements by Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Leesburg.

Thomas A. Lach

Thomas A. Lach, 66, of Clermont, died July 1, 2014. Arrangements by Brewer and Sons Funerals and Cremation Services, Clermont.

Martha Martinez

Martha Esperanza Martinez, 55, of Altamonte Springs, died Saturday, June 28, 2014. Rocker-Cusack Mortuary, Leesburg.

Daniel W. Mason

Daniel W. "Bill" Mason, 90, of Tavares, died Wednesday, July 2, 2014. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

Harry Van Meter

Harry Van Meter, 91, of Altoona, died Friday, June 27, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

James A. Perkins

James A. Perkins, 84, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Arrangements by Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Leesburg.

Marian Arminta Peterson

Marian Arminta Peterson, 89, of Lady Lake, died Sunday, June 29, 2014. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

Jane Dabkowski Pichette

Jane Dabkowski Pichette, 70, of Umatilla, died Sunday, June 29, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Donald Walter Powell Jr.

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George Edward Santman II

George Edward Santman, II, 53, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Nathan Sessum

Nathan Duckworth Sessum, 58, of Wildwood, died Monday, June 30, 2014. Rocker-Cusack Mortuary, Leesburg.

COMPLAINT

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white people putting jam on a black person — a "Jam Boy" — as a mosquito lure during social events.

City officials had until June 30 to respond to the allegations. In a letter to the EEOC from Randy Brown Jr., a Flagler Beach attorney hired by the city, he said there is no evidence that supports Wilson's allegations of discrimination, a hostile work environment and/or retaliation because of her race.

"My client's internal investigation into the allegations raised by Alana Wilson reveals that her claims are totally lacking in factual support, as discussed at length in this position statement," he wrote. "For this reason, respondent urges that a 'no cause' determination be issued as expeditiously as possible."

Brown contends Wilson took many of Gleason's statements "out of context" and that she failed to complain to anyone at city hall about being racially harassed, as outlined in the city's personnel policies.

Another black woman, who had been employed by Mascotte at one time, was interviewed by Banasco and Brasher. That employee said she'd neither had a problem with Gleason nor had she heard him make any type of racial statement or comments against her or others.

Wilson could not be reached for comment and EEOC officials would not release a statement because of privacy laws.

It is not known when the EEOC will make a determination as to whether to continue with an investigation into Wilson's claim or issue a "no cause" determination.

In Gleason's email to council members, referencing the EEOC complaint and his reasons for inquiring about positions elsewhere, he said, "This (EEOC complaint) was investigated and found baseless but, because of the false accusations, it has created a very tense work environment for all at city hall."

"I am afraid to be around the person and make sure I am not in the office or break room without a witness to assure additional false accusations are not made," Gleason said.

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CLERMONT

Hob Nob offers a preview of potential election results

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The South Lake Chamber of Commerce will host its bi-annual Hob Nob event on Aug. 7 at the Clermont City Center, 620 West Montrose St., in downtown Clermont.

Guests will have the chance to vote in a straw poll in various city, county, state and federal races.

"The Hob Nob is a unique opportunity to see democracy in action, as candidates for office meet face to face with voters eager to participate in the free exchange of ideas," said Kasey Keselring, Montverde Academy headmaster and event chair.

The chamber expects more than 20 candidates to take part, representing lo-

cal, county, state and federal offices. More than 500 people are expected to attend.

Chamber president Ray San Fratello said candidates like the event because they can share passions, platforms and views, and voters like it because they can learn more about candidates by interacting with them in person.

All the state referendum issues scheduled to be on the ballot in November will be included in the straw vote.

"The straw poll is great because it lets candidates see how they might be faring with this group of qualified voters who are asking questions about what they are planning to do for them if they get elected," San Fratello said. "The atmosphere at these Hob Nobs

is just a nice night out with great food, mingling and the feel of election night when really, we are just prepping for the primary."

The Hob Nob will be hosted by the Kiwanis Club of South Lake. It will be catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill.

Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be reserved in advance.

The event is sponsored by many local businesses and organizations that have partnered with the chamber.

"It will be a fun and valuable event for the public and candidates," San Fratello said.

For information or to reserve tickets, call 352-394-4191 or email office@southlakechamber-fl.com.



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At the last Hob Nob, guests watched an overhead screen to see the results of a straw poll. This year's event is Aug. 7.

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The review notes "the hiring of a new shelter supervisor, which was vacant during the event, is expected to provide significantly higher compliance."

The review noted several other areas that required improvement: staff was inadequately trained on software, screening procedures needed to be implemented for animal rescue groups, record keeping had to improve, and an inventory

system was needed to track vaccinations and microchips.

In the last year, Lake County Animal Services Division has had a growing list of problems in the shelter.

Two internal audits published in 2013, one finding issues with record keeping at the shelter and the other on pet licensing laws, cited at least 45 areas for improvement.

Management also has not been consistent at the shelter. The head of the Animal Services division announced her resignation in March,

citing a tight budget and public pressure over the department's euthanization rate. Cyndi Nason was the second director of Animal Services to resign within the past year.

Nason and Marjorie Boyd both resigned amid pressure from animal activists who claim the shelter was euthanizing too many animals.

But the public criticism is only a partial reason for the resignations, county officials said, pointing to funding issues that kept the county from hiring a field supervisor and rescue coordinator to help take the pressure off the director. County commissioners agreed in a meeting on March 11 to

delay funding those positions until Oct. 1.

Brian Sheahan, former director of animal services, said euthanizations have been reduced. Euthanization rates for dogs from October to May were at 19 percent, compared with 22 percent the prior year.

But the incidents that occurred in the last few months particularly concerned officials.

In April, six puppies adopted from the shelter received no treatment and all later died as a result of what a veterinarian said was a case of hookworm in one puppy. Two other puppies adopted from the same litter were also found to have hook-

worms but were saved through blood transfusions and intravenous drips, said Allison Zachary, a member of Plenty of Pitbulls, a rescue organization that adopted the animals.

Then, the shelter experienced a parvovirus outbreak the following month. Sixteen dogs were euthanized and the shelter was closed temporarily.

Shortly thereafter, county officials called for a special review of the shelter's intake and vaccination policies.

Following the review request, Lake County commissioners agreed on June 10 to transfer operations of Animal Services to the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Melton said it is critical to train staff on software.

"When you have different staff put in (information) in different locations, it is impossible to generate accurate management reports," he said.

Melton said he is especially concerned about the two records

kept for each animal: computer software and animal ID cards not having the same, consistent information.

"When you have inconsistencies in actions and dates, then no one can be sure what information is accurate," he said.

This is why he said it is critical to train staff on the software.

"If people do not know how to use the software properly, it is not generating the information that Animal Services needs to adequately manage the organization," he said.

The need to screen rescue coordinators is also vital, he added.

"In many respects, rescue organizations are similar to the counties' animal shelter and they should have protocols in place regarding vaccination and deworming," he said.

Several commissioners said they were pleased with the review and expressed hope the problems would go away under the sheriff's leadership.

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Sunstate workers enjoy a pizza lunch in the workshop for tractor-trailer cabs.

"If a business needs a specific type of skill not made available, our money could help subsidize the program to get people trained," Chandler said.

He cited the Lake Tech Center for Advanced Manufacturing — a partnership between the county and the school to train workers in manufacturing, machining and welding, and the Partners for Success program — for bringing the business and education communities together.

Infrastructure also is an important factor in economic development, Chandler said.

"If you have better roads, better infrastructure, it is more attractive for companies to come in and help existing businesses," he said.

Moving away from providing traditional economic incentives will allow the county to support a larger number of businesses with more benefitting from incentive resources, Chandler said.

"If you are truly looking out for the best interest of the taxpayer dollars and moving the needle with economic development, this is the best way to go," he said.

Chandler said the county does not have a

large amount of money to play the big recruitment game, and when companies express interest in relocating to the county, incentives are not high on the list of criteria in making their decision.

Indeed, in the top 10 criteria for businesses to relocate, incentives are ranked seventh, according to a Site Selection Consultant Location Criteria Study. At the top is an available workforce.

Sean Snaith, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness, said Chandler's idea is reasonable and logical.

"Things like workforce development or infrastructure really benefit any and all businesses currently there or thinking of locating or opening in the region," he said. "Work-

force is always going to be an important component of business location decisions. All the incentives in the world aren't going to matter if you aren't getting the

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to make it work as most business people would," he said. "You can't let the window of opportunity shut on it."

In the coming months, Lake County's Economic Development and Tourism Department is evaluating its incentive program to determine whether the county's resources are being used appropriately. The department must come before the Lake County Commission for approval of any change in its incentive program.

While the evaluation has been discussed for months, county officials said a recent review of incentives — which revealed several outstanding incentive grants with auditing periods that had expired — brought the issue to the forefront.

Although all job growth incentive grants require an auditing period to make sure the jobs created are retained for a minimum of two years, according to county documents, six incentive grants, from 2004 to 2008, were found to have incomplete reporting. The department distributed \$287,000 for 78 jobs created but could only verify 18 that were retained.

The county has 13 open incentive accounts with eight different companies.

The contract agreements allow for \$345,000 in incentive grants associated with the creation of 142 jobs. The department has paid out \$290,000 on the creation of 85 jobs, according to economic development officials. A company must create the jobs and hire before receiving incentive payments.

Robert Chandler, the county's director of Economic Development and Tourism, said in his personal opinion, many of these companies were going to create those jobs regardless of whether they received incentives.

"The whole reason we are here is to help businesses create jobs," he said. "The question is, is providing incentives directly to a company for job growth the most efficient way to do that?"

Chandler said directly incentivizing companies, in his opinion, leads to a far lesser return on investment than if the county were to invest that same money in areas such as workforce, education, infrastructure and transportation.

Training and developing the workforce continues to be the number one issue for small businesses, according to Chandler. Many businesses want to hire, he said, but do not have enough skilled labor.

Chandler said if the department used the funding it receives for incentives, which was \$150,000 last fiscal year, for workforce development instead, it would be more beneficial for economic development.

For example, he said if a company said it needed a certain type of skill, then perhaps the county's economic development department could sponsor the training of that skill at Lake Technical College or Lake-Sumter State College.

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TOP: Lake Minneola's Marcus Dodson (0) dribbles the ball around an opponent during a Foundation Academy Summer League game against Colonial High School at Foundation Academy in Winter Garden on June 30. **BOTTOM:** Lake Minneola's Anthony Brown dunks the ball during a Foundation Academy Summer League game.

Coaches want hoops finals in Lakeland

FRANK JOLLEY | Staff Writer
 frank.jolley@dailycommercial.com



High school basketball teams from Lake and Sumter counties have been making post-season trips to The Lakeland Center for many of the 33 years the state tournament has been held there.

Now the Florida High School Athletic Association, which puts on the tournament and governs high school sports in the state, is thinking about moving the tournament elsewhere, possibly to Tallahassee or Jacksonville.

The Florida Association of Basketball Coaches released a statement this week, demonstrating its desire to keep the boys and girls tournaments in Lakeland.

According to Jim Haley, FABC executive director, the organization is in "full support of keeping both the boys and girls

state hoops tourney in its current home site, The Lakeland Center."

In his statement, Haley cited the effort put forth by the tournament committee to get the Polk County community behind the event, which lasts for two weeks — one week for the girls tournament and one week for the boys tournament.

Haley goes on to question if another city would be able to produce the same level of support.

"I don't believe any other city can match their efforts of dedication each year of their 300 volunteers that makes this enormous contribution of work hours a huge success over the years," Haley said.

Flying high

Hawks use summer league to prepare for title run

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Basketball and summer aren't often spoken in the same breath.

The stifling heat and humidity in Florida turns the concrete "hardwood" on area playgrounds into baking sheets, more conducive to frying eggs instead of putting a basketball through a hoop.

For local high-school programs, however, summer has become a time to lay the groundwork for next season. Even for teams that reached the apex just a few months ago, summer leagues are a way for coaches to get players back on the floor and re-establish the mind-set that made them so successful.

At Lake Minneola, coach Freddie Cole led the Hawks to a 28-4 record in 2013-14 and a berth in the Class 6A state championship game, which they lost to Miami Norland. Rather than being satisfied simply with reaching the title game, Cole and his charges spent June getting ready for another postseason run.

The Hawks played in a variety of camps and summer leagues during the month, eventually matching last year's regular-season record. Lake Minneola wrapped up the month on Monday by reaching the semifinals at the Winter Garden Foundation Academy summer league.

At the Foundation Academy gym, Lake Minneola blasted Class 8A Orlando Colonial 68-45 and edged Orlando Lake Highland Prep in the quarterfinals by one despite trailing by 14 with five minutes to play. In the semifinals, the Hawks — with only six players available — fell to Windermere Prep by six.

As it turned out, two of Lake Minneola's losses during the summer were against Windermere Prep and a third came at the hands of perennial Class 8A powerhouse Orlando Dr. Phillips.

"I was very encouraged to play as well as we did against Windermere Prep," Cole said. "We had key players who were injured and others at camps



with their AAU teams, but the guys we had gave us everything. Windermere Prep is a very good private-school team and we were playing our third game of the day. Winning the league championship would've been the best way to close out the league for us, but I'm proud of what I saw.

"Our players are ready to get back to the state finals."

Cole said his players had not worked together since losing 60-44 to Miami Norland on March 1 at the Lakeland Center. The loss closed out a storybook season for the Hawks, which spent most of the season as the No. 1-ranked team in Class 6A.

Despite the disappointing loss in the title game, Cole said his team learned valuable lessons during the season-long run — lessons he feels will pay dividends next season.

"Most teams know who were are now and we won't sneak up on anyone," Cole said. "That's a complement in a way, but that also means we have to be ready every night. Part of our summer work has been to get our mental makeup where it needs to be. These guys aren't just going through the motions, expecting to win. They have a little bit of a chip on their shoulders and that's good."

"They're playing to win, even in the summer, and that's the attitude we want."

In many ways, Lake Minneola looked like the same team that beat opponents by an average of 25 points per game in 2013-14. Against Orlando Colonial,

for example, the Hawks raced up and down the floor on offense and clogged the passing lanes on defense. They forced countless turnovers with its frenetic, pressure defense.

Even with only two of last year's starters — Marcus Dodson and Anthony Brown — on the floor, they seemed to be in midseason form against the Grenadiers.

"We wanted to get back into it," Cole said. "I've always believed you get better by playing good teams and that's what we've done this summer. We used last summer to establish our goals for the season and that's what we're doing this year."

"It's been a very good summer." Dodson agreed with his coach. After the Hawks trounced Orlando Colonial, Dodson said it was important for the team to take their summer workouts seriously.

He said the quicker Lake Minneola regained its timing and began playing with the cohesiveness that made them so effective last season, the better it would be for the program.

"We're not a secret to anyone," Dodson said. "Every team knows about Lake Minneola and what we do. We can't wait until the regular season to play ourselves into shape. We have to start now if we want to have a better season (in 2014-15) than we had last year."

"We only have to climb one more step to do that, but that's the toughest step."

Like Dodson, Brown felt disappointed with last season's finish. He said that to help fuel his summer preparations and will continue to work at raising his game to the next level.

"I think we can be the best team in the state," Brown said. "We had a team good enough to win a state championship last year. That's our goal this year and we've worked (toward that goal) all summer. We can do a lot of things now to help us get back (to the state championship game)."

"If playing in summer leagues and going to camps make us a better team, then it's worth missing out on the other things our friends are doing."

Mount Dora teams prepare for postseason

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Clay Tew asked his team to have a players only meeting to decide if they wanted to win.

They did and they haven't lost since. Now, the Mount Dora Babe Ruth League 12-under All-Star baseball team, coached by Tew, is preparing to play in the state tournament at 11 a.m. today against North Fort Myers in Palm Beach Gardens. It will mark the first time a 12U baseball team from Mount Dora has played in the state tournament.

"These kids wanted to play for a state championship," said Tew. "They've played and practiced with a lot of heart and desire and that has gotten them through districts. I'm very proud of them."

Tew said the team is made up of players from the league's three 12U teams — the Reds, Cubs and Braves. Players were chosen based on their interest in playing and on the observations of coaches during the spring season.

In its first game in the district tournament in June, Mount Dora suffered a loss. Tew said he noticed a lot of heads hung low after the defeat, but he believed the players — not the coaches — needed to be the ones to decide if they had it in them to continue.

"The coaches got the players together and let them meet by themselves for about 10 or 15 minutes," Tew said. "When they finished, they came back to us and said, 'We want to win.' That was something they had to figure out for themselves and they picked themselves back up and went back to work."

"Since that meeting, they haven't lost."

To help offset the costs of its trip down state, including food and lodging, the team has set up a site on www.gofundme.com/Mt-Dora-12U-allstars to accept donations.



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Mount Dora's 16U softball team.

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Meredith Pughe stars as Elle Woods in Bay Street Players' production of "Legally Blonde, The Musical!" The show runs through July 20 at Historic State Theatre in Eustis.

EUSTIS

'Legally Blonde, The Musical!' is big hit for Bay Street Players

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"Legally Blonde, The Musical!" is a summer hit for Bay Street Players, much to the delight of the 40-member cast as it debuts the high-energy show with a catchy score at Eustis' Historic State Theatre stage.

The musical opened June 27 and runs through July 20.

"It's a really, really great experience to see everybody become so involved in this one production," said Margo Slaby, theater operations manager. "We were so surprised to have such an amazing following on the show. We have two more weekends left and our box office has been running around selling tickets. It is a little bit stressful, but we're really, really happy. It's happy stress."

Bay Street Players' summer show is typically the biggest production of the year, and the cast and crew have been hard at work promoting "Legally Blonde" throughout Lake County, The Villages and Orlando, inviting companies, law offices, real estate agents and sororities to

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make the trip to Eustis to see the musical.

She believes those who enjoyed the 2001 movie really will love the musical.

Just like the hit movie, the musical centers around the life of Elle Woods, a homecoming queen who doesn't take no for an answer. So when Elle, played by Meredith Pughe, is dumped by her boyfriend, Warner, played by Nick Brown, for someone "serious," Elle puts down the credit cards, hits the books and heads for Harvard Law School.

Along the way, the sorority sister proves that being true to yourself never goes out of style. While in law school, she discovers that her knowledge of the law can help others, especially an exercise queen who is accused of murder.

"The musical is a lot more

deep in terms of personal goals and troubles that really aren't touched on in the movie, but they are really expressed through music and singing," Slaby said. "The cast does a really great job of interpreting those different roles that we don't usually see in the movie."

Written by Heather Hach, with music and lyrics by Lawrence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, the show is loaded with humorous moments, Slaby said.

Joining Pughe and Brown are more than 30 other performers, including Max Herskovitz as Emmett, Laura Degrenia as Vivian, Jonathan Olson as Callahan and Maria Rossodivito as Paulette.

Director and choreographer Amanda Warren is joined by producer James Meadows, while Andy Match-

ett serves as the show's musical director. Scenic designs were created by Scott Fattizzi and Tom Mangieri, lighting by John Whitely and costumes by Sara Gray.

Tickets for "Legally Blonde, The Musical!" are \$21 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday shows, and \$18 for Wednesday and Thursday productions. The cost for students with ID is \$11. Evening shows start at 8 p.m. and matinees are at 2 p.m. at Historic State Theatre, 109 N. Bay St., Eustis. For tickets, call 352-357-7777 or go to www.baystreetplayers.org.

Theatergoers who can't get enough of Bay Street Players' productions can see another play, "Glengarry Glen Ross," a 1984 Pulitzer Prize black comedy by David Mamet, at the theater's second stage at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and July 20.

Tickets for "Glengarry Glen Ross" are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students, and may be purchased online or through the theater's box office. Directed by John DiDonna, "Glengarry Glen Ross" contains strong language that may not be suitable for children.

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What do you enjoy most about south Lake County?

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

Live it don't just dream it.

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?

My latest trip took me to Pontevedra, Spain. There were no cars allowed in the city center and everyone walked or rode a bike to all of the businesses. Everything was so nice and clean.

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

I help people find their dream homes and show them all the wonderful things we have going on in our community.

4) Name one of your greatest accomplishments so far.

One of my greatest accomplishments, although it took 16 years of trying, is that I finally got a silver medal for the world duathlon championships. Never give up is my message.

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

Go to New Zealand.

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

Get involved. It will come back to you 100 times over. Besides helping others you will find out a lot about yourself and what is really important in life.

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Reliving history through pages of the South Lake Press



Ann Dupee
 REMEMBER WHEN

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

CLERMONT'S OLDEST NATIVE PASSES

Mrs. Winnie H. Seaver, the eldest native of Clermont, died June 2, one week before her 93rd birthday. She was born June 10, 1896, in a house next door to her present home at 865 Montrose St. (present site of the Clermont Police Department) where she had lived for 60 years.

The oldest member of the First Baptist Church, she assisted her late husband, Percy, in the ministry of bringing children to Sunday school. At age 17 she began her

teaching career. For 2 ½ years she taught elementary grades in the two-room schoolhouse on Broome Street (now the Clermont Woman's Club building). She then taught six months in the new, two-story Clermont Elementary School building, (site of Cypress Ridge Elementary School on East Avenue).

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Clermont Elementary School Principal Sharon Powell presented awards at the school's 1989 Honors Reception: Outstanding Chorus student award, Ashley

Hudson; Outstanding Orff student, Janine Connell; Outstanding fifth grade students, Nathan Bishop, Melissa Riddle and Kelly Graham; plaques for six years of perfect attendance, Jennifer Barnard and Kelly Graham.

Dell Smoak, youngest daughter of Claude and Honey Jean Smoak of Clermont, graduated from the University of Florida.

Ruth Alice Ray flew to New York City to attend the graduation of her oldest son, John, from New York University. John attained an A+ average on his master's

degree in business administration and international marketing.

New officers of Beta Theta ESA are: Nancy Hettinger, president; Bonnie Kranz, vice president; Carol Andrews, parliamentarian; Toni Bell, corresponding secretary; Terry Moberk, treasurer; Eleanor Lofgren, recording secretary and Lynda McMurphy, educational director.

Kranz was named Miss Enthusiasm, outgoing president Michelle Delaney was Woman of the Year and Lynda McMurphy was Philanthropic Award

for chairing Las Vegas Night.

Our south Lake veterans were remembered at a Memorial Day breakfast and service at the American Legion Hall. Alvin Knight gave the invocation, Jean Winston led the Pledge of Allegiance, guest speaker was Richard Harris and the benediction was by Bill Renegarbe.

Mrs. Jo Cunningham chaired the annual Bike-a-Thon for cystic fibrosis. Winners were Larry Maynor, Nick Artis, Jeremiah Kelly, Katie Saunders and Joey Saunders.

MINNEOLA

The Bryans hope to bring families together with Friday movie nights

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Bill and Cyndi Bryan, local business owners and members of Brookside Church in Minneola, have started a new ministry there called Reels on Wheels.

The Bryans, under the direction of senior pastors Wade and Julie Davis, hope to bring local families together at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of every month for a free movie.

The church is located at 120 W. Washington St. in Minneola, and Friday's showing of "God's Not Dead" will be the kickoff.

"We are wanting to bring families together, and what better way than a movie night?" Cyndi Bryan said, adding that every movie they show will have a Christian or family-related message.

As former owners of a Java & Jesus, a Christian bookstore and coffee shop that was in downtown Clermont, the Bryans were interested in showing movies to their customers but didn't have a license.

Now, however, the Bryans are licensed through the Pureflix Movie Ministry. And with Brookside as their venue, Bryan said the pairing is perfect.

"This is good, clean entertainment we are

bringing, and I think people will not only like the venue but the movies," Bryan said. "The movies will not necessarily be all Christian movies all the time, but they will have a positive and inspiring message."

Bryan said she expects many great things to come of the couple's new venture because of the way movies seem to touch people.

In fact, Bryan was introduced to God through a movie.

"Growing up, my family was not a religious one and we didn't go to church or anything. But when I was a bit older, someone invited me to a movie night. It was a drive-in Christian mobile setup, and at the end of the movie, there was a chance to accept God and I did. That was about 36 years ago," Bryan said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bill and Cyndi Bryan will host movie nights at Brookside Church in Minneola.

Bryan said the decision to sign on with Pureflix was a simple one.

"I knew it (Reels on Wheels) was what we should be doing. I thought, 'I get to give back in the same way,' and I feel like I've come full circle almost."

Bryan said this month's movie, "God's Not Dead," is about a college professor who

gives his young students an assignment: to write "God is dead" on a piece of paper or fail the class.

When one student refuses, the professor gives the entire class three days to present arguments about why he is wrong, or they all fail.

"It's a very good movie that I think people will really like and may have already heard about because its message is one that has really caught on and that is all over the Internet," Bryan said.

Bryan said at the showing, patrons will have the opportunity to order the DVD of "God's Not Dead" at a special price before it's available in stores on Aug. 5.

For information on Friday's movie or future ones, call Pastor Wade at 931-237-7500 or Bryan at 407-346-3345.

THE VILLAGES

Habitat is restructuring and expanding

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Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter is investing more than \$1 million in new home construction in Lake County this year, and is also restructuring and expanding its corporate and regional offices throughout the two counties.

Kent Adcock, chief executive officer of Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter, said the local agency wants to be "more responsive and in collaboration" with the local communities in the 1,700-square-mile service area that Habitat serves in its mission to provide sustainable

home ownership for families earning from 30 to 80 percent of the area median income.

The organization's back office moved to the Spanish Springs location, 900 Main St., Suite 210, in The Villages last week, he said. That is the site of Habitat's human relations, payroll, compliance and fund development.

Adcock will operate out of The Villages, while also taking time about twice a week to travel and meet with staff at each of the regional offices, including the Domestic Global Village office in Eustis and the Golden Triangle office, also in Eustis.

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Customers enjoy the unique items they can purchase at Finders Keepers and appreciate the ever turning inventory with new items being introduced daily. According to Pat "finding the treasures and merchandising them is what she loves to do." "Selling is just something I have to

do to stay in business" she laughs.

Having expanded twice in the past 4 years, Pat contributes her success to her husband Bob's support and the assistance of her "baby girl", as she refers to her, Jennifer Silva. Jen is really the salesperson, she is a real go getter and is always here for me. We are all a great team that makes **FINDERS KEEPERS** the success that it is.

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Pat and her husband Bob Matson have lived in Clermont for the past 11 years and have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. When not working they love to travel and are getting ready for a three week Norway trip in July. Not to worry **FINDERS KEEPERS** will be open in the capable hands of Jen. To be sure there will be a huge sale when momma is gone.



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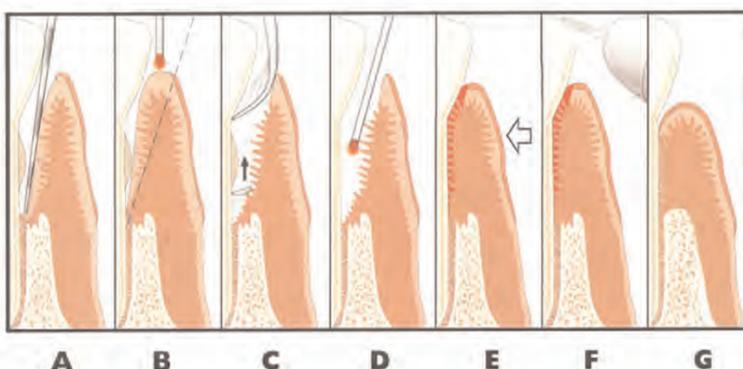
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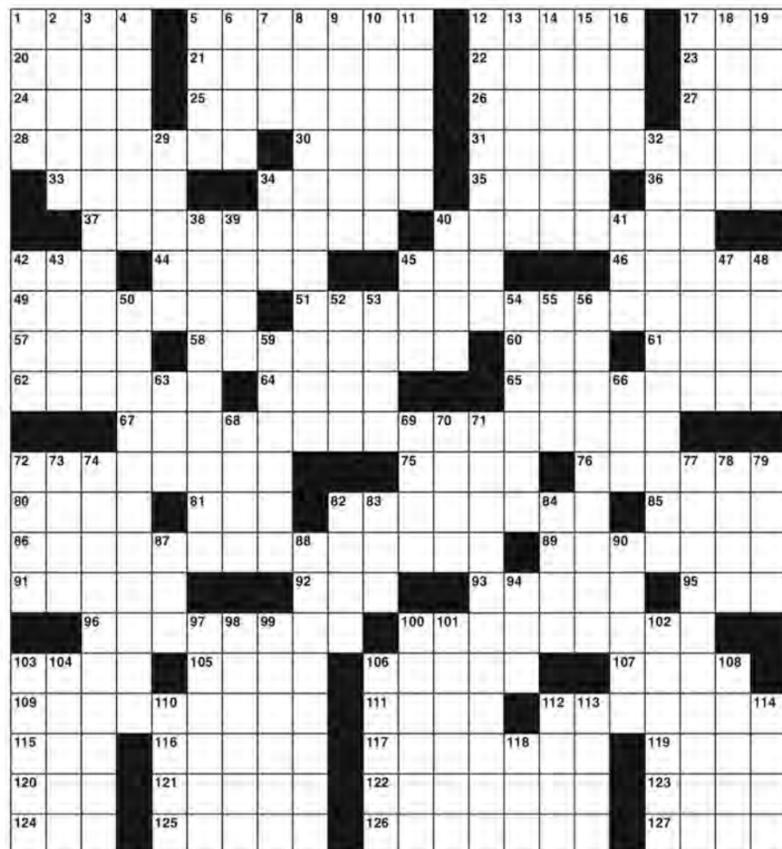
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 - 5 Drink cooler
 - 12 Map feature
 - 17 Nurse
 - 20 "From Here to Eternity" setting
 - 21 Stage-diving locale
 - 22 More than willing
 - 23 For
 - 24 Stoker of fear?
 - 25 Not flat or sharp
 - 26 Lay _____
 - 27 Politician with a like button?
 - 28 Adorns
 - 30 Minnesota player, familiarly
 - 31 Microwaveable snack
 - 33 Dress that drapes
 - 34 Hall-of-_____
 - 35 Highly desirable to Uncle Sam?
 - 36 Wine-list heading
 - 37 Competitor in some county fairs
 - 40 Offer to buy unspecified stocks, say
 - 42 Lean-meat source
 - 44 Shortstop-turned-ESPN analyst
 - 45 "Thanks a _____!"
 - 46 Stylebook concern
 - 49 Area with XY coordinates?
 - 51 Routine checkup
 - 57 Desire
 - 58 Stay inactive over the summer
- DOWN**
- 1 _____ salad
 - 2 Proverbial speedsters
 - 3 "That's what my Spidey sense told me"
 - 4 Quince, e.g.
 - 5 Reassuring reply
 - 6 Reasons to say no
 - 7 Subj. of a thought experiment
 - 8 Lament about modern men
 - 9 When computers work
 - 10 Trade cross words
 - 11 C₄H₁₀O
 - 12 European coastal plant once thought to be an aphrodisiac
 - 13 Pachelbel classic, familiarly
 - 14 When Tatum O'Neal won her Oscar
 - 15 Part of a hockey goalie's equipment
 - 16 "Cogito, _____ sum"
 - 17 Ray-finned fishes of the Southwest U.S.
 - 18 Ticked off
 - 19 Versifiers
 - 29 Health care giant with a Tree of Life logo
 - 32 Major African humanitarian concern of the 2000s
 - 34 Hollywood setting; Abbr.
 - 38 Like the contents of many attics
 - 39 Traitor Aldrich
 - 40 Nastiness
 - 41 Tour transport
 - 42 Actor Jannings
 - 43 Chess ending
 - 45 '80s TV star who later pitched Snickers
 - 47 Some square dancers
 - 48 "_____ Enchanted" (2004 film)
 - 50 1982 holiday country hit by Alabama
 - 52 1960s pop singer
 - 53 Tiny battery
 - 54 Laud
 - 55 LAX, O'Hare and others
 - 56 "Of course!"
 - 59 Grammy-nominated 1998 hit for Alanis Morissette
 - 63 New Year's _____
 - 66 Bill's partner
 - 68 Jell-O maker
 - 69 Actress Moore
 - 70 Highland tongue
 - 71 "Right away, boss"
 - 72 Kaput
 - 112 Downloader's directive
 - 115 Agents' org.
 - 116 Black _____
 - 117 Post-Weimar period
 - 119 Terrace-farming pioneers
 - 120 Mantel piece
 - 121 "Walk Away _____" (1966 hit)
 - 122 "Absolutely Fabulous," e.g.
 - 123 "JAG" spinoff
 - 124 Fail to keep up
 - 125 Beyond piqued
 - 126 Allow to continue
 - 127 H.S. proficiency exams



- 73 "Celeste Aida," for one
- 74 Enterprise for Morton
- 77 Bad way to be caught
- 78 Eats
- 79 Collect on the surface, in chemistry
- 82 Floor
- 83 Dadaism pioneer
- 84 Up to snuff
- 87 AOL, e.g., for short
- 88 Item for a houseguest
- 90 Fast-food chain with the Ultimate Angus sandwich
- 91 One who drills, fills and bills: Abbr.
- 97 Up
- 98 Directing a shell
- 99 Down Easter
- 100 Rogue
- 101 The _____ Mets
- 102 Half a star, maybe
- 103 Label for pants?
- 104 House entered near the autumnal equinox
- 106 "All In" network
- 108 Spanish hero whose 113-Down is represented enigmatically six times in this puzzle
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