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BRITNI JOHNSON
The Voice

The stories about the "forgotten ones," even in our own backyard, are endless. The mom of three whose husband has been out of work for six months, the man who lost his job and can barely scrape up enough money to get groceries, the good guy who let his tough life lead him to drink too much — all just snippets of the daily struggle that many just don't see.

But Cindy Shadron is one of the few who not only knows their stories in detail, but also helps to change them into something better.

"People are hurting everywhere ... the people right here," Shadron said. "A lot of them are starting over and they don't know what to do."

Shadron, a native of Oviedo and resident of Geneva, started The Vine Thrift Store in Oviedo when she wanted to create a way to give back. She spent 11 years as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem, a person who is court appointed to represent children who have been taken out of their homes because of abuse or neglect, to make sure they find a

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Forging connections

Michael Blake Boulevard to alleviate Tuskawilla Road clogs

SARAH WILSON
The Voice

By summer's end a new road connecting State Road 434 to Tuskawilla Road should be open to help clear out traffic near the Winter Springs Town Center. But it has some Town Center merchants worried that the road will lessen their exposure to passersby.

Named for a former city commissioner, Michael Blake Boulevard will wrap from 434 southeast of the center to meet Tuskawilla at the entrance of the Winter Springs Village subdivision. It's more than halfway complete, with construction finishing up this month.

"It's always been an important roadway in the master plans for the center that have been in the works for over a decade," City Engineer Brian Fields said.

He said the road is designed to help clear up traffic congestion that builds up on Tuskawilla Road into the Winter Springs Town Center, particularly during rush hours and at times of Winter Springs High School arrival and dismissal. He said it can also help cater to the influx of new residents in the Winter Springs Village as construction continues.

"I know residents back there are eager to have the road on line," Fields said. The subdivision's developer, Meritage Homes, has already completed half of the road from the Village to the Cross Seminole Trail crossing. The remaining half from the trail crossing to 434 is being completed by the city, costing \$255,000, paid for by funds garnered by the

second-generation one-cent sales tax.

Mayor Charles Lacey said that though the area around the city's half of the road is currently undeveloped wetlands, in the long term, the area and Michael Blake Boulevard will play a central role in the future development of the Winter Springs Town Center.

Murphy's Premium Pet Food Market is one of the two open businesses on the east-side of the Town Center facing Tuskawilla, storeowner Kimberly Kalander said. Though she doesn't know for sure if the road will impact her business, she said that the city should focus on reinvigorating businesses in the existing center before branching out.

"I've watched 14 other businesses go out of business over here since I've been here in

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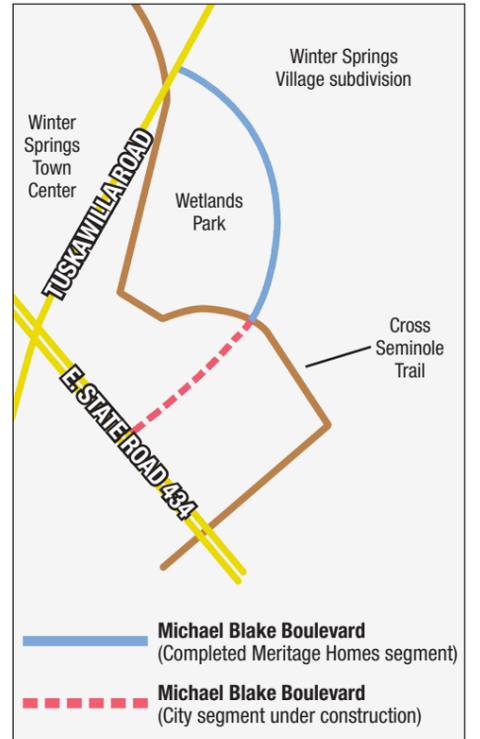


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Construction will continue through July on a road that will connect Tuskawilla Road and State Road 434.

Pregnancy Center coming to Oviedo

SARAH WILSON
The Voice

For 10 years Nicole Gallagher spent her life on the streets of Sanford near the Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center.

It was where she worked, as a prostitute moving from corner to corner. Where she lived, crashing on couches of boyfriends and bosses. And where she played, getting fiercely addicted to crack cocaine.

It wasn't until 2009 that she finally climbed the stairs up and into the white panel-and-brick building off of U.S. Highway 17-92 with good reason — she was fairly certain she was pregnant.

As with any woman who walks through the Center's doors, volunteers greeted Gallagher and walked her through the process they've been perfecting for 14 years. Come in. Sit down. Fill out a form for filing purposes. Take a free pregnancy test. Then go through counseling and assistance based on the results. It's the same Rolodex of resources they'll offer the Oviedo community when they open their second center there in early fall.

"Our job is to be the help, the hands and the heart for her," said Andrea Krazeise, executive director of the Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center.

For Gallagher, the results were pos-

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PHOTO BY SARAH WILSON — THE VOICE

Andrea Krazeise and Cindie Thomas of the Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center will open an Oviedo center in August or early fall.

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What's goin' on?

Vote for your favorite food truck fare at Food Truck Wars II, held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, July 15, at Cranes Roost Park in Altamonte Springs.

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Opening this week: 'ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT'

After a cataclysmic event disrupts the entire world, prehistoric animal friends band together to return home.



THIS WEEK



THIS WEEK in history

July 19, 1799 —

A French soldier discovers a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing near the town of Rosetta, about 35 miles north of Alexandria. Called the Rosetta Stone, the artifact held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.

VINE | Owner Cindy Shadron runs a growing thrift store, outreach center in Oviedo

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safe and caring permanent environment. After seeing what those children go through, she knew she needed to do more. She started The Forgotten Ones Inc., which is a nonprofit that encompasses her thrift store and an outreach center.

"She's dedicated her life to others," said Linda Moscato, who used their food pantry to provide for her son when he lost his job.

Shadron's goal is to start a working ranch for young adults 18-25 who are aging out of the foster care system, being released from a juvenile correctional facility, or are homeless or runaways. They'd be able to learn love, leadership and hard work while being mentored by people who truly care about them, Shadron said. Not only that, the ranch would be home to rescue animals and offer horticulture classes for the public. She hopes it will be up and running next year.

But she had to start somewhere, and for her The Vine was the beginning. Right now, it's her whole life, but she never stops looking toward her ultimate goal.

"I got so busy here, it's ab-

For more information about Cindy Shadron's The Forgotten Ones, located at The Vine 98 W Broadway Street in Oviedo, visit www.theforgottenonesinc.org or call 407-495-5100. The last Saturday of every month they serve free lunch to the public. They also have an emergency food pantry for those in need.

sorbed all my time, but it didn't absorb my heart and goals," she said.

So far, The Vine has spawned The Resource Center there, where Shadron, her husband Mike and volunteers help those in need become self-sufficient. Their services include an emergency food pantry and referrals to organizations that can assist them. They also pay for and assist in paperwork to get identification, such as Florida State ID cards and social security cards, which are required to get help from many food pantries and to gain employment.

Most of all, they offer support and encouragement. Many lose their vision and goals or have never had anyone ask them what they are in the first place. Shadron gives hugs, and tells people she



PHOTO BY BRITTON JOHNSON — THE VOICE

Luisa Perez cuts Dean Moscato's hair at The Vine Thrift Store's free lunch event where they also offer free haircuts. Moscato said the nonprofit has bettered him.

loves them. Some can't remember the last time they've heard that.

"I've seen that light they had that's kind of gone," Shadron said.

She tries to kindle that fire with hope for the future. People like Mike Sykes of Oviedo are helped every day. Sykes, who was homeless and an alcoholic, finally asked them for help after attending their free lunch event a few times. The Shadrons took him to the hospital for detox, got him into an alcoholism program and let him stay with them for a couple weeks. In reality, Sykes was a stranger when they helped him through all that. Now, he's part of their Vine family. He said he wouldn't be alive today if it weren't for them. He's been sober for almost two years.

"It's impacting lives and mine in a very positive way," Sykes said. "They showed me how to care about other people and my-

self."

Dean Moscato said he's learned a lot from his hardships, too. When he lost his job, his mother got food from The Vine and sent it to him in Colorado for about a year. Once he got down to Florida, seeing all the good work they do made him want to volunteer his time while he looks for a job. "I used to be a lot more judgmental," Moscato said. "I've learned how to be a better person."

Mother of three Shanti Suarez-Correa said that Shadron has been a blessing in her life, giving guidance, groceries and friendship whenever she's needed it. And just like Shadron always says, God has put it on her heart to give this help. It was meant to be.

"Never feel ashamed to say you need help because God puts the right people in your path, and when you least expect it," Correa said.

ROAD |

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the past five years," Kalandar said. Nearly all the shop fronts neighboring her business are empty, with tacked up "For Lease" signs in the windows.

She said the thought of traffic decreasing by her business, though beneficial to those stuck in it, limits a vital part of what drives people into her shop.

"You need people driving by," she said. "You need people to know you're here."

Though without major changes, Kalandar is less hopeful for businesses that aren't as strong as hers. Lacey said the

"I've watched 14 other businesses go out of business over here ... in the past five years."

— Kimberly Kalandar

city is working to try and find ways to increase exposure for the existing businesses. He said he is hopeful that as the economy starts to recover, so will commerce in the Town Center.

For residents who frequently travel the roads, Fields said in the coming weeks they should see little-to-no traffic interruption as the road is completed. One lane of 434 will be closed midday for a handful of days in July while workers open the median for turning access onto the boulevard.

"We hope the road will ultimately relieve traffic on 434 and Tuskawilla and ultimately facilitate economic development out east from the (Town) Center," Fields said.



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Voice nabs awards

The Seminole Voice and its sister newspapers won seven awards against the best in the state at the Florida Press Association Better Weekly Newspaper awards on Saturday, July 7, in Destin.

The Community Media Division of Turnstile Media Group, which includes the Voice, Winter Park-Maitland Observer and East Orlando Sun won five first place awards, one second and one third place award.

- Editor Isaac Babcock's first-place sports feature "Brittany's game" told the story of an autistic Seminole County girl's attempt to win the gold medal at the 2011 Special Olympics World Games in Athens. One judge wrote, "This was the entry written with most energy of any in the category."

- Babcock's story "American dreamer," chronicling two Northland Church missionaries' fight to



adopt a Namibian girl with spina bifida, earned first place in the faith and family reporting category. One judge wrote, "Beautifully written account of one girl's difficult journey. We really come to care about Elizabeth and to rejoice in the happiness she's found."

Congratulations to the Community Media team and to the Seminole County community. Thank you for allowing us to tell your amazing stories!

—Jenny Andreasson
Managing editor

CENTER | Directors say Oviedo needs these services

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itive. She was educated on her three choices: keeping the baby, giving it up for adoption and abortion. For the third option, following the Center's faith-based program, they educated her on the procedure, but left the rest in her — and God's — hands.

"She came in wanting an abortion, but knowing she wouldn't pay for one," Krazeise said. "Instead she thought the crack would kill it."

Unable to offer her more than advice, a clean set of clothes and literature on her options, Gallagher went back to the streets and Krazeise and her staff started to pray. She said they prayed for Gallagher's "little one" every day. Krazeise said she would see Gallagher out the center's windows, still "working" as her belly grew.

Krazeise encouraged Gallagher to clean up her act, but it continued until at six months pregnant, she landed in jail. After five weeks in, clean and sober, Gallagher was bailed out by a friend on Christmas Eve. And an 18-hour crack-binge later, she ended up in premature labor on Christmas day. Krazeise's prayers turned to reality as the little baby girl was born with a clean bill of health, and Gallagher decided to adopt her out to the couple the Center found and agreed to seek treatment.

"Andrea encouraged me to change my life," Gallagher said. "It is because of her and her colleagues today that I am clean and sober after 10 years out there.... I couldn't have done it without the Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center — they played the main role in my transformation."

Serving Oviedo/Winter Springs

Stories like Gallagher's, Krazeise said, may not be the norm, but they are the proof of the power of the services the Pregnancy Crisis Center will offer the Oviedo community this fall.

She estimates that the Sanford center serves

The Oviedo Crisis Pregnancy Center is set to open in late-August or early fall of this year at 441 N. Central Ave. on the corner of Central and Magnolia avenues. For more information about the services that will be offered and to keep updated on its progress, visit SanfordCPC.com and click on "Oviedo Crisis Pregnancy Center."

anywhere from 100 to 125 girls a month, with the majority being between the ages of 14 and 24, most age 16 or 17.

"We try to educate girls on their new reality, then we have to respect their free will," she said. "We have to trust that she's going to make the best decision for her."

Krazeise and Cindie Thomas, who will direct the Oviedo center, point to a map of Orange and Seminole counties that hangs in the Sanford center's board room as proof as to why they chose Oviedo for their second location.

The map has neon circle stickers with happy faces on every pregnancy clinic, and sad faces on every abortion clinic. "There's too many sad faces," Krazeise said. "It is an underserved community."

A community, Thomas says, that will offer a different clientele than those served at the Sanford center, but one with no less of a need for their services.

"With the college (the University of Central Florida) and all the high schools nearby, we see a large need," Thomas said.

From the banner hanging outside the new location, she said, she's already started receiving client calls. When the Oviedo location is complete, likely by mid-August, it will house three counseling rooms, a library and an "Earn as You Learn" store where moms-to-be can shop for supplies for themselves and their baby with credits earned by taking courses at the center.

"They really have everything they need here," Thomas said. "We provide all the ways we can to help them develop and grow."

Community Media awards

To read these award-winning works, visit seminolevoice.com

Sports Feature Story, Division B circulation 7,000 to 15,000

First Place — The Seminole Voice, "Brittany's game," Isaac Babcock

Faith and Family Reporting, Division B circulation 7,000 to 15,000

First Place — The Seminole Voice, "American dreamer," Isaac Babcock

Serious Column, Division C circulation under 7,000

First Place — Winter Park- Maitland Observer, "Living the role of Samson," Louis Roney

Sports Feature Story, Division C circulation under 7,000

First Place — Winter Park-Maitland Observer, "Rollins resurrects a legacy," Isaac Babcock

Local Government Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

First Place — East Orlando Sun, "Water tests promised for Bithlo," Megan Stokes

Health, Medical and Science Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Second Place — Winter-Park Maitland Observer, "Photographic memories," Brittini Johnson

In-Depth Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place — East Orlando Sun, "Kid says to be a helmet hero," Megan Stokes

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Honors benefactor Art Grindle passes away

Longtime Orlando residents will remember Art Grindle best for the TV commercials that featured him leaping on cars at his Dodge dealership and shouting, "I want to sell you a car!"

When the former Florida legislator and businessman passed away June 10, Seminole State College of Florida lost one of its most generous benefactors.

Those close to Seminole State will remember him for the legacy he left the College, which includes the first individual \$1 million donation, Seminole State College President Dr. E. Ann McGee said.

"Art will be remembered for so many things, but our students will remember him because he made their futures possible," McGee said. "He was a steadfast supporter of Seminole State College for over three decades. From co-founding our Dream Gala in 1984, to the naming of the Art & Phyllis Grindle Honors Institute in 2006, his legacy of helping others will long survive him."

The Grindle family's Honors endowment funds scholarships for honors students, brings national speakers to Seminole State, funds travel-abroad programs, and affords honors students the ability to attend national conferences.

Students who complete the Grindle Honors Institute have won some of the largest scholarships available to college transfer students. Seminole State is the only college among 1,200 in the nation to have seven consecutive Jack Kent Cooke Scholars. The JKC scholarship, worth more than \$30,000, is considered the most prestigious for two-year graduates.

Daniel Leon, a 2011 Jack Kent Cooke Scholar who now attends American University, said Grindle took an interest in mentoring the honors students, often



PHOTO COURTESY OF SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE
Art Grindle mentored Seminole State students.

stopping by the Honors Center to visit with them.

"There was something unique about him," Leon said. "With Mr. Grindle, there was an emotional investment in the students. It's something that is also unique about the Honors Program at Seminole State."

Seminole County School Board Member Dede Schaffner says she and her late husband, Bill, were friends with the Grindles for years.

Grindle loved meeting the students, Schaffner said.

"He loved to know he was making a difference," Schaffner said. "That's what Art Grindle was all about."

A memorial service for Art and Phyllis Grindle will be held on Friday, July 20, in the Fine Arts Concert Hall on Seminole State's Sanford/Lake Mary Campus. The Grindle family has established a memorial scholarship for Honors students. Donations can be made to the scholarship in care of the Foundation for Seminole State College.

Please visit www.seminolestate.edu/foundation for more information.

STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

Support local supply drive

In the ongoing spirit of supporting our schools, think about supporting Kids House of Seminole in their upcoming school supply drive. Kids House children are the victims of emotional, physical and sexual abuse as well as neglect. All ages are affected from the tiniest infants to teens on the cusp of adulthood. In lovely Seminole County, which should be a safe haven for everyone, much less children, Kids House helps more than 2,000 children each year. Despite the fact that these children shoulder heavy emotional burdens, they are just like any other students excited to join their friends going back to school and conscious of their appearance and self-esteem.

In the weeks to come you'll find yourself out in stores, walking by the aisles of back-to-school displays. You may be long past having to worry about what size binders, backpacks or boxes of pens to buy. You may barely remember deliberating over the narrow or wide-ruled notebook paper or debating over the composition or spiral notebooks. Stop for a moment and imagine a quiet child who may be overweight or undernourished. They may not have new clothes or a new backpack to start school.

While most kids dread the beginning of school for its discipline, homework and structure, these kids face an additional set of anxieties. Even the youngest

ones know that it's the other kids who get new pens and pencils, notebook paper, folders or notebooks. Never mind a protractor, calculator or compass that's halfway cool. The little ones just want to open a new box of crayons — to smell the aroma of newborn color, lined up and pointy. Markers, highlighters and colored pencils bring imaginations to life despite the daily hardships of family, fear and emotional stress.

Kids House will be collecting school supplies to fill new backpacks for about 250 children in a fun pool party event on Wednesday Aug. 8. The first day of school will be Monday, Aug. 13. Consider buying supplies, sponsoring a child for \$50 or having your own supply drive. For more information, contact events@kidshouse.org or call 407-324-3036. Deliver donated supplies by July 27 to Kids House of Seminole at 5467 N Ronald Reagan Blvd, Sanford FL 32773.

Geneva's parade winners

Thanks to everyone who participated in Geneva's wonderful Independence Day celebration. Your beautifully decorated floats, bikes, horses and homes were amazing and the judges had a big challenge with so many more entries.

Congratulations to all the winners! Hopefully we didn't leave anyone out! Best Commercial Float: Todd Gelm

and Sons

First Prize Theme Float: Friends of the Rural Heritage Center (Education-Sky's the Limit)

Second Prize Theme Float: Mike Crowthers (Education-873)

First Place Youth awards: Dalton Harnsh (Uncle Sam)

Best Bicycle: Sophia Billingsley and River Boyd

Most Unusual Entry: Rylee Cook
Home Beautification Prizes: 192 Pine St., 131 Ave. C, 340 First St.

Best Group Effort; Labrie girls, two adorable minis and two horses

Best Depiction of Theme: Michelle Tournour

Most Original: Erin Fletcher and Emalie Clapp (ketchup and mustard) and "Smoke" (hot dog).

Kudos to the dedicated volunteers, organizations, sponsors and families who planned and executed this event. You did an awesome job handling multiple elements from airplanes to antique cars, horses to homes and all the activities.

Taste of Italy fundraiser

Help raise funds to purchase a commercial refrigerator and freezer for the Inasmuch Emergency Food Pantry by enjoying a fine Italian dinner, live music and entertainment. It's Saturday, July 14, from 5-7 p.m. at the Geneva Community Center. Cost is \$20 for a family of four to six; \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids.

TALK TO KAREN

Please share your thoughts about Geneva at 407-221-7002, kphillips@observernewspapers.com with "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line, or fax 407-349-2800. Thanks!

This column is dedicated to Deputy Sheriff Gene "Stetson" Gregory, killed in the line of duty on July 8, 1998. Geneva will never be the same because of Deputy Gregory — it will be better.

Between the CELERY Stalks

By Janet Foley

Trucks do battle

I hope all had a great Fourth of July and enjoyed all the festivities, as there were certainly many in our area — Geneva, Altamonte Springs, Winter Springs and Oviedo. I don't know about you, but I managed to visit two of those above. Really had a lot of fun and saw just about everyone I knew at both events.

Good news!

Monday, June 25, the International Council of Shopping Centers announced this year's US Maxi Shopping Center Award finalists, naming Oviedo Mall in the category of Traditional Marketing-Event or Sales Promotion.

Food Truck Wars

On Sunday, July 15, Cranes Roost Park is hosting the Food Truck Wars from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Guests will be able to vote for their favorite food trucks. Admission is free.

A thought

"Middle age is when your narrow waist and your broad mind change places."
— Jane Warnock McElyea

TALK TO JANET

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Spraying crops

Editor's note: Tom Carey is sitting on a deserted Southwest Florida beach, enjoying the tranquility of a summer vacation. This is a reprint of his Oct. 25, 1995 Oviedo Voice column titled: "The pees and ques of quality lawn care."

A recent article in a widely read gardening magazine about the use of human urine as a fertilizer raised a few chuckles, not to mention a few letters to the editor. The history of "spraying the crops" is as



Tom Carey
From my garden to yours

old as agriculture itself. As noted in F.H. King's 1911 book, "Farmers of Forty Centuries," Chinese farmers would entice travelers in need to make deposits in elaborately decorated roadside privies. These waste products were then greedily applied to the fields, leaving the soils better with passing generations.

Rice farmers routinely selected a corner of a paddy as a latrine. American homesteaders knew the best place to plant an apple tree was the depression left at the location of last year's outhouse. Using most nitrogen fertilizers in gunpowder formulas, Nazi Germany encouraged citizens to keep "Honey Buckets" to grow their version of "Victory Gardens."

Contemporary health concerns are paramount, so please note: we are discussing strictly liquid urine from healthy individuals applied to lawns and ornamental landscaping. The filtering process of the kidneys has no contagious microorganism functions.

Many valuable crop fertility compounds are found in the "golden mists." Nitrogen tops the list, with copious quantities of phosphorous, potassium and calcium readily available. I am sure we do not need to mention the waste and expense of flushing gallons of potable water down the loo, let alone building commensurately huge and smelly treatment plants "not in my backyard."

Gender specific note: these "how to" details are geared more toward the gentlemen of the audience. An article in Permaculture Activist magazine suggests that ladies might use a paper cup as a preliminary collection device. Since it's not socially acceptable to "drain the monster" while exposed in a neighborhood, a collection container in the privacy of one's domicile is a first step. Plastic half-gallon citrus bottles with a convenient handle are much easier to use than 2 liter soft drink bottles. After a few uses, head the ripe "huney bottle" to the recycling bin.

In the dark of the evening, while the rest of the world is glued to their televisions watching "Roseanne" or "ALF," saunter out to the backyard with your full jugs and spread the accumulated wealth of "golden rain." Rotate between selected pee-trees or weak spots in the lawn. You will probably win your next homeowners association best landscape award!

WHO IS CAREY

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Oviedo market turns 1



PHOTO BY REBECCA MALES — THEVOICE

Cathy Boulosa of Cathy's Cajun Cuisine sells some jam to an attendee wearing a Seminole Voice T-shirt at the one-year anniversary of the Oviedo Historical Society's monthly Farmers Market on Saturday.

Vogel says farewell to district



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Outgoing Seminole Superintendent Bill Vogel, left, laughs with incoming Superintendent Walt Griffin at a changeover ceremony at 11:59 p.m. June 30. Visit SeminoleVoice.com for a story about the swap.

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THIS WEEK in human history

July 25, 1985 —

Rock Hudson, Hollywood leading man, announces through a press release that he is suffering from AIDS. Hudson was the first major celebrity to go public with such a diagnosis.

Councilman COOKS

Oviedo Councilman and improv chef Stephen Schenck serves up business in the kitchen

SARAH WILSON
The Voice

Like a golfer giddy to play with his new putter, or a painter excited to try out a fresh set of brushes, Oviedo Councilman Stephen Schenck is eager to put his new ceramic knife to the test in the kitchen.

As he does every morning, Schenck raids his family's fridge and gathers odds and ends he can find to make into breakfast, the same way he would when he first started experimenting with cooking in college. Only today he finds garbanzo beans, olives, onions and fennel instead of the eggs and ends of meat he'd find then, salvaged from the sub shop where his roommate worked.

"That's how I really learned to cook — it was out of necessity in college," he says. "I would, and still do, just take stuff and put it together and hope for the best."

He's known to measure ingredients in "this and that much's," barely bothering to stick to a recipe, on the off chance he has one. But when the cooking gets good — like the Duda Professional Taste award-winning "Oviedo's Own Citrus Ceviche" Schenck placed second with in this year's Citrus & Celery Cook-off — those

For the recipe for Schenck's second-place-finishing "Oviedo's Own Citrus Ceviche" from the Taste of Oviedo's Citrus & Celery Cook-Off earlier this year, visit oviedotraditions.org/cookoff/cookoff/Recipes.html. The winning trick is to cut up the ingredients very fine, he says, "so you can get a little bit of everything when you take a bite."

this and that's make dishes that much harder to recreate, and he's forced to keep track.

At work Schenck has a few members of the City Council who are probably willing to pay him off for the recipes he brings to their annual University of Central Florida football tailgates.

"I'll bring the utensils, what ever he needs as far as the charcoal and the barbeque, and he'll bring just these amazing Hawaiian chicken sliders or spicy pork — you'll never know what we'll get," Oviedo Mayor Dominic Persampiere said. "Our tailgates are never just hamburgers and hot dogs — Schenck doesn't allow that."

Persampiere said he doesn't know what Schenck does that makes everything so good, it just always is.

"I will say that Councilman



Oviedo City Councilman and improvisational chef Stephen Schenck shows off his culinary skills in his kitchen. Take a stab at his Fish in a Bag recipe below and let us know how it turns out! Submit your own recipes to jandreasson@turnstilemediagroup.com. Happy cooking!

PHOTOS BY SARAH WILSON — THE VOICE

Schenck has outstanding culinary talent," he said.

At home, his wife, Doris, says Schenck's knack of putting things together — making them good, but not remembering what he put in — can make her job frustrating when he's not around.

"He'll be out at a Council meeting or something, and the kids will ask me to make something he makes and I'll try, but I never really know how he does it. Then the kids will always tell me, 'Mom, it was good, but ...'" she says, trailing off with a laugh, admitting that she knows they're right.

Luckily Schenck's secret cooking code rarely needs to be cracked. On Sundays he takes over the kitchen, preparing homemade lunches and some dinners — if he won't be around to make them fresh — for his family for the week. He'll stake out the kitchen while everyone's gone, turn on the Cooking Channel or Food Network and get to work.

The solace some may find in golf or painting, Schneck finds in chopping, armed with his new knife and a cutting board.

In City Hall, business is his aim,

but at home, he says, slicing and dicing is his game. There's nothing, he says, like a good, sharp knife. When you cut a tomato just right, easily puncturing the skin having it run right through, that's where Schenck finds his peace of mind.

"I like to chop — it's my way of zoning out. ... Everyone has their thing that they do that helps them tune out from other things, I chop," he said.

On this Monday morning he breaks out his new knife to chop up some breakfast. Cooking for himself, repetition and his own palate are his only guides. It's all about what feels right.

This mix of garbanzo beans, olives, peppers, fennel, garlic and a last-minute splash of lemon juice — you can't forget the acid, he reminds himself — that's sizzling on the stove is the same he makes most mornings. Sometimes there's more spice, others less, he jokes, depending on how awake he needs to be that day.

"It's that time when you're cooking that you can use to think of all the things you're not usually thinking about," he said. It's

a time where city budgets disappear, and the stack of papers on his desk down the hall no longer beckon his name.

But in the end, his favorite part of cooking, he says, "You get to eat!"

Chef Schenck's Fish in a Bag (serves 4)

Ingredients:

- 4 Tilapia Fillets
- 1tsp Ginger
- 2tsp Soy Sauce
- 1tsp Garlic powder
- 1 cup asparagus, julienned
- 1 cup carrots, julienned
- ½ cup onion diced
- 4 12"x12" pieces parchment paper
- Olive Oil, or Oil Spray

Steps:

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- Take the four pieces of parchment paper and put one tilapia fillet in the center of each.
- Portion the vegetables and spread on the fish
- Mix the ginger, soy sauce together and drizzle on fish/vegetables
- Sprinkle garlic powder on each fish package
- Drizzle with a little olive oil
- Holding the two ends of the parchment paper together with the fish in the center, fold the parchment down by ½ inch, and then pinch to crease it tightly.
- Keep folding down and pinching until you are at the top of the fish/vegetables
- Fold the ends, pinching and creasing similarly, than fold the ends under to hold them closed.
- Place all four bags on a cooking sheet and drizzle the top of each bag with olive oil.
- Cook for 18-20 minute at 375, remove from oven and place the bag on a plate.
- Pierce the bag and open to enjoy.

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Family Calendar

JULY 13

The Seminole State College Planetarium will host "Skies Down Under" from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on July 13 and 14. The planetarium is closed July 20, 21, 27 and 28. Visit seminolestate.edu/planet or call 407-708-2360.

JULY 14

Learn how to create folded book art, book sculptures or mixed media book art at **Altered Book Art Workshop** for Adults & Teens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at the East Branch Library, 310 Division St., Oviedo. It's free, but registration is required. Call 407-665-1560.

JULY 20

"The Dark Knight Rises" is part of the Oviedo Rotary Movie Blockbuster Charity Event. Enjoy a premiere screening with limited seating. The screening takes place at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 20, at the Oviedo Mall. For tickets and to support local scholarships, call 407-365-3192 or email neighv@aol.com

From 6-10 p.m. every third Friday of the month (July 20) is **Parents' Night Out at SPARK!** Family Enrichment Center, 5965 Red Bug Lake Road. Cost is \$25 for the first child with a \$5 sibling discount. Pre-registration is required. Call 407-679-7775.

JULY 23

The **Artistic Hand Gallery & Studio** is starting the second summer session of classes for children and adults the week of July 23. The studio is offering Mixed Media for children, which is six weeks long, and The Art of Stained Glass for Teens & Adults, which is eight weeks long. These classes add to other courses in painting, drawing and clay sculpture. Call 407-366-7882.

From July 23-27, June Powell will run two **Summer Theater Camps** at the Rural Heritage Center at 101 E. Main St., Geneva. You must pre-register by calling 407-349-5112. The first week is for ages 5-10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a suggested donation of \$50. The second week is for ages 11-18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a suggested donation of \$75. Activities include acting, costuming, make-up, set/prop design and construction, music, movement and audition techniques. All campers should bring their own lunches, snacks and water.

AUG. 7

Come to the **29th National Night Out**, from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness. Geneva's will be at Focal Point Nursery (behind Focal Point, Geneva General and Stricklands). There will be free school supplies, free hotdogs and drinks, prize drawings, Drug Take Back (hand in your expired medications, no needles or liquids), and Code Enforcement to answer questions.

ONGOING

The **Oviedo Mall** offers children's activities in the food court from noon to 2 p.m. every week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through Aug. 1. Call 407-977-2400 or visit myoviedomall.com

The **Museum of Geneva History** is open from 2-4 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday of the month (Aug. 12 and 26) and is located next to the Community Center on First Street. Admission is free. Visit <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/fl/county/seminole/Geneva>

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JC360 Sports Grille bartender Jeff Jefcoat, left, shows how he makes one of his colorful ciderbomb drinks. At right, cars set up for the monthly car cruise event.

JC360 mixes grills with grilles at monthly car show

KYLE WARNKE
The Voice

A year and a half ago, Joe Couceiro founded JC 360 Sports Grille with the idea to create an establishment that didn't cater to just one demographic. He wanted a place that could be home to couples and families, not just your traditional sports fans.

One of JC 360's newest and most popular events is the car cruise, which occurs every third Friday of the month outside the restaurant from 5 to 9 p.m. The Voice sat down with the Oviedo resident and restaurant owner to

learn more about the car cruise and what JC 360 has to offer.

Voice: How did JC 360 get started?

Couceiro: When we opened up the restaurant ... I wanted a different feel. I wanted it to have some of the benefits of the sports bar, which includes that we wanted to have TVs everywhere — we wanted to surround you with TVs, that's where the 360 in the name comes from. But the difference is I wanted it to be a higher-quality establishment.

V: Why did you choose

Oviedo?

C: What I liked about this particular location was the diversity of the clientele. It wasn't where you're only reliant on the college crowd. We have a very diverse crowd here that comes here for different things. We have a Shamrock Poker tour that plays here. That's a totally different demographic that shows up. We get anywhere between 40 and 70 of those folks ... we'll get a much more contemporary crowd on Friday, mostly young adults. Late at night, we'll have the hospitality crowd; when all the restaurants shut down, their employees come here.

V: Are there any plans to expand to other locations?

C: That's somewhere between the back and the front of my mind. We want to make sure we are successful here ... I would love very much to have one or two other locations in Central Florida.

V: Tell us more about the car

JC 360 Sports Grille is located at 1115 Vidina Place, Oviedo. They are open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Wednesday. The car cruise is every third Friday of the month from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 407-977-0082, or visit jc360sportsgrille.com

Special drink: JC 360 features the ciderbomb, which consists of hard woodchuck cider mixed with your choice of flavored vodka.

cruise.

C: The whole side parking lot is wall-to-wall with these very nice antique cars, like blow-you-away nice. Some of these cars are obviously 30 or 40 years old, and they're in mint condition ... I'll tell ya, I was really impressed with them. What you do is you get a lot of these folks who simply want to show up with their cars. They hang out by their cars and they do a little tailgate party ... It's a mini car show. We use that side parking lot because it doesn't interrupt the traffic of the mall.



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Calendar

JULY 15: Food Truck Wars II at Cranes Roost Park

Food Truck Wars II will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, July 15, at Cranes Roost Park/Up-town Altamonte in Altamonte Springs. Foodies will have a chance to vote on cuisines from Thai food, fish and chips, BBQ, gourmet cupcakes and more.



JULY 14: Ribbon cutting

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Saturday, July 14, at 9 a.m. on the north side of the pedestrian bridge spanning Red Bug Lake Road.



JULY 13

Take time for yourself at SPARK! Family Enrichment Center, 5965 Red Bug Lake Road, on the second Friday of the month (July 13) by attending **Sip & Sketch Adult Art Class**. This two-hour class begins at 7 p.m., and the cost is \$25. Advance registration is required. Call 407-679-7775.

JULY 14

Come to **Dinner & Movie Night** at the Geneva Bijou around 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, if you want to dine on fine pizza. Then enjoy the night of old-fashioned fun at 7 p.m. at the Rural Heritage Center, 101 E. Main St., Geneva. There is a \$5 donation per person, and \$3 donation for kids under 16. Email GenevaHGS@aol.com

A **community volunteer park cleanup** event is planned for Saturday, July 14, at Round Lake Park, from 9 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Volunteers will be working to assist with trash pickup and debris removal.

JULY 16

Oviedo City Council meetings take place on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Oviedo City Hall Council Chambers. Visit cityofoviedo.net to view the agenda.

JULY 18

Learn the value of a realistic **business plan** from 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, at SBDC at Seminole State College, Atlantic.Net, Suite 3, with speaker Amy Kirkland, CBA, manager of the Small Business Development Center at Seminole State College. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/businessplanseminar>

JULY 19

Enjoy **Naked Bottle Wine Tasting** from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, at Art Affair Gallery on 301 E. First St. in Sanford. A \$10 donation is required for the wine tasting.

JULY 20

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 20, to **celebrate the life of Art Grindle**, a former Florida legislator and businessman who was a longtime benefactor of Seminole State College of Florida. It is Friday, July 20, at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Concert Hall on Seminole State's Sanford/Lake Mary Campus.

JULY 21

Come to the **Basic Oil Technique Workshop** with Sarah Barnaby at Art Affair Gallery, 301 E. First St. in Sanford from 2-5 p.m. on July 21. Cost is \$45. Call 407-878-2855 or visit us online at ArtAffairGallery.com or Facebook.com/ArtAffairGallery

Come for a free evening of old-time music every third Saturday (July 21) around 6:30 p.m. at the **Geneva Jam** at the Geneva Community Center. There is bluegrass, old country and some old-fashioned gospel for you to enjoy. Pulled pork, hot dogs, chips, dessert and drinks are for sale at a very modest cost from 6 to 7 p.m. (or until food runs out).

JULY 23

Winter Springs City Commission meetings take place on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Winter Springs City Hall Commission

Chambers. Visit winterspringsfl.org to view the agenda or listen to the meeting online.

JULY 25

Discuss benefits of the **FairTax vs. several flat (income) tax** proposals. Learn what can be done to influence the discussion for the FairTax at the Seminole Co. Sheriff's Annex, 1225 E. Broadway from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25. For more information, call 407-949-2959.

JULY 27

From 6 to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, downtown Sanford hosts the **Sanford Art Walk**, a gallery tour around town. Mingle with the artists as you enjoy live music, food and lots of art. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

On July 27, as part of the **See What We Feel fundraiser**, the Art Affair Gallery, located at 301 E. First St. in Sanford, will feature Live Art with the theme "Movements in Art" with several painted models. Call the gallery at 407-878-2855 or visit us online at www.artaffairgallery.com or at our Facebook page.

Visit seminolevoice.com/events/search/ for more details. Send submissions to jandreasson@turnstilemediagroup.com

JULY 20: Christmas in July fundraiser

Celebrate Christmas this summer with Christian HELP's 5th Annual Christmas in July Celebration from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, July 20, at the Metro Life Church in Casselberry at 910 S. Winter Park Drive. Visit christianhelp.org



JULY 21: Free tire collection

A tire collection event will be held on Saturday, July 21, and Saturday, Oct. 20. Free tire collection events are held several times a year at the Central Transfer Station and Seminole County Landfill. These events offer residential households free disposal of up to 10 tires to alleviate illegal dumping of tires and prevent mosquitoes. Call 407-665-2260.



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This year the March of Dimes Central Florida Division will honor nurses, the unsung heroes of healthcare, by hosting its first-ever Nurse of the Year awards. Kicking off with nomination process on July 2nd, co-workers, supervisors, and other health professionals can nominate registered nurses, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and licensed practical nurses. Self-nominations are also encouraged. The nursing profession has played a key role in the history and success of the March of Dimes dating back to our founding in 1938. March of Dimes salutes and recognizes nurses in their leadership and service in the health care community

The Nurse of the Year awards will be presented in 15 categories during an evening celebration at the Walt Disney World Dolphin and Swan Resort on Saturday, November 10, 2012. Nurses who work in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties who demonstrate excellence in providing care, comfort, and support to patients can be nominated in the following categories:

Advance Practice – Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthetist or Nurse Psychotherapist

Clinical / Academic Education – Made significant contributions in clinical nurse education, professional development, and have advanced research, theory generation and the development of nurses at entry level, graduate level and doctoral

Community / Mental Health / Ambulatory Care – Public health, clinic, office and other ambulatory care settings and/or school health, transplant coordinators, mental health, parish and correctional nursing.

Critical Care / Surgical Services – Special procedures, Perioperative, Preoperative, Interventional radiology, Day surgery, Catha Lab, OR, PTCA, PACU, OR, NICU, PICU and Endoscopy.

Emergency/Trauma – Flight, ambulance, pre-hospital, and telephone triage, pediatric ER and ER

Hospice / Home Health / Palliative Care – Inpatient/outpatient hospice settings, nursing homes, health care settings, specialty long term acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and acute rehabilitation

Leadership / Executive – An entrepreneur, researcher, consultant, CNE, CNO, VP, Administrative Director or Department Director

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Rising Star – Nurse who within the first 2 years of practice exemplify outstanding caring, leadership and professionalism

Student Nurse / under graduate – Student enrolled in a nursing preparatory program showing great promise

Student Nurse / graduate – Student enrolled in a graduate nursing program or nurse enrolled in a graduate program in a related discipline (e.g., MPH) showing great promise.

To nominate a nurse, visit marchofdimes.com/florida and complete the nomination form. The deadline for nominations is September 4, 2012. After a nomination is received, an application packet will be sent to the nominee for completion. The Selection Committee will review blinded applications and reserve the right to consolidate or change categories without notice.

The Nurse of the Year is sponsored by FloridaMD, East Orlando Sun, Seminole Voice, Winter Park/Maitland Observer and Baldwin Park Living Magazine. For additional information on the event, please contact Betty Stuart at 321.274.8615 or estuart@marchofdimes.com.

Notes

Winter Springs gets a new commissioner

Winter Springs has a new commissioner on the dais after a split vote put attorney S. Avery Smith in the District 3 seat June 25. The vote to fill the seat came in the wake of the sudden departure of Commissioner Gary Bonner, who had moved out of the city.

Eight residents from District 3, which covers the southeast portion of the city largely within the Tuscawilla neighborhood, had applied for the job. Smith, a six-year resident of Winter Springs, brings her experience as an attorney to the dais. She'll serve the remaining four months of former Commissioner Bonner's term.

—Isaac Babcock

Chuluota student makes dean's list

Georgia Southern University recently recognized 2,398 students on the 2012 spring semester dean's list. Donald King, a justice studies major from Chuluota, has been named to the list for excellence in academics.

Local students graduate from Eckerd College

Two local residents were among the 540 students who graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg on May 20. Amy DeBevoise is a creative writing major with high honors and a resident of Winter Springs. Richard Hayward is a creative writing major and a resident of Oviedo.

Winter Springs cops host citizen seminars

The Winter Springs Police Department

will be holding a Citizens Police Academy starting Sept. 4 and running through Nov. 6. The academy will be held on Tuesday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Winter Springs Police Department. Attendance is limited to the first 25 who apply. Visit <http://bit.ly/MhGXYS> to download an application. Call 407-327-7551.

Free summer meals

Seminole County Public Schools is proud to take part in the Summer Food Service Program, serving free meals to children aged 18 and younger. A map is online at tinyurl.com/SFSPmap or call 407-320-0226.

Book Bus visits Seminole

The Big Red Book Bus will be traveling around Seminole County weekly during the summer. Visit letsread.scps.k12.fl.us for the bus schedule.

Be part of the festival

The 5th Annual Winter Springs Festival of the Arts is calling for artists. The application deadline is July 28. Visit wsfota.org

Oviedo Commerce Center leases new land

NAI Realvest recently negotiated a lease renewal agreement and a new lease totaling 9,385 square feet of industrial space at the Oviedo Commerce Center, 2460 West State Road 426. The new tenant, Oviedo-based Bill Ault Systems Inc., leased 6,526 square feet, and Going Green Services renewed its lease of 2,859 square feet.

Send submissions to jandreasson@turnstilemediagroup.com

Oviedo ventriloquist performs at convention



Oviedo-based ventriloquist Jacki Manna was selected to perform at the 36th Annual Vent Haven Convention in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., which takes place July 18-21. Each year more than 400 ventriloquists from all over the world gather to attend workshops, lectures and performances by top professionals. Manna was chosen because of her broad experience and dedication to the art. She shares this honor with Comedy Central star Jeff Dunham among others. Manna's act will be a tribute to mentor and radio/TV star Howie Olson by performing with Olson's 102-year-old puppet Cowboy Eddie. Visit her website at www.JackiManna.com

Aquatic-themed playground surfaces in Oviedo Mall

Oviedo Mall will install a brand new children's play area in the food court this coming August. The indoor play area is being constructed by Playtime Creations based out of Colorado and is expected to be installed by mid-August. The area will have an aquatic theme and span 600 square feet along the curved wall approaching the south entrance in the food court.



The mall is seeking sponsorships for the new play area. Contact Sara Steffes, marketing manager, at steffes@urban-retail.com

Robotics team takes third

Four Seminole County high school graduates took third in an international robotics competition. Kieran Wilson and Evan Terry, Seminole High School graduates this year, and Sam Knight and Michael Ikegami, Geneva School graduates this year, of team Tachyon Robotics, worked on their underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) for more than 100 hours over the past year.



The team won third place by completing specific tasks underwater at the MATE ROV Competition at the Orlando YMCA from June 21-23. All the expertise and experience they learned through those 100 hours were put to work on competition day. Every team gets two runs, and the best was taken for scoring. On their first run, a motor stopped working during their test. It took up 12 of their 15 minutes of run time, but the team was able to fix it and get it underwater. Luckily, their second race went smoothly.

All four students are heading to college to study engineering in the fall and said this experience has given them a head start in their field. Pictured from left are Sam Knight, Kieran Wilson and Evan Terry, with Michael Ikegami standing in background. For more information, visit www.materover.org

—Brittni Johnson

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Rats, Dawgs find a streak

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

Sanford is still waiting to find its winning ways, but a doubleheader sweep will help. The River Rats beat the league-basement-dwelling Orlando Freedom twice in two bizarre slugfests on July 10 to nab their first winning streak of the season. Now all they have to do is keep up with the streaking Diamond Dawgs.

The Winter Park Diamond Dawgs are in a tie for the league lead after leaping two spots on the ladder thanks to a seven-game winning streak.

And some of those wins have been nail-biters, with the Dawgs just squeaking by on a run or two lead. But in all of those games, the Dawgs have found something they've struggled with throughout the season — consistent run production.

The Dawgs have averaged nearly nine runs per game over the course of their season-saving streak, which has put them in a tie with the Leesburg Lightning at the



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Edwin Medina had two hits, two runs and an RBI in the Dawgs' win over Leesburg.

top of the Florida Collegiate Summer League.

The irony of the Dawgs finally getting their groove back is heavy hitter Michael Danner somewhat losing his own, falling below .400 for the first time this season. But his .398 batting average still leads the league by a wide margin, and his third long ball of the season puts him in a tie for fifth for going yard.

Meanwhile the Dawgs' top starter, Anthony Figliolia, finally

had his ludicrous 0.00 ERA end, but after giving up his first run of the season after 22 innings pitched, he remains the league's best at 0.41.

The Dawgs played the Rats at press time Wednesday, and hit the road for DeLand at 7 p.m. Thursday and Orlando at 7 p.m. Friday, but they'll return home against Sanford at 7 p.m. Saturday to play the River Rats again. Before that, the Rats will host the Freedom on Thursday and Friday, both games starting at 7 p.m.

Fantastic 4th



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Geneva Marching Band, above, was showcased in the Fourth of July Parade in Geneva. At top, Jake & Elwood Blues Revue perform at Oviedo Mall.

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THIS WEEK in political history

July 23, 1976 —

Members of the American Legion arrive in Philadelphia to celebrate the bicentennial of U.S. independence. Soon after returning home, many began suffering from a mysterious form of pneumonia, which would become known as Legionnaires' disease. The final tally was 221 cases, including 34 deaths.

EMPLOYMENT

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This is for you, Generation Text

Every once in a while I get the opportunity to review a book or a product and share the results with you. As I have been interviewing for the AmeriCorps VISTA program, I have shared some of the highlights and frustrations of receiving so many applications. I am pleased to say we have made three offers to people who I believe will be great additions to our team.

Suzanne Kleinberg has written a book about millennials and their quest to get a job. The title of the book made me smile. It's "Playstation to Workstation: A Career Guide for Generation Text Surviving in a Baby Boomer World." The book is a true how-to manual for people coming out of school and into the job world.

Throughout the book, there are resume examples, cover letter suggestions and questionnaires to help with determining what kind of job fits you. I love, love, loved page 204 and 206 with "do" and "don't even think about it" suggestions for interview attire. The reality is that many people show up in the "don't even think about it" attire. My daughter told me that people wore tank tops and shorts for interviews at Sea World. They were probably so excited when she came in the door professionally dressed!

At the end of the book, Kleinberg spends time talking about working abroad, volunteering and common assumptions about choosing a career.

I think this is a must-read workbook for high school and college graduates. It will take you from start to finish on your job search and help you to look at your career path through the eyes of an interviewer. Thumbs up!

TALK TO SANDI

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IRS aggressively pursues business owners who fail to remit payroll taxes

PETER PAPPAS
Guest Writer

We have been helping business taxpayers with their IRS tax problems for a very long time. One of the worst tax violations we encounter is the failure of an employer to remit payroll taxes it has withheld from its employees' pay. But despite its gravity, it is one of the most frequent tax problems we encounter.

Payroll tax delinquencies are treated harshly

The IRS is required by law to give employees the benefit of all taxes withheld by their employers whether or not such taxes were remitted to the government. Consequently, when an employer fails to turn over withheld taxes, the IRS loses money. The IRS doesn't like to lose money.

Withheld taxes are held in trust for the government

The payroll taxes an employer holds back from an employee (called the "Trust Fund") never belong to the employer, but rather are held in a constructive trust for the federal government. Thus, every employer is a trustee whose sole beneficiary is the United States. As a trustee, the employer has a fiduciary duty to properly report and turn over all withheld taxes.

If you don't do it, it is considered by the feds to be theft of government funds and the IRS may refer the case to its criminal investigation division.

Installment payment plans for in-business taxpayers

Employers who are behind in their payroll tax deposits can count on immediate and aggressive collection action by the IRS. There is good reason for this: The IRS is concerned that a delinquent payroll tax employer who is still in business will continue to use the Trust Fund for its own purposes.

The IRS calls this "pyramiding" and will shut your business down if you continue to do it, or if it has a reasonable belief that you will continue to do it.

Fortunately, there is a solution. If the business can show that it has corrected the problem and is now keeping current with its payroll tax deposits, and can show that it is profitable enough to allow it to remain current and make payments on the unpaid payroll taxes (plus penalties and interest), the IRS will consider an Installment Payment Agreement.

The trust fund penalty

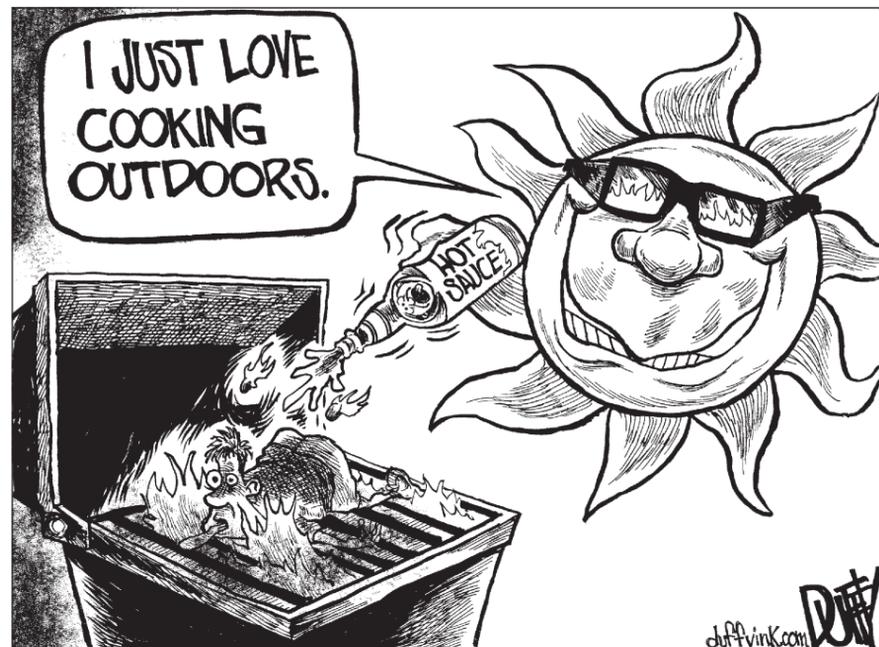
But there is more bad news. The IRS is empowered to assess a penalty against individuals working for the company who are deemed responsible for the failure of

the business to remit payroll taxes. This penalty is called the Trust Fund Penalty because it imposes a fine that is equal to the portion of the payroll taxes that was withheld from employees' pay and held in trust for the government. For example, if you paid an employee annual gross wages of \$50,000 and withheld \$10,000 in federal income taxes and \$3,825 (7.65% x \$50,000) in FICA and Medicaid taxes, the Trust Fund penalty is \$13,825.

The Trust Fund Penalty may be assessed against more than one individual, and the IRS often assesses it against people within the organization who were neither shareholders nor officers.

Advice: Seek professional advice. Before you attempt to deal with the IRS yourself, we strongly recommend that you consult with a tax attorney or CPA experienced in dealing with these matters. The early involvement of a tax professional will usually allow you to avoid criminal prosecution, remain in business and get more favorable repayment terms.

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Young Voices

Here's how kids at the Geneva Parade & Festival celebrated Fourth of July this year.



We're going to GranMere's (grandma's) to eat lunch and we'll have fun in the pool. Later on we'll eat hamburgers and hotdogs and homemade ice cream. We'll watch fireworks....

—Grant G.
8 years old



After the parade we're going to swim in the pool at our house, then later on we're going to Oviedo Mall to see the fireworks. I really like the parade with the cars and their wacky decorations.

—Isabel C.
9 years old



We're watching the parade today and fireworks tonight at the Oviedo Mall. I like the different colors of the fireworks and the smoke bombs. It's great when they throw the candy at the parade.

—Logan D.
11 years old



This is my second time at a Fourth of July parade. Later today we're going to a Disney hotel and we'll watch the fireworks tonight. There is red, white and blue everywhere.

—Austin E.
7 years old



We're going swimming later — I would like to swim every day. There is so much to do here in Florida. This is my first time at this parade. I already had a hot dog today with mustard and ketchup.

—Adyn E.
6 years old

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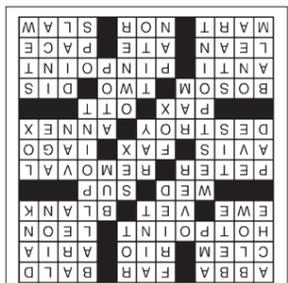
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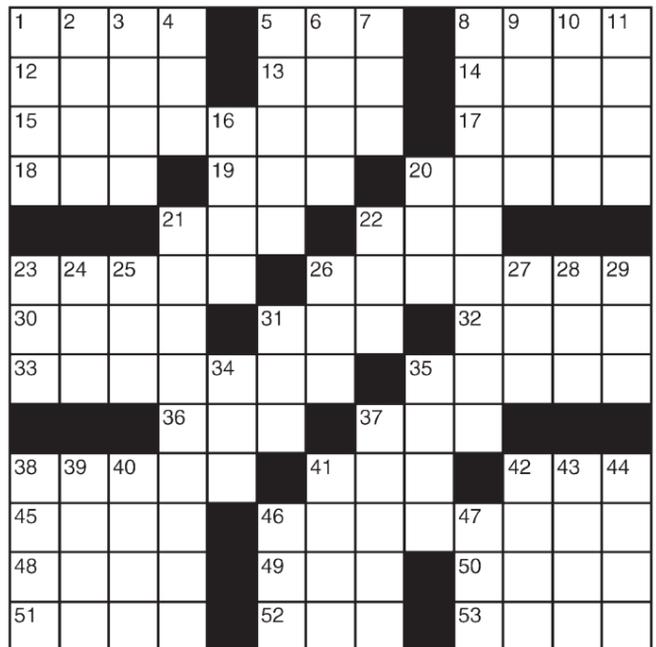
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- 5 Distant
- 8 Hairless
- 12 Skelton's Kadiddle-hopper
- 13 Brazilian resort city
- 14 Met melody
- 15 Big name in appliances
- 17 Ponce de —
- 18 34-Down's mate
- 19 Ex-GI
- 20 Entry form
- 21 Marry
- 22 Dine
- 23 Actor Fonda
- 26 Sanit work ers' job
- 30 Hertz rival
- 31 Transmit electronically
- 32 Shakespeare villain
- 33 Ruin
- 35 Build a wing
- 36 Peace (Lat.)
- 37 Mel of Coopers-town
- 38 "— Buddies"
- 41 Pair
- 42 Insult (Sl.)
- 45 Opposed
- 46 Locate precisely
- 48 Tilt
- 49 Consumed

King Crossword



- 50 Walk the floor
- 51 Shoppers' mecca
- 52 Neither mate
- 53 Cabbage salad
- 11 Unpleasantly moist
- 16 Finished
- 20 Vagrant
- 21 Cadets' place
- 22 Gender
- 23 Cushion
- 24 Leading lady?
- 25 "— the season ..."
- 26 Shaft of light
- 27 Moving truck
- 28 Time of your life?
- 29 Bagel topper
- 31 "The Simpsons" network
- 34 See 18-
- 35 On
- 37 Title holder
- 38 Soothing ointment
- 39 Draftable
- 40 Celebrity
- 41 One of the Jackson 5
- 42 Rotary phone feature
- 43 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 44 Ratatouille, e.g.
- 46 Zero-star review
- 47 Chances, for short

DOWN

- 1 Rue the run
- 2 Huff and puff
- 3 — noire
- 4 Pump up the volume
- 5 Cooked in a skillet
- 6 "— Mis-behavin' "
- 7 Decay
- 8 Pen type
- 9 Vicinity
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