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Lieutenant Stan Locke, of the Winter Park Police Department, shared the dance floor with Victoria Andalucia.

Tim Freed

Seniors at the Winter Park Community Center cut a rug and bonded at their Senior Prom. **SEE PAGE 4.**

YOUR TOWN

REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP

Registration has begun for the city's Parks & Recreation Department Summer Camp, which will be held at the Winter Park Community Center located at 721 W. New England Ave. The camp will run weekly from Monday, June 4, through Friday, Aug. 10.

For more, visit cityofwinterpark.org.

Good Samaritan rescues woman from flooded car

John Hannigan was in the right place at the right time April 22.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Of all the things John Hannigan had planned for Sunday, rescuing a woman from her flooded car was not

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Will budget restraints alter plan for library/event center?

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Winter Park City Commissioners still are considering the final design of Winter Park's new library and event center as they work to keep the cost under the project's

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YOUR CALENDAR

WINTER PARK SATURDAY, APRIL 28
RUN FOR THE TREES: JEANNETTE GENIUS MCKEAN MEMORIAL 5K
 7 to 9 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Showalter Field, 2525 Cady Way, Winter Park. The Run for the Trees 5K run/walk is a unique point-to-point event. The last mile is on the tree-canopied, wilderness dirt road of Genus Drive. This privately owned glimpse of old Florida is opened to the public only once a year, for this event. All finishers receive a young tree. Event capacity is set at 1,800. Cost is \$33 to \$40. For more information, call (407) 896-1160.

LAKE KNOWLES CLEANUP
 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the intersection of Lake Knowles Circle and Elm Avenue at the southeast corner of the lake. The city of Winter Park Lakes Division and Keep Winter Park Beautiful will be holding an exotic apple snail removal project. Please meet at the southeast corner of the lake to collect materials and learn how you can help. Must be 12 years of age or older to participate. Wear closed-toe shoes and be prepared to wade in knee-deep water. Gloves, buckets/bags and litter grabbers provided. For more information and to register, visit wpsustainability.eventbrite.com or call (407) 599-3364.

BROOKSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD DAY
 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28, at Brookshire Elementary School, 2500 Cady Way, Winter Park. Join Winter Park's Parks and Recreation department for its inaugural event: the BE

Great Field Day at Brookshire Elementary. Field day is an important day in the life of children and families. It builds relationships and also provides outdoor involvement and sunshine. This event is open to the public and features ladder ball, giant Jenga, sack races, lawn Twister and more. Ribbons and medals will be awarded to the first- and second-place winners. For more, call (407) 599-3342.

HISTORY HARVEST
 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park. Have you been a longtime Winter Park resident or just recently moved to this historic and cultural community? All Winter Park neighbors are invited to share their personal memories of their special city at the History Harvest and create a digitized file for their own keepsake. Take two items representing what makes Winter Park special to you. The library team will help you upload and archive it to include in the library's history collection. You also will be able to share your digitized file with loved ones. For more, call (407) 623-3300.

MAITLAND SATURDAY, APRIL 28
CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION'S 2018 TAKE STEPS WALK
 Festival opens at 9:30 a.m.; walk begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Lake Lily Park, 701 Lake Lily Drive, Maitland. Register at cctakesteps.org/CentralFL2018. Teenagers and adults wishing to volunteer can contact Kim Teter at (813) 693-2546 or kteter@crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

Woman rescued from car

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one of them. But as rains swept through the area April 22, Hannigan found himself in such a position as he approached a flooded section of road on South Orlando Avenue in Maitland.

As he and his family sat at the edge of the large pool of water by the Rev. Kenneth Crossman Bridge — debating on driving his big Ford Expedition through — another car rolled into the water before stopping. The car had stalled out.

"I went through it, and I looked at her face, and she was looking at her cell phone and you could tell she did not know what to do," Hannigan said. "So I said to my wife, 'I'm going to get out and do something.'"

Although his wife was wary of him getting out because of all the inherent dangers, Hannigan made the move.

Emptying his pockets, Hannigan waded through the water, which already was up to his waist when he got to the woman's car. Hannigan stands at 6-foot-5.

"It would have been to the bottom part of her window seals if it hadn't been floating — it was floating at that point," Hannigan said. "Water was coming in at the floorboard, and her windows were up. ... I said, 'You need to roll your window down,' so she put her key in the ignition and thank God it could roll down, because I was thinking I may have to break her window."

After the woman asked about

towing her car out, which Hannigan told her wasn't possible because her vehicle was totaled, Hannigan got the woman to get whatever important items she could.

From there, Hannigan was able to pull her out through the window and get her to safety. Luckily neither her, nor the person that was in another car — who escaped — were injured.

It was during the final stage of the rescue that Hannigan — as well as his wife, Melissa, a therapist — were able to talk with the woman, who was breaking down as she had dealt with a lot over the past couple of days.

"What's really sad is that someone in her family had died a few days ago, so she just starts crying," Hannigan said. "I was learning all kinds of things about her, because I just kept asking her questions to keep her talking while we were walking away from her car."

Following the arrival of the Maitland Police Department and Fire Rescue, Hannigan and the woman he saved exchanged numbers as a means of keeping in touch — so that Hannigan could check in on her.

The rescue, and the new friendship that blossomed from the experience, came about as a total accident.

The Hannigans — John, Melissa and their four children — are Jacksonville residents who happened to be on their way to eat after Melissa had participated in the half-marathon at Disney that Sunday

morning.

As fans of the Disney parks, Hannigan said his family makes frequent trips to Orlando every month, so they know the route well.

"I don't ever get lost — ever," Hannigan said. "So I had looked at the map and knew I had to get off on Colonial, and 10 minutes later I was like, 'I need to look at the map,' and it's like, 'Oh I passed that 10 minutes ago,' so I way overshot. So I got off on Maitland and figured I'd go right down 17/92 — no big deal," he said.

The plan was to then just do a U-turn and get back on the highway, but that was before Hannigan noticed heavy traffic caused by multiple accidents on Interstate 4. So instead, Hannigan and his family continued down 17/92, where they came across the flooded section of road.

Despite the inconveniences of getting misplaced, for Hannigan and his church-going family, the chance encounter that came on Sunday is more than just luck.

"I truly believe that God put us there," Hannigan said. "All the things that would have normally run through my head — none of that (happened). It was just like, 'This girl is in trouble,' and, 'What if this were my daughter? What would I want done? That's what I'm going to do.'"

"I was at the right place at the right time," he said.

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PURPLE POWER

Local residents came together to fight cancer Saturday, April 14, as they participated in the Relay for Life of Orlando North at Lake Lily Park in Maitland.

The event raised money for the American Cancer Society, and had a theme based around local art with several vendors on-site selling their creations.

— TIM FREED



Elaine, Bernie and Beth Karoly were three of the brave warriors at the event who defeated cancer.



Elizabeth Ward sang and played her ukulele at the Relay for Life event at Lake Lily Park.



Survivors Adam Dolak and Dodie Derck were part of the Survivors' Lap that started the Relay for Life.

ONLINE See more photos at OrangeObserver.com

Maitland joins firearm preemption lawsuit

After numerous proclamations, the City Council joined a lawsuit challenging a firearm preemption statute.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

The Maitland City Council moved to adopt a resolution to join a lawsuit challenging a state statute preempting firearm and ammunition regulation to the state during a lengthy meeting Monday, April 23.

After discussing the issue brought up by Council Member John Lowndes during the last meeting, council members returned to decide what action to take concerning the 2011 law.

Although the council has passionately debated the issue of state Legislature preempting local decisions and violating home rule for months, the circumstances around the gun control statute have been considered particularly severe. If the city attempts to enact new ordinances regarding firearms, it could face fines up to \$100,000 and the removal of council members.

More than 10 Florida municipalities, including the city of Orlando, have joined the lawsuit, which claims the 2011 statute

violates constitutional limitations on gubernatorial authority and conflict with the rights of municipalities.

The council discussed different ways to handle the lawsuit: paying \$10,000 to the firm in charge of the lawsuit; join as a plaintiff and have city attorney Cliff Shepard represent Maitland; or pass a resolution supporting the challenge. The council ultimately decided paying \$10,000 to join the lawsuit was the appropriate measure.

"I may be making an off-base assumption here, but I'm not expecting to hear any of you be terribly upset about us asserting our rights to govern those closest to us," Mayor Dale McDonald said to the council. "This isn't about just gun control. This isn't about trees or short-term rentals or anything else. It can be anything."

PROCLAMATIONS

McDonald made a flurry of proclamations recognizing different Maitland groups to kick off the meeting.

IN OTHER NEWS

■ The council approved a FDOT work agreement for State Road 414/Maitland Boulevard, where the city will be responsible for maintenance of utilities while the location is under construction. Although there are no issues at the moment, the city will be responsible for extra costs if the need arises.

■ The council appointed Steven Soldati to the city's Transportation Advisory Board. Soldati takes the place of Todd Zimmerman, who resigned April 10. Soldati's term will expire May 22, 2020.

The month of May was proclaimed to be "Historic Preservation and Recognition Month," in honor of Florida Audubon Society and the Center for Birds of Prey.

Maitland Police Chief David Manuel and officers from the police department were present for the mayor's announcement that May 13 through 19 will be the city's National Police Week.

Numerous Maitland teachers and support personnel were recognized for their work. The mayor also declared Sunday, April 29, as Arbor Day for the city of Maitland.

Investigation reveals cop hid evidence, stole money

Former Winter Park Police Department Sgt. Frank Cowart faces grand theft charges.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After an internal investigation, the Winter Park Police Department discovered that former officer Sgt. Frank Cowart had been stashing evidence at his own home and also stole \$101 in cash from a 2011 death investigation scene.

According to the final 35-page investigative report, completed on March 14 by Lt. Kevin Roesner, Cowart was found to have violated department policy in regard to the mishandling of evidence, and the stolen cash has him facing the charge of grand theft — a third-degree felony.

The saga began back Dec. 7, 2015, when Cowart's wife approached the department — alleging her husband had stolen money from a home at which a death investigation took place in 2011. However, because of a lack of evidence, the investigation was put on hold, the report concluded.

It was another two years before Cowart's wife sent Roesner an email with images showing property she believed belonged to the police department. Cowart's wife discovered the evidence while cleaning out the garage.

"These photos included equipment that appeared to be agency issued items; official agency reports, printed copies of driver license information from the Florida Driver and Vehicle Information Database (DAVID), and a metal box with evidence tags from the Winter Park Police Department case #2012-3600," Roesner wrote in the report. "Lieutenant Pam Marcum and I drove out and met (redacted) at her home on (redacted) at approximately 6 p.m., and I took possession of all the items (redacted) identified as finding in her garage."

From there, Roesner turned over the evidence to Chief Michael Deal, who directed Lt. John Montgomery to conduct a formal internal investigation into the possible violations, the report stated.

A month later, on March 13, Cowart's wife sent three more emails, each containing photos that showed mail addressed to Luis Zaragoza at 124 Oak Grove Road in Winter Park, a black wallet and a Florida ID, to Luis Zaragoza.

"I immediately recognized that name and address from an unattended death Frank Cowart had investigated while he was a detective with the Criminal Investigations Division," Roesner wrote. "This was one

of the death investigations I had researched based on (redacted)'s 2015 allegation that Sgt. Cowart stole money from a residence."

Roesner discovered there were digital photos of the wallet and ID, but there were no actual reports showing the wallet or contents had ever been submitted to evidence.

That day, Roesner and Evidence Custodian/Crime Scene Technician Ed Bigley drove to the home and took possession of the additional property. Cowart had stashed paperwork from 46 separate cases that spanned between 2004 and 2012, the report states. Some of the evidence found was sensitive in nature. Montgomery found Florida DAVID driver's license information belonging to 49 different individuals as well.

The report also stated Cowart violated an operating procedure regarding criminal intelligence/dissemination by releasing juvenile offender information to a non-law enforcement entity without legitimate purpose. Cowart also broke another operating procedure by releasing agency reports to the public without redacting sensitive information.

Deal contacted the Orange County Sheriff's Office to ask for a criminal investigation of Cowart. Eight months later, on Nov. 3, 2017, OCSO arrested Cowart and charged him with grand theft.

Cowart resigned in March. In his resignation letter, Cowart states that he was stepping down because of the growing legal costs relating to the charges — for which he claimed to be innocent — as well as the costs of his ongoing custody battle with his estranged wife.

With the investigation finished, Cowart now awaits his trial and possible future punishment.

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— Lt. Kevin Roesner, Winter Park Police Department



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A night to shine

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Beautiful dresses and sharp suits. Friends and couples on an open dance floor. It's prom season for local high schools, but this isn't your typical senior prom.

Winter Park gave its senior citizens a night to remember at the Oh What a Night Senior Prom Friday, April 20 at the Winter Park Community Center. It allowed the city's senior community a chance to grow even closer together.

About 89 seniors came to dance the night away and turn back the clock. They received corsages, took a senior photo and hit the dance floor just like they did in their high school days.

Recreation and Family Services Manager Cathleen Daus said the idea all came from the desire to give seniors something more — especially with the slower summer months for seniors coming up at the community center.

"April's prom season, and we do these other events in the city — I wanted to do something for (the seniors)," Daus said. "Some of the seniors have even said to me, 'We called each other and talked about what kind of dress we're wearing. Where are you doing your makeup? Where are you getting your hair done?' They really kind of bonded over something extra."

But the seniors weren't dancing alone Friday night. Ladies attending the event by themselves had the chance to dance with 15 local police officers and firefighters from Winter Park.



Left: Iliia Quiñones and Winter Park Police Chief Michael Deal danced together at the Senior Prom.

Below: Ann and Tharpe Belote had a wonderful night at Senior Prom last Friday.

Photos by
Tim Freed

From upbeat hip-hop tunes to slow ballads that rocked partners back-and-forth, the music had the seniors and first-responders dancing all night.

"All the people I know here are completely blown away with the details and everyone on the staff worked so hard to make this a most amazing prom night," Winter Park resident and prom attendee Victoria Andalucia, 70, said. "It's just beyond anything we could have imagined. Do we feel young again? Every day here at the center."

Prom attendee Iliia Quiñones, 70, said the event helped build that sense of friendship among the seniors at the community center — all in a fun, cut-loose atmosphere.

"Even though we see each other, we're never dressed up — we're doing yoga or swimming or walking," said Quiñones, who had her high school prom in 1964. "All of us that are here are now community. ... Just because we're aging and getting older, it doesn't mean our spirit is as old. You're as young as you want to be, and in a setting like this I think we're very young right now. Maybe we'll turn into a pumpkin at midnight, but



right now, we're princesses."

Police Chief Michael Deal said the prom was a great event and that the department was happy to be a part of it. Some of the officers were a little shy at first, but the men in blue filled the dance floor by the time the party ramped up.

"We thought it was a good idea to be part of it," Deal said. "I don't think we anticipated how much fun it would be getting out there and dancing and enjoying the evening with these ladies. We had a lot of smiles and it was worthwhile. ... I definitely had more fun at this prom than I did my

senior prom, I feel pretty confident saying that. I certainly had more dance partners at this prom than I did my senior prom."

Daus said the city plans on making the prom an annual event.

"I hope it brings (seniors) closer together and makes them realize that they're part of a family here in Winter Park," Daus said. "Some of my seniors have said, 'I haven't been this excited even for my high school prom! It was really neat to listen to those kinds of stories. I want them to know especially if they feel alone, they are not alone.'"

City leaders mull library amenities

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allotted \$30 million budget.

Commissioners soon will vote whether to include extra features such as a porte cochere, a rooftop venue, an exterior amphitheater and a raked auditorium within the design of the new library and event center set for the northwest corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

City leaders could have made a decision on a rooftop venue for the event center at their Monday, April 23, meeting but voted to table it because only three out of five city commissioners were present.

In response to the April 9 City Commission vote to eliminate the raked auditorium, Winter Park Library Association Board President Trish Gallagher told commissioners that outside donations still may make features like this possible.

"Certainly, the amphitheater inside the library itself would be a fabulous place for us to do some amazing programming, because the cost of that piece is low," Gallagher told the Observer. "It seems attainable, especially with the resources this community has. It could benefit so many other features."

City Manager Randy Knight said an anonymous donor may agree to pay for an outdoor amphitheater behind the two buildings overlooking the lake in the park.

Regarding a rooftop venue on the event center, City Commissioners have two potential options: construct it for \$2,612,754 or build infrastructure for \$382,235 that could lead to a rooftop venue in the future.

Project architect firm Adjaye Associates has advocated adding the rooftop venue, because it would create a new destination for residents.

The City Commission agreed to bring these features back for discussion and a future vote.

Winter Park resident Michael Perelman said it is critical the city understands what it's going to spend on this project.

"I don't think we have transparency on the budget," he said. "We keep on hearing different numbers, with a small cost to do this and a small cost to do that. We're already over budget. These things do not get cheaper in my experience; they get more expensive. I am extremely concerned."

RACETRAC PROJECT SKIDS TO A HALT

Knight told City Commissioners a controversial RaceTrac project just outside of Winter Park has been denied.

The project, which was set for 2300 S. Semoran Blvd., was voted down unanimously by Orange County's Planning and Zoning

Commission.

The decision comes as a relief to nearby Winter Park residents. Orange County staff held a community meeting Jan. 17, where 52 Winter Park residents from the nearby Golfside neighborhood — as well as the owner of the adjacent Winter Park Pines neighborhood — attended to voice their disapproval.

Winter Park residents have expressed concerns about noise coming from the gas station. Residents also said they were concerned about the light coming from 30-foot-tall poles at night and fuel runoff.

Attorney Scott Clark, representing the Winter Pines Golf Club, said these factors would create a negative impact on the golfing experience at two holes while looking at the adjacent RaceTrac gas station.

"The proposed use opens a horrible, ugly window into a very nice golf course that fits very well into the residential area," Clark said at a Feb. 26 City Commission meeting. "It's simply incompatible. As I understand, this is a 24-hour RaceTrac gas station. The use of course is going to have an open window into our golf course at night, which of course puts it in the backyard of hundreds and hundreds of residents."

IN OTHER NEWS

■ Commissioners tabled the second reading of the ordinance related to the request of the city of Winter Park to amend various sign code regulations until the Monday, May 14 City Commission meeting.

■ The request of Sydgan Corp. for Conditional Use approval under the cluster housing provisions of the R-2 zoning to construct a two-story, four-unit residential project of 10,556 square feet on the property at 301 W. Comstock Ave. was deferred to the Monday, May 14 City Commission meeting.

■ The first reading of the ordinance to implement the updated Comprehensive Plan policies into the Land Development Code, specifically the policy to adopt a new Medical Arts zoning district and to amend the R-3 and PL zoning districts, was tabled until the Monday, May 14 City Commission meeting.

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Friedrich Hayek
"Road to Serfdom," 1944

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Winter Park officer to teach self-defense class at library

The Winter Park police officers will teach women how to defend themselves on April 30.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

The Winter Park Public Library is usually home to books, librarians and locals looking to learn.

On the last day of April, though, it will be home to something else as well: Women learning self-defense techniques from the Winter Park police.

The library will host its first Women's Self Defense class on Monday, April 30. About 25 women will learn self-defense tactics, how to fight off an aggressor and what mannerisms and attitudes scare off possible threats during the two-hour class.

"It sold out very quickly," Young Adult Librarian Lisa Blue said. "As soon as it hit the calendar; I didn't even have to promote it. It just filled right up."

STAY SAFE

Officer Javier Rodriguez said groups of 10 women or more can set up a special appointment for a SAFE class by contacting him at jrodriguez@cityofwinterpark.org. Residents also can sign up for upcoming SAFE classes by emailing Rodriguez.

The idea came from Blue's teen advisory board, a group of more than 30 eighth- through 12th-graders who suggest ideas and programs for the library. Although the group typically helps with themes such as "Puppies and Pie Day" or making birthday cards for foster children, Blue said it pushed for a defense class for women given April is Self-Defense Awareness Month.

She reached out to the Winter Park Police Department, which connected her with their community service officer Javier Rodriguez in October.

Rodriguez has taught the station's SAFE classes with his partner James Whitman for the last four years. The duo goes over different physical exercises — warning stances, palm and knee strikes. But for Rodriguez, self-defense starts with the right mindset.

"It's not about having physical strength; it's having the mental awareness so when you put yourself in situations you can get yourself out," Rodriguez said. "People get that gut feeling, that spidey-sense where your hair stands up. We tell people, 'Do not dismiss that, that's a feeling that's inherited. Be wise and act on it.'"

Much of the classes' advice is



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— Officer Javier Rodriguez

situational — avoiding ATM's at night, using pepper spray or weapons of opportunity or learning how to keep strangers at an arm's length.

"It's OK not to be nice; it's OK to take control of the situation," Rodriguez said. "I'm from New York; we call it the 'mean mug'. It's OK to walk around with confidence. Criminals look for that person who isn't paying attention to themselves.

"They aren't going to be ninjas when they get out of the class, but I can tell you they're going to grab something in this course that's going to give them that empowerment," he said.

Females between the age of 14 and 17 will need permission from their parents. Blue said the library's program schedule is locked in for the summer, but she is interested in having monthly classes starting in September.

Winter Park plans family fun fix

The city will launch its family event program with BE Great Field Day.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Ready for some family fun? Winter Park has just what you need.

The city is launching its Family Fun Event Program with the BE Great Field Day Saturday, April 28, at Brookshire Elementary School. The program is the result of the city's desire for a greater emphasis on fun family activities.

The field day for all ages will include contests such as sack races and giant Jenga, as well as an air-brush tattoo artist and bounce houses.

The event is free and open to the public, and will hopefully help residents realize everything the city has available to them, Recreation and Family Services Manager Cathleen Daus said.

"Every month, we're looking to do two events in different parks that maybe aren't utilized as much to draw attention to the parks and to also make the parks more of a family-friendly atmosphere where you can come and participate in activities outside of just coming to the community center," Daus said. "We started realizing that unless you came to the community center, you might not realize that parks and

IF YOU GO

BE GREAT FIELD DAY
WHEN: 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28
WHERE: Multi-use fields at Brookshire Elementary School, 2500 Cady Way, Winter Park
INFORMATION: (407) 599-3342 or follow Winter Park Parks & Recreation Department (@ParksandRecWP) on Facebook and Twitter.

recreation was actually available in each of our parks."

The field day was made possible by an agreement between the city and Orange County Public Schools last July to use the grounds at Brookshire and Lakemont Elementary Schools for events.

There's also the aspect of getting children active, Winter Park Director of Communications Clarissa Howard said.

"These outdoor activities encourage families to step away from their devices, to step away from their PlayStations," Howard said. "That's what the parks are for — to be outdoors and to play and use your imagination and to be together. All of these activities allow for that to happen, and give more opportunities for families to grow."



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■ **SYMMETRY SHOWDOWN** — Students pop balloons with symmetry questions and determine how many lines of symmetry are in a shape.

■ **DIVISION DIVE** — Kids pull ducks with division problems from a pool and race to solve the equation first.

■ **MEASUREMENT MARATHON** — Students race to grab frisbees with measurement questions and solve the questions as soon as possible.



Harry Sayer

Brookshire Elementary students took a crack at Trashketball.

A numbers game

Fourth-graders at Brookshire Elementary School squared off in a math olympics challenge April 12.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

Elementary school students usually spend their math classes indoors, reading textbooks and doing homework. But the fourth-grade students at Brookshire Elementary have been learning mathematics a different way — competing against one another in a high-stakes Olympic competition.

“Testing is sometimes boring for kids, so last year I came up with the idea to have a competition,” said Micaela Thomas, one of Brookshire Elementary’s fourth-grade math teachers and creator of the Math Olympics. “I always remind them the overall goal is for game day, but the questions here (in the competition) are what you see on the test — but just with a hands-on way. Instead of them sitting inside on the computer, I wanted them to be outside. It’s really motivated them in class to know they have this event to look forward to so they focus in while studying.”

On April 12, both of Thomas’ classes spent an hour on the Brookshire lawn competing in a series of physical challenges that included basketball dunks, popping balloons, rubber duck ponds and more. Each game, chaperoned by parent volunteers, highlighted a different style of math included in the Florida Standard Assessment test.

Thomas said the FSA is an important test for young students that covers reading, grammar and mathematics.

“Research shows that if students

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- Fractions
- Numbers and base 10
- Operations and algebraic thinking

don’t have certain skills by third or fourth grade, they’re going to lag behind,” Thomas said. “(The FSA) is a way for the state to see where they’re at and where they’re going. Fourth grade is a big year for them.”

The 20 students were divided into five teams early in the school year — United States, Brazil, Germany, China and Jamaica — and have competed to get medals and points that are counted after the FSA test in late April. Points have been raised through good behavior, physical challenges at P.E., turning in homework and more. The teams win higher-ranking medals when every student contributes. It’s all been leading to the Olympic Games, where the five countries square off at different game stations to take home the gold.

Thomas has been refining the idea for the games — which have five events that cover different parts of the test — since October.

It’s still ultimately a friendly competition. Every student gets a prize and a party after the test is completed.

“They all worked really hard,” Thomas said. “But I told them at the end, somebody’s going to win something special. They’re all going to get a Chik-fil-A party or something nice.”

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Hamzeh Darwish walked in a human-sized hamster wheel connected to an sno-cone machine during Earth Day in the Park.

It was a day of fun and education as locals came together on Sunday, April 15, to celebrate Earth Day in the Park, presented by Winter Park's Sustainability Program, Urban Forestry Division and Keep Winter Park Beautiful.

Children enjoyed creating art projects and playing games in the kids zone while also learning about the environment around them.

Arborists from the Urban Forestry Division also were on hand to answer questions regarding trees and shrubs. They also handed out an assortment of small trees to interested visitors.

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Maren Giannotti, center, watched as she taught Maggie Gulden, left, and her sister, Allie, about how pollution affects the environment with a small play set.



A row of en plein air paintings done by local artists sit on display as a part of an arts competition.



Brynley Miller, left, courageously pet a ball python held by handler Stefanie Edwards at the Gatorland tent.

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A winning culture

This spring, few schools are enjoying success quite like Winter Park High School.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Building a dominant athletic department is no small feat — even when it's made to look easy.

Programs at the high-school and college levels see players come and go at high rates, yet some schools still can maintain an impressive year-in, year-out standing.

Here, that school is Winter Park High — which is having its usual successful year with plenty of hardware to show for it.

Since the start of the school year, the Wildcats have so far racked up title after title, including 15 Metro championships, 14 district titles, three region titles, one state championship in girls cross country and a single runner up spot in competitive cheerleading.

"It's a common thing for us — our teams do very well," Athletic Director Michael Brown said. "But we're always excited to win

Metro and district championships. Right now, we are sitting at 15 Metro championships — there are 30 Metro sports that have championships ... and we have won half of the championships. That's not a bad season."

More recently, the Wildcats have been running the ship in the Metro this spring. Six of those 15 titles have come from spring sports — boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls track, and boys and girls water polo.

Brown, who has been the AD at Winter Park since 2003, said it's the second-most Metro titles he's seen the Wildcats claim. The most came during the 2013-2014 sports season, when the Wildcats snagged 16 titles.

In the district, the Wildcats have continued their success this spring as the boys lacrosse, boys tennis, boys and girls track, and boys and girls water polo teams all have taken home titles.

The onslaught of success has to be attributed to something — maybe it's the water or maybe it's a culmination of other factors, Brown said.

"We do have a lot of good coaches, and we do have a lot of good athletes," Brown said. "A lot

of times our athletes are recognized even beyond the school with other types of awards — both athletically and academically.

"Now beyond that, I would say that some of the club teams and so forth around here — I think they help to contribute toward that," he said. "Kids learn at an early age to play these sports, so I think that's a contributing factor."

The work that student-athletes at Winter Park have put in has not gone unnoticed by the FSHAA, who have awarded Wildcats' athletic programs the FHSAA Floyd E. Lay "Sunshine Cup" All Sports Award 21 times — 10 in the overall category, four in the boys category and seven in the girls category.

"That tells me that in those years that we won it, we're the most successful athletic program in that classification — and we're in the large-school classification, which is pretty much all public schools," Brown said. "There is no other school in the state that has won it twice, and if you take those schools and you look at where they place in the years that they don't win, plenty of times, they're not even in the top 10 or top 20.

"So not only are we winning it,

TITLE TRACKER

- Boys lacrosse — Metro and district champions
- Girls lacrosse — Metro champions
- Boys tennis — District champions
- Boys track — Metro and district champions
- Girls track — Metro and district champions
- Boys water polo — Metro and district champions
- Girls water polo — Metro and district champions

but the years we're not winning it we are second, third, fourth — I mean we're right there," he said. "We've been that way for close to 20 years, so we've done really well."

Currently, Winter Park sits at second just behind Oviedo, which also has been having a stellar year.

Although the end of the spring season is approaching, Brown said he still thinks the Wildcats can end the year on a high note as they look to take back that No. 1 spot in the overall standings.

"We're within 20 points of catching them, and based on what I see still competing in the spring — we have a good shot of catching them," Brown said. "And hopefully if that's the case, we can win our 11th FHSAA All Sports Award — so we'll see how that all plays out."

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Huge oversupply
 - 5 Plotters in the back room
 - 10 Little brats
 - 14 Protective household garment
 - 19 Roberts of romance writing
 - 20 Way too fed up?
 - 21 Suicidal emperor
 - 22 Have complaints
 - 23 Second, first and 31st
 - 27 Like Richard Burton or Tom Jones
 - 28 Bean variety

- 29 Picked-over rocks
- 30 "Ahead!"
- 31 Thing receiving a bid
- 33 Soap touting pureness
- 34 Novelist Cather
- 35 Buoy or elate
- 39 Soupy entree
- 40 Hat or Moroccan city
- 41 18th, 16th and 22nd
- 50 Bats, nuts or bananas
- 51 Sentence feature
- 52 Go past dislike
- 53 Horrific emanation
- 54 Name-and-picture cards
- 55 Flower part
- 56 Mercury model

- 58 Limb bone
- 59 Simple seat
- 61 Not need, but desire
- 62 Something the nosy sneak?
- 63 Though
- 66 Blasted flies
- 69 Strongly opposed
- 70 Whacks, in a way
- 71 Chocolate cookie
- 72 Dusty Steinbeck characters
- 74 Emulate a hot dog?
- 75 Copier relative
- 78 Like some new blond hair
- 79 Spot over there

- 82 Member of the Quechuan people
- 83 Carpenter's gun type
- 84 "___ Flux" (Theron film)
- 85 Con jobs
- 87 30th, 38th, 41st and 45th
- 92 Average grade
- 93 Like academic points
- 94 Money paid
- 95 Admission of a perjurer
- 98 Low pH solutions
- 100 Pest for a dog
- 102 Bucking creature
- 103 Horrible share

- 104 Not even 92-Across
- 105 Some Indian nobles
- 110 15th, 32nd and 27th
- 114 Arcing single
- 115 Party on a beach
- 116 Manicurist's board material
- 117 "Alright, I guess"
- 118 Defeats or tops
- 119 Woes, as of society
- 120 F, compared to a 104-Across
- 121 Type of mortals?

- DOWN**
- 1 Emulate a beaver
 - 2 Site of much gold
 - 3 1,500-mile European river
 - 4 Aberdeen toppers
 - 5 It's milky?
 - 6 Say bad things about
 - 7 Broom of twigs
 - 8 Like an old campfire
 - 9 Gift at a Hawaiian airport
 - 10 Like a painful 83-Across
 - 11 A little less than a yard
 - 12 Commonplace, in writing
 - 13 Man's boy
 - 14 Twist in a hot seat
 - 15 Slink and hunt
 - 16 Match in ability
 - 17 Donizetti output, e.g.
 - 18 Uncool bookish sort
 - 24 Deceitful
 - 25 It's plotted out
 - 26 "But, on the other hand ..."
 - 32 Final amt.
 - 33 Pour ___ thick
 - 35 Large, sweet juicy fruit
 - 36 Poke or provoke
 - 37 Vientiane's place
 - 38 Country lodging
 - 39 Bathwater residue
 - 40 A Greek cheese
 - 42 Whip-shape link
 - 43 Near-the-end-of-year songs
 - 44 Waterslide feature
 - 45 Billiards ritual
 - 46 Jewelers' devices
 - 47 Sigmund Freud contemporary
 - 48 Canonical hour

- 49 Male duck
- 55 Too-heavy drinker
- 56 Deliver dishes to
- 57 Word with glom
- 59 Concerning nasal membranes
- 60 "My Country, ___ of Thee"
- 61 Suffix with ransom
- 62 "___ Maria" (hymn)
- 63 Savory jelly
- 64 Nearly treeless plain
- 65 Spanish bank
- 67 "Who's Afraid of Virginia ___?"
- 68 "___ Believe in Magic?"
- 69 Word with hearing or first
- 73 Griffey and Burns
- 75 Words with "a sour note"
- 76 MMA fighting venue
- 77 Flee
- 78 Figure in red
- 79 First king of Israel
- 80 Stone of Hollywood
- 81 See at a distance
- 84 Commotions
- 85 Queen Anne's house
- 86 Early PC monitor type
- 88 Some peaks of Antarctica?
- 89 Foreboding or threatening
- 90 Roping venue
- 91 Tool that gets ground up?
- 95 "No one can beat me!"
- 96 Craziest of Mexico
- 97 ___ water (facing punishment)
- 98 Countermand
- 99 Reef buildup
- 100 Head-warming sickness
- 101 Goatish looks
- 102 Good grades
- 104 Vehicle to test-drive
- 106 Tiny building block
- 107 Gyllenhaal of Hollywood
- 108 From many miles away
- 109 Eyelid bump
- 111 Boxing's "Louisville Lip"
- 112 Hem
- 113 Sodium hydroxide

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By Luis Campos

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Puzzle Two Clue: E equals Y

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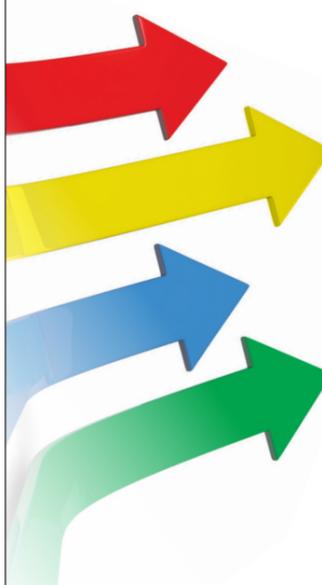
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Hannibal heritage



Artist Julio Sanchez had his paintings on display and for sale.



Minnie the Mule, played by Debra Dykes Kornhaus, was a big hit at the festival.



Right: Don and Tutu Harrell performed an African drumming routine as Orisirisi.



Local residents had a blast celebrating heritage and local art Saturday, April 21, at the ninth annual Hannibal Square Heritage Center Folk and Urban Art Festival.

The event included a variety of local artists selling their creations and live performances by musicians and storytellers.

Families also enjoyed a pottery wheel demonstration by Crealdé School of Art, a free children's Vejigantes mask making workshop and parade, a Capoeira performance, an Origami workshop, and soul food vendors.

— TIM FREED

Top left: Crealdé School of Art young artist program manager Belinda Glennon gave a demonstration on a pottery wheel.

Right: Mexican folklorist David Peñaflor played traditional instruments for an audience.

Left: Carlene Mitchell sang in front of a delighted audience.



ONLINE

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A cultural cause

United Arts of Central Florida is calling on donors for its 2018 Collaborative Campaign for the Arts.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Arts and culture nonprofits in Central Florida need your help.

Maitland-based United Arts of Central Florida is calling on local residents for its 2018 Collaborative Campaign for the Arts. It hopes to raise money for arts nonprofits that provide education and entertainment to the community.

The campaign got an early start in November but officially began February and runs through April 30. As of Friday, April 13, the campaign has raised 68.1% of its \$2 million goal.

That money will go toward several nonprofits in the Central Florida area, including Art & History Museums — Maitland, Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, Crealdé School of Art, Orlando Science Center, Orlando Shakespeare Theater, Enzian Theater and many others.

Donors also can choose which nonprofit they want to support. United Arts will match 15% of all the donations through April 30.

“The collaborative campaign is an annual campaign that we run with the large-budget cultural institutions in Central Florida,” Development Manager Valerie Solomon said. “Every year, we get together and fundraise together

for arts and culture. For the United Arts part, we raise money for the Arts for All fund, which is the grant pool that we feed into so we can offer grants to arts and cultural organizations.”

United Arts of Central Florida hopes to cushion the blow of a budget cut approved at the state level. In the state’s recent budget session in March, arts funding was cut by almost 90%, from \$24.6 million in 2018 to \$2.6 million in 2019 statewide.

That ranks the state of Florida as 48th out of 50 states in terms to funding for the arts, Marketing and Communications Manager Chris Majocha said.

Meanwhile, the nonprofit arts industry produces \$400 million in direct economic activity annually and supports 13,764 jobs in Central Florida, according to United Arts of Central Florida.

“We are cautious about making sure that we continue to express the need of support for arts and culture, because we’ve had a pretty rough year,” Solomon said. “Obviously, we had Hurricane Irma that hit during the fall season opening in 2017 (which damaged facilities and impacted ticket sales), and we also had the announcement from our state Legislature about the budget cuts for arts and culture. ... A lot of our



Courtesy photo

Arts organizations in Central Florida are in need of funding more than ever after budget cuts at the state level.

organizations over the next year are going to be really looking to replace quite a bit of funding.”

Crealdé School of Art Executive Director Peter Schreyer said it is critical for the community to support these nonprofits.

The Crealdé School hosts several art classes, workshops and camps. It also organizes events and exhibitions throughout the year.

“It’s so very important because it’s raising general operating money for the school,” he said. “All the other organizations and art groups are doing the same thing. United Arts is really pushing it through their marketing. There’s a lot of awareness in the community that the arts really need their support. Sadly, it happens at a really pivotal time, where all the art groups have been so negatively impacted by the

dramatic cuts of funding from the state of Florida.”

The arts give people a reprieve from daily life and help them connect with others around them, and that’s exactly why they need to be preserved, Schreyer said.

“It’s an opportunity for people to create beauty, to express themselves and to come together — I see it constantly with exhibits we do and community projects we do where people from different walks of life and different backgrounds come together and through the art they learn about each other,” Schreyer said. “It makes us real civilized human beings, where we connect with each other and we tell stories and learn about each other through the arts.”

HOW TO DONATE

Residents can make a donation to a specific entity by visiting unitedarts.cc/support/give-now/make-a-gift.

If you need assistance, call (407) 628-0333, Ext. 231.

At a gift level of \$50 or more, donors receive a one-year subscription to Orlando Arts Magazine.

At a \$100 or more, donors also get a United Arts card, which gives various discounts on tickets at several arts organizations.

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Choux down

A trio of French natives at Choulala have brought their mouthwatering pastries to downtown Winter Park.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Sweet teeth are tingling around the downtown Winter Park area.

And for good reason. Nestled in at 340 N. Park Ave. is a new pastry shop with delicacies made and inspired from the French homeland of Herve Rouge, Jeremie Burles and Elisabeth Ardizzoni.

The three, all from Aix-en-Provence in southern France, have brought the classic French pastries such as the éclair and brioche, but the shop's true tour de force is their pate a choux.

"For the last year, la choux has become a very attractive sweet in France," Rouge said. "We wanted to do something together. We've been friends for a long time — and after Elisabeth did a trip in the U.S.A., we decided we have to do something."

Although the new shop opened March 30, the three have spent the last one-and-a-half years researching and trying different recipes to find the perfect one.

After the development of a solid recipe and plan of action, next came finding a location, which was a journey itself. Both Burles and Ardizzoni still lived in France, and Rouge had moved to Florida five years ago. Burles and Ardizzoni are looking to make the move to Florida in the near future.

From there, the group settled on a spot at 1786 Semoran Blvd, which currently serves as the lab and kitchen for the pastry shop to bake its goods and experiment with new flavors.

And there are plenty of flavors to try — 24 exactly — and they range from vanilla to tiramisu to green apple. There's basically choux for everyone, Rouge said.

The question you're now asking is, "What exactly is choux?" If you ask Rouge, it's a taste of heaven with French tradition.

"This is a dough — pate a choux — and we add on top what we call a craquelin, so it gives it a texture," Rouge said. "Inside we fill them with homemade creme — we do everything (handmade), of course."

The craquelin refers to the crunchy coat of cracker that layers the outside of the pastry, while the sweet creme on the inside is what Americans would call custard. It's the custard that gives the choux its kick of pure sweetness.

Another layer of sweetness is added in the shape of what is called a marzipan, which is a



Troy Herring

Jeremie Burles, left, and Herve Rouge said their new sweet treats have gone over well since opening their store in downtown Winter Park.

confection usually made up of sugar, honey, or almond meal.

The process of making their choux itself, which they do in large batches, usually takes one to two days, Rouge said.

But making choux is the easy part for Choulala when considering the issues that the trio had in finding a supplier for the ingredients used in their pastries.

"I was asking all the big suppliers ... I was in need of some high-quality fruit puree, and no one had it," Rouge said. "They have many things but not what I needed. So we found another small supplier, and they import fruit puree from France."

The fact that Choulala imports every ingredient needed to make their choux is a source of pride for the owners.

And if you ask Rouge about the future, he's going to be needing a bit more of those ingredients as he and the others are already looking to open up another Florida location in the next several months. He also said there were some folks back in France who were interested in franchisee licenses.

In the meantime, Rouge said he, Burles and Ardizzoni will focus on developing the new location while introducing locals and visitors to their delicious delight.

"We feel very proud of what we've done," Rouge said. "Last week was very nice — all the customers loved the pastry and the gelato. We do a sample, because people don't know what it is, so we do a sample each time, and they try it and it's like 'Whoa!' It's more emotional (for them)."

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'9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL'

8 p.m. Friday, April 27; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Annie Russell Theatre Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. Based on the 1980 hit movie, "9 to 5" is a joyful musical comedy about female friendship — the kind of friendship that inspires you to stand up for yourself, find love or follow a dream. Coworkers Violet, Judy and Doralee fantasize about getting even with their sexist boss, Mr. Hart. In a hilarious turn of events, their fantasies turn into a scheme to rid Consolidated Companies of Mr. Hart for good and give the whole business the makeover it so desperately needs. With lovable characters and songs you adore, "9 to 5" is bull-headed besties in bell-bottom suits! Cost is \$20. For more information, call (407) 646-2253.

ESCAPA LATIN ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts, 1905 Kentucky Ave., Winter Park. With more than 40 years of professional experience on the piano, Antonio Escapa has performed with well-known artists such as Menudo, Iris Chacón, Jazz flautist Nestor Torres, Batacumbete, Danny Rivera, Ednita Nazario, Ismael Miranda, Lalo Rodriguez, musical director at Julianas-Caribe Hilton, and more. Escapa has an extensive repertoire of jazz standards, Brazilian, popular American, Latin, classical, rock 'n' roll and easy listening. Cost is \$15. For more information and to buy tickets, visit bluebamboocenter.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

CHRIS CORTEZ SOLO

8 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts, 1905 Kentucky Ave., Winter Park. Chris Cortez performs his solo show once a week, full of surprises from his many CD releases and more. An international recording artist with a wide range of musical interests, Cortez ranks among the top jazz guitarists in the world. He's been featured in Downbeat, Jazziz, Jazz Times, Le Jazz Hot Paris and more. Suggested donation is \$10 to \$20. For more information, visit bluebamboocenter.com.



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'WINTER PARK: THE WAR YEARS 1941-1945'

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through April 28, at the Winter Park History Museum, 200 W. New England Ave., Winter Park. "Winter Park: The War Years 1941-1945, Home Front Life in an American Small Town" is an ongoing exhibit at the museum with a focus on life during World War II. For more information, call (407) 647-2330.

'THE DOMES OF THE YOSEMITE'

Through Sunday, July 8, at the Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park. "The Domes of the Yosemite," the largest existing painting by Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902), will be exhibited at the Morse through a special loan from the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum in Vermont. The monumental painting, having just

received conservation treatment in Miami, will be on view before returning to Vermont. The 1867 oil-on-canvas, almost 10 feet by 15 feet, has not been shown outside the Athenaeum since its first installation there in 1873.

CURATOR TOURS OF LOUIS COMFORT TIFFANY'S LAURELTON HALL

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11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave.,

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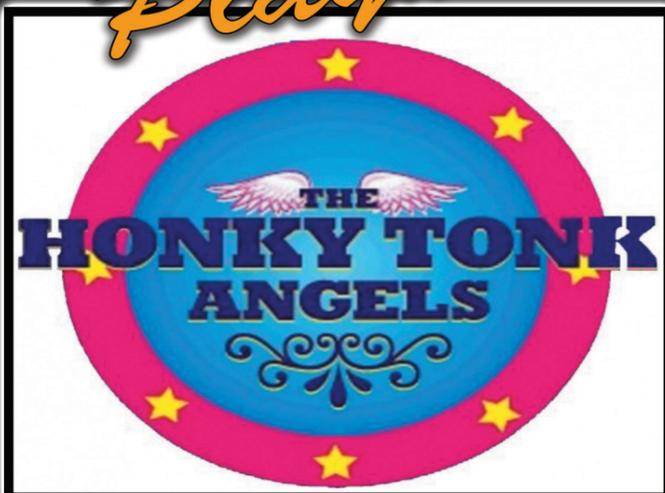
GALLERY TALK ON CELEBRATING 75 YEARS — PATHWAYS OF AMERICAN ART AT THE MORSE MUSEUM

11a.m. Fridays at the Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park. Learn about the more than 60 objects in the exhibition, which include paintings, pottery, art glass, and works on paper. Together the works reflect the range of the Morse's collection and the values of the Museum. Free with admission. For more information, call (407) 645-5311.

'RIA BRODELL: DEVOTION'

Through May 13 at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. Ria Brodell disrupts traditional narratives and offers multifaceted ways in which to experience the concept of devotion. While Brodell's art stems from personal experience, the works in this exhibition allow for a nuanced rumination on gender and sexuality from both historical and contemporary contexts. Featuring new and recent work by the artist, Ria Brodell: Devotion recontextualizes devotional imagery from CFAM's permanent collection. Most significantly, the exhibition allows for complex readings of gender in historic terms and through a religious framework.

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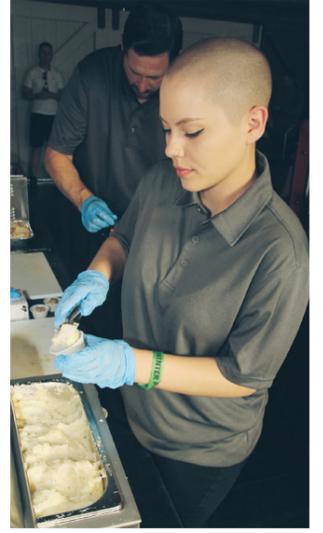





Winter Park Chamber of Commerce's A Taste of Winter Park



Natalie Boschetti and Dominic Stout enjoyed an evening full of food.



Above: Taylor Newton served bangers and mash to a hungry line.



Jamie Petito, Jordan, 10, and Natalia and Mark Moege were ready for some food.



Tina Laroux, Ashley Fraxedas, Janet Laroux and Jessica Umara watched the rocket launch later in the afternoon.

Left: Hilary Stalder, Hannah Wickham, Christi Thompson, Michelle Whiteside and Jessica Mahan samples food and drinks from various vendors.

Winter Park united for a night of food, wine and music at the Taste of Winter Park event on Wednesday, April 18. Hosted by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce at the Winter Park Farmers Market, the festival featured more than 40 vendors offering food and drink samples to eager guests. VIP members ate at seated tables in a private tent and received keepsake cups from Corkcicle Stemless.

— HARRY SAYER

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The Miller family came together to celebrate.



Chev Lovett and Courtney Ruckman stood out in the crowd.

An Italian Serenade



Larry Stevenson and Susan Bright came in style.



The Millers got a photo with Winter Park Mayor Steve Leary.

Opera Orlando hosted its third annual gala Friday, April 20, at the Alford Inn.

Titled “Una Serenata Italiana!” the celebration honored Opera Orlando founding members Steve and Kathy Miller. Guests donned intricate masks for photos, sipped on drinks and bid on high-end items at the silent auction.

Winter Park Mayor Steve Leary declared April 20 as “Kathy and Steve Miller Day” for the city.

— HARRY SAYER



David Kiyak and Joshua Vickery rocked their bow ties.



Mary Miller, Margie Robertson and Doug Miller were happy to support Opera Orlando.



Ben Torres serenaded guests with his guitar.

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Adam Russell, Sarah Silve, Melinda Leach, Brande Tumminello and Brian Leach had a ball.



Event chairman Tony Martin was glad to have another successful Art of the Vine event.

A New Hope For Kid's 17th annual Art of the Vine



Oxana Postnaya and Kateryna Teiger turned heads at the charity event.

Right: Derek and Caroline McDonald talked with Todd Huster.

The New Hope for Kids nonprofit put on another successful night with its 17th annual Art of the Vine fundraiser Friday, April 20. Guests filled the interior of the Fields BMW of Winter Park where they listened to live music and bid on luxury gifts at the silent auction.

Money raised at the event will benefit the nonprofit's programs, which help grieving families.

— HARRY SAYER



"Survivor: Africa" contestant Carl Bilancione, Curtis Howze and his guest were all smiles.



Dyani Genovese and Colleen Baker sipped on drinks.

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Avery Dondaud, Danielle Murphy and Lisa Hurst enjoyed a fun night at the ball.

Make-A-Wish of Central and Northern Florida put on another extravagant event with its Wishmaker's Ball Saturday, April 21, at the Waldorf Astoria Orlando.

The chapter, which covers 54 counties in Florida, raised more than \$1 million to grant wishes to children suffering from life-threatening conditions.

After bidding on more than 200 items in the silent auction, guests sat down for a three-course meal and presentations from families who were helped by the foundation.

— HARRY SAYER



Jeremy Humphries and Steve McClurg were a dapper duo.



Maria Elena Perez, Cathy Bette and Jamie Hedger looked great.

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Athletes from 'Space Jam' towered over the crowds.



Andrew Powell and board member Tracey Powell brought some '90s style to the show.

A Gift for Teaching's Back to School Blast



Micki Meyer and Erin Richmond brought some MTV flair.

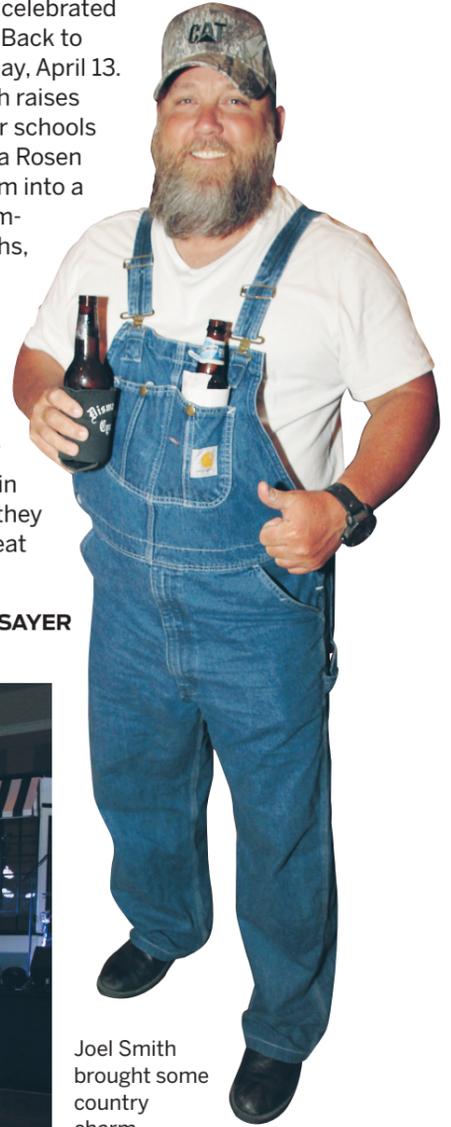
Below: A breakdance team kept the crowd cheering.



A Gift for Teaching celebrated 20 years with its Back to School Blast Friday, April 13.

The nonprofit, which raises money for supplies for schools in need, transformed a Rosen Shingle Creek ballroom into a 1990s celebration complete with photo booths, a "Twister" bar, '90s trivia and "Baywatch" lifeguards overlooking the party. Guests donned their most clever 1990s attire, from "Wayne's World" to "Clueless," and bid in the silent auction, as they mingled and had a great time.

— HARRY SAYER



Joel Smith brought some country charm.



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Sofia Poliak, Jewish Pavilion Executive Director Nancy Ludin, Alberto Poliak, Tracey Kagan and Jerry Eller had a great time at the Citrus Club.

Jewish Pavilion's United For A Purpose

The Citrus Club in downtown Orlando was home to guests meeting for a good cause during the Jewish Pavilion's United for a Purpose networking event on Monday, April 16.

The Jewish Pavilion, which brings Jewish culture to the Jewish elderly in assisted living facilities, was invited back to the Citrus Club for the second-consecutive year because of high turnout.

Guests mingled and watched the sun set as the event drew to a close.

— HARRY SAYER



Carina Gerscovich spoke to the crowd.



Will and Jim Llewellyn caught up with Jason Mendelsohn and Pamela Rogan.



Event sponsor Susie Goebeler and guest Jasmine Cole had a lovely time.



Right: Craig and Laura Rodrigue won some free massages.

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