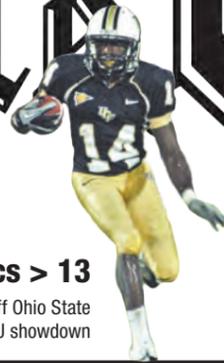




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## Oviedo on the Park lifts hopes

SARAH WILSON  
The Voice

As plans for an expansive town center development take shape around them, businesses in the plaza near Oviedo on the Park are preparing for what they hope is an increase in foot traffic.

**TJ's Seafood Shack** is located at 197 E. Mitchell Hammock Road in Oviedo. Visit [tjseafoodshack.com](http://tjseafoodshack.com) for more information.

To keep up to date on the development plans of **Oviedo on the Park**, visit [cityofoviedo.net](http://cityofoviedo.net)

The plaza at the intersection of Mitchell Hammock Road and State Road 434, just west of the planned Oviedo on the Park, has five empty storefronts. Business owners say they hope that number will decrease as excitement builds for the 61-acre, estimated \$200 million project.

Winter Park-based developer PAC Land Development is scheduled to start construction on 250 residential units during the first quarter of 2013. The project also

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## Kee Wee noise draws complaints

Police issue written warning, business says it will comply

SARAH WILSON  
The Voice

The classic rock reverberating through the walls and double-paned windows of Mike McDonald's house isn't his. But he says the live bands performing at Kee Wee Entertainment District sound as clear as if they were right next door.

Melissa Wells says she too in the past couple months has been kept up many a Friday or Saturday night from the pounding bass from music coming from Kee Wee down the street from her Winter Springs home.

The two are among what was a growing petition of Winter Springs residents having complained both to the Winter Springs Police Department and the Winter Springs City Commission about the noise since July.

"I can't enjoy my weekends at home anymore," resident Terri Lilly said addressing the Commission. "...[The noise] is in the air, it's just permeating the whole air."

Captain Chris Deisler said the police department has received 22 calls to the business from July 21 to Sept. 9. He said Kee Wee was issued one written warning, on Aug. 31, but that distinguishing whether or not the business is breaking the city noise ordinance is



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**Bands such as the All Stars, above,** may rock Kee Wee Entertainment District, but locals are getting irked by loud music into the midnight hour. That's prompted the city to step in, and Kee Wee to turn it down.

difficult, with the police not having the appropriate frequency-measuring device to monitor the sound frequency. The lower the frequency, the more the sound can rattle and vibrate windows and walls.

The night of Friday, Aug. 31, Deisler said the police department went out to Kee Wee

and the neighborhoods where residents were complaining to measure the frequency with a device borrowed from a specialist with the University of Central Florida. At press time, those results were still pending.

Mayor Charles Lacey, who accompanied

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## Oviedo funds give simulation company a boost

TIM FREED  
The Voice

The desert sands of Afghanistan swirl around a U.S. Army combat medic, the air filled with the smell of burnt rubber and the sound of gunfire. Separated from his unit in the battlefield, the medic stumbles upon an overturned Humvee.

Smoke billows out of the side of the vehicle with a soldier trapped inside. The medic sprints over to the wreck, wrenches the door open and pulls the unconscious soldier out, carrying him away to a safe distance. Blood on the soldier's uniform also reveals a severe leg wound, so he quickly wraps a tourniquet securely around the area to stop the

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**Design Interactive**, located at 1221 E. Broadway St. in Oviedo, has worked with the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy. Visit [designinteractive.net](http://designinteractive.net)

For more information on **Oviedo's incentives**, visit [http://cityofoviedo.net/ED/?page\\_id=9](http://cityofoviedo.net/ED/?page_id=9) or call 407-971-5555.

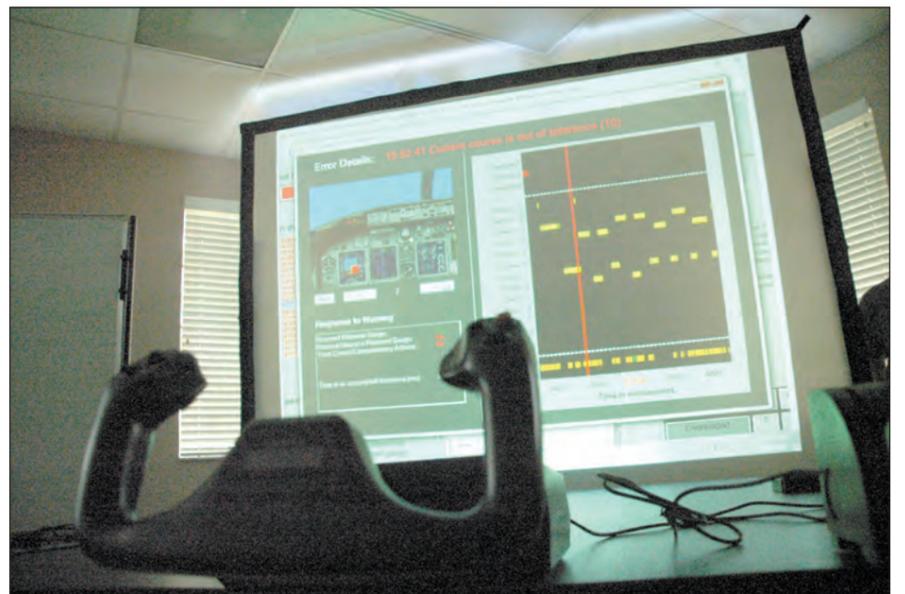


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**Design Interactive in Oviedo** creates simulators for combat rescue, flight and medical personnel.

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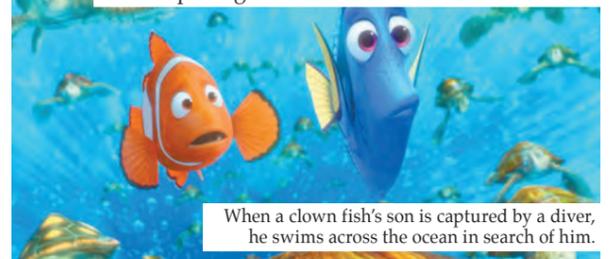
The charity Butts, Beans, Coleslaw and Pie Cook-Off is from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Jolly Gator Fish Camp in Geneva. Call 407-402-3993 to enter the competition.

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# THIS WEEK



## THIS WEEK in history

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# ★ ★ ★ Three for three ★ ★ ★

Three candidates qualify for Winter Springs Commission Seat 3; in Oviedo, races begin for Seat 3 and Seat 4

**SARAH WILSON**  
The Voice

With the strike of 12:01 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, qualifying for city election seats closed and the campaign season for Oviedo City Council and Winter Springs City Commission seats officially began.

Driving through Oviedo, signs for incumbents Cindy Drago and Stephen Schenck have already started popping up in yards from previous election cycles.

"My campaign started at 12:05 p.m.," Schenck said. "As soon as I heard I had an opponent I went out and put my sign back up in my yard."

Running against the five-year incumbent for his Oviedo City Council Seat is Karen S. Heriot, a social studies teacher at Sanford Middle. Heriot said she's running to help increase transparency and open up discussions in Oviedo politics.

Having watched the city's government functions, the state legislative process and how the School Board has been run for two

decades, she said she'd bring a fresh new perspective to the City Council.

"I think I would bring a larger perspective, a broader perspective," she said. She hopes that as a Council member she could encourage that more city business be done in the open, rather than by consent agenda at meetings.

Schenck said up until the last few days of qualifying, he was anticipated going into the election unopposed, but is confident his track record on Council will help him as his campaign moves forward.

"We're trying to do the right things to make us attractive and keep us attractive as a city for residents and businesses... I want to keep that going," Schenck said.

Councilwoman Drago in Seat 4 is also gearing up to run for a second term against Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce board member Bob Pollack, whom she beat for the seat two years ago.

In Winter Springs three campaigns for Seat 3 started anew. Present Commissioner Avery Smith, who was appointed to the

Amid campaign calling, walking door-to-door, and getting word out about their candidacy, all the candidates will be hosting events around their respective cities leading up until the election Nov. 6. For up-to-date information on each city's elections, visit [cityofoviedo.net](http://cityofoviedo.net) and [winterspringsfl.org](http://winterspringsfl.org)

Qualifying candidates for contested Winter Springs and Oviedo city seats on the ballot Nov. 6:

**WINTER SPRINGS**

Seat 3 – Avery Smith (incumbent), Pam Carroll, Phil Kaprow

**OVIEDO**

Seat 3 – Stephen Schenck (incumbent), Karen S. Heriot

Seat 4 – Cindy Drago (incumbent), Bob Pollack

seat following Commissioner Gary Bonner's resignation in June, announced she'd seek a full four-year term just days before qualifying closed.

"I want to keep Winter Springs running the course... It's strong and it's growing, it's a vibrant community, but we need to do more," Smith said.

She said in her term thus far she's been able to show residents what she adds to the Commission, and how she works as a decision maker and problem solver.

Running against her are local attorney Phil Kaprow and longtime city volunteer Pam Carroll.

Carroll says she looks forward to trying to take her knowledge of Winter Springs as a 20-year resident and as a multi-faceted city volunteer to the next level in her campaign for the Commission.

"I'm running to make a difference from a different perspective," said Carroll, former five-year president of the Tusawilla Homeowners Association.

**WINTER SPRINGS  
Seat 3**



Avery Smith  
(incumbent)



Pam Carroll



Phil Kaprow

**OVIEDO  
Seat 4**



Cindy Drago  
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Bob Pollack

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(incumbent)



Karen S. Heriot

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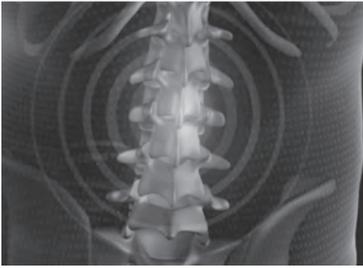
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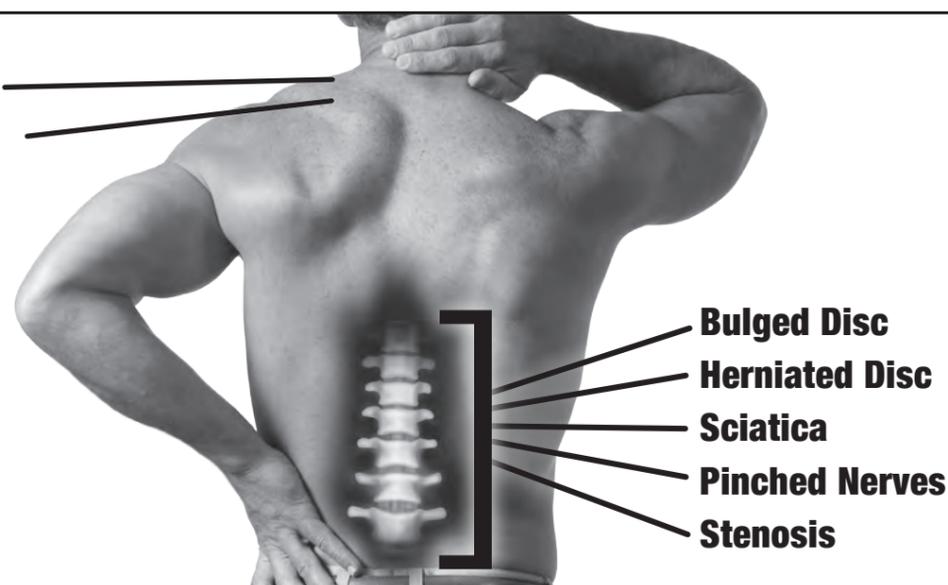
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# Back Pain

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## IS SURGERY THE ANSWER?

It is true that surgery may be the answer for certain types of back injuries. When considering your options, ask yourself this question... **If there is a solution to back pain that doesn't require surgery, is it worth exploring?**

## WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR LASTING PAIN RELIEF?

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### WHEN CONSIDERING SURGERY, CONSIDER THESE FACTS:

- Back surgery can cost over \$100,000
- Recovery is very painful and can take months or years
- Surgery may or may not relieve your pain
- Dependence on prescription drugs may occur after surgery
- Missed work can amount to \$1000s in lost wages
- Outcomes may be uncertain, surgery is not reversible

severe back/neck pain. Many clinics across the country have a part of the solution, but Integrative Physical Medicine uses several treatment options in order to provide the ultimate in pain relief.

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## PARK | TJ's says it's expanding, not moving



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There are a string of empty storefronts in the LA Fitness-anchored plaza near where Oviedo on the Park is scheduled to start rising early next year. TJ's Seafood is thriving there.

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includes 85,000 square feet of commercial, office, restaurant and entertainment space, including an amphitheater.

Oviedo Mayor Dominic Persampiere says the project should boost occupancy of business not only in this plaza, which is anchored by LA Fitness and Outback Steakhouse with local favorite TJ's Seafood Shack in the middle, but in what will be Oviedo's new downtown center.

“Rising tides raise all ships,” he said, adding that the mix of park and recreational space with retail and commercial properties – starting with the currently under-construction Panera Bread on Mitchell Hammock Road – mean the start of good things for Oviedo commerce.

There's an optimistic but anxious mood among business owners in the plaza as they await increased foot traffic that they expect to result from the project.

Newcomer David Coker, owner of Beefit Nutrition in the plaza, said most of his business comes from those visiting LA Fitness, and more stores can only mean more people walking by and stopping in.

“It should be a good thing for the plaza as long as it brings in more business,” he said.

Crystal Lackey, owner of Esbi Int'l Salon, also hopes that the addition of Oviedo on the Park will increase commerce in the downtown area and raise awareness of the businesses currently

operating in the plaza.

She said she chose this location seven years ago because of the plans for the downtown next door, only to have the downtown put on hold during the recession and then further postponed after the suicide of Broad Street Partners developer Steve Walsh in 2008.

She said she's happy to see the project finally coming together.

“I think it will bring a lot of growth to the area and to the city,” she said.

### TJ's branching out

Since opening in the plaza four years ago, Tim Shepardson, owner of TJ's Seafood Shack, says his business has been booming. And he hopes that will continue as Oviedo on the Park takes shape.

“I think it's going to be great for all of the businesses here,” he said.

“I think it'll keep more people inside of Oviedo instead of going outside the city to get the things they want,” his sister and co-owner Mary Strickland said.

TJ's itself is also looking to grow, Shepardson said. He's currently searching for the perfect spot to open a second location in the Orlando area. Winter Park or Maitland, he said, are both on TJ's radar.

But getting bigger doesn't mean forgetting where the restaurant came from, he said, as Oviedo will always be TJ's hometown as they continue to grow their offerings of fresh, fairly priced seafood in their current space.

“We're not leaving Oviedo, heck no!” he said. “This is our roots.”



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# DESIGN | Simulation industry booming around Central Florida

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bleeding. The soldier is safe and the mission is complete. The training session is over.

The V-Xtract is a U.S. Army Humvee replica designed by the Oviedo-based modeling and simulation company Design Interactive Inc. It helps train medics on rescuing soldiers from rolled-over vehicles.

Design Interactive is getting some help of its own. In the coming months the firm will hire 12 new simulation and software employees thanks to the city of Oviedo's Jobs Growth Incentive program and the state of Florida's Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program. Those opportunities could result in an overall assistance package valued at \$84,000.

Kay Stanney, president and founder of Design Interactive, said these new positions are integral in moving her company forward.

"We're starting to get work now much more quickly because

of our past performance, and we couldn't accomplish it without these new positions," Stanney said. "The growth is contingent on bringing in those new people because we're beyond capacity now in terms of the amount of work and number of people. It's absolutely critical to our growth that they come in to help us."

Design Interactive is the first company to take advantage of the Jobs Growth Incentive program. It reached out to Oviedo roughly a month ago to begin the application process.

The program, which went into effect in the city about six months ago, requires Design Interactive to maintain 12 new positions for at least two years with annual wages of 200 percent of the average county wage. The Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program requires the same wage criteria.

Founded in 1998, Design Interactive has grown 50 percent in the past nine months and is now up to 35 employees. In addition to the V-Xtract, other pieces of Design Interactive technology include SensorIT suits, which are often placed

on mannequins and able measure their lifesaving performance based on pressure of tourniquets and other tools. Screen-ADAPT is a system that enhances the training of airport employees who view X-rayed carry-on luggage by measuring eye tracking, electrical signals along the scalp, heart rate and behavioral responses.

Not only will the programs help Design Interactive and their research, but the local economy as well. According to the city of Oviedo, the estimated impact from the 12 new positions created will be an additional \$1.6 million into the Oviedo and Seminole County economies.

Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari highlighted the modeling and simulation industry in Central Florida and the importance of helping companies such as Design Interactive.

"When it comes to simulation and training in Central Florida, it is a \$500 billion industry; it is constantly growing," Dallari said. "This has a lot of potential and is something that helps us in the diversity of our economy."



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Design Interactive makes life-saving simulators such as dummies and high-tech suits that cover them and that can tell rescue trainees if they're performing well.

Oviedo Mayor Dominic Persampiere said that these programs are just a couple of the many incentives that Oviedo has for growing business.

"The city of Oviedo has an array of economic incentives that are available to businesses that want to grow," Persampiere said. "We've specifically targeted the medical, scientific, modeling and other clean industries. It is a

goal of the City Council to provide these types of incentives to companies who want to relocate to the city of Oviedo and want to provide higher paying jobs."

With paperwork for the Jobs Growth Incentive Program still being filled out and approval pending at the state level for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program, Design Interactive is expecting to receive the beginning of their assistance package within a few weeks. They have already hired four new employees.

"It definitely is having a critical impact for us at a critical time. The growth right now that we are experiencing, we haven't experienced at this rate before," Stanney said. "It really helps to ease the way for this growth and the timing couldn't be better."

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# Art goes for a walk



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Art lovers and wine lovers converged around downtown Sanford on Aug. 24 for the Sanford Art Walk, which takes visitors on a casual stroll through art stores.

# KEE WEE | Manager says business is working with neighbors



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Entertainment on the inside of Kee Wee has gotten raves, but loud noise has rankled neighbors at night in nearby homes.

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officers when measuring the sound, said the noise that weekend and the next seemed to have decreased slightly.

"We're hoping Kee Wee can find a way to offer quality entertainment at a lower level," he said.

Kee Wee's manager, Diana Pienaar, said after hearing residents' complaints, the family-owned business has been trying to find ways to keep the volume down

**Kee Wee Entertainment** is located at 780 E. State Road 434 in Winter Springs. Live music is offered every Friday and Saturday night, and occasionally on Sundays. The bass from the late-night live music is what residents say has been keeping them up at night since early July.

and business up at the same time.

"We've been more cognizant of it, and working with the bands to keep it down," Pienaar said. "We definitely want to be a good neighbor and part of the community.... We don't want for people to feel like it's us-versus-them —

we think we're one of them too."

She said the business has worked to try and end outdoor music by midnight, and is looking to install an acoustic fence to absorb some of the sound.

Deisler said Kee Wee has been cooperative and receptive to the police department's feedback, and the number of complaints lessened over the most recent weekend.

Lacey said the Commission is continuing to monitor what residents are saying, waiting for the frequency results to come back, and are hoping they can find a compromise between supporting a thriving city business and acknowledging residents' concerns.

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# Together in tragedy

Oviedo church group helps military families through times of grief and supports soldiers

**SARAH WILSON**  
The Voice

In an overfilled three-inch binder in her office, Liz Whitley keeps all the thank you letters she's received in the past five years. Some are short and sweet, others

lengthy and emotional. And nearly all have traveled halfway across the globe to get there.

The letters are written out of bunkers and bases from soldiers, often deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and make their way to the box of First United Methodist Church of Oviedo where Whitley reads and files each one.

Since she started the Military Support Group as outreach for the church in 2007, Whitley estimates she's been in touch with more than a thousand soldiers from



**Liz Whitley and James Vanderbleek hold crosses** for the area's fallen soldiers, Capt. Bruce MacFarlane of Oviedo and Pfc. Brenden Salazar of Chuluota. Through different groups, the two are helping to honor veterans and to boost soldiers' morale.

To support all 362 soldiers of "Florida's Fallen" lost in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Jim Vanderbleek, of St. Petersburg, has created a traveling memorial of personalized white crosses — one for each soldier — to display at events honoring military heroes. The tribute, he said, is to make sure each soldier killed is not forgotten.

At the First United Methodist Church Military Support Group's September meeting, Vanderbleek presented crosses for Capt. Bruce MacFarlane, of Oviedo, and Spc. Brenden Salazar of Chuluota. Both passed away this year.

"I wanted to build something to give thanks for those who've served... my only motive here is to say thanks to their families and offer a way to remember their soldiers," he said.

The First United Methodist Church of Oviedo hopes to display the tribute on its lawn next Memorial Day. For more information, visit [valorathleticsinc.com/store/Links-sp-5.html](http://valorathleticsinc.com/store/Links-sp-5.html)

To learn more about the First United Methodist Church Military Support Group, visit [fumco.net/832687](http://fumco.net/832687) The group meets the second Sunday of every month in the church, at 263 King St., in the fellowship hall.

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# Family Calendar

## SEPT. 14

The **Casselberry Art & Music in the Park** and Food Truck Bazaar are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, at Lake Concord Park, located at 95 Triplet Lake Drive. For more information, visit [www.casselberry.org](http://www.casselberry.org) or call 407-262-7700, extension 1507.

## SEPT. 15

Auditions for **Great Day in the Country's Got Talent** will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Oviedo High School Auditorium, located at 601 King St. All ages and acts are welcome. For more information, visit [www.GreatDayOviedo.org](http://www.GreatDayOviedo.org)

The **Radio Disney Road Crew Back to School Supply Drive** goes from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Oviedo Mall food court. The free event will also include games, contests, prizes and singing and dancing. Also, Make holiday cards for U.S. soldiers at **Stampin' Up Cards for Troops** from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Oviedo Mall's Community Room. The free activity will provide supplies and is open to families with kids 12 and older.

The **Track Shack Autumn Rock n' Run 5K** is on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Casselberry's Lake Concord Park, located at 95 Triplet Lake Drive. Visit [trackshack.com](http://trackshack.com) or call 407-262-7700, extension 1507, to sign up.

Geneva's Cub Scout Pack 837 will be **selling popcorn** at the Publix on Alafaya Woods Boulevard from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, and again from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sep. 24. Email [crispin.shank@gmail.com](mailto:crispin.shank@gmail.com)

## SEPT. 17

**Artistic Hand Gallery and Studio's** classes start the week of Sept. 17 for teens and adults. Visit [Facebook.com/ArtisticHandGalleryandStudio](http://Facebook.com/ArtisticHandGalleryandStudio) or call 407-366-7882.

## SEPT. 18

**Movie Knight OUT** for UCF students is from 3 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Oviedo Mall. Register online at [ucfknightnetwork.com/movie](http://ucfknightnetwork.com/movie)

## SEPT. 20

Registration for the **Oviedo Rock Climbing League** opens Sept. 20. Call 407-971-5568.

## SEPT. 21

The **Reformed Theological Seminary Library Storytime** is from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, at 1231 Reformation Drive in Oviedo. The event is for kids ages 2 to 4. RSVP to Laura Armstrong at [larmstrong@rts.edu](mailto:larmstrong@rts.edu)

## SEPT. 22

**Food Truck Crazy/City of Oviedo Movie in the Park** starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Riverside Park, located at 1600 Lockwood Blvd. in Oviedo. Call 407-971-5575.

## SEPT. 23

**Geneva Archery NFAA 900 Shoot Tournaments** are at 9 a.m. on both Sunday, Sept. 23, and Sunday, Oct. 28, at Geneva Archery, located at 3883 County Road 426. Register at [www.GenevaArchery.com](http://www.GenevaArchery.com)

## SEPT. 29

**Celebrate National Public Lands Day** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the free open house at the Yarborough Nature Center in Geneva.

Visit [SeminoleVoice.com](http://SeminoleVoice.com) for more details on these events. Send submissions to [jandreasson@turnstilemediagroup.com](mailto:jandreasson@turnstilemediagroup.com)

# Oviedo park offers a safe place to skate

TIM FREED  
The Voice

Evan Meyer approaches the top of the skateboard ramp as his eyes squint in concentration. His feet firmly planted on the grip tape of his Tony Hawk Huckjam skateboard, Meyer braces himself, leans forward and rolls down the two-foot slope.

The 10-year-old skater from Oviedo has been skating for five months, but he's finally getting his first lesson at the city of Oviedo's skate park at 1608 Lockwood Blvd.

Rippin' Riverside Skate Park, part of Riverside Park, provides a safe place for kids to skate, offering lessons and competitions.

The park's 30,000 square feet of concrete slopes include benches, stairs to jump, rails, ledges, a large empty pool structure called a flow course and several smaller ramps that have been added over the years.

"It keeps skaters off the streets and it keeps skating safe," said Vicki Meyer, Evan's mother. "It's a nice place where kids can come hang out and where skaters can meet other skaters where they wouldn't if they just skated in the neighborhood."

Rippin' Riverside welcomes 7,000 to 8,000 skaters each year, skate park supervisor Antonio Or-



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

**Ten-year-old Evan Meyer learns new tricks** from instructor DJ Gravois, who grew up skating around Oviedo's Rippin' Riverside Skate Park, and has since become a sponsored skater and a staffer of the same park. There are contests on Friday nights.

tiz said. With many of the visitors skating for the very first time, lessons are available for skaters ages 5 to 13, focusing on the very basics and tailoring lessons to each skater's strengths and weaknesses.

Competitions are also held every Friday night for points, which are added up at the end of every quarter to decide who walks

away with a free skateboard deck.

Ortiz gave his own thoughts on what the park does for the Oviedo community.

"It's a great amenity for the community, because you can bring your young one who's 10 years old or less, watch them skateboard for a couple hours, see your kid grow into it and they might want to keep doing it for the rest of their lives," Ortiz said. "Who knows where it takes them."

For skateboarding instructor Damien "DJ" Gravois, skating has taken him right where he wants to

be: on staff at Rippin' Riverside.

Gravois was one of the original skaters who used the park when it first opened in July of 2003. Living less than a mile away from the park and skating day after day, Gravois said that his parents often joked about Rippin' Riverside being his second home.

Now that the skate park employs him, Gravois said that his dedication has paid off.

"I don't see it as getting paid — I see it as getting paid back," Gravois said.

A local skate park doesn't only keep kids safe, he said, but it also

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## SKATE I

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keeps them out of trouble with the law.

"I know that in the city of Orlando, and in most of the greater part of Orlando, if you go skating on a long board down the city sidewalks, the cops will write you a ticket, take it from you and take it to the police station. They have zero tolerance; they're very strict on that," said Gravois, who's been skating for eight years.

"The police are doing their job; you don't want to mess up the nice benches in the city. Come mess up our benches that are made for that."

Since Rippin' Riverside's construction, cities such as Clermont, Cocoa Beach and most recently Lakeland have also reached out to the park with questions about building their own skate parks.

With a new series of lessons starting up, Rippin' Riverside is looking to attract a new young generation of local skaters to occupy the park.

Christopher Fallon, one of the park's older skaters at age 46, has been skating since 1979, and brings his daughter Kathryn, 12, and son Gavin, 15, to skate with him.

"There's no doubt about it that having a skate park is essential to any city. I think every city should have one," said Fallon, who's been skating at Rippin' Riverside for three years. "Skateboarding is a dangerous sport and if it's left out in the cities, bad things can happen. It's key for any city to have a park where kids who want to skateboard can come and safely do it."

## UNITY | Oviedo soldier sent volunteer a 'thank you' plaque right before he died

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across the country and stationed around the globe. At last count, Whitley said she's sent 900 soldiers care packages of cookies, treats and necessary supplies to so far. In return she's heard stories of loss, love and war.

Fathers feeling isolated from their children and families. Twenty-somethings trying to cope with witnessing fellow soldiers and friends killed in combat. Stories of men and women struggling, and thriving, while serving their country.

"It's put me in contact with thousands of soldiers and their stories ... They remind us why we're here and the importance of what we're doing," Whitley said.

In the span of two days in July, the highs and lows of the situations the group supports became a stark reality for Whitley and the support group.

On Thursday, July 5, Whitley opened a package like the hundreds she'd gotten before. Addressed from Afghanistan, it included a letter and plaque of appreciation from Capt. Bruce MacFarlane.

MacFarlane, of Oviedo, along with the chaplain at his base in Kandahar, Afghanistan, were working to set up an orphanage in the city outside the base for children in need. His wife, Kris MacFarlane, had contacted Whitley and her group to get involved mailing books and school supplies her daughter Chloe's Girl Scout troupe collected to support her dad's effort. Nineteen boxes packed and shipped later, he wrote to thank the Military Support Group for their help.

On Friday, July 6, Whitley answered a phone call from Kris. It was then she found out Capt. MacFarlane died that day in Kandahar supporting Operation Enduring Free-

dom.

With that, Whitley and her group sprung into action, bringing food and offering any services they could to the MacFarlanes, including providing tables upon tables of baked goods for his celebration of life.

"To see that was just..." Kris trailed off, her voice breaking as she moved her hand to cover her heart. Whitley, wearing a remembrance shirt with Bruce's photo on the front, stood and hugged Kris tightly as she did her best to finish thanking the group for all they'd done at their meeting on Sept. 9.

*"You want to feel not forgotten; you want to feel remembered and that the sacrifice that's been made was not forgotten ..."*

*— Angie Wingert*

"I contacted Liz because I thought I could help her and the group," Kris said, leaning into Whitley, her arm wrapped around her shoulders, "but in the end she's been the one who's helped me."

Whitley says her group will offer physical, emotional, any type of support system she can gather together, to military families locally and across the country. They cut out hundreds of gold stars of fabric to mail to every soldier the group is put in contact with; they sew hundreds of camouflage-print Christmas stockings and bake an average of 16,000 homemade cookies for care packages per year.

Whitley, a military mom herself, has trav-

eled to military bases and hospitals across the country to deliver the support in person. She's delivered special handmade lap blankets that won't get stuck in prosthetics for wounded soldiers with amputated limbs. She's furnished and decorated barracks for single soldiers returning from war.

"We want to do everything we can to support them, and let them know we remember them and recognize what they're doing for our country," she said.

Angie Wingert, Bruce MacFarlane's sister, says the support her family has received from the community in the months since his passing has been more than they could have ever anticipated. From the church group's in-person support, outreach from the national non-profit Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, and hundreds of heartfelt letters from across the country received through the Soldiers' Angels initiative, Wingert says the compassion has been overwhelming.

"You want to feel not forgotten; you want to feel remembered and that the sacrifice that's been

made was not forgotten... it's been great support for my sister-in-law and all of us," she said.

"It's amazing how the little town of Oviedo came together for our family," she said. "This town really stood up for their soldier."

It's knowing that families such as the MacFarlanes have a support net to fall back on, Whitley says, that keeps her group going. Even with deployment numbers overseas dwindling downward, she said there's no lack of need for their services for soldiers at home and abroad.

"Being a part of this group," she says, "it's really just been the greatest thing I've ever done in my life."

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# Calendar

## SEPT. 24: Quit Smoking Now

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## SEPT. 27: Wild art opening

The Fine Arts Gallery at Seminole State College of Florida will feature an exhibit by DeBary artist Michael A. Hahn, which runs through Thursday, Oct. 25, and opens with a reception at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus Fine Arts Gallery (Building G).



## SEPT. 23: Learn to raise backyard chickens

A "Chickens for the Central Florida Homestead" workshop will be presented at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$20 per person, with additional family members costing \$10 each. RSVP to Sundewgardens@gmail.com.



### SEPT. 13

**Pop-Up Pianos Seminole** will start its new 2013 painted pianos season at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at Steinway Piano Galleries at 303 E. Altamonte Drive. Call 407-339-3771.

**Heathrow Women's Club** will meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Heathrow Country Club for a luncheon meeting with special guest speaker Heather McPherson. Visit [www.heathrowwomenclub.com](http://www.heathrowwomenclub.com)

**"Miss Saigon"** opens at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center, located at 203 S. Magnolia Ave. in Sanford. Visit [www.WD-PAC.com](http://www.WD-PAC.com)

Charlie Carlson's presentation on his newest book **"ShowBiz: A History of Entertainment in Seminole County"** is 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Museum of Seminole County History. Call 407-665-2489.

**Alive After 5**, a monthly street festival with live music, local artists and food and beverage sampling in downtown Sanford, goes from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 13. It has a "Motown" theme. It's \$7 per person to sample all the food and drinks on First Street.

### SEPT. 14

The **Annual Seminole County Prayer Breakfast** is from 7 to 8:15 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, at The Rink - Northland, A Church Distributed, located at 530 Dog Track Road in Longwood. Call 407-359-3606.

### SEPT. 15

**"Growing Farms: Successful Whole Farm Management,"** a workshop designed to provide Central Florida landowners with production techniques, is on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Seminole County Extension Auditorium, located on County Home Road. Call 407-665-5554.

The **September Field Trip** for the Cuplet Fern Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Tosohatchee State Reserve on Taylor Creek Road. Call 407-302-7616.

Come for a free evening of old-time bluegrass, country and gospel music at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the **Geneva Jam**, located at the Geneva Community Center at 161 First St. The music starts around 6:30 p.m.

HOPE Helps' **A Heart For Hope** annual fundraiser will take place from 6:30 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, to prevent homelessness. Email [events@hopehelps.org](mailto:events@hopehelps.org)

The **Indoor Artisan & Farmer's Market** goes from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, in the Serenity Center's Community Space, located at 2040 Winter Springs Blvd. in Oviedo. Call 407-719-8883.

### SEPT. 16

The **Seminole Audubon Society's** September program is from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Seminole County Library, located at 150 N. Palmetto Ave. in

Sanford. Call 407-977-4389.

### SEPT. 17

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

The **Cross Seminole Trail** will be closed from Layer Elementary School, located off Highway 419, and up to the Cross Seminole Trail Overpass at State Road 434 for repavement from Monday, Sept. 17, through Friday, Sept. 21.

### SEPT. 18

Seminole County School Board Chairwoman Tina Calderone has scheduled her first **"Tea with Tina"** for 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Educational Support Center, located at 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd. in Sanford.

Future professionals from Paul Mitchell the School Orlando will give out free hugs at Oviedo Mall from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, in honor of **Free Hugs Day**.

Seminole State College of Florida's Tuesday Voices, an **open-mic poetry reading series**, begins its 2012-13 season at 7

p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus Multipurpose Room (Building C). This event is free.

### SEPT. 20

Atomic bomb survivor **Koko Tanimoto Kondo** will speak at Seminole State College of Florida's Sanford/Lake Mary Campus concert hall (Building G) at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20. The event is free. Call 407-404-6073.

### SEPT. 21

The University Carillion United Methodist Church will be hosting a **free CD release concert** of their own music team's work at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, at their own location at 1395 Campus View Court. Call 407-359-2877.

### SEPT. 22

The **2nd Annual Butts, Beans, Coleslaw and Pie Cook-Off** is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Jolly Gator Fish Camp, located at 4650 E. State Road 46 in Geneva. Call 407-402-3993 or email [mconsolato@bellsouth.net](mailto:mconsolato@bellsouth.net)

### SEPT. 24

**Winter Springs City Commission meetings** take place at 5:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month (Sept. 24) in the Winter Springs City Hall Commission Chambers. Visit [winterspringsfl.org](http://winterspringsfl.org)

### SEPT. 28

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. The public can mingle with the artists and enjoy live music, food and art at this free event.

### SEPT. 29

**Spirit Night** will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Tijuana Flats in the Winter Springs Towne Center in memory of **SPC Brenden N. Salazar**. Mention "Spirit Night" when you order and 10 percent of the proceeds will go toward the Brenden Salazar Memorial Trust Fund in support of his little sister who has cystic fibrosis.

The Seminole County Rural Heritage **Fall Celebration Arts and Crafts Show** will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Rural Heritage Center, located at 101 E. Main St. Visit <http://www.ruralheritagecenter.net>

Safely dispose of unwanted medications during **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Oviedo and Winter Springs police departments. For more information call 407-665-6600.

### SEPT. 30

Project Walk Orlando is having its 3rd **Annual Walk-n-Roll-a-Thon** from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Sept. 30, at Cranes Roost Park, located at 274 Cranes Roost Blvd. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and information, registration and pledge forms can be found at [www.projectwalkorlando.org/events.html](http://www.projectwalkorlando.org/events.html).

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Please help Winter Springs High School win a \$100,000 grant sponsored by State Farm Insurance. This is an opportunity to support teens everywhere as they learn to drive and get ready for the road ahead. If they win this grant, they will be able to provide support in the following areas: a) Bear Wishes; b) Teacher Mini-Grants; c) Campus Beautification; d) Clubs/Organizations; e) Tutoring and f) Athletics.

Voting closes Saturday, Sept. 15. Here's what you have to do:

1. Go to [www.celebratemydrive.com](http://www.celebratemydrive.com)
2. Input the required information
3. Vote for Winter Springs High School located in Winter Springs, FL!

## Tennis and jazzercise at Riverside

Oviedo Riverside Tennis offers a variety of tennis lesson packages for groups, private, and/or semi-private lessons. You may contact Coach Cashman at 407-971-9524 or Coach Allison at 407-405-5813 or the Riverside front desk at 407-971-5575.

Jazzercise is offered Monday through Saturday at Oviedo Riverside Park. For more information, please contact Jodi at 407-466-7825 or the Riverside front desk at 407-971-5575.

## Oviedo Babe Ruth has good showing at world series

The Oviedo Babe Ruth 12U Girls Softball State Championship team represented the city of Oviedo and the State of Florida well at the Softball World Series in Alachua. They were undefeated in pool play (4-0) and captured the No. 1 seed. After their spectacular showing they lost two games in a row, a 1-0 to Prairie Village, KY, in extra innings and 7-2 to Hazlet, NJ, and were eliminated from the tournament. The 12U team, along with the two other championship teams, were hon-

ored at the Aug. 20 City Council meeting.

## Oviedo Barracuda end season strong

The Oviedo Barracuda swim team ended their season on Saturday, Aug. 4, with their championship swim meet and end of season party. The championship meet started with one of our own Barracuda swimmers singing the National Anthem. Eight Barracuda team records were broken and all 123 swimmers swam well. The day was capped off with an award ceremony. Gold, silver and bronze medals were handed out in honor of the Summer Olympics.

481 kids safer in the pool  
Throughout the summer, 481 swimmers participated in group swim lessons at Oviedo Riverside Pool.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Students make the dean's list

The following local students have been named to Eckerd College's Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester:

- Amy DeBevoise of Winter Springs
- Tiffany Flor of Longwood
- VaShawn Taylor of Longwood

### Locals graduate from Savannah College

Residents recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

- Jessica Boyer of Longwood earned a BFA degree in Interior Design.
- Amanda Mullins of Longwood earned a BFA degree in Illustration Design.
- Hannah Walsh of Casselberry earned a MFA degree in Design Management.
- Linda Akar of Casselberry earned a MFA degree in Photography.
- Kathleen Lynch of Winter Springs earned a BFA degree in Photography.
- Alexandra Beeman of Longwood earned a

MA degree in Cinema Studies.

## BIZ NEWS

### Winter Springs firm provides captioning for national conventions

Dicapta, the Winter Springs incubator company that provides real-time Spanish-language captioning and voice-over dubbing for a variety of media, including educational and entertainment movies and projects, played a key role for the Public Broadcast Corporation during the networks' gavel-to-gavel coverage of the 2012 Republican and Democratic conventions. Maria Diaz, chief executive officer of Dicapta, said her company provided the service when PBS NewsHour's Judy Woodruff and Gwen Ifill co-anchored the events.

### Defense contractor moves to Oviedo

NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new lease agreement for 34,108 square feet of office-warehouse space at 5712 Dot Com Court in the Ganesh Business Center in Oviedo. Senior Associate Mary Frances West negotiated the transaction representing the tenant, a local defense contractor who will be using half the space for a new government contract and the other half to relocate its corporate headquarters from East Orlando. The landlord, Oxford RKP, Inc. c/o Ganesh Mills, was represented in the transaction by Sher Tolan of Lee & Associates.

## GET INVOLVED

### Pantry and thrift store volunteers needed

HOPE needs new adult volunteers for this fall. Please sign up at [hopehelps.org](http://hopehelps.org)

Send submissions to [jandreasson@turnstilemediagroup.com](mailto:jandreasson@turnstilemediagroup.com)

## New volleyball facility opens in Oviedo

Orlando Volleyball Academy hosted a meet-and-greet on Aug. 17 to let folks take a look at their new location, OVA North, at 522 S. Econ Place Oviedo. The Pro-Shop was open and their coaches were available to answer questions. Visit [www.orlandovolleyball.com](http://www.orlandovolleyball.com) for more information.



## \$4K donation helps homeless children

Casselberry City Manager Randy Newlon was presented with \$4,370 raised during a golf tournament and raffle co-hosted by the Casselberry Police Benevolence Association and Sandy Strange (pictured left), owner of the Casselberry Patio Bar. The money, along with several hundred pounds of food and gift cards, will help provide food, clothing and school supplies for homeless children attending Casselberry elementary and middle schools.



## Former Lawton administrator is Principal of the Year

Donna Weaver, Principal of Lake Orienta/Hopper Center, has been selected as Seminole County Public Schools Principal of the Year. She began her career in Seminole County Public Schools as a teacher at Idyllwilde, Midway, Goldsboro and Partin. She has also served as assistant principal at Lawton Elementary and Bentley Elementary and as principal of Highlands Elementary. She was appointed principal of Lake Orienta/Hopper in August.



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# ATHLETICS



## THIS WEEK in sports history

Sept. 20, 1973 —

In a highly publicized "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match, top women's player Billie Jean King, 29, plays Bobby Riggs, 55, a former No. 1-ranked men's player. Riggs, a self-proclaimed male chauvinist, had boasted that women were inferior. King beat Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

## Lions outlast Seminole 30-27

ISAAC BABCOCK  
The Voice

The Lions destroyed Seminole on the football field on Sept. 7 and then watched the Seminoles gradually mount a comeback over three quarters that almost led to an upset.

It was the Jurell Green Show on the ground as the Lions' leading rusher ran the ball 27 times in the game while racking up 155 yards in the process. Those fleet feet would march the Lions into the end zone all four times that they scored touchdowns.

Most of the Lions' work was done on the ground, as three rushers, including quarterback Chris Davis, combined for 213 yards rushing, while Davis threw for 52 yards, completing 9 of 11 attempts.

Meanwhile the Seminoles proved they had their air game together, with quarterback Horonadis Tillman throwing 246 yards of passes, but they only had 9 net yards on the ground.

Not fearing a run game, the Lions' defense had a field day on Tillman, forcing him to lose 41 yards in

### Game schedule:

Oviedo — at Lake Brantley  
Hagerty — at Timber Creek  
Winter Springs — at Lyman  
All games kick off at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14

scrambles.

But after a wild first quarter where the Lions scored 21 points to the Seminoles' zero, the Seminoles gradually came back, bringing the score to 30-27 before the Lions could finally shut them down.

That win put an exclamation point on their first week 60-7 blow-out of Lyman. At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, the Lions will travel to Lake Brantley to face a foe that fell to Apopka 15-9 after some crucial injuries. They'll face Lake Howell the following Friday, Sept. 21, at home. Then the Oviedo teams will face off, as Oviedo and Hagerty take to the Hagerty field on Sept. 28.

### Hagerty

The Huskies took a week off after an embarrassing 7-2 loss to Winter

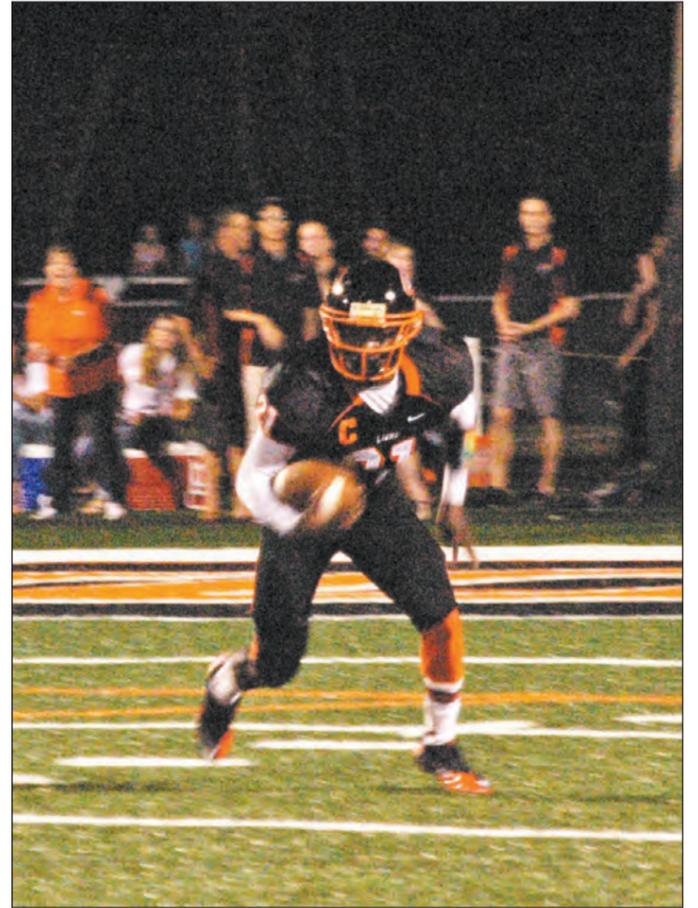
Springs in the first week of the season. Now they face Timber Creek on the Wolves' home field. The Wolves hosted Ralston Valley from Arvada Colorado for their first game of the season, losing 30-23, then blew out Freedom 31-7 for Game 2.

The teams kick off at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at Timber Creek. On Sept. 21, they'll travel to Lake Mary before meeting Oviedo on Sept. 28.

### Winter Springs

After edging the Huskies in Week 1, the Bears were blasted by Lake Mary on Sept. 7 in a 33-0 shutout loss. Lackluster defense on the Bears resulted in 184 yards passing for Jake Tipton, whose favorite target Nicholas Westbrook-Ikhine went 124 yards on 6 receptions. The Rams' balanced offense piled on 243 yards rushing, led by Keiyshard Bobb with 98 yards.

The Bears have a shot at redemption coming up this week, facing a struggling Lyman on the road, kicking off at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14. They'll face Lake Brantley on Sept. 28 at home.



ARCHIVE PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

The Lions are 2-0 after big wins over Lyman and Seminole. Now they face a depleted Lake Brantley team that's a perennial threat in the conference.



## PUT ON YOUR *pink* BRA

The American Cancer Society encourages women to "Put On Your Pink Bra" and join us in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The pink bra is an empowering symbol of how personal the fight against breast cancer is. During our Making Strides events, a sea of participants in pink bras will join together to take up arms against the disease.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a noncompetitive, 3.2 mile fundraising walk that celebrates breast cancer survivors and saves lives by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

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# Knights look past Ohio to FIU

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
The Voice

A series of offensive miscues may have cost the Knights an upset win against Ohio State on the gridiron on Sept. 8. UCF fell 31-16 to the Buckeyes in a game that had been very close through the first half.

Now they're staring down their first home game of the season coming up Saturday against a Florida International University team that embarrassed them 17-10 last season.

They'll be looking for a rebound after a game that started off well but got out of hand for the Knights.

In a matchup of quarterbacks, the Buckeyes proved they had a more resilient and versatile playmaker in Braxton Miller, who scampered for 141 yards in the game and threw for 155 to lead his team to victory.

Meanwhile UCF redshirt sophomore quarterback Blake Bortles suffered through 10 yards lost on rushing attempts and sacks, while throwing for 249 yards and two touchdowns in the air. Unfortunately for Bortles, three of his passes were picked off, and two of those interceptions rapidly led to Ohio State touchdowns.

Bortles' last pick of the night at



ARCHIVE PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE  
**Quincy McDuffie had 44 yards of catches** in the Knights' loss to No. 14 Ohio State. The Knights are hoping to bounce back against FIU at home on Sept. 15.

The Knights kickoff against FIU at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Bright House Networks Stadium. Visit [ucfathletics.com](http://ucfathletics.com) to buy tickets.

## 2012 UCF FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
09/15	vs. Florida International	Orlando, Fla.	4:00 p.m. ET
09/29	vs. Missouri	Orlando, Fla.	TBA
10/04	vs. East Carolina	Orlando, Fla.	8:00 p.m. ET
10/13	vs. Southern Miss	Orlando, Fla.	8:00 p.m. ET
10/20	at Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	8:00 p.m. ET
10/27	at Marshall	Huntington, W.Va.	8:00 p.m. ET
11/03	vs. SMU	Orlando, Fla.	7:00 p.m. ET
11/10	at UTEP	El Paso, Texas	7:00 p.m. ET
11/17	at Tulsa	Tulsa, Okla.	TBA

the start of the fourth quarter was en route to the end zone to bring the Knights within a touchdown of the lead when it hit the Buckeyes' Orhian Johnson in the numbers at the Ohio State five-yard line. That would-be touchdown for the Knights became the only Buckeyes interception that did not lead to a score.

But the Knights did have their moments of offensive brilliance, drawing within easy field goal range for kicker Shawn Moffitt to grab their first score late in the second quarter, then a short pass from Bortles to Justin Tukes midway through the second that tied the game at 10 points each.

After that it was the Braxton Miller show, as he took the middle of the game and turned it into three straight unanswered scores to extend the OSU lead as broadly as 31-10 late in the third quarter before the Knights struck again with a two-yard pass from Bortles to Billy Giovanetti to make it 31-16.

That's where the score would remain, as the Knights' defense held the Buckeyes back in some strong stops on third and fourth down conversion attempts near the first down line. But the damage was already done, and the Knights' failed to score on three possessions in the fourth quarter.

Running backs Storm Johnson and Brynn Harvey provided nearly all of the Knights' speed on the ground, with 75 and 36 yards of carries, respectively. Johnson also caught three passes for 22 yards.

In the air, wide receiver J.J. Worton was Bortles' go-to guy with seven catches for 96 yards. Quincy McDuffie's fleet feet carried him to 44 yards receiving on three catches. Rannell Hall added another 40 yards.

The Knights kickoff against FIU at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. Good news for the Knights: Last week the Panthers narrowly outlasted the Akron Zips 41-38. In Week 1 the Knights trounced Akron 56-14.

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# VOICES



## THIS WEEK in political history

Sept. 19, 1959 —

In one of the more surreal moments in the history of the Cold War, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev explodes with anger when he learns he cannot visit Disneyland. Government authorities feared that the crowds would pose a safety hazard.

### EMPLOYMENT

Ask Sandi



## Stay clean in social media

I have the opportunity to meet with employers every month to network and learn. I often ask those employers about ways to better help our clients at Christian HELP and our readers here to be more successful in their job search. Here is some of the feedback I have received.

- Clean up your social media. With the political races going on, social media seems to be burning up for one side or the other. Many of the posts are very divisive and negative. Other offenders include pictures of parties and other questionable activities. Even on lock-down, some employers have figured out how to find out more about you. What you put on the Internet stays on the Internet — forever.

- Follow up, but not too much. Some employers are complaining that people set interviews and then don't show up. If you change your mind, a phone call is appropriate. On the other side of the coin, don't call the employer incessantly. I have a gentleman applying for one of our VISTA positions who calls me at least twice a day to ask questions. If you are that high touch before we hire you, it scares me how much you will need later.

- The last one should go without saying, but I have seen this trending for a while. Casual weekend wear is not what you should wear when you are applying for a job. Business casual never includes flip flops, even fashionable ones. Dress up when you fill out applications and when you interview. Shorts and jeans are always a no-no. The exception might be jeans for a construction job.

Visit CFEC.org for information on free employment seminars.

### TALK TO SANDI

Sandi Vidal is the executive director for Christian HELP and the Central Florida Employment Council, with more than 10 years of recruiting and human resources experience. Please send questions about employment by fax 407-260-2949, sandi@christianhelp.org, or mail Ask Sandi C/O Christian HELP, 450 Seminola Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707.



### WINTER SPRINGS CITY TALK

Mayor Charles Lacey



## Market governs itself

Many interesting things are happening in the city as our kids are back in school, fall events are around the corner and local and national elections are heating up, but I want to call your attention to a rather innocuous action by the Winter Springs City Commission. We progressed one step further to a new housing development near the Oviedo Mall on Dovera Drive.

The nearby residents expressed some concerns about the new development causing drainage issues. This is something that our city staff and the Commission take very seriously, so due diligence was performed to ensure that no problems were being created; in fact, our best engineering studies tell us that the water movement will actually be improved. The neighbors also told the Commission that they didn't think a residential project was needed and urged us to turn down the project based on their perceived lack of need. The latter argument was familiar to one we heard last year when a gas station was proposed in another area of the city and the residents argued that they had surveyed the existing gas stations in the area and (surprise!) those stations did not think another gas station was needed.

Similarly to flood control, the city has a legitimate interest in maintaining zoning regulations, and for a variety of reasons, the new gas station was not approved.

At last, I am getting to my point. This City Commission, and I argue, no branch of government should be making decisions better left to the market. Our country was founded upon individual liberty and our unique prosperity is a direct result of that liberty finding entrepreneurial expression. A risk-taking entrepreneur is the best assessor of market opportunity — far better than any government body.

So, when development poses a threat to your health, safety or enjoyment of life, contact the city staff or come to a Commission meeting. But, please don't ask us to engage in Soviet-style economic planning.

### COMMISSION BUSINESS

During the month of July, the following ordinances, resolutions, contracts and agreements were approved by the city of Winter Springs City Commission:

- Ordinance 2012-09 - Approved zoning and location requirements related to Pain Management Clinics.
- Resolution 2012-20 - Provided for a

temporary suspension of enforcement of certain temporary on-premise sign regulations from July 23 to Nov. 12

- Commissioner Joanne M. Krebs was nominated as the next deputy mayor.
- The City Commission approved the Final Engineering Plan for Parcel 14B-Amberly-Oviedo Marketplace, a 36-unit single-family development located on Dovera Drive.

### NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Board/local planning agency officially changed its meeting time to 5:30 p.m.

### LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

The Winter Springs Police Department employs the "Lock It or Lose It" program to help you keep you, your family and your property safe. Officers who notice the potential for crime to take place will leave notices for residents, as well as those who visit our community to safeguard their valuables and keep their homes and vehicles locked when they are unattended. Nearly all of the thefts from vehicle reports we take result from an unlocked car being opened and property removed.

### CENTRAL WINDS DOG PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

This project consists of the construction of a series of drainage improvements at the Central Winds Dog Park, which has periodically experienced flooding after storm events.

### SENIOR CENTER

Are you 55 or older and looking for a place to meet new people and have a great time? If so, then head over to the Winter Springs Senior Center. The Winter Springs Senior Center is located at 400 N. Edgemon Ave. in Winter Springs.

## Letters to the editor

HAVE AN OPINION?

Send your thoughts (400 words or less) to Managing Editor Jenny Andraesson at jandraesson@turnstilemediagroup.com

### Trinity Prep high school athletes to get dose of reality on Sept. 19

Drew Nemece, assistant athletic director at Trinity Preparatory School, is hosting an event Wednesday, Sept. 19, at which student-athletes and their parents will get a strong dose of reality about the world of college recruiting. In an eye-opening presentation, national keynote speaker Jack Renkens will share with the audience the lessons he's learned during many years as a high school and college coach, athletic director and parent of a high school athlete.

One fact athletes and their parents may not want to hear: less than one percent of all student-athletes will play for a Division I school. On the other hand, a wealth of opportunities is available for student-athletes at colleges and universities below that level.

In his 17th year as an athletic/motivational speaker, Renkens has three key messages for the audience:

- You don't get to pick the school. The school picks you.
- A college coach can't recruit you if he or she doesn't know who you are. You

need to market yourself.

- Don't get hung up on the term "athletic scholarship." Focus on "funding," which is made up of academic money, merit dollars, grants, endowments and achievement funds.

Renkens' presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in the school's auditorium at 5700 Trinity Prep Lane, Winter Park. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, go to [www.recruitingrealities.com](http://www.recruitingrealities.com)

—Barry S. Cohen  
Recruiting Realities

## Young Voices

Here's what students at Double R Private School in Chuluota said about the new school year.



I like first grade because we do nice things. My favorite part is center time, when we do different activities. P.E. is fun and I also like the Treasure Box. I like math and phonics ....

—Aadya B.  
6 years old



In second grade we can wear blue shirts three days a week. We're learning phonics and to read. I like chapter books and we are reading a story about a chicken and hedgehog. I like math too.

—Jonathan C.  
7 years old



In third grade we are learning math, reading, history and Spanish. I like reading adventure books like Jack and Annie. My favorite subject is math when we add numbers.

—Matthew G.  
9 years old



In sixth grade we are learning world geography, Spanish and science. ... In Social Studies we learn about artifacts and different places in the world. In science we learn about how minerals form ....

—Caleb D.  
11 years old



I'm in the sixth grade, and we are learning to do harder division and word problems in math. Social studies and science are my two favorite subjects. We learned about wars in history.

—Keanu L.  
11 years old

We would love to hear from your Young Voices!

Call 407-563-7026 or e-mail [jandraesson@turnstilemediagroup.com](mailto:jandraesson@turnstilemediagroup.com) to have The Voice visit your class or group.



## Between the CELERY Stalks By Janet Foley

# Fall is almost in the air in Oviedo

Did you know that autumn will be arriving on Sept. 22? Right now with temperatures in the low 90s, it is hard to believe it might be cooler in a week. I guess it is something to look forward to.

### SEPT. 14 – Woman's Club's first meeting

Coming this Friday, Sept. 14, the GFWC Oviedo Woman's Club will be holding their first general meeting of the 2012-2013 year at their clubhouse 414 King St. in Oviedo. The guest speaker for the program will be the GFWC President, Pat Zazzarino. There will be a short business meeting and then our program followed by a brunch.

### SEPT. 15 – Radio Disney and Stampin' Up! at Oviedo Mall

On Saturday, Sept. 15, the Oviedo Mall is teaming up with two organizations to support two different but great causes. Radio Disney will be on site from noon to 2 p.m. for their usual fun and games, however this time, they will also be collecting school supplies to support The Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Stampin' Up! will be on the scene from noon to 3 p.m. making holiday cards for the troops stationed overseas.

### SEPT. 18 - Historical Society's first meeting

The Oviedo Historical Society will hold its first general meeting of 2012-2013 year at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Memorial Building, 38 Central Ave., in downtown Oviedo. There will be a short business meeting and we will present our guest speaker for the evening, Don Jacobs, talking on the "Strange Architectural Phenomenon of the Area." The public is welcome and light refreshments will be served.

### SEPT. 20 – Newcomers luncheon

The Newcomers of Central Florida announce the luncheon program being held on Thursday, Sept. 20, that will feature a speaker from Florida Hospital who will discuss "How to Start Your Journey to a Healthy 100" at the Westin Lake Mary, 2974 International Parkway in Lake Mary. Members and guests are welcome. Advanced registration is required. Please contact DeDe Fluhr at 407-366-9084 or email wmfldr@cfl.rr.com

### SEPT. 29 – Museum Day

Saturday, Sept. 29, Museum Day, will be a very busy day for those of us visiting local historic landmarks around our downtown area in Oviedo on a walking tour. Also if you are in Geneva, there is the Rural Heritage Fall Celebration on National Smithsonian Day. The Rural Heritage Center will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will have vendors from all over the state showing and selling their arts/crafts. Do come early.

### OCT. 5 – Harvest Jamboree

Just around the corner is the First United Methodist Church's Harvest Jamboree, which includes the town's favorite Whale of a Sale coming Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6. The Whale of a Sale is held in the Fellowship Hall of the church on 263 King St. in Oviedo. More details of other activities of the Jamboree are to follow.

### A Thought

"You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend." —Paul Sweeney

## TALK TO JANET

Send word to Janet Foley about events and let her know what's going on around town by e-mailing [jwfoley@att.net](mailto:jwfoley@att.net)



## STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

# No four lanes for S.R. 46

A few weeks ago Geneva residents had the opportunity to consider proposed widening options for State Road 46 developed from the SR 46 Project Development & Environmental Study. The stretch of road under debate runs between State Road 415 and County Road 426, an expensive undertaking that would see completion several years in the future. The five design options included rural and suburban layouts showcasing various combinations of swales, sidewalks, multi-use paths, curbs, medians and gutters. However there were two quieter options on the table without the glossy visuals. The sixth choice was a "No-build" option and the seventh was a "Build only appropriate improvements for safety" option. The last choice addresses the state and county concerns regarding the number of accidents and fatalities that have occurred on 46. Improvements could include turn and passing lanes, shoulder improvements, traffic devices and lighting, but without four lanes.

Public information sessions serve not only to inform but also to solicit input from the public. Genevans have never been shy in expressing their viewpoints and over the past few weeks there have been many conversations, meetings and additional research completed throughout Geneva on this issue. The majority of Geneva residents stand squarely opposed to all four-laning options but support the last option, Seven, which addresses the safety concerns by incorporating improvements to 46. This option must include direct input by the Geneva community if adopted.

### Communicate with county

If you support Option Seven now is the time to write, email or sign a petition expressing your opinion to the leaders and project managers. This isn't our first fight and it won't be our last, and having been in the trenches before, here are some communication tips.

Please put Seminole County Project #PS-5738-10/JVP at the top of your correspondence.

Direct snail mail letters to:

Ms. Cathy Kendall, Environmental Team Leader  
U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration  
Florida Division Office  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Send emails to:

Ms. Jan Everett, [jan.everett@urs.com](mailto:jan.everett@urs.com)  
Mr. Shad Smith, [ssmith@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:ssmith@seminolecountyfl.gov)

Ms. Noranne Downs, [noranne.downs@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:noranne.downs@dot.state.fl.us)

If you are short on time, take two minutes and stop at Geneva's business corner — at Focal Point Nursery, Strickland's Market or the Geneva General Store and sign a petition. Focal Point Nursery is the "hub" for the petitions, says Dick Creedon, president of the Geneva Citizens Association. The petition simply states that you do not want any type of four-laning to 46 from 426 to 415.

Often we find ourselves frustrated about how things are. This is a chance to do something about it.

### Clean-up and cook-off events

Trail clearing at Barr Street:

Enjoy fresh air and lend your hands this weekend at the Barr Street Trailhead on 426. Starting at 9 a.m., help the Florida Trail Association with routine trail maintenance in the Little Big Econ Forest; long pants and long sleeves are suggested. Contact Bo Abney 407-739-3357 or email [babney@cfl.rr.com](mailto:babney@cfl.rr.com)

Butts, Beans, Cole Slaw & Pie Cook-Off:

On Saturday, Sept. 22, spend a fun afternoon at the Jolly Gator on 46. From 4 to 8 p.m. it's the Second Annual Butts, Beans, Cole Slaw & Pie Cook-Off. Just \$5 enters you into the contests — Boston Butts, baked beans, cole slaw and/or pie. Please bring the butts and beans in crock-pots or trays. Half the money goes to the winners and half will be split between the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association. Cash prizes for first and second places-come out and support American Cancer Society Relay for Life-All Around Geneva Team and the American Diabetes Step Out Team-Geneva Go Getters. Contact Mary at 407-402-3993 or email [mconso-lato@bellsouth.net](mailto:mconso-lato@bellsouth.net) for more information, to rent a booth and to register for the cook-off. Enjoy family fun including a bounce house, BBQ pork plates for \$6, craft/vendor sale, bake sale, raffles, games and more.

## TALK TO KAREN

Please share your thoughts about Geneva at 407-221-7002, [kphillips@turnstilemediagroup.com](mailto:kphillips@turnstilemediagroup.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.

# Toil in the soil — the key to a fresh start

Creating a physical place on the earth as important as a garden offers rewards of personal esteem that are magnified through a lens of sweat. For the start of our gardening year to be conveniently timed with the worst of summer's oppressive heat and humidity makes our accomplishments appreciate even more.



**Tom Carey**  
From my garden to yours

With our off-season providing the optimal conditions for weed growth, preparing the garden soil to start our growing seasons requires innovation, strategy and plenty of iced tea.

If the garden soil was not protected



from rampant weed growth during the summer, the lush jungle to be surmounted could daunt the entire project. Sharp, cold steel, not tender fingers and backs, will dominate any plant-based cellulose defenses. I use spade-shaped (not square), long-handled shovels, which are sharpened on a bench grinder. Exercising the largest muscles of the body, our upper legs, forces the spade to slide shallow

penetrations along a flank of the intended areas. Almost like cutting sod, these flattened swipes sever the greatest amount of binding roots with the least amount of exertion.

Once an intended garden space is down to a bare enough surface, subterranean digging, arduous as it may sound, would create returns on the effort for the whole rest of our gardening year. Excavate a trench across the length of one end of the garden, broadcasting the soil across the whole of the garden space. Loosen, or even turn over, the soil in the bottom of the trench with a garden fork or spade. Bury the first trench with the soil from an adjacent second trench. Again, loosen the soil in the bottom of the trench, dig, bury and repeat. Lazy in motion and technique, as in finding the most efficient ways to move tons of dirt, is not a bad thing.

Setting stakes and pulling strings keeps foot traffic on defined path areas, avoiding

compaction of our hard-earned growing medium. This is the phase of the project where I apply compost and fertilizer to the surface of intended planting areas. If left fallow, even for a few weeks before planting, prevent new weed growth in exposed soil with a solid layer of mulch. The beauty of this deep soil preparation in tandem with starting transplants (see my last column) emerges as the weather becomes tolerable, the soil settles to a fresh beginning, and the seedlings are outgrowing their pots; our first harvest is already on its way!

## WHO IS CAREY

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**ACROSS**

1 Engrossed  
 5 Old man  
 8 Rabbit's tail  
 12 Wrinkly fruit  
 13 Japanese sash  
 14 "My bad"  
 15 Let fall  
 16 Joker  
 17 — -tat-tat  
 18 Ohio city  
 20 Tailor, humorously  
 22 Frequently  
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 42 It had a big part in the Bible  
 45 Masticated  
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**DOWN**

7 Uses a shovel  
 8 "Parting is such sweet —"  
 9 Man's jacket feature  
 10 Doing  
 11 Despot  
 19 "— Thee I Sing"  
 21 Fuss  
 24 Aries  
 25 Clay, today  
 26 Loss of self-control  
 28 Dundee denial  
 29 Traitor

30 Disencumber  
 31 Insult (Sl.)  
 36 Legendary TV pooch  
 37 Anger  
 38 Unilateral  
 41 "I see"  
 42 Croupier's tool  
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