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Edgar Arevalo, a student in Bill Barto's advanced auto body class at East Ridge High School, installs a bolt on a 1972 El Camino.

### CLERMONT

## Road named in memory of soldier

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The mother of Army Specialist Alex Miller, who was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2009, was honored with a plaque and learned that a highway in Clermont would be renamed in her son's honor.

The resolution is in accordance to Senate Bill 820 that was introduced by Representative Larry Metz and passed during the 2014 Legislative Session.

"It's wonderful. I met with Representative Metz a couple of years ago when he told me what he was doing and I was definitely open to it," Susan Miller said. "It's really nice to see that it's happening now, because it represents us knowing he (her son Alex Miller)

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### CLERMONT

## From wreck to reward

Car restored by East Ridge auto class is named 'hottest Nissan'

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When students in Bill Barto's auto body shop class at East Ridge High School first set eyes on a Nissan 350Z he brought in, they saw a race-worn vehicle held together with duct tape and plastic straps.

But when an estimated 100,000 people view the restored drift car at the prestigious Specialty Equipment Market Association Show in Las Vegas next month, they'll see the vehicle named "hottest Nissan" at the 2014 Red Bull Global Rallycross event in August at Daytona International Speedway, where the fixed-up Braille Battery concept car was unveiled.

As a former drag racer, even Barto had doubts about the restoration project. He knew it would be a challenge for a professional auto body shop, let alone a bunch of teenagers in his auto-

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The Braille Battery concept car was unveiled last month at the 2014 Red Bull Global Rallycross event at Daytona International Speedway.

### CLERMONT

## Council to look at who leads prayers

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Clermont City Attorney Dan Mantzaris has been directed by the city council to draft a plan for holding prayers before government meetings.

The directive comes after a request earlier in the month when Clermont resident Choice Edwards asked the council to eliminate any prayers before council meetings and simply open with "Welcome."

At that meeting, Edwards said prayers didn't belong at city meetings because they could violate the rights of those who held different beliefs.

Although Edwards told council members he had asked the same of the Winter Garden City Council and it had complied, the Clermont Council agreed it would continue to open meetings with prayer.

The council did agree, as a result of a Supreme Court ruling on the matter earlier this year, to look at inviting local clergy or individuals who represent a church entity, regardless of their denomination, to perform the invocation instead of a member of the council.

## Four-car pileup in Clermont leaves no serious injuries

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A four-car accident at the intersection of U.S. Highway 27 and Hook Street that sent at least three people to the hospital was a sight to see last Wednesday morning.

According to Clermont police officials, a dump truck rear-ended a white Ford Pool Tech van, which hit a blue Chrysler van, which then hit a Ford sedan at the traffic light at U.S. 27 and Hook.

The impact lifted the van onto its nose and into the blue Chrysler, leaving the back of the white

van sticking straight up in the air. Police Sgt. Shane Strickland said could not believe what he saw when he passed the scene, especially since no one was seriously hurt.

"In all the years I've been doing this, I've never seen that happen in a crash," Strickland said.

Strickland said the crash may have looked more serious to passersby, but there were no entrapments or serious injuries, he said.

Three people were transported to a South Lake Hospital's Emergency Room with non-life-threatening injuries, but the others, including the

driver of the pool truck, were treated at the scene.

Traffic, however, was backed up at the intersection and two roads were closed for about one to two hours — the ramp off State Road 50 and U.S. Highway 27.

A Hazmat crew was also called to the scene because of spillage from chemicals in the pool truck — chlorine and muriatic acid, mixed with gasoline and other vehicle fluids.

"It was mitigated," Strickland said of the spill.

Strickland said one citation was issued, though it was unclear on preliminary reports to which driver it was given.



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An accident involving four vehicles is seen Sept. 24 at the intersection of U.S. Highway 27 and Hook Street in Clermont.



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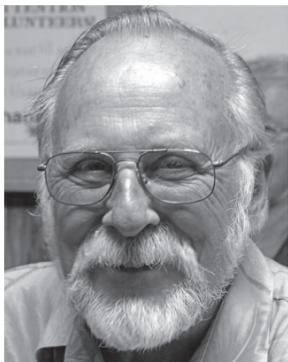


# Word on the Street

What south Lake residents are saying about ...

## BEES

"Are bees welcome in your backyard?"



"Yes. We have a garden and there's a problem with bees. We're not getting enough pollination."  
**LARRY RESCOE**  
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"Yes, for flower pollination."  
**TIM LOUCKS**  
GROVELAND



"Yes, as long as they don't sting me. Actually, bees are important."  
**MIKE RADZIK**  
GROVELAND



"Yes, why not? I think it's part of the ecosystem. We gotta have them."  
**EDELL HERNANDEZ**  
GROVELAND

## SOUTH LAKE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TODAY

Today is the deadline for artists competing for prizes in the 8th annual Downtown Clermont Art Festival of Fine Art and Fine Crafts in November. Works judged to be the best across five categories will be awarded cash including the Best of Show. Categories are: Fine Art 2-D, Fine Art 3-D, Photography, Sculpture and Fine Craft. Go to [www.clermontdowntownpartnership.com](http://www.clermontdowntownpartnership.com) for information.

### FRIDAY

Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre, 7 p.m. at Congregation Sinai. Call 352-243-5353 or go to [www.congregation-sinai.org](http://www.congregation-sinai.org) for tickets and information. The church is located at 303A N. U.S. Highway 27 in Minneola.

### SATURDAY

Downtown Clermont merchants are seeking vendors to participate in the Fall Vintage Market and Garden Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features shabby chic items, home décor and food. For vendor information, call 352-404-9904 or go to [www.Clermontmerchants.com](http://www.Clermontmerchants.com) for an application.

The Clermont Garden Club will offer a Fun with Flowers Workshop with Maureen Tauber offering tips on contemporary design and demonstration. Materials will be supplied. The class, from 10 a.m. to noon, will be at the Garden Center, 849 West Ave., in Clermont and is limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$15 and must be prepaid. Call 352-432-5568 for information and reservations.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church will host a Blessing of the Animals event on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi at 11 a.m. at the church, 574 W. Montrose St., in Clermont. The first 100 animals will receive a St. Francis medal for their collar. Representatives from South Lake Animal League will be present with adoptable pets. Donations can be made to the league at the event. Call 352-394-3855 or email [saintmatthiasfl@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthiasfl@gmail.com).

Yom Kippur will be observed at 10 a.m. at Congregation Sinai, with Yiskor at noon, Minchah service at 5 p.m. and Nila service followed by Break the Fast at 6 p.m. Call 352-243-5353 or go to [www.congregation-sinai.org](http://www.congregation-sinai.org) for tickets and information. The church is located at 303A N. U.S. Highway 27 in Minneola.

### SUNDAY

Windermere Union Church, 10710 Park Ridge-Gotha Road, will host its annual community-wide interfaith candlelight service in observance of National Mental Illness Awareness Week at 6 p.m. For information, call the church at 407-876-2112 or go to [www.windermereunion.org](http://www.windermereunion.org).

### MONDAY

Opera at the Library is at 1:45 p.m., featuring Camille Saint-Saens' Samon et Dalila (Samson and Delilah) at the Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive in Clermont, Room 108B. Call 352-536-2275, ext. 617.

### TUESDAY

Cooper Music Series presents Autumn Tones, a free concert from 4-6 p.m. at Cooper Memorial Library, with classical guitarist Joshua Englert. The library is at 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive. For information, call the library at 352-536-2275.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

Colored Pencil Classes with Pat Lentine, a signature member of the Colored Pencil Society of America, at South Lake Art League, 776 W. Montrose St., downtown Clermont, beginning Oct. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Class fee is \$100, and participants must register in advance. Contact Pat Lentine at [pat@patlentine.com](mailto:pat@patlentine.com) for details.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 10

The Kiwanis Club of Clermont will host the 18th annual Oakley Seaver Memorial Golf Tournament at 1 p.m. at the Legends

Golf and Country Club, 1700 Legendary Blvd., in Clermont. Proceeds benefit scholarship funds for high school seniors. For information or to register, call Harold Cummings at 352-394-6098.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 11

The Moonlight Players will host Through the Years, a gala fundraising celebration honoring the group's 20th anniversary, at 6:30 p.m., 735 W. Minneola St. in downtown Clermont. Events include a tour, cocktail hour and a comedic remembrance of Moonlight's past. The event features dinner, dessert and a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 and must be reserved by calling 352-319-1116. For information, go to [www.moonlightplayers.com](http://www.moonlightplayers.com).

Low-cost pet vaccinations can be purchased at Irish Trails Farm & Pet Supply, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 102 S. U.S. Highway 27 in Clermont. Call 352-243-0924.

Pastfinders Genealogical Society annual Family History Open House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive in Clermont. This is an opportunity to meet with others who are eager to help with ancestor searches. Go to [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com) or call 352-242-9805 for information.

The Cagan Crossings Friends of the Library are sponsoring a chess tournament beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the Cagan Crossings Library. Entry fee is \$30 in advance or \$40 cash only at the door. Grand Master fees will be waived. Call Herb Pilgrim at the library at 352-243-1840 or email [librarychessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:librarychessclub@yahoo.com).

### FRIDAY, OCT. 17

The Moonlight Players, in association with the Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation, will present "Seasons," an original musical play written by local playwrights Elaine Pachacek and Katie Hammond. "Seasons" will be presented for one weekend only, Oct. 17-19, with per-

formances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. A portion of the weekend's show proceeds will go to the Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation. The theater is located at 735 W. Minneola St. in downtown Clermont. Ticket prices are \$18 for adults and \$15 for children. Call 352-319-1116 for reservations, or go to [www.moonlightplayers.com](http://www.moonlightplayers.com).

### SATURDAY, OCT. 18

A three-day Scott Mattlin impressionist oils workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will run Oct. 18-20 at the Cagan Art Studio, 16640 Cagan Crossings Blvd., in Clermont. For information or to reserve a seat, go to [www.ButterflyKisses-Studio.com](http://www.ButterflyKisses-Studio.com), call Kathie Camara at 352-241-6407 or email [alkathyc@juno.com](mailto:alkathyc@juno.com).

Low-cost pet vaccinations can be purchased from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Tractor Supply store, 6801 State Road 50 in Groveland. Call 352-429-2502 for details.

The Clermont Music Festival is from 2 to 10 p.m. in downtown Clermont with local musicians and artists, a kids zone, food trucks and vendors. For information, call 407-583-3461.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 19

The Garden Theatre in Winter Garden will begin hosting auditions for its self-produced spring musical "Peter Pan" at the Garden Theatre, 160 W. Plant St. The presentation will run May 1-31. To audition, RSVP by email at [auditions@gardentheatre.org](mailto:auditions@gardentheatre.org) with your preferred audition date. For audition information, go to [gardentheatre.org/auditions](http://gardentheatre.org/auditions).

### SUNDAY, OCT. 26

Low-cost pet vaccinations can be purchased from noon to 4 p.m. at Irish Trails Farm & Pet Supply, 102 S. U.S. Highway 27 in Clermont. Call 352-243-0924.

To place an item on the calendar, send an email to [pam.fenimore@dailycommercial.com](mailto:pam.fenimore@dailycommercial.com).

## South Lake in Brief

### SOUTH LAKE

#### Bomb hoaxes disrupt three schools

The Lake County Sheriff's Office said three schools in south Lake County were disrupted by bomb threats this morning. A fourth school was evacuated because of its close proximity to one of the others that had received a threat.

According to department spokesman Sgt. James Vachon, someone called a bomb threat in to Clermont Middle School and then Gray Middle School, hours after South Lake High School was evacuated because of a threatening call at 8:15 a.m. Cypress Ridge Elementary was also placed on lockdown since it is located directly across the street from Clermont Middle.

At South Lake High School, Silver Eagle Road, the only road leading into the school was closed immediately following the threat. No one was allowed onto the road going west, whether they were parents or residents of the neighborhoods near the school.

Little by little, however, some residents trying to get home or parents who had heard of the incident or who had received calls or texts from students began lining both sides of the road and the turning lane onto Silver Eagle Road, where they waited until they got clearing from officials at 12:46 p.m. when it was announced that the matter had been resolved.

Officials found no explosive devices at any of the schools.

### GROVELAND

#### Man accused of having sex with middle school student

A 19-year-old Groveland man was arrested Monday on accusations that he repeatedly had sex with a middle school student.

Fred Anthony Cahuaya was charged with lewd and lascivious battery on a victim less than 16 years old. He remained in the Lake County Jail Wednesday in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

According to an arrest affidavit, the victim goes to a middle school in Clermont. The parents reported to Lake County sheriff's deputies last week they discovered texts on the child's cell phone alluding to episodes of sexual intercourse with Cahuaya.

The victim and Cahuaya allegedly told detectives investigating the case they had sex at least four times, including in her bed and in the woods.

Cahuaya allegedly admitted to detectives that he knew the girl's age, that she was a middle school student and "what he did was wrong."

According to the sheriff's website, Cahuaya's previous arrests include grand theft auto and retail theft.



CAHUAYA

### MASCOTTE

#### Collision with oak tree severs car, kills 1

A single-vehicle accident near Mascotte early Saturday morning ripped a 2008 Nissan Altima in half, killed one young man and sent three others to area hospitals, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

Markie Conley, 21, of Clermont, died at the scene.

The crash occurred about 2 a.m. on Lee Road near the intersection of State Road 50. According to FHP Sgt. Kim Montes, Stanley Evans, 21, of Groveland, was driving the Altima north on Lee Road when he failed to stop at the intersection. Lee Road does not continue north of the highway but a long driveway, next to a fenced pasture, does.

Montes said the Altima continued down the driveway until the left rear of the car clipped a palm tree. The impact caused the Altima to spin and its right side slammed into a large oak tree. The force of this second impact tore the vehicle into two pieces.

Conley was thrown from the vehicle after it hit the oak tree, Montes said.

Evans received serious injuries and was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center, along with seriously injured passenger Tevin Hart, 20, of Groveland. A third passenger, Earl Graham, 21, of Clermont, was taken to South Lake Hospital with minor injuries.

Hart and Graham were on the track team last year at South Lake High School.

### GROVELAND

#### City to refund \$100K in utility overcharges

Groveland will refund approximately \$100,000 in overcharged utility fees because of a clerical error, officials say.

The error was made following city council meetings on Aug. 4 and Aug. 8, when the board voted to adopt a new fee schedule that included several service fee hikes, such as water meter installations.

"The fee that was calculated was the fee associated with installing a meter from the main to the house being built, when in fact, a portion of that fee is paid by impact fees the city receives," City Manager Redmond Jones explained.

Another miscalculation involved fees charged when utility lines were connected to houses, he added.

The council met last week to discuss how to handle the situation. Mayor Tim Loucks said he felt the overages constituted an emergency.

## LOST LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TERRIFIC KIDS



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Terrific Kids at Lost Lake Elementary School sponsored by the Clermont Kiwanis are: Kindergarten: Morgan Justiss, Shane George, Sophia Matos, Loralie Brecheite, Yadriel Bravo, Alyssa Allen and Caleb Walker. First Grade: Heather Ford, Johnson, Grady Prinzek, Kaley Robinette, Fatima Josecine, Julia Vo, Keaton Scholer and Andrew Gilbert. Second Grade: Mallory Fricker, Aalaysia Polen, Maleekah Shafik, Larvell Bailey, Cayden Peters, Breyana Puckett, Montserrat Gamez, Ethan Harris and Ryan Clark. Third Grade: Ayiana Alcaide, Jonathan Coto, Kaitlynn Gray, Marleena Adair, Luciana Vidal, Emmanuella Joseph, Isabella Ceccucci, Jacob Molnar and Diego Molina. Fourth Grade: Jocelyn Michel, Nayla Abdalla, Camila Maldonado, Maya Daley, Aaliyah Gonzalez, David Plummer, Alexandra Macdonald and George Adjei Pisare. Fifth Grade: Arelyana Galvan, Kenrick Bradford, Farwa Ayaz, Jodie Lin, Kylie Hernandez, Andrea Rendon, Landon Wright and Angela Vivanco.



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GROVELAND

# CM Racing hosts first event in Lake

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After more than seven months of waiting, the CM Box Car Racing's first soap box derby in Lake County rolled out its first soap box derby event Saturday in Groveland.

Founder John Bomm funded the race and most of the cars, which he built himself with his tax return, so that any child interested could participate for free. Individuals and businesses from the nine cities represented in Saturday's race sponsored the cars.

"I'm trying to make these kids and their families happy. That's why I'm doing this. I've built these cars for these children," Bomm said.

The race, held at a stretch of Wilson Lake Parkway between the Cherry Lake and Trilogy communities, went well, with one exception: the road was not steep enough and there were no tailwinds to help reach the speeds Bomm and his crew were hoping for.

"It was a little slow today, but that's OK. It's working out well for being our first race, and I think the kids are still excited about being here," said Bomm, who will explore other locations for December's derby.

The starting ramps were elevated Saturday morning after the first cars could not make it to the finish line, and the races continued.

"This has been a blast. We were here at 5:30 a.m. to get everything ready and folks started coming in as early as 6 a.m.," Groveland City Manager Redmond Jones said. "There's a lot of excitement here today. The kids are loving it and you can just see the smiles on their faces and that's awesome."

Patricia Batts, of Montverde, said she is glad the



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Lemiyah Garbutt comes off the ramp during her first heat of the derby.

*"I'm trying to make these kids and their families happy. That's why I'm doing this. I've built these cars for these children."*

John Bomm

opportunity was made available to the kids in the area.

"It's a fun, nice experience and it gets the kids outside and active," she said, adding that her and her husband are considering purchasing the car their daughter Ava, 7, has been using.

Ava wrecked her soap box during practice, but that didn't stop her from giving it another go.

"I felt excited until my first practice run when I wrecked, then I got a little scared but I decided to go back and do it again," Ava

said. "I had fun and, to me, when it goes slow, it's kind of funny."

Food and concessions were available and for those who missed Saturday's activities, there are more races to come, Bomm said.

Bomm plans to offer an old-school race with area scouts in December and a race dubbed "Super Kids" for children with special needs in March 2015.

There are more races being planned and in the future, Bomm plans to start building adult-sized cars.

"I've never been to a box-car race, but they're exciting. I think that Groveland may become the boxcar racing capital of Florida," said Groveland Mayor Tim Loucks, who was at the race. "I raced motorcycles in my younger days until I broke too many bones, so my first question for John (Bomm) today was, 'Do they make these (cars) in adult sizes?'"

Bomm said sponsors are needed for future races. For information, contact Bomm at 352-708-4207 or send an email to cmbboxcar-racing@gmail.com.

## Clermont's Fire Prevention Team recognized for service

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Clermont officials have designated the week of Oct. 5-11 as Fire Prevention Week 2014.

The designation comes after the Clermont Fire Department's Fire Prevention Team was awarded the 2013 Life Safety Achievement Award — and a banner — from Grinnel Mutual Reinsurance Company and the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation.

"Since 1994, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized fire departments for recording outstanding fire safety statistics and implementing effective prevention programs during the preceding calendar year," said a city staff report summarizing a letter letting the Clermont station know their fire prevention team was being honored.

A proclamation issued by Clermont officials last week recognized the team as well with

the designation of Fire Prevention Week 2014.

"Whereas Clermont's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education and whereas the Fire Prevention Week 2014 theme 'Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!' effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give you the time to get out safely..." the Clermont Proclamation reads.

An assistant fire chief of the Clermont Fire Department said the recognition awarded them by the Fire Prevention Bureau was for the 2013 calendar year. It was based on having had no fatalities or serious property loss because of fires in the last 12 months.

"We're extremely proud of our Fire Prevention team. The greatest award is knowing you may have prevented the loss of life and property," Clermont Fire Chief Carle Bishop said.

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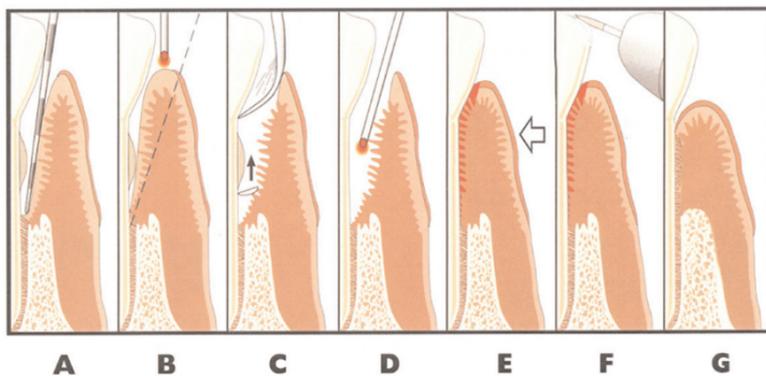
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OURVIEW

Lake EMS grade should be 'incomplete'

The Lake County Emergency Medical Services board of directors recently evaluated the agency's executive director, Jerry Smith, and Smith fared very well indeed.

Smith received good marks from the board members, and a few of them rated him as "exceeds expectations" on the annual review.

Yet the sterling evaluation comes at a time when Lake EMS is working to improve response times that are considered well below national standards.

In 2013, the county clerk of courts reviewed EMS and issued 12 recommendations for improving the ambulance service. Several of those had to do with response times. A follow-up review released in August found that just four recommendations were implemented, two were partially implemented and six were not implemented.

At the heart of the audit was the issue of response times.

The National Fire Protection Association requires that first responders arrive within 8 minutes to 90 percent of the incidents to which they respond. From January through March, however, Lake EMS ambulances were taking an average of 22 minutes to get to calls in rural areas, 12 minutes and 52 seconds in suburban areas and 9 minutes and 45 seconds in urban areas, the clerk's review concluded.

For its part, Lake EMS says it is working on plans to bring down the response times and is already making some headway. The clerk's auditor, however, believes EMS is not moving fast enough.

It is notable that Smith did not create these problems. He inherited them and was hired to fix them. Without question, the EMS board and the Lake County Commission should give him the time and resources to do that.

Still, we have to wonder why the EMS board is so quick to applaud an agency for success that has yet to materialize.

While there is some disagreement about how poor the response times are, there is general agreement that they are not what they should be. It also has been reported that some stations in the county do not have round-the-clock ambulance coverage.

Lake Emergency Medical Services' budget for fiscal year 2015 includes \$1 million for ambulances and equipment, a 3-percent increase in salaries and funding for a new data analyst and an associate medical director. However, Smith did not include money to staff all the agency's ambulances around the clock, a decision that drew criticism from the local firefighters union.

Six of Lake EMS's 19 ambulances operate just 13 hours a day, including the one in the Four Corners area of south Lake.

Further, Smith is reluctant to even consider merging the ambulance service with the county fire department as so many counties around Florida are doing successfully.

There is some incongruity, then, between the EMS board's rave reviews of the executive director and the performance of the agency itself. We're perplexed why the board would rate Smith so highly, given that response times lag, Smith is adding administrators instead of paramedics to his staff and he refuses to look at more efficient and cost-effective ways of doing business.

It would seem that a grade of "incomplete" would be more appropriate than "exceeds expectations."

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OPINION



LETTER of the WEEK



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Consider impact of prayer at public meetings

The debate over prayer at secular meetings finally came to the Clermont City Council meeting. The first debate on the issue occurred on June 28, 1787 in Philadelphia at the Constitutional Convention of our founding fathers.

The debate was opened when Ben Franklin made a passionate plea and a motion to open the sessions of the convention with a prayer. The motion was seconded by Roger Sherman. Edmund Randolph added an amendment for

the prayers to begin July 4.

Alexander Hamilton argued that it would send the wrong message that man could not solve their problems without divine help. Also, it would bring some disagreements to the convention floor. Some argued prayer would do as much good as ill.

George Washington was presiding and adjourned the meeting without a vote being taken on the motion, thus allowing it to die. Ben Franklin later wrote on the back of his amendment that, except for three or four of the delegates, there was no support for the amendment.

The sessions continued without an opening prayer, and they wrote the first constitution in the world without a single mention of God or Almighty, and the first truly secular constitution.

The Clermont Council members should consider the impact a Christian prayer at every meeting in a religiously diverse community has on their religiously minority constituents. Does having a Christian prayer cause some ill will? Do they care if it does? Also, how would they react to a non-Christian prayer?

MARVIN JACOBSON | Clermont

YOUROPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How you can affect climate change

Last Sunday, hundreds of thousands marched throughout the world demanding action on climate change. One hundred twenty world leaders gathered in New York for the United Nations Summit on Climate Change. What can we do?

A 2006 U.N. report estimated that meat production accounts for 18 percent of manmade greenhouse gases. A 2009 article in the respected World Watch magazine suggested that the contribution may be closer to 50 percent.

The meat industry generates carbon dioxide by burning forests to create animal pastures and by combustion of fossil fuels to confine, feed, transport and slaughter animals. The much more damaging methane and nitrous oxide are discharged from digestive tracts of cattle and from animal waste cesspools, respectively.

In an environmentally sustainable world, wind, solar and other pollution-free energy sources must gradually replace polluting fossil fuels. Similarly, vegetables, fruits, nuts and grains must replace polluting meat and dairy products. The large variety of widely available plant-based entrees, lunch meats, veggie burgers, cheeses and ice creams can certainly help.

Our next trip to the supermarket is a great opportunity to start the transition to a sustainable world. Our favorite Internet search engine offers ample product lists, recipes and dietary tips.

SPLANK LOSTERTHAN | Clermont

Amendment 1 will increase taxes

Environmental groups are loudly proclaiming that Amendment 1 does not increase taxes, so everyone should agree to support this amendment. That's misleading at best, dishonest at worst. What will really happen is that everyone's local property taxes will increase.

Conservation land is state-owned property and it cannot be taxed by counties and cities. The reality is that county property tax revenue falls, and individual and business property taxes must rise to make up the difference. Proof of the impact is evident in Florida's counties that have the most conservation land within their boundaries. Ninety-seven percent of Monroe County is conservation land, and it has the highest property taxes in the state. Monroe is followed closely by Collier and Franklin counties, which also have some of the state's highest property taxes.

As the amount of taxable, privately owned land decreases and non-taxable, state-owned land increases, property taxes must rise to meet the needs of schools, fire and safety services, sanitary services, administration costs, etc. Property owners get stuck making up the difference with increased property taxes.

The idea that the state can own more and more conservation land and that it is a free way to save land for people and wildlife is not true. There is a cost. There is always a cost, and Florida's residents will pay for it in increased property taxes. Amendment 1 just shifts the cost from one taxpayer pocket to another. Vote no on Amendment 1.

ANDY DUBOIS | Howey-in-the-Hills

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.



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Clermont firefighters push the new engine into the fire station.

# Clermont fire station dedicates new pumper

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Firefighters at the main fire station in Clermont welcomed their new pumper last week with a “wet down” ceremony dating back to the 1800s.

This is the first time the ceremony has been performed locally, according to Assistant Fire Chief Joe Silvestris, who said the department is trying to instill more tradition, a sense of ownership, pride and a feeling of family into the department.

“I actually came from a department prior where

there wasn't much tradition, so I can tell you from my own experience that it makes a difference,” said newly hired firefighter Bruce Wisniewski. “When you come to a station that has pride in their trucks, pride in the department and pride in their city, it makes you feel like you belong.”

For the ceremony, firefighters transferred water from an older fire truck to the new one. Station firefighters then washed the new truck before all firefighters in attendance pushed it back into the station's bay.

A history by Hollywood Fire & Rescue, distributed to ceremony attendees, said the ritual dates back to the late 1800s, when horse-drawn pumpers were used throughout the nation's fire service. It is said the horses commissioned for service were washed along with the pumper at their newly assigned firehouse. The pumper was then backed into the firehouse bay and the horse fitted with its harness, officially placing the company in service.

The Class 1, 1250 GPM pumper, which holds 500 gallons of water, was purchased for \$350,000.

## CLERMONT

# Community Foundation looks to broaden its mission

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For nearly 20 years, the mission of the Community Foundation of South Lake has been the same: to assist local nonprofit organizations so they can continue to help people.

Over the years, the foundation has awarded many smaller grants (under \$5,000), but since January, when Bryan Williams took over as executive director, a bigger opportunity was realized. The foundation now offers grants over \$50,000 and is working with more businesses, individuals and organizations to spread the money around to more people.

“The Community Foundation is a central part for a lot of things that happen in the community,” Williams said. “Sometimes that takes different organizations working together, getting larger grants for programs, that can tie together various organizations that champion the same cause.”

At the foundation, the nonprofits still looking for smaller grants can come in and use its facilities, which includes a database of grants available across the United States. Consultants are also available for help with strategic planning.

The foundation this year is even hosting its inaugural “Philanthropy Day” on Oct. 21 at Trilogy, 100 Falling Acorn Ave. in Groveland, designed to introduce the idea of social entrepreneurship, a hybrid between nonprofit and for-profit opportunities.

There, the foundation will also recognize local philanthropists by giving awards for Corporate Philanthropist, Individual Philanthropist and Non Profit of the Year. Nominations for potential award recipients are being accepted through Oct. 10 at the foundation.

In addition, local nonprofit leaders and board members interested in attending the foundations' event and listening to the speakers at Philanthropy Day need to register before the event, which is capped at 100 people.

Keynote speakers scheduled for the event include Congressman Daniel Webster and former NBA Magic

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information, or to register for a spot on the attendance list for the Foundation's Philanthropy Day, call 352-394-3818 or go to [www.cfslc.org](http://www.cfslc.org).

basketball player Pat Burke, who are both active in philanthropic ventures.

“The Community Foundation was established in 1995 here and will be celebrating 20 years in the com-

munity,” Williams said. “We want to continue providing the programs and means necessary to grow and sustain the not-for-profits, and flow money back into the community,” Williams said.

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# Protection dogs show off their stuff in Groveland

LINDA CHARLTON  
Special to the South Lake Press

The Southeast Regional Schutzhund Championships and Field Trials were held in Groveland over the weekend, featuring about a dozen highly trained German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois and one Rottweiler.

The dogs competed in obedience, protection and tracking exercises, basically covering all the skills that would be required of a traditional police dog. The tracking exercise was originally slated for Sunday morning in Zellwood, but the host farm had flooded fields, so the exercise was moved to a field in Villa City.

Amanda Hoskinson of the Central Florida Police and Working Dog Club was the hostess for the weekend, as most of the competition was held at her farm in Groveland. She says she tries to have at least two events a year there.

“I started in AKC obedience and breed shows and that kind of led me in the direction of the sport,” Hoskinson said during a break in the action on Saturday.

Speaking of the host club, she says “we have about 20 members from all around, including some out of state members who are world-class competitors. They like to be around fellow competitors. And the weather helps.”

Jay Petitti of West Palm describes his entry into schutzhund as “by mistake.”

“I was replacing a dog and I wanted a protection dog for my wife, so I got a

French mastiff,” Petitti says. “While still a puppy I brought him to Mike Lorraine for training. I saw the work he was doing with police dogs and I said ‘that’s what I want.’ I let the mastiff become a pet and got a German shepherd puppy. I’ve been striving ever since to do the best with him. He’s seven. That’s old for a working dog. He’s taken me places I would never have gone without him. We just came back from Finland, where we placed 11th out of about 100 dogs in the world.”

Schutzhund (also known as IPO) is a sport developed in Germany in the early 20th Century as a means of perpetuating skills and traits long associated with the German shepherd.

The championship just held in Groveland was for the Southeast Kreisgruppen (local region) of DVG America, which is a geographical region (LV) of the German Association of Working Dog Sport Clubs.

But the trials and championships are not limited to the traditional police dog breeds. As the DVG America Web site states, “If your dog can do the sport, we accept it.”

The winner of this weekend's championship was Mike Lorraine, with his dog Bruiser. All the competitors in the regional championship are eligible to go onto the national championship, but Lorraine gets some financial help him get there.

There are two schutzhund clubs in Lake County: Central Florida Police and Working Dog Club (Groveland) and High Drive Schutzhund Club (Umatilla). For information, go to [www.sekgonline.com](http://www.sekgonline.com).



Lorraine Cincotta of Dade City and her dog Juri compete in the tracking portion of the schutzhund event in a field off of Villa City Road on Sunday morning. Juri was not competing against the other dogs in the southeast championship, but was performing to receive his schutzhund 2 rating.

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TAVARES

# Residents applaud rejection of gas station

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Rick Ault worked for more than a year to rally support against a proposed country store and gas station in the Green Swamp, determined an area of "statewide environmental value."

He was ecstatic on Sept. 23 when Lake County commissioners voted 5-0 to deny a land-use request for the project at Lakeshore Drive and Hull Road.

The applicant, Joseph Dougherty, withdrew his application after strong opposition from residents in neighboring communities surrounding the proposed property. Even so, Commission Chairman Jimmy Conner said it was important for the board to vote on the proposed land use.

Commissioner Sean Parks, whose district includes where the country store would be located, made a motion to deny the request, citing safety concerns as a factor in his decision.

He also said in order to put a plan in place for a Lakeshore commercial corridor, it is important to get input from residents on what the plan should look like.

"We have to be planning for the next generation," he said. "If we are putting these plans through a community-based plan approach, a lot of these issues can be addressed. We have not done that and failed at that, I believe."

After the meeting, Ault said he was ecstatic and encouraged by comments made by Parks.

"... There is a right way to do this and it starts by working with your neighbors," Ault said, adding Dougherty's plans blindsided residents.

"He advertised an organic market and filed for a gas station," Ault said. "Nobody wants the lights, noise or litter generated by a gas station right outside their window."

More than 50 residents spoke in opposition to the project, emphasizing another gas station is not needed, and would invite more crime and traffic to an area where there have been numerous accidents. They also took exception to putting a gas station in the Green Swamp, an area designated as "critical concern."

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Queen bees are shown in their cells.

GROVELAND

# Honey farm raises, ships bees across the United States

LINDA CHARLTON  
Special to the South Lake Press

About 20 people recently crowded into a Lake Louisa State Park meeting room for a rare up-close-and-personal view into the operations of Groveland's Mixsa Honey Farm.

The farm is located within the city limits, and creates its own little agricultural enclave, complete with orange trees. Aerial views that Ted Mixsa showed during his presentation demonstrate that the farm physically has changed very little since the days when citrus was king.

The presentation was part of the monthly Friends of Lake Louisa educational series, and was held at the park's administration building. For some guests, it was simply a pleasant night out, but for others, such as David Nunlist, the presentation was a bit more personal.

"I love bees," he said. "I

work in a native plant nursery in Winter Garden, so the bees tie right in."

At Mixsa Honey Farm, which has been in the Groveland area for 58 years, queen bees are the focus. Mixsa is one of a relatively small number of companies supplying high quality queens to beekeepers.

They raise nine different strains of queens and ship to all 48 contiguous states, according to Mixsa. The supply of queens is vital to beekeepers battling the effects of Colony Collapse Disorder.

"It is disheartening," Mixsa said. "A lot of our customers, they are struggling. We are thriving."

Family-owned Mixsa Farm produces 300,000 queen cells, 40,000 mated queens and a variable number of starter bee hives each year. Their mated queens are booked a year in

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advance.

The queens cells (virgin queens, just matured) have a shorter turnaround time, so customers generally do not have as long a wait to get some. The starter hives are to an extent a byproduct of the queen production, so the supply varies.

Mixsa Farm has been operating at capacity since before the bee industry fell into crisis. The farm is not experiencing any major health problems with its bees, according to Mixsa.

"We couldn't keep up before," Mixsa said. "Now we really can't keep up."

Mixsa is a third-generation beekeeper. His grandfather, Andrew, initially bought a small piece of property in Mascotte so his bees would have a warm place to winter. Andrew stimulated the production of new queens the most natural way — splitting a colony in two so the second colony would make its own queen.

Ted's father, David, still

quite active in the business, learned more modern techniques for producing queens while in college in the 1960s.

Whether the queens are produced naturally or grafted, queens and worker bees are genetically the same. A worker bee develops in a small cell and is fed royal jelly, a highly concentrated protein produced by the worker bees, for three days. A queen bee develops in a much larger cell (becoming a larger bee) and is fed royal jelly for her entire pupating period.

When a colony is queenless, the workers will simply lay one or more eggs in large cells and provide a generous supply of royal jelly.

When David Mixsa and others at the farm graft queens, they remove larvae from worker cells (larvae must be still on the royal jelly diet) and place them in queen starter cells (special plastic cups), in which some royal jelly has already been placed.

The process requires precision — the larvae can drown if they end up in the jelly instead of on it.



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Ted Mixsa holds some of the trays that form the bases of the honeycomb.

## STATION FROM PAGE A6

T.J. Fish, executive director of the Lake Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization, said the traffic volumes on Lakeshore Drive "are very heavy for a two-lane constrained roadway."

There were 76 accidents on Lakeshore Drive between 2010 and 2014, according to crash data prepared by Lake-Sumter MPO.

The plan called for amending the county's Comprehensive Plan to include a rural support corridor, which would be 60 acres in size, comprising multiple parcels.

Miranda Fitzgerald, representing Dougherty, said the area has become urbanized and has been underserved by commercial land uses.

"The staff has recognized that," she said referring to the county staff. "They have tried to put in place an area that would have limited commercial use. The idea is to have a country market theme. This is not a rural area, except for the name rural in land use designation."

But Bernie Woody, a resident living in the area of pro-

posed development, took issue with the term rural.

"I don't refer to our area as rural, rather residential," he said. "That residential area has remained a sanctuary to protect us from the negative aspects of growth we have to deal with. Mr. Dougherty is entitled to disregard the entire community. As elected members, I don't think you have that privilege."

Mark McNealy, who also lives in the area, had concerns about crime increasing as a result of another gas station.

There is another gas station, a Circle K, within a quarter mile of the proposed country store, county officials confirmed.

"I am extremely concerned and even scared of what my dream will become if the property separated by me, by one thin wall, is rezoned and becomes another Circle K," McNealy said.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office was called out 163 times since 2011 to the Circle K on Kingfisher Drive, for incidents including theft, verbal disturbances, fights, suspicious vehicles, drug calls and trespassing, according to Lt. John Herrell, a spokesman for the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

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#### NEWBORN CARE CLASS

November 4, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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October 1, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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October 8, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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**IN MEMORY**

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Marjorie Ruth Abrams**

Marjorie Ruth Abrams, 64, of The Villages, died Sept. 27, 2014. Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg, is handling arrangements.

**Navena Brown**

Navena Brown, 81, of Wildwood, died Sunday,

September 21, 2014. Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood.

**Terry Lee Bruno**

Terry Lee Bruno, 54, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

**Dennis Darwood**

Dennis Darwood, 29, of

Apopka, died Thursday, September 18, 2014. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs.

**Harold Leon Dimock**

Harold Leon Dimock, 72, of Umatilla died Thursday, September 25, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

**Joyce Kronk**

Joyce Kronk, 74, of Tavares, died Monday, Septem-

ber 22, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

**Luise A. Kuhn**

Luise A. Kuhn, 75, of The Villages, died Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

**Jacqueline Sue Leonard**

Jacqueline (Jackie) Sue

Leonard, 61, of Mount Dora, died Monday, September 22, 2014. Central Florida Cremation, Tavares.

**Mauricio L. Livingston**

Mauricio L. Livingston, 32, Coleman, died Wednesday, September 24, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

**Denver Tillman Norris**

Denver Tillman Norris, 58, of Umatilla, died Wednesday, September 17,

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Carl Screws, 89, of Leesburg, died Monday, September 22, 2014. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

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## RESTORE

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**Bill Barto, center, provides guidance while Ayanna Chase-Richards, left, and Kyle Wofford work on the hood of a car.**

motive collision, repair and refinishing program. "We were wondering why (the car) was in our shop," 17-year-old Austin Rose said. "We were thinking maybe the pieces were going to be stored somewhere because of how bad it looked ... We cut so many zip ties and pieces of duct tape off that car." Barto, however, assured his students the restoration could be done.

"The students really got into it and did a great job on the car, and we did it with zero dollars by getting local companies to donate all the materials and tools necessary to get the job done," he said. "The students worked on it and painted it in pieces."

Barto already had a great working relationship with Universal Technical Institute in Orlando and, as a result, with Sarasota-based Braille Battery. The car had been sitting in a warehouse for three years and company officials, who had heard ERHS had one of the most advanced high school body shop classes in the nation, gave the project to Barto.

"We only had small pieces left of the front bumper and one of the rear fenders was completely missing," said Braille car designer Ray Ferreira. "There was no way we had the time to try and reconstruct all of this fiberglass bodywork, but I called Bill and asked if his students would be up for the challenge, and in no time we were hauling the car to the school for a complete makeover."

Braille Battery's president, Blake Fuller, said in a press release that he was impressed with the students' skill level.

"I must be the luckiest guy in the world. This is not work for me. This is my hobby shop," Barto said, calling the restoration proj-

ect "a huge boost of confidence" for the kids.

The wide-body Nissan 350Z had endured two years of drift racing, after which both rear fenders were destroyed and the front end consisted only of shredded pieces of fiberglass after impact with a concrete wall. But it was taken out of retirement last year when the 2013 X Games inspired a new future for the car.

The new X Games sport, Gymkhana Grid, was the brainchild of rally car champion Ken Block.

Seven students who worked on the car last year are back in the program this year. They are excited to hear that the car is being seen at such high-profile places.

"We hear something new

almost every day about it," 17-year-old Ayanna Chase-Richards said. "I think most people love it and are surprised that high school students could restore a car like that from what it was to what it is now."

Edgar Arevall, also 17, said they were rushed to restore the car but the experience was exciting.

"Just to think that the car was sitting in a warehouse — retired — until we brought it back to life is so cool," he said.

Barto said he even saw a picture of the car in *Hot Rod* magazine and, once again, felt disbelief that the project was a resounding success.

"We are riding along on this wave. It's unreal," he said.

## SOLDIER

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will never be forgotten."

The portion of road to that will be named for Miller will be called Specialist Alexander Miller Memorial Highway. It spans State Road 50 between U.S. Highway 27 and Hancock Road.

The Clermont proclamation, read to those in attendance at a city council meeting this week, talked a little about Miller.

"Army Specialist Alexander Miller was a Clermont resident born on December 30, 1987. He attended East Ridge High School. He died at the age of 21 on July 31, 2009, in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan, from wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with rocket-prop-

elled grenades and small-arms fire," the proclamation reads. "He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (light infantry), Fort Drum, New York and Specialist Alexander Miller was well respected by his peers, teachers and community, and loved eternally by his close friends and family and Specialist Alexander Miller gave his young life in the service of his country and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery."

The council was required to vote to approve the proclamation since the road is within Clermont's City limits.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

In the Senate bill, the Florida Department of Transportation was directed to "erect suitable markers," reflecting the name designation of the road.



**Clermont Mayor Hal Turville presents Susan Miller a proclamation honoring her son, Army Specialist Alex Miller, who was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2009. The city also named a portion of State Road 50 between U.S. Highway 27 and Hancock Road in honor of Alex Miller.**

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# SPORTS

## SOUTH LAKE 28, EUSTIS 0



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South Lake senior Kevin Evans (22) is pulled down by Eustis sophomore Billy Brett during Friday's game in Groveland.

# South Lake rolls

## Eagles remain undefeated with help of strong defense



FRANK JOLLEY | Sports Editor  
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In this day and age, when high-powered offenses are the norm rather than the exception, efficiency often gets overlooked.

The South Lake High School football team reminded everyone on Friday that a blue-collar attack can be just as flashy as offensive pyrotechnics.

South Lake ground out 171 yards rushing on 41 attempts and used a stifling defense in the red zone to pick up a 28-0 win against Eustis and remain

undefeated on the season. The Eagles' 5-0 start is the best start in recent memory.

"I definitely liked the way our defense played," South Lake coach Mark Woolum said. "We had some big stands inside the 10 (yard line) and our kids played their hearts out and with a lot of passion. Defensively, we held a pretty good team to no points, so I'm really proud of that. On offense, I was real pleased in the first half, but we got a little sloppy in the second half, so we'll have to keep working to get better with that."

South Lake looked for an early score on its first possession. Following a bad snap on a punt attempt by Eustis, which gave the Eagles the ball on the Panthers' 27-yard line, South Lake moved inside the 10 yard line on four plays.

On a first-and-goal from the 5, however, running back Chuckie Hutchinson fumbled and Eustis recovered to snuff out the potential score.

The Eagles defense responded by forcing a Eustis another punt attempt, but South Lake blocked it and needed only three plays to score on a 17-yard run by Hutchinson. It was the first of three South Lake touchdowns off Eustis miscues.

In the second quarter, South Lake quarterback Nick Guidetti scored on a 5-yard run to give the Eagles a 14-0 lead at the intermission.

Following a scoreless third

## WEEK 6 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW

**EAST RIDGE (0-5) AT WINTER PARK LAKE HOWELL (0-5)**

**7 p.m., Thursday**  
With the exception of East Ridge, all of south Lake County's high school football teams are off this week.

Winter Park Lake Howell is coached by Dave Wensel, who was an assistant coach at East Ridge during Bud O'Hara's 11 years at the helm.

Both teams enter Thursday's game in similar straits. The Knights and Silver Hawks are winless and struggling on offense.

East Ridge has not scored in its last three games and have tallied only 16 points on the season. Winter Park Lake Howell has been shut out twice this season.

Because of the offense's woes, both teams' defensive units have spent an inordinate amount of time on the field and tend to wear down over the course of a game.

East Ridge coach Ashour Peera believes his team is making progress as it continues to settle into a new system. Quarterback Hunter Bush completed 10 passes in Friday's loss to Orlando Oak Ridge and Peera said tight end Mike Turner had a breakout performance.

Peera also praised punter Zach Block, who averaged nearly 48 yards per kick.



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East Ridge junior Danny Morris (6) tries to dodge a tackle during a game on Sept. 12.

## WEEK 5 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

ORLANDO

### First Academy Royals top Montverde Academy 44-31

In Friday's matchup between the Montverde Eagles and the First Academy Royals, the Eagles came up short.

The Eagles put up impressive numbers on offense but it wasn't enough to combat the Royals' offense to edge out the win.

It was a big ground game for both offenses last night as there wasn't a single passing touchdown in the game. Camron Barnes had 4 rushing touchdowns for the Eagles.

Jordan Pouncey scored a 50 yard defensive touchdown for the Eagles but the defense was pretty quiet for them the entire night giving up 41 points.

Eagles' Special teams also allowed a kickoff return for a touchdown.

The Eagles (0-3) do not have a game this week. They will be on the road to take on Daytona Beach Father Lopez on Oct. 10.



ABOVE: Eustis junior Tyric Reed makes a carry. TOP: South Lake quarterback Nick Guidetti throws the ball.

## LAKE MINNEOLA 35, MOUNT DORA 19

# Hawks snap 3-game losing streak

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MOUNT DORA — What a difference a year makes.

A year after being blown out by Mount Dora, Lake Minneola returned the favor.

Jesse Fiske completed 13 of 18 passes for 145 yards and a touchdown, leading the Hawks to a 35-19 win over the Hurricanes on Sept. 25.

Fiske added 116 yards on 10 carries, including a 37-yard touchdown run in the second quarter to help snap a three-

game losing streak for Lake Minneola (2-3).

The Hawks' defense, which gave up an average of 45 points a game during the losing streak, picked off Mount Dora quarterback Zach Dickinson three times.

The last interception went for a touchdown, as Noah Montgomery went 70 yards for the pick-6 to extend Lake Minneola's lead to 35-7 with 7:18 left in the game. On the previous series, Lake Minneola's running back Desmond Johnson capped off the nine-play drive with a 2-yard touchdown run.

Johnson finished with 93 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries. He scored on a 70-yard run on his first carry in the second half to make it 21-7.

His counterpart, Willie Brown, rushed for 244 yards and a touchdown on 30 carries. He added a 15-yard touchdown reception as time expired.

Dickinson, who threw for 98 yards and a touchdown on 9 of 18 passing, scored the game's first points when he ran in from five yards out with 1:01 left in the first

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Lake Minneola junior Bryndan Mccoy (22) reaches the ball over the goal line for a touchdown at the end of the first half of a game against Mount Dora High School on Sept. 25.

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# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

## MASCOTTE ELEMENTARY CHARTER TERRIFIC KIDS



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Terrific Kids at Mascotte Elementary Charter for September are: Hailee Hanes, Zanyjah Patrick, Skye England, Brenda Armas, Abigail Jimenez, Mary De La Rosa, Brianna Crawford, Brooklin Seaver, Julissa Barco, Jayden Santiago Valentina Carpena, Alexandria Watson, Evelyn Hill, Christi Moya, Hunter Tinkey, Roberto Lamas, Alegandro Saldivar, Lavinia Conard, Mia Rodriguez, Anthony Reveron, Jacqueline Villalobos, Mariah Martinez, Angelis Diaz, Tad Hawkins, Mia Whitley, Luis Sanchez, Carlos Sanchez, Jorge Raya, Cesar Morales, Jessica Saldivar, Faith McClain, Stephanie Saavedra-Razo, Jonathon Green, Eric Ryon, Jazlynne Luna, Allison Jones, Pedro Ramirez, Priscila Rubio, Diana Rico, Valeria Rolon Mercado, Diamond Mosley, Victor Cruz, Jayro Garcia, Miranda Singh, Maria Lopez Vasquez and Anett Mejia. Kiwanian Mr. Thomas, Alan Garcia and Principal Wayne Cockcroft are also pictured.

## TOASTMASTER GREATS



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The Clermont Toastmasters awarded, from left, Barbara Amato, best table topics; Gordie Allen, best speaker; Tom Stone, best evaluator; Pauline Williams, most improved and Dr. Thomas Spencer, club president, at the June 2 meeting. Clermont Toastmasters meet every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the SDA Church, 100 Minnehaha Ave., Clermont. Call 352-234-6495 for information.

## LT. GOVERNOR GUEST AT MEETING



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Reaghan Wooster, left, newly appointed Kiwanis Division 9 Key Club Lt. Governor, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Clermont in August. Wooster is a junior at Tavares High School and attended both district and international conventions.

## MONTVERDE LOWER SCHOOL SUPPORTS BACK TO SCHOOL IS COOL



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At the lower school assembly on Sept. 8, students presented a collection of school supply donations to Julie Hulley, founder of Back to School is COOL, a Lake County nonprofit in Minneola that provides support for homeless and underprivileged students. The donations were collected through the Montverde Academy Lower School Supply Drive held Sept. 2-5. The annual lower school philanthropy project encourages the entire Montverde Academy community to donate school necessities including notebooks, folders, backpacks and other items to aid disadvantaged students. For information, call 407-575-7999 or go to [www.backtoschool.org](http://www.backtoschool.org).

## FROM THE FILES | 5 EARS AGO – 2009

# Reliving history through pages of the South Lake Press

Clermont begins its 125th anniversary celebration, Friday, Oct 16, at the South Lake Chamber of Commerce breakfast at Jenkins Auditorium in historic downtown Clermont with a slide show and narrative recap of the city's colorful 125-year history.

Among the many events planned for the next two weeks is a tour of historical homes and buildings, some located at the Historical Village overlooking Lake Minneola downtown and others still standing in their original locations.

### CWC BUILDING ON NATIONAL REGISTER

One such building is the Clermont Woman's Club building located at 655 Broome Street just east of Lake Avenue. It is the only

building in Clermont listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Miriam Johnson, who co-authored the historical book, "Clermont – Gem of the Hills," lobbied the state to make the designation. She researched old copies of the South Lake Press and other newspapers and conducted numerous interviews with longtime local residents for documentation.

The one-story, T-shaped frame building that rests on brick pilings is listed in the Register, not for its architectural significance – which was compromised by the addition of aluminum siding – but for its social importance in Clermont's history.

Clermont's first schoolhouse, started in 1881, was

a hunting cabin near Jack's Lake.

Clermont's second schoolhouse was a one-room building, built in the late 1880's on the Broome Street site. It was enlarged to two rooms in 1913-14. The children carried drinking water from Lake Winona in a tin bucket. Heat was from a wood stove. Sanitary facilities were outdoor privies.

On December 28, 1923, a new one-room building, designed by architect George Hartford, was built on that one day on the former schoolhouse site by the Unity Club, a men's organization that predates the Kiwanis Club of Clermont.

It was intended for a motor camp for tourists, with the building serving as a

shelter, but was only in operation for one brief tourist season. It closed because of many criticisms.

In 1921 a group of women organized the Clermont Civic Club to "promote a higher moral and social condition and a general spirit of improvement in Clermont and vicinity. It incorporated in 1922. The Civic Club met at Cooper Memorial Library on DeSoto Street the first two years until it purchased the Broome Street building from the Unity Club in 1924. The building had a kitchen, laundry, shower bath and recreation room.

On June 3, 1925 the Civic Club obtained a 5-year lease of lots to improve the property, including the Motor Camp House and ground. The lease was to



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draw \$1 per year in advance and taxes assessed against the property to be paid by the Civic Club.

In the spring of 1927, there was evidenced a desire to broaden the scope of the Civic Club and that the club be organized into a Woman's Club. On April 5, 1927, the Constitution and By-laws for a Woman's Club were adopted and final arrangements made to transfer all Civic Club business to the Clermont Woman's Club.

Prior to the clubhouse

opening in the fall of 1927, considerable effort had been made toward securing a permanent Club home. Sites had been investigated and various called meetings were held to hear reports of special committees.

At a called meeting on July 13, 1927, it was voted to remodel the building at 655 Broome Street. The city offered to place at the Club's disposal the building and two lots for a Club home. It was also voted to re-lease the present site and remodel the building sufficiently to the needs of that time.

In the summer of 1927 the building space was doubled by adding a wing to the south that provided

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## Meet Your NEIGHBOR

### BRYAN WILLIAMS



■ **HOMETOWN:** Winter Park

■ **OCCUPATION:** Executive director of the Community Foundation of South Lake

■ **FAMILY:** Wife, Rachel, and two children, Brooke, who will be turning three in December, and Brady, who is one.

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

The topography is certainly unique to Florida, and as someone who enjoys the outdoors, the lakes and trails are something as a family we can enjoy. But it's the people that make this a great place to live. Our family has received such a warm welcome from the community and I meet people every day who are dedicated to making south Lake a wonderful place.

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

Together, people can change the world, but the biggest impediment to large-scale change is taking huge goals and breaking them into small, manageable pieces.

#### 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?

The best thing about my job is that I get to work with people who inspire me every day. Most of these people work relatively unknown in our community but are dedicated to doing their part to help people (or animals) in need. Recently, in a meeting with Cheryl Fishel from Pig on the Pond, she started to tear up when talking about a student that their event enabled to go to college. It is easy to see why Cheryl and everyone involved with Pig on the Pond put in so many hours to plan the event. It's a great event for a great cause run by people who are dedicated to its mission and the south Lake community.

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

Our organization and board of directors are committed to ensuring that resources are used effectively in the community.

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haven't yet?

Change the world. That might seem like a crazy, outlandish thing to say but we are in an incredible time when social entrepreneurship is changing how capital is being utilized in a merging of profits and social change. One of my favorite quotes is by Bryan Stevenson, "You don't change the world with the ideas in your head, you change it with the conviction in your heart." A group of citizens dedicated to change can generate incredible impact. And I've already met some of those people here in south Lake. It's just a matter of bringing people together and finding the resources.

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

Find a passion and give. Give time, talent, or treasure. People don't realize the power they hold to create change locally. Every person has a unique set of skills and expertise which could be very valuable to a local organization. Or if you have been blessed financially, consider giving money. There are ways to gain significant tax advantages by investing in local organizations. The Community Foundation can help people identify where talents or money can best be utilized.

Although we are a nonprofit, we are not one in the traditional sense. We are a funder and intermediary, helping flow resources from philanthropic individuals or companies to nonprofits while working with them to make sure their programs are effective. We identify key community needs and help find the resources to move the needle on these issues. We are also beginning to work closely with the Chamber to find ways we can invest in local businesses and economic development.

**Name one of your greatest accomplishments so far.**

Family is deeply important to me, so my biggest accomplishment would be my incredible wife and my beautiful, healthy kids. As an animal lover, my second biggest accomplishment would be starting a low cost spay/neuter clinic in Daytona Beach working for the Halifax Humane Society. The clinic has performed over 20,000 low cost and free surgeries since opening in 2012. I also won a gold medal for Team USA in the Junior Pan American games when I was sixteen, which was a really cool experience.

**What's something you've always wanted to do but**

# CHIEF BROADWAY NAMED OUTSTANDING CITIZEN



Alan Garcia, left, president of the Kiwanis Club of Clermont poses with Clermont Police Chief Charles Broadway at a recent Kiwanis meeting, where he was presented with the club's Outstanding Citizen Award. Broadway, a former college football player and New York City Police detective, was one of the many responders at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Prior to his appointment as Clermont's top cop, he was a special agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. He has led a number of initiatives, including the city manager's Downtown-Waterfront Task Force. Broadway and the Clermont Police Department have hosted numerous community relations efforts including raising money for Special Olympics Florida, where he was chosen out of all the law enforcement officers in the state to carry the torch into the state Summer Games. He also hosted the first World Police Soccer Championships.

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ample room for meetings, dining room and kitchen facilities at a cost of \$1,600. The site was leased for 25 years at \$1.00 per year. The Woman's Club was incorporated on September 28, 1927. The first meeting was held the first Tuesday of October when the remodeling was completed. (The first Tuesday meeting day continues to this day.) During the early years the Club met twice a month in addition to monthly board meetings. Sometimes the second meeting was an evening meeting and husbands

were invited to attend.

December 28, 1927, President Mrs. A.D. Fleishman received official notification of the Clermont Woman's Club's election as a new member of the Florida Federation of Woman's Club.

On December 10, 1945, a lease was executed by the City of Clermont to give the Club a 99-year lease on Lots 8, 9 and 10 Block 73, City of Clermont. The lease expires in December 2045.

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In 1938 the Woman's Club assumed sponsorship and ran Cooper Memorial Library until 1952. Dues for residents were \$1.00 per year, tourists here for less than six months paid

50 cents. The city maintained the physical upkeep of the library property. (The Woman's Club continues active support of the library and sponsored a study room in the new building which opened August 17, 2009, on the Lake Sumter Community College campus on Oakley Seaver Drive.)

During World War II the Club worked hard for the war effort and allowed officers of the 363rd Signal Corps stationed in the Clermont area to use its building for an Officer's Club.

On April 3, 1950 a Junior Woman's Club was formed with privileges of the building as well as some responsibilities. The "Juniors" continue to meet monthly at

the clubhouse.

It was reported on February 2, 1951, that the \$1,500 mortgage note on repairs to the building were paid off.

In 1977 the Club celebrated its 50th anniversary and the building was refurbished with aluminum siding and extensive interior decorating.

Members of the Clermont Woman's Club will be on site during the Historical tours to greet visitors and explain the history. Copies of the "Clermont - Gem of the Hills" book and the new historical, pictorial 15-month calendar produced by the Friends of the Library will be available for purchase. Proceeds from all sales benefit Cooper Memorial Library.

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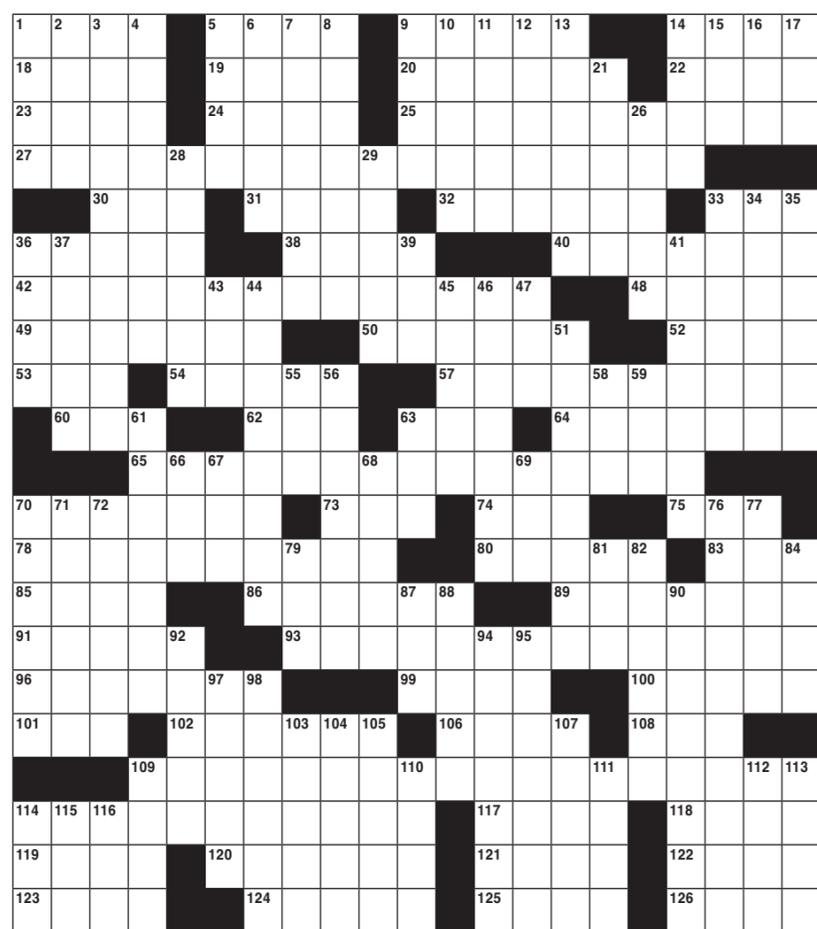
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## LAKE AND SUMTER'S TOP 10 SPORTS PROGRAMS

## Lake Minneola becomes one of state's best in 3 years

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Unfinished business. That's the motto this season for the Lake Minneola boys basketball team.

Only fitting for the Hawks, "The Little Engine That Could" who surprised everybody last season by advancing all the way to Class 6A state championship with a roster that didn't have a starter over 6-foot-3.

Lake Minneola finished state runner-up, losing 60-44 against Miami Norland.

Despite the loss, the Hawks' playoff run was something coach Freddie Cole will never forget.

"It was special, that's for

sure," Cole said. "The way those guys played was exciting to watch."

Cole described the reaction from the community and the school as being "very supportive."

And even though his team surprised a lot of people, Cole knew his players had it in them.

"I didn't tell them, but if they continued to play the way they did, I expected us to be able to get to the Final Four," Cole added. "I felt like with the talent that we had and the experience that we had, and if they continued to play the way they played over the summer going into that season, I didn't see a reason why

they wouldn't be able to get there as long as they stayed healthy."

This season the Hawks want to go all the way.

"That's the mindset coming in," Lake Minneola coach Freddie Cole said. "We're expecting to go back and we're expecting to win it this year. We've put in the work and we know what it takes to get there. It's just one of those things of just staying focused, staying humble and staying healthy. As long as those things stay in order, we're trusting to believe that that's going to happen."

As they should.

After all, the Hawks have most of their players re-

turning. That includes twin brothers Anthony and Avery Brown, who have been the team's leading scorers ever since they were freshmen.

Cole expects the brothers, now seniors, to have another great season.

"I'm expecting those guys to be more mature leaders, not necessarily saying they're going to score a whole lot of points, but leading our team to victory doing whatever's necessary," Cole said. "I expect them to be able to carry the team the right way."

Juniors Andrew Mendoza and Marcus Dodson are expected to be big contributors as well.

Cole described Dodson as the "nuts and bolts" of the team with the aggressiveness and toughness that he plays with.

"I think he's going to have a really good season now that he has a year under his belt in our system," Cole said.

Mendoza, who also plays baseball, has gotten a lot



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Lake Minneola's Drew Mendoza goes for a slam dunk during a game last season against Eustis at Eustis High School.

stronger, a little taller and is more confident than he was last year, according to Cole.

Cole said this year's team is a little deeper and a little faster than last year's squad.

"We're excited," he said. "We have a good group of guys and everyone here understands their expectations and they're all excited to go out and do it."

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quarter, South Lake put the game on ice in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter when Josh Acevedo intercepted an errant flea-flicker pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown. Kevin Evans added the game's final score on a 5-yard run with 8 minutes, 38 seconds to play.

From there the Eagles' defense pinned Eustis in the shadow of its own goal line and permitted the Panthers to cross midfield for only one play. Eustis fumbled to end one drive and had another pass picked off in the closing minute to cap off the game.

South Lake finished with 267 yards of offense — 171 yards rushing and 96 yard passing. Evans finished with 104 yards on 22 carries

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### FIRST QUARTER

South Lake - Hutchinson 17-yard run (PAT)

### SECOND QUARTER

South Lake - Guidetti 5-yard run (PAT)

### FOURTH QUARTER

South Lake - Acevedo 32-yard interception return (PAT)

South Lake - Evans 5-yard run (PAT)

to lead the Eagles ground attack.

Guidetti was effective enough through the air. He completed 7-of-15 passes, with four going to Trace McEwen for 63 yards and three went to Branden Walker for 33 yards.

Eustis, which fell to 2-2, had 198 yards of offense. The Panthers had 94 yards rushing, led by Jack Kirkpatrick with 64 yards on 19 carries.

Quarterback Donta Perdue completed 11-of-27

passes for 104 yards with one interception. Kirkpatrick also tossed an interception — on the fourth quarter flea flicker that resulted in a touchdown.

Despite the workmanlike effort, Woolum said he is not satisfied and will not allow his players to be satisfied.

"My goal every day is to get better and if we don't, it's a wasted day," Woolum said. "I think our coaches and players feel the same way. That's what it takes to be a winner and that's what we've been doing all year."

South Lake heads into a bye week before facing St. Cloud on the road next week. The Bulldogs improved to 5-0 with a win on Friday against Kissimmee Gateway and will face Harmony this week.

Woolum said he will treat the bye week like a normal week to keep his players focused.

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quarter.

After that it was all Lake Minneola, especially its defense, which limited Mount Dora (3-2) to 142 yards of offense in the first half.

Following their first-quarter touchdown, the Hurricanes' next seven possessions resulted in four punts and three interceptions before finding the end zone on their final two drives of the game with Brown.

The loss is the second straight for Mount Dora after winning three straight.

For Lake Minneola, the win snapped a three-game losing streak and gives them a positive note to take into a bye week this week.



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Mount Dora senior Von Davis (10) runs with the football during a game on Sept. 25.

Following the open date, Lake Minneola will host Bradenton IMG Academy, which beat Montverde Academy on Sept. 19.

Lake Minneola then goes

back into district play on Oct. 17 at Orlando Edgewater.

Mount Dora plays at Orlando Lake Highland Prep in a district game Friday.



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