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Florida Education Commissioner Pam Stewart reads "Princess Pigoria and the Pea" as third grade students follow along on iPads at Lost Lake Elementary school in Clermont.

CLERMONT

Officials seek recognition for city historian

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Clermont city officials have nominated south Lake native Dolores Gano Walker, the city's honorary historian, for the Lake County Women's Hall of Fame this year.

Councilman Ray Goodgame recently wrote a letter supporting Walker's nomination. Since then, city spokesperson Doris Bloodsworth has been working to put the application together, a process that includes documentation, newspaper clippings and pictures that illustrate why Walker should be chosen.

"I have known Dolores Walker since 2004 when I joined the South Lake County Historical Society. It was abundantly clear to me that if I wanted to know anything about the history of south Lake County, all I had to do was ask Dolores Walker," Goodgame said.

"I spent many hours of my spare time at Clermont Historic Village learning about the early families that settled Cl-

ermont. Dolores knew every family and something about them. My gosh, she was a walking museum," he wrote.

Bloodsworth has assembled a biography that illustrates Walker's contributions to the county and what her family has meant to the area since 1878, when her ancestors arrived.

Archibald Gano, her paternal grandfather, brought the family to south Lake and ran a sawmill in what was once known as Villa City, and George Myers, her maternal grandfather, was Mascotte's first mayor. In all, with Walker's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, six generations of her family have lived in south Lake County.

Walker was born on Tuscanooga Road near Mascotte in 1926, graduated from Groveland High School in 1943 and is married to Robert Walker, who she met in Jacksonville while in secretarial school there.

The couple moved while he was in the

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Report cards sent out

Some schools struggle, but Clermont schools shine

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The Florida Department of Education's recent release of its annual report card for all school districts alarmed some educators in Lake County, while others said the backward slide by some schools simply reflects a statewide trend.

Five schools in the district received an F. None did the previous year.

Clermont schools shined, however. Three — Cypress Ridge Elementary, Lost Lake Elementary and Windy Hill Middle — all earned an A rating from the state.

Officials said the number of F's statewide have increased, in part because teachers were phasing in the new Florida Standards, while evaluating students on the old standards on the annual Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests.

In addition, this is the third year the FDOE has implemented the one letter-grade drop protection to allow districts to drop one letter grade, preventing some from failing.

Statewide, there were 178 F schools, an increase of 72 from the previous year.

Even so, school officials say more community involvement

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BEST AND THE WORST

Cypress Ridge Elementary School	A
Lost Lake Elementary School	A
Sorrento Elementary	A
Umatilla Elementary School	A
Windy Hill Middle School	A
Eustis Heights Elementary School	F
Humanities & Fine Arts Charter	F
Lake Virtual Instruction Program	F
Leesburg Elementary School	F
Oak Park Middle School	F

DISTRICT GRADES

2014 (prelim): C	2011: B
2013: C	2010: B
2012: B	Orange, Sumter: B

CLERMONT

County approves emergency response deal

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Lake County commissioners have approved an automatic aid agreement with the city of Clermont that allows the closest fire trucks available to respond to emergencies.

The agreement now goes back to the Cler-

mont City Council for approval.

Clermont would become the fourth city in south Lake to have an automatic aid agreement with the county. The cities of Minneola, Groveland and Mascotte have also approved such agreements.

"It is getting the clos-

est unit to the emergency and handling it," Lake County Fire Chief John Jolliff said. "It eliminates a lot of duplication of different agencies going to the same call."

The county has been working with the cities for years to formulate an automatic aid agreement with a true-

up, which compensates both the city and county for responding to fires outside their jurisdiction. The compensation is \$100 for medical calls and \$500 for a structure fire.

County commissioners recently approved automatic aid with Clermont as part

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LINDA CHARLTON | SPECIAL TO THE DAILY COMMERCIAL

Dolores Gano Walker with Crystal Kveton, center, and Ashley Milazzo at the original Cooper Memorial Library in the Historic Village in downtown Clermont. Walker is the Sunday docent at the old library.

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Officials clear deputy who shot 'suicidal' man

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Prosecutors have cleared a Lake County Sheriff's deputy of any wrongdoing in connection with a shooting of a suicidal man who reportedly approached the deputies with a knife in January.

Deputies Michael Dollery and Harold Howell had responded to Aria Court, just outside of Clermont, on January 22, after a number of 911 calls were made indicating 24-year-old Ian Michael Saum was walking down the street cutting himself with a large knife.

According to a memo from the State Attorney's Office, the uni-

formed deputies initially used a stun gun on Saum after he ignored their repeated demands to drop the knife, but Saum continued to walk toward them with the weapon.

When Saum got within 6 to 10 feet of Dollery, he shot the man in the stomach. Saum survived.

Dollery told investigators he didn't want to use lethal force but felt in fear of his and Howell's lives when he fired his weapon.

"Given that the use of force by Deputy Dollery was legally justified, I recommend that this office take no further action on



SAUM

this matter," stated Walter Forgie, supervising assistant State Attorney in Lake County in a memo to Brad King, the State Attorney over the 5th Judicial Circuit that includes Lake County.

Officials based their argument on how close Saum got to the deputies while armed. The memo stated studies on "officer safety tactics have shown that when defending oneself from a suspect armed with a knife, a distance of 21 feet is necessary in order to effectively stop the threat of injury or death."

"The 21-foot rule has been the

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Word on the Street

What south Lake residents are saying about ...

ORGANIC FOOD

How much importance do you place on organic food?



"I try to buy organic. It's more expensive, but I try to do it within reason. I believe that the food our grandparents and parents had is different from the food we have. We have GMOs and pesticides. I prefer organic."

PAM ULEKOWSKI
WINTER GARDEN



"A lot, primarily because of the chemicals that are used in the fertilizer and stuff. A lot of the food we've been eating for years, they've found the fertilizer is poisoning the food at the same time."

DANIEL HAMEL
DAVENPORT



"Not much. One reason is I have my own garden, and the stuff you get in the stores sometimes is not organic. They use the right things, but they use them in such huge amounts that they're poisoning us anyway."

BETTY COGLEY
CLERMONT



"I place a lot. I have two young children. The more you research upon the range of pesticides, added hormones, antibiotics — not only for myself, especially for them, being so young, whenever possible I eat organic."

KIMBERLY COUCH
CLERMONT

REPORT

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and instructional tutoring is needed to help struggling students in those failing schools.

Eustis Heights Elementary School, Oak Park Middle School, Leesburg Elementary School, Humanities and Fine Arts Charter School and Lake Virtual Instructional program each received an F this year.

In addition, 14 schools showed letter-grade declines.

Overall, 13 percent of Lake's schools had A's, 21 percent had B's, 41 percent had C's, 13 percent had D's and 13 percent had F's, according to the report card.

School officials pointed to the increase in A schools. Windy Hill Middle School, Sorrento Elementary School and Lost Lake Elementary moved up to receive the highest grade.

By comparison, many Central Florida counties had far greater percentages of A schools this year: 70 percent of Flagler schools earned A's, up from 33 percent last year; 57 percent earned A's in Seminole; 51 percent in Brevard; 44 percent in Orange; 26 percent in Osceola; and 24 percent in Volusia, according to a press release from the Florida Department of Education.

School Board Member Tod Howard said the failing schools were not acceptable in the district.

"The schools that had the greatest challenges have a very high percentage of free and reduced lunch," he said. "The schools alone can't fix the underlying problems. It is going to take an effort from city, county, faith-based organizations, civic organizations and the school system in order to refloat these communities."

Those failing grades not only affect the students, but economic development as a whole, Howard said.

"You are not going to get high-skill wage jobs in a community with failing schools," he said.

Howard pointed to Superintendent Susan Moxley as a factor in the declining grades.

At a July 7 School Board meeting,

"We are not just an individual entity set apart from the community. We are part of the fabric of our community."

Patrick Galatowitsch,
Leesburg Elementary principal

Howard had proposed a superintendent search to replace Moxley, but School Board members, in a 3-2 vote, rejected the idea.

Howard cited the dismantling of leadership teams in the schools as a contributing factor to the school grades.

"For me, it is not just five F's," he said, adding there are also five D's.

"We need to do better," he said. "At the end of the day, those grades are a reflection of the choices the district has made."

But David Christiansen, the district's chief academic officer, said the increase in F's is a trend statewide.

"The grading system has gotten more complex and more challenging every year," he said. "Sometimes kids can perform at the same level, but if you change the bar it looks like they are not doing as well."

Stuart Klatt, president of the Lake County Education Association, said he had problems with the state's grading system.

"It is a bad policy," he said. "It does not always measure from year to year accurately. It is a bad way of measuring schools."

However, Cheryl Eters, FDOE spokeswoman, said neither the grading system nor the scoring has changed.

Christiansen said it has been hard for students to acclimate to a new educational standard.

"We are trying to get ready for the new Florida Standards while testing in the old standards," he said. "We are trying to ride two or three horses."

Asked about letter grade declines, Christiansen said numerous schools also improved.

"Eight out of 10 middle schools made significant improvements," he said.

According to the FDOE, "school grades utilize a point system (where) schools are awarded

points for students who score satisfactory or higher and/or make annual learning gains."

But Howard said even if there are improvements in points, at the end of the day the grade is still the same.

Speaking in support of the superintendent, School Board member Rosanne Brandenburg said Moxley is bringing forward a plan to address the issue.

Additional resources may be needed to address it, she said.

"When we have schools that are struggling, we have to give them additional resources in order to see them succeed," she said.

The community must also help the schools, according to Leesburg Elementary's new principal, Patrick Galatowitsch.

"We are not just an individual entity set apart from the community," he said. "We are part of the fabric of our community."

Galatowitsch said he is still assessing the factors leading to the school's F grade but remained confident the school would improve.

He said he is hoping to fill 23 vacancies in the school in the coming weeks.

"I have talked to a number of the teachers and there is a very positive perspective on the fact that even though we are a F school we believe strongly we are going to change that circumstance," he said. "We know we need across the board improvements in all subject areas."

Galatowitsch said he was hiring teachers to enhance small-group instruction for struggling children.

Overall, in the district there are 60 staff who will be trained as academic tutors to support students in the classroom and small-group instruction in reading and math, Christiansen said.

School officials acknowledge the new Florida Standards are more complex, challenging students.

"We need to write every day and it needs to be integrated in everything we do," Christiansen said. "We have worked with teachers in building curriculum, scope and sequence that has reading, writing, speaking and listening and academic language built into it."

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service, and both returned to Clermont in 1946.

Dolores was the first bookkeeper for what is now South Lake Hospital. She has been involved with First United Methodist Church and served as the secretary for Clermont's centennial committee.

Walker also had a hand in the development of the Groveland, south Lake and Lake County histor-

ical societies, and was part of the group that committed to preserving and developing Clermont's Historic Village, where on Sundays she donates her time as a tour guide for the museums.

"We think she's very deserving. She's done many, many things and she's not the type to seek any credit for them," Bloodsworth said.

Bloodsworth is calling for help from the community to gather more information about Walker to



WALKER

submit with the application.

"If people want to email anecdotes, send in newspaper clippings or if they want to send letters of support, they are welcome to," Bloodsworth said.

Bloodsworth can be reached by calling 352-241-7345 or by email at dbloodsworth@clermont-fl.org.

To nominate someone for the Lake County Women's Hall of Fame, download an application at www.lakecountyfl.gov.

According to the application and county website, nominees must have made significant contributions to the improvement of life for all citizens of Lake County in the field of art, agriculture, government, health care, humanities, philanthropy or science/education, and must have been born in or adopted Lake County as home.

Applications are due by Aug. 15.

For information, call 352-343-9850 or email wtaylor@lakecountyfl.gov.

Area Briefs

CLERMONT

Gas leak capped off on State Road 50

A stretch of State Road 50 in Clermont was closed for hours last week after so utility workers could cap off a reported gas leak.

According to Clermont officials, the gas leak was reported just before noon Wednesday, July 16 underground near the sidewalk in the 400 block of SR 50.

No buildings were evacuated but area traffic was rerouted, Assistant Fire Chief Kathy Johnston said.

The city's fire department, as well as Lake Apopka Natural Gas, responded to the leak.

The stretch of road was re-opened about 1:10 p.m.

CLERMONT

Deputies pursue one-legged man

Lake County deputies and at least one K-9 had been sent to a wooded area in Clermont last week to hunt for a one-legged man who climbed out a window while they were waiting for him to surrender.

According to an arrest affidavit, sheriff's deputies showed up Wednesday at the home of Charles Wayne Pike, who was wanted on warrants for dealing in stolen property and driving with a suspended license.

Deputies said Pike's father told them his son was in his room putting on his prosthetic leg. After a few minutes, the father checked on his son, only to find that Pike had climbed out a window and ran.

The affidavit added deputies went to the back of the home, where they spotted Pike, but he refused to stop and headed into the woods.

Several patrol deputies and a K-9 unit were called to look for him and eventually discovered Pike about a mile from his home.

Pike was arrested on resisting arrest charges, as well as a warrant on fraud charges for pawning items. He remained in the Lake County Jail Thursday in lieu of \$12,000 bond.

CLERMONT

Tickets available for Hob Nob

Tickets are still available for the South Lake Chamber of Commerce's Hob Nob event, scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Clermont City Center, 620 West Montrose St.

Tickets for the event are free but are being distributed on a first-come, first-served basis since space is limited.

At the event, various candidates running for local, county, state and federal offices this year discuss their views and platforms with voters.

Guests will have the opportunity to ask questions to learn more about each candidate before participating in a straw poll. Results will be announced at the event.

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

GROVELAND

City seeks research committee volunteers

The city of Groveland is looking for volunteers to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

This committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., at the Lake David Center, 450 S. Lake Ave.

Call 352-429-2141, ext. 231 or email teresa.begley@groveland-fl.gov. Applications are also available online at www.groveland-fl.gov or at Groveland City Hall located at 156 S. Lake Ave.

WINTER GARDEN

Garden Theatre to host auditions for musical

The Garden Theatre will host auditions for the musical "Christmas By Committee: A Musical," an original musical written and directed by Rob Winn Anderson.

Open call auditions will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 3, and 6 to 10 p.m., Mon. Aug. 4. To sign up, email auditions@gardentheatre.org.

Callbacks will be held by invitation only from 6 to 10 p.m., on Aug. 6. For tickets or information, call 407-877-4736 or go to www.gardentheatre.org.



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OUR VIEW

Keep politics out of redistricting

A judge's decision striking down U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown's congressional district found that its bizarre shape is more about protecting Republican election prospects than protecting minority voting rights.

By attacking the decision, Brown, D-Jacksonville, is making it clear that her main concern is protecting her job — even if it means ideological allies have a tougher time winning in neighboring districts.

A Leon County judge last week struck down the district, finding it was drawn in violation of the state's Fair Districts amendments. Brown has blasted the decision as an "insensitive ruling" that might deny black voters the chance "to elect a representative who shares their ethnic identity."

Her district, which connects black population centers stretching from Jacksonville to Orlando and takes in a piece of Lake County, was clearly drawn to correct a historical wrong. Before 1992, Florida had not elected a black representative to Congress in 121 years.

But in the 22 years since Brown was first elected, her district has been drawn in an increasingly odd shape for another reason. Lewis' ruling found that GOP operatives and lawmakers further distorted its shape to remove minority voters from neighboring districts "with the intent of benefiting the Republican Party."

Brown argues that her district adheres to the principles of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But as Lewis noted, the Fair Districts amendments include similar protections for minority voting rights, but also require districts that are compact and follow political and geographic boundaries when feasible.

Lewis' ruling found that Republican operatives made a mockery of a redistricting process that was supposed to be transparent and open. GOP legislative leaders have said they won't appeal the ruling but asked that the redrawing of districts be delayed until after this fall's elections.

The Fair Districts amendments forbid the drawing of districts to favor a political party or incumbent. While Lewis concedes in his ruling that taking politics out of redistricting might be impossible, there has to be a better way of doing it than the current process.

A number of states use bipartisan or nonpartisan commissions to draw districts. California's commission is supposed to ignore incumbent protection while creating districts that are compact and keep together communities. Iowa tried to remove politics from its process by requiring that no political or election data be used in drawing districts.

Whatever additional changes need to be made, it would be good to have lawmakers such as Corrine Brown in support of the changes rather than fighting them. Right now, it's hard to see her efforts as anything more than job protection in the guise of something more noble.

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OPINION

**Taming The Wild
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Competition drives success

When the Berlin Wall came down, America saw the end of the menacing military, political and economic threat of the Soviet Union, and international communism. No ceremony of surrender took place. Occupied territory was given up, and new forms of government were established. Time to relax, to be less serious. Yet, it presented us with a huge new problem. But nobody saw it, and if they did it was ignored.

The end of communism opened the door to globalization on a grand scale and at speed, while removing many of the barriers to economic competition. It created competition for capital and jobs for Americans.

This meant Americans had to work harder just to stay even. We didn't fully grasp what was happening, didn't respond, even relaxed just when we needed to study harder, save more, rebuild our infrastructure and make ourselves more open to foreign talent.

Japan, China, Brazil and India had huge work ethics and powerful aspirations for prosperity. While we had known all about



AP FILE PHOTO

President Barack Obama meets with Congressional leadership in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington. From left are, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Va., House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif., House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, President Barack Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

cheap labor in the early years of our country, we had never had to deal with "cheap genius" at scale. All our references to labor dealings were toward Europe. We failed to realize that we are living in a new world to which we must adapt.

Just about all of those elected to political office in this country have never held a job in private industry where a provable production record is the main requirement for promotion and pay raises, advancement or important board and

committee jobs.

How can they know what to do to solve business problems? They mostly think that when out of work the government pays you until you are rehired. If the funds run out, extend them. When you don't understand the problem, you can't solve the problem, can you?

The "big four," our president, vice president and speakers of the House and Senate fit the bill perfectly.

CORNELIUS A. KELLY | Leesburg

YOUROPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The bills are due

Lake County government has been limping along for years underfunded. The population is growing, as are the needs of its citizenry for safety, security, convenience and quality education.

For years now, the county commissioners have said taxing is a sin as infrastructure continues to deteriorate before our, and their, eyes. Law enforcement has not had a raise in years. It is a wonder the employees don't revolt.

Will we ever catch up after years of neglect without a massive tax increase? Had we funded the actual and true needs of county government we would not now be at destitution's door.

When politicians and citizens rally around "no taxation," they are orchestrating the demise of government services and infrastructure. It is more costly to pull ourselves out of the hole than to avoid the hole in the first place.

If we want drivable roads, immediate emergency response, adequate law enforcement, and the best education for students, then we must pay the cost, continuously.

An analogy: It is far less costly to visit your physician regularly than to wait until you have to go to the emergency room or have major surgery.

County commissioners should either adequately fund county services or declare their aversion to it and let those who want good

services take their place.

CHOICE EDWARDS | Clermont

Vote no on medical pot

A great deal has been put out there regarding medicinal marijuana. Being an adult, I thought it was time I put my two cents in.

First and foremost, smoking is bad for you. If you aren't bright enough to realize this fact, then perhaps you may have sampled a few too many recreational drugs. The only smoking that is good for you is barbecue.

With apologies to Tim Dorsey, if Coleman were to open a "Stoner's BBQ" where ribs were smoked with medicinal marijuana, I suspect it might be tough to get in the door. Guess the only issue would be which happens first, you get full or they run out of food.

We have elected officials debating where to allow people to smoke this medicinal marijuana. Let me clue you in on some-

thing. Anyone who was ever a teenager can confirm that reefer can and will mess you up. At the very least, we are talking about impaired judgment. How can this be safe or even productive in a work environment?

Who gets to regulate and monitor this stuff? You are talking quantity, quality, availability, price and use.

This citizen knows this ballot measure should fail.

STEVE JENNELL | Eustis

The many faces of Crist

Michael Harris wrote a letter to the editor on June 29 in the *Daily Commercial*, saying not to trust Rick Scott.

He didn't mention Charlie Crist, but if there is a person not to trust it is Crist. Originally he ran as a Republican, but when he tried a second time to run he was defeated, so he decided to become a Libertarian.

Well, this didn't work either, so he decided to become a Democrat. How can we trust a person that can't decide what he is politically and what he stands for either?

He changes his stance on every issue based on what party he is representing. If there was ever a candidate we can't trust, it is Charlie Crist. We don't need what we have in Washington in our Florida government as well.

DAVID MOFFETT | Clermont

CALLING ALL VETERANS



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

GROVELAND

Greenhouse project provides organic produce

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The largest organic hydroponic greenhouse in Florida, covering 440,000 square feet, took root in Groveland about a year ago, said Hannah Wooten, OrganicaWorld's executive assistant for research and development.

The project, now in its construction phase on 120 acres at 3145 Austin Merritt Road, will be completed this fall. This first greenhouse, covering 5.5 acres, will allow 77,000 heads of lettuce

to be grown weekly. Eventually, 66 acres will house greenhouses that will each feature a different type of vegetable. Wooten said the second will be a tomato greenhouse.

"Our goal is to provide good food to the masses," Wooten said. "As of now, OrganicaWorld produce will be distributed through the big box stores, and we are sold out for the next two years."

Each 440,000-square-foot greenhouse will be engineered with cus-

tom growing systems that will hydroponically grow an array of organic vegetables, fruits, herbs and nutraceuticals.

OrganicaWorld's vision is to build one new greenhouse facility every 90 days and with it, bring different employment opportunities to the area. Wooten said the company will begin hiring in the fall and anticipates hiring about 100 employees for positions, including technicians and administrative personnel.

Wooten said OrganicaWorld's hope is to ex-

OrganicaWorld's vision is to build one new greenhouse facility every 90 days and with it, bring different employment opportunities to the area.

pand to other parts of Florida and throughout the United States. It also hopes build on existing relationships with Valencia College and the University of Florida, to introduce a learning program from internships to more intensive research projects.

She said it's part of the company's plan to share with others a unique way of growing vegetables. Perhaps the most unique of OrganicaWorld's techniques is the system the company uses for collecting rainwater and recycling it to water its vegetables, Wooten said.

"Our greenhouses will all be built in a way that rainwater can be captured on the rooftops of the greenhouses, captured and collected by four 500,000-gallon cistern systems," Wooten said. "It's fantastic for water conservation and essential in allow-

ing us to be able to recycle the water and nutrients needed to grow our vegetables in the most effective way possible."

Wooten said the process will be at its peak during rainy seasons when a lot of water can be collected and stored for later use in the cisterns.

And produce is not all OrganicaWorld has in store, because the remaining acres will be used for a super green feed facility where Wooten said the company will grow living animal feed to be sold

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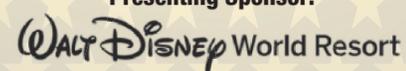
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of the interlocal service boundary agreement, which is between two government entities on providing services such as public safety and utilities.

Commissioners approved the ISBA, in a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Leslie Campione dissenting.

County and fire officials said the agreement will result in significant improvements in response time for city and county residents.

However, one critic questions whether the agreements put an undue financial burden on the county since the cities respond to county calls more often than the county responds to city calls.

County data for March shows that the Groveland Fire Department responded to 53 calls compared with Lake County Fire Rescue responding to 7.

Further, in April, the county responded to five fires in Groveland, compared with 40 the Groveland Fire Department responded to.

Lt. Brian Gamble, vice president of the Profes-

sional Firefighters of Lake County, said while he agreed the closest unit provides better service overall, he questioned providing compensation for the agreements.

"That is the thing that concerns me: the financial burden of compensation," he said. "Our budget is \$1 million short."

The county fire department has a \$1.2 million deficit to fill in order to keep 12 firefighters whose positions are funded by an expiring grant.

Gamble said within the last month the department cut quarterly training and the education budget.

"You have to look at what is the financial impact of the ISBA agreements," he said.

Jolliff said each agreement with a city will cost the county's fire department about \$40,000.

He said the agreements are still cost effective because they eliminate the need for the county to build new fire stations for about \$1 million apiece.

While Campione said she supported the automatic aid in the ISBA, she believed the ISBA boundary to be too

large, encouraging resi-

dential sprawl.

"It is not fair to require property owners and businesses to annex into the city until they are contiguous to the city limits, unless they agree to do so," she wrote in an email message.

Jim Hitt, Clermont's economic development director, said property owners have signed agreements, knowing they would be annexed.

"It brings property we are already servicing eventually into the city," he said.

"We are primarily looking at non-residential."

Clermont City Manager Darren Gray also said that while other cities have automatic aid agreements with the county, Clermont is the first city that will share a station with county firefighters.

Gray said he believes the partnership will reap many benefits for both the city and county.

"What it does for Clermont and its residents is provide a means for managed future growth. It also provides for the county's first joint city-county fire station. That partnership will enhance public safety so that it doesn't matter whose name is on the fire truck. It also enhances our inter-government communications and cooperation. By not duplicating services, it will save taxpayer dollars."

Clermont City Council members were scheduled to discuss the amended agreement on Tuesday and vote on it on Aug. 12.

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In addition, Wooten said the company will have a 5,400-square-foot facility complete with wet and dry research labs where a team of personnel, including doctors, technicians, scientists and research experts can perform their own experiments on new plants, growing, packaging and processing techniques.

Wooten said the company hopes to become the leader in the organic industry, an industry that she said is rapidly growing all over the world.

"We hope to become the world leader of hydroponic organic produce," Wooten said. "And we believe we are very unique all the way around not only because of our techniques but because of the scale of the entire operation."

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subject of several law enforcement studies, including the Force Science Research Center and it is routinely taught in law enforcement academics nationwide," said Forgie. "While no single rule can arbitrarily be used to determine when a particular level of force is lawful, the 21-foot rule has been demonstrated to be a reliable guideline to establish the reactionary curve of a law enforcement officer and when the use of lethal force is necessary."

Forgie added that the research center has concluded that relying upon a Taser when "defeating an edged weapon attacker is a serious mistake and could be disastrous if ineffective; leaving very little time, if any, to transition to the firearm."

As is standard protocol with many law enforcement agencies on officer involved shootings, the case was forwarded to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for review — and the review was forwarded to the State Attorney's Office.

The officer shot Saum just after 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 22. According to FDLE interviews, Saum's mother and grandmother said he had mental problems. They had initially called the Sheriff's Office to their home that morning in an attempt to get Saum to a mental health facility because he was acting strange and paranoid.

However, responding deputies

didn't believe Saum fit the criteria to be forced to a facility.

Later in the day, the grandmother called back saying that Saum had stated "I want to die," before he grabbed a kitchen knife, left the home, and repeatedly cut himself as he walked back and forth in front of the home.

Saum was treated on the scene after the shooting and was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center for his cuts and gunshot wound. The officers also were cleared of wrongdoing by the Sheriff's Office internal investigation.

The shooting was one of four this year by law enforcement in Lake County.

On July 12, deputies responding to reports of a suicidal man, shot to death the suspect, Harold F. Roudebush, 54, after he allegedly came out of the house holding a handgun under his chin and then leveled it at deputies.

■ On April 15, deputies shot Lynn Owen Burnett, 60, in the stomach after he allegedly leveled a rifle at them.

■ On Jan. 7, a Eustis detective shot to death 47-year-old Vernum Blunk after officers from Eustis and Leesburg police departments came to the suspect's home to talk about allegations of sexual misconduct with a child and possession of child pornography and Blunk allegedly pulled a gun on them.

Forgie said Friday that his office has not finished reviewing the three other law enforcement shootings.

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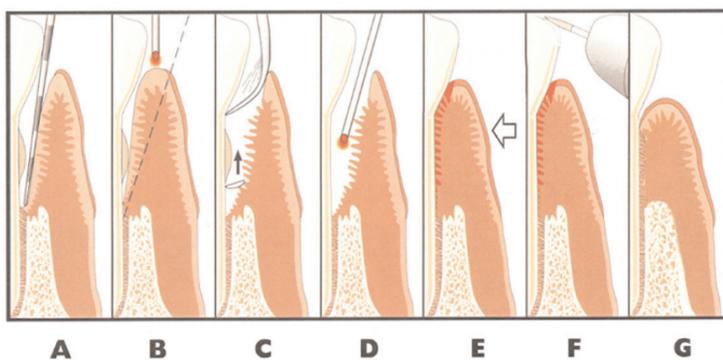
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GROVELAND

Historic hotel still closed, but tenants have been relocated

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Residents no longer walk the halls of the historic Lake David Hotel in Groveland, but the owner hopes to change that after the 107-year-old building was condemned last week.

Owner Greg Burrowes said he is working with the city on a plan to bring the building up to code after unsafe conditions were found when firefighters responded to a call in June about a ceiling caving in in one of the shared bathrooms in the facility.

Code enforcement officers followed up and reportedly found ex-

posed and uncoated wires near leaking water, no working fire alarms, no access to the second floor, unstable flooring near the balcony and fire escape, poor sanitary conditions and a flea and rat infestation.

Burrowes was given until July 11 to fix the problems or be shut down, leaving tenants — including a family with a son getting ready to enter into his senior year at South Lake High School, a few veterans, an elderly man and others — scrambling for accommodations.

The family and one man, Herbert Rhea, 70,

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George Rosario, a retired U.S. veteran and American Legion liaison, worked to mediate a solution between the city, the hotel owner and the residents.

IN MEMORY

DEATH NOTICES

Alexander Bauerle

Alexander Bauerle, 85, of Leesburg, died Sunday, July 13, 2014. Becker Funeral Home, Clermont.

Sharon Ann Bridgman

Sharon Ann Bridgman, 50, of Webster died on July 16, 2014. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Dr. Todd Philip Ginestra

Dr. Todd Philip Ginestra, 47, of Leesburg, died Wednesday July 16, 2014. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

Nathaniel Ladesic

Nathaniel Ladesic, 14, of Astor, died on July 17, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home — Astor.

Madeline Lawrence

Madeline Lawrence, 74, of Weirsdale, died Monday, July 7, 2014. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

Willard L. Levingston

Willard L. Levingston, 87, of Fruitland Park, died July 18, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

Carlos Ivan Maldonado

Carlos Ivan Maldonado, 57, of Lake Placid, died Thursday, July 10, 2014. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and

Cremations, Wildwood.

Margaret Jane Martin

Margaret Jane Martin, 93, of Tavares, died Saturday, July 12, 2014. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares.

Ross Montgomery

Ross Montgomery, 58, of Ocala, died Monday, July 7, 2014. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

Lila Jean Myers

Lila Jean Myers, age 90, of Tavares died on Saturday, July 19, 2014. Steverson Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations.

Jeffrey A. Starkweather

Jeffrey Allan Starkweather, 53, of Webster, died Friday, July 11, 2014. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Mildred M. Thomas

Mildred M. Thomas, 67, of Leesburg, died Thursday, July 10, 2014. Rocker-Cusack Mortuary, Leesburg.

Venia Mae Wheat

Venia Mae Wheat, 96, of Leesburg, died Sunday, July 13, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

Sharon M. Ybarra

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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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slept at a nearby park for at least one night.

Residents already had paid Burrowes their July rent and they worried when, or if, they would get their money back. In all, at least a dozen people were affected, including the property manager, who also lived on site.

George Rosario, a retired U.S. veteran and American Legion liaison, got involved and worked to mediate a solution between the city, the hotel owner and the residents.

The city ended up putting tenants up in a nearby hotel for a couple of nights, but, by Saturday, all had been permanently placed either by family members, friends or local organizations.

Rhea, however, boarded a Greyhound bus Monday and is headed to Ohio to stay with family.

On Saturday, Burrowes refunded every penny of what tenants had paid for their July rent, Rosario said.

Jones also verified that Burrowes agreed to reimburse the city for any money spent on hotel accommodations that transpired.

"I'm very happy that the tenants were taken care of and as for getting involved," Rosario said. "I felt like that for whatever reasons, God chose me for this mission. I'm a very religious person



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ABOVE: The hotel shows some relatively recent maintenance work on the upper balcony. BELOW: Hotel manager Steve Attinger is shown.

and seeing it (mission) to the end meant a lot to me personally."

City Manager Redmond Jones II said he felt the tenants were victims of the situation and praised his staff for helping him coordinate getting the tenants relocated.

"Despite having no legal obligation, the city staff showed what makes the city of Groveland a great organization," he said.

"Despite not being required, staff contacted several resources to aid and assist these residents in finding the resources they needed, including shelter."



Clermont still choosing firm for master planning

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The same committee that worked with Wilesmith Advertising and Design to develop the city of Clermont's new logo and tagline is considering two firms to head the city's master planning process.

City officials said this is the next step in a three-tier process to take Clermont forward, a process that started with a group of visioning sessions City Manager Darren Gray headed last summer to hear from residents, officials and business owners about the city's evolution over the next 20 years.

Participants were asked what they did and did not want to see in the branding process, which resulted in updating the city's motto and

tagline from "Gem of the Hills," to "Choice of Champions," a phrase more in line with the city's commitment to health, wellness and fitness.

In the master planning process, plans that will map out the city's vision for the foreseeable future will be developed by the selected company based on input from the visioning sessions as well as natural city progression.

The committee is made up of department heads chosen by Gray: Economic Development Director Jim Hitt, Police Chief Charles Broadway, city spokesperson Doris Bloodsworth, Development Services Director Barbara Hollerand and Environmental Services Director James Kinsler.

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All-Star game big for Lucroy, Lake County

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Jonathan Lucroy made history on July 15 in Minneapolis during Major League Baseball's annual All-Star game.

The former Umatilla High School standout became the first graduate from an area school to start — or play, for that matter — in baseball's midsummer classic.

And to top it all off, Lucroy proved he deserved to be in the starting lineup by cranking out a pair of doubles with two RBIs. In other words, he was responsible for plating 67 percent of the National League's runs in a 5-3 loss.

But, even more than that, Lucroy proved to every youth baseball player in Lake and Sumter counties that they can reach the big stage. Now if Milwaukee — where Lucroy plays catcher — can reach the World Series, the message he'll be sending will be immense.

When I was younger, too many years ago to boast about, I remember spending my summers on the sandlots in west Orange County. A group of us would get together and spend the day playing and — more importantly — pretending to be Bob Gibson or Hank Aaron or Willie Mays or Nolan Ryan.

That's all we had in those days. Every now and then, we'd learn of a player from Central Florida in the big leagues, but this was B.D. — Before Disney — and things were much different than they are nowadays.

In those days, you could drive miles and miles without hitting a traffic signal or a stop sign. Orange groves dotted the landscape and the Citrus Tower was THE tourist attraction.

But now, kids have Jonathan Lucroy!
 He's already accom-



FRANK JOLLEY
 SPORTS EDITOR

plished a lot of what was only a dream to most of us.

In many ways, July 15 was monumental for baseball in Lake and Sumter counties. It was bigger than any Leesburg Lightning game, although the Florida College Summer League was a stop for Lucroy on his journey to the big leagues.

Nothing against the Lightning, but how appropriate was it that Tuesday's game was rained out early enough that fans could get home for the National League player introductions?

The baseball gods of ten work in mysterious ways.

Baseball in Lake and Sumter counties reached the big leagues when Lucroy squatted behind the plate as Adam Wainwright's batterymate and called pitches for Derek Jeter's first at-bat in his final All-Star game. When Lucroy came to bat in the second inning and ripped a double to left, area baseball fans stood in unison and high-fived everyone in sight.

Lake County was a baseball haven. For a time, it even seemed like Lucroy had a shot at being named the game's Most Valuable Player. The likelihood of that happening wasn't good unless the National League won the game.

But, Lucroy was likely the only National League player who could've won the award.

What a great night for Jonathan Lucroy.

What a monumental night for Lake County baseball!

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A triathlete completes the swimming portion of a recent Great Floridian Triathlon as fans cheer. The triathlon was recognized as one the nation's most family friendly events by Triathlete Magazine.

GFT recognized by Triathlete

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A lot of factors make the Great Floridian Triathlon in Clermont one of the best in the country.

Not only does it feature challenging courses and waterfront parks, but it's family friendly as well.

So friendly in fact, *Triathlete* magazine named the GFT one of the top family-friendly events in the nation in its August edition.

Quick, head to the newsstands.

"It's always great to have any recognition like that," said Fred Sommer, president of Sommer Sports, which oversees the race. "It makes it a lot easier. You have to have family events in order to keep them busy and interested."

Sommer said what stands out the most at this race is its close proximity to entertainment, with major Orlando tourist attractions 30 minutes away.

The Great Floridian Endurance Festival, held in October, is also a spectator-friendly event that offers three triathlons, two aqua bikes, two relays, two road races and an open-water swim.

The GFT, which is Oct. 18 at 7:30 a.m. at Clermont Waterfront Park, includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

"We've received very positive feedback," Sommer said. "We've established a lot of participants."

That includes more than 400 volunteers from many Central Florida civic organizations.

The swim course is in Lake Minneola, where athletes will swim two laps of a 1.2 mile course. The bike course is a three-lap course covering 112 miles. The run course is a full marathon, a three-lap course covering the South Lake Trail.

To be eligible, participants must be age 18 and older on the day of the race and be part of a two- or three-person relay team.

Awards will be given to the top five overall finishers, top five active military, top masters finishers, top five finishers in each age group and the top five Clydesdale/Athena finishers (men 200 pounds, women 150 pounds) ages 18-39 and 40 and over.

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Players use All-Star game to prep for playoffs

ZACHARY HANKLE
 Special to the Daily Commercial

The Florida Collegiate Summer League's annual midseason break for its All-Star game and Home Run Derby at Sanford Memorial Stadium gave several members of the Leesburg Lightning an opportunity to showcase their skills for fans and

professional scouts. Leesburg had five representatives playing for the FCSL North team, which lost 11-8 to the South.

Players from Leesburg, DeLand and Sanford formed the North team, while Winter Park, Winter Garden and College Park made up the South team.

The Lightning had

three players — Shea Pierce, Brett Jones and Colby Lusignan — contributing at the plate for the North team, while pitchers Brandon Caples and Kyle Schackne stepped up on the mound.

Pierce, Jones and Lusignan were a combined 2-for-9 for the North with two runs scored, while Schackne

pitched a scoreless inning.

Despite the loss, Lightning players said they gained experience by playing in the All-Star game.

"It was great representing the Lightning in the game, but I was focused more on better understanding my opposition's tendencies," Pierce said.

Iron Jungle Weightlifting steps up at Sunshine State Games

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Following an impressive performance at the USA Weightlifting Youth National Championships recently, Lake County's Iron Jungle weightlifting club raised its game to a new level.

Iron Jungle, the only weightlifting team in Lake and Sumter counties, picked up six medals — three gold, one silver and two bronze — at the Sunshine State Games at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland.

Morgan Rhone, Alexis Smith and Jose Barajas won gold medals for the Iron Jungle. Katrina Lanier picked up a silver medal in her first meet with Iron Jungle, while Warren Brown and Alexandria Mitchell earned bronze medals for the club.

"Our ladies performed remarkably well at the Sunshine State Games, bringing home four medals," Iron Jungle coach Josh Boyer said. "But our male competitors



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSH BOYER

Iron Jungle weightlifting coach Josh Boyer, center, poses with club members, from left, Alexandria Mitchell, Katrina Lanier, Morgan Rhone and Alexis Smith. All four medaled recently at the Sunshine State Games.

did well too, with two medals. I'm very proud of our club as we continue to make progress toward becoming a nationally recognized organization."

Rhone, lifting in the Youth Division at 53 kilograms

(about 116 pounds), used the momentum she rode to a top-10 finish at the Youth National Championships to personal records in the Clean and Jerk, Snatch and total weight. She hit on five of her six lifts in both disciplines.

Rhone lifted 43 kilograms (95 pounds) in the Snatch and 57 kilograms (125 pounds) in the Clean and Jerk. She finished with a final combined total weight of 100 kilograms (220 pounds) for the club's first gold medal of the competition.

Smith hit on four of six lifts en route to her gold medal-winning effort. Competing in the Youth Division at 75 kilograms (165 pounds), Smith, like Rhone, finished with a total weight of 100 kilograms.

She had a personal best of 47 kilograms (103 pounds) in the Snatch and 53 kilograms (117 pounds) in the Clean and Jerk. After securing the gold medal, Smith attempted to establish a new personal mark with 58 kilograms (128 pounds).

Barajas, the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 1A state champion at 169 pounds, was the Iron Jungle's only gold medalist among its male lifters.

Competing in the Junior Division at 85 kilograms (187

pounds), Barajas hit a personal record Snatch of 97 kilograms (214 pounds) and 125 kilograms (275 pounds) in the Clean and Jerk for a total of 222 kilograms (489 pounds).

Lanier, competing in the Junior Division at 75 kilograms, picked up a silver medal in her first club meet. She hit on five of six lifts, hitting on 43 kilograms in the Snatch and 66 kilograms (145 pounds) in the Clean and Jerk for a total of 109 kilograms (240 pounds).

Mitchell, in her first club meet, earned a bronze medal in the Youth Division at 53 kilograms with a total weight of 66 kilograms (145 pounds). She hit on five of six lifts.

Warren Brown, who lifted in the Junior Division at 77 kilograms (170 pounds), nailed all six of his lifts with 84 kilograms (185 pounds) in the Snatch and 103 kilograms (227 pounds) in the Clean and Jerk, good for a total of 187 kilograms (412 pounds). All three totals were personal records.

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Clermont gospel singer Audra Jones is one of the top 20 finalists on Season 7 of BET's "Sunday Best," a reality gospel singing competition.

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Local singer a top 20 finalist in BET singing competition

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Clermont gospel singer Audra Jones, 38, has been singing since she was a child. "We have a tape of me singing when I was like 5 years old and I remember always singing through my childhood. I would sing at church with my dad and in high school, I would do a lot of pageants I would sing in," Jones said. For the past 15 years, Jones and her husband have led the worship choir at various churches and are now the

worship leaders at The Lord's House, a church in south Clermont near Four Corners. She was featured Sunday night on Season 7 of BET's "Sunday Best," a reality gospel singing competition. The prizes include a singing contract under host Kirk Franklin's label "Fo Yo Soul," cash and more. The judges on the show are Yolanda Adams, Donnie McClurkin and Kierra Sheard. Jones has also performed at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando for the past four years. Jones said she performed and sang in the role

of Mother Mary but had to quit to do "Sunday Best." Jones auditioned in Atlanta earlier this year. Sunday's show was the third episode of the season. Jones sang "The Battle is the Lord's" for her audition and "Because of Who You Are" on the first episode. "It's so awesome to be a part of this. I watch 'Sunday Best' all the time, and I was thrilled that they picked me to be on it after my audition," Jones said. "It's a good year. Everyone's great, so whichever way it goes in the end will be fine. I just know

that I've gotten really close with all the contestants and will be good friends with them forever and ever now." Those wishing to connect with Audra and show support can find her on Facebook under audrajones, on Instagram by using @audrasB7 or on Twitter using @audrasB7. "I was never a big user of social media before this, but ever since I got on the show, people from way back when I was in high school have been popping up to support me," Jones said. "It's been a great experience."

Meet Your NEIGHBOR

WHITNEY RIVERA



■ **HOMETOWN:** Clermont, originally from N.J.

■ **OCCUPATION:** Professional singer, Christian recording artist, actress at TBN's Holy Land Experience

■ **FAMILY:** David Rivera, husband of six years, and dog, Macy

What do you enjoy most about south Lake County?

What I enjoy most about south Lake County is the respect for God and family that I see strongly here. I love that some businesses are closed on Sundays, it's clean and quiet and I enjoy the small-town feel, even though it is growing quickly.

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

Love people, love family, love and serve God with all of your heart and be real.

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?

Sheila Ray Charles, daughter of legendary performer Ray Charles. I found it refreshing for someone with her name, who has grown up around fame, to be so humble, so down to earth and to love and respect people. I was impressed by her testimony of how Jesus delivered her from drugs and prison.

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

By using the gifts God has given me, it encourages people through their faith and restores their hope if they are facing a dark situation or challenge. When I get on stage and minister through music and word, it touches hearts and lives every day. It is only through the Lord that I am able to make such a powerful impact.

4) Name one of your greatest accomplishments so far.

Going on tour to India and singing to 30,000 people and seeing 1,000 come to Christ through our concerts there, and hosting on TBN television Disney's Night of Joy in 2012. Also receiving an IAAPA nominee for Best Female Performer, one of three females in the entire world of theme parks, including Disneyland Paris, Universal Japan, etc. And recording with Grammy award-winning producer, Dru Castro.

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Realtor competes in duathlon championships

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Diane Travis of Travis Realty in Clermont, who has been competing in duathlons since 1998, took part in the US Duathlon Nationals Saturday in St. Paul, Minn. On May 31 and June 30, Travis, 60, was in Pontevedra, Spain for the World Duathlon

Championship, where she took second place in her age group with a time of 1:22:46. In Minnesota, Travis was going for the gold. Her time and placement after Nationals will determine whether she qualifies for next year's world com-



TRAVIS

petition, set for October 2015 in Australia. "I never thought I would still be competing, but it's just so much fun," Travis said. "I get to travel all over the world with people and fellow athletes I've come to know. What can be better than

that? I'm blessed." Travis said she has always been athletic, having waterskied and played racquetball for years. Then she began attending the local duathlons put on by Sommer Sports in Clermont. Travis said she never knew about duathlons, which involve running and biking,

but once she caught wind of them, she started training. "Once I started, I never stopped," she said. According to the USA Triathlon 2014 National Championships website, the race distances for Saturday are as follows: Standard Distance: 4.6k run — 31.2k bike — 4.4k run; SEE DUATHLON | B3

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Ann Dupee
 REMEMBER WHEN

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B & W CANNING IS BACK IN BUSINESS

B & W Canning Co. in Groveland is "back in business" according to company president Bin Harmon. B & W began operations in 1943. Original partners were Gene Busby and Norton Wilkins. At the time it was basically an unloading station, buying bulk quantities of oranges brought in on small trucks. The citrus was then loaded on boxcars for shipment to other plants for processing.

Within a year, the company began its first attempts at canning citrus concentrate. In October 1946, B & W Canning took on a new challenge: canning fresh fruit. Joe Tootle set a record of 10,000 grapefruits peeled in a single day by a single worker. It's a record that most likely will never be broken as the company discontinued the processing in 1971. According to company officials, Joe's closest competition came from his wife, Ruby Tootle, a

43-year B & W employee who currently serves as supervisor of the blending and canning department. Today the original partners are long gone. B & W operates as a cooperative with approximately 19 grove owners/partners working together to process and sell their citrus product at a reasonable profit. Originally all the fruit processed through B & W was grown within a 35-mile radius of the plant. However, freezes in 1983 and 1985 —

not to mention a 1962 freeze almost as devastating — altered the company's standard operating procedures. After a drop from a high of 3 million boxes of citrus processed at B & W to a low of 600,000 boxes processed in 1987, the co-op began looking at alternatives and buying from growers across the state. According to Harmon, B & W expects to process 4 million boxes of citrus in 1989. Vice president is Dick Toole and General Man-

ager is Glenn Jones. A picture showed employees representing 117 years of B & W experience — Margaret Moulton, Joanne Bergstrom, Doris Rogers, Shirley McQuaig, Kathryn Maxham, Kay Frazier and Pam Bryant. Ruby Tootle had 43 years seniority. (Story by SLP staff reporter Terri Coole.) **BADCOCK HOME FURNISHING CENTER'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY SALE** Mrs. Joseph Muir was presented an Honorary SEE HISTORY | B3

HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS

Mission Inn spends \$1.5M on renovations, more to come

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Mission Inn Resort & Club has spent more than \$1.5 million in renovations over the last year and is planning additional work, according to Drew Toth, the resort's director of sales and marketing.

The 180 guest rooms at the hotel underwent total renovations, Toth said, including new décor, drapery, new or updated furniture, new flat screen televisions, upgraded Internet and Wi-Fi, new carpeting, new air conditioners and new sliding patio doors. Six suites also got all new furniture and renovations as well, and the three-bedroom penthouse also had a total makeover, Toth said.

"The whole visual look of the room has changed," he said.

The billiards room was updated and a meeting room was changed to a 1,000-square-foot hospitality room, Toth said. He added the parking lots have been resurfaced, the exteriors of buildings have been painted, and the air-conditioned



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Mission Inn employees provide food and beverages to guests at the Plaza de la Fontana.

pavilion on Lake Harris has been totally redone.

The renovations started last summer, Toth said.

"As the economy has been improving, we wanted to update the product for the guests and provide an up-to-date look, state-of-the-art Wi-Fi, for the guest experi-

ence," Toth said.

The resort is also planning on updating public restrooms on the property, giving the pool area a major face-lift, and replacing the outdoor canopy areas off the lobby, according to Toth.

He said there has been an increased emphasis on group

sales and weddings, and the renovations combined with expansion of the sales team has brought groups to Lake County. He added they have more than 600 events a year at the property, including corporate and association meetings, weddings, proms and business meetings.

"It's going to increase the number of those, as well as the caliber of that type of business to the county," Toth said.

Howey-in-the-Hills Mayor Chris Sears said as the town's downtown has started to build out he has talked to merchants and they are seeing business from the resort.

"They're seeing some stop-by business of people that are going to Mission Inn that stop by and check out our market or get their hair done in town or their nails done in town," Sears said. "That business passing through town certainly (has) helped our downtown merchants."

This is the 50th year the resort has been owned by the same family, according to Toth.

"When you think of Howey-in-the-Hills, you think of Mission Inn. It's almost synonymous," Sears said. "They've certainly been a great partner with the town over those years and I think we're both looking forward to the growth that we're both seeing in the near future here."

Mission Inn has 350 employees, Toth said.

HISTORY FROM PAGE B2

Membership Certificate for her many years of service to the Clermont Garden Club at the annual meeting and luncheon at Mount Dora's Lakeside Inn. The United States Fencing Championships are being held in Orlando and may be the last major ap-

pearance of last year's intercollegiate Fencer of the Year. Groveland's David Hitchcock will set his competition aside to complete an assignment with the U.S. Marine Corps, trading swords for wings.

David attended Groveland Middle School, graduated from a private high school in Texas and recently received his commission from the U.S. Naval Academy.

DUATHLON FROM PAGE B2

Sprint Distance: 2.9k run — 20.8k bike — 2.7k run.

Travis said when she returns, she will jump right back into

campaign mode. She's vying for Seat 5 on Clermont's City Council.

The primary election for that race is Aug. 26 and Travis is running against opponents Tim Murry and Dr. Thomas Spencer.

The seat is currently held by Council-

man Rick VanWagner, who is now running for mayor.

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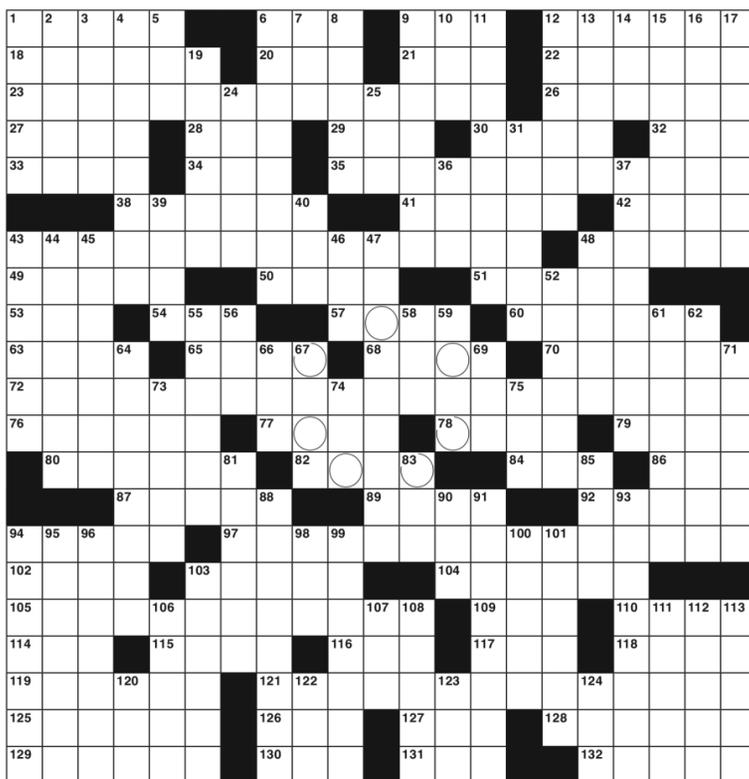
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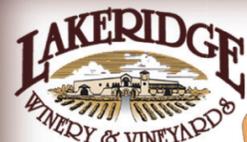
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