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School rezone to get final vote

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

Parents of Oviedo and Winter Springs elementary school students will have a last chance to voice their opinions about a proposed school rezoning at a meeting April 16.

The school rezoning would affect students in Sterling Park, Eastbrook, Red Bug, Keeth, Rainbow, Lawton, Evans, Stenstrom, Carillon, Partin, Walker and Geneva elementary schools, shifting students from overcrowded schools to those farther below capacity.

More than 900 students would be relocated if the plan goes forward as proposed by Seminole County Schools Superintendent Walt Griffin. The proposal passed unanimously on a first reading by the School Board March 12.

"I hope we can all embrace the change that we as a district are going through in a positive light," School Board member Tina Calderone said after that decision. The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. April 16 at 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd. in Sanford.

Seminole County's big lift

ALLISON OLCSVAY
The Voice

Amid the chill of the early morning hours on Saturday a team of construction workers labored to lift four massive beams into place, hanging precariously over State Road 436. Flying over the top of the massive commuter artery and landing on Red Bug Lake Road, the giant I-beams are the beginning of the bridge that will carry traffic through the convoluted six-way intersection.

And it will do it without stopping traffic for the first time. Consisting of 28 beams, supporting two lanes of traffic over 436, the bridge will eliminate the need for a traffic signal.

The beams, averaging 100 feet in length and weighing in at anywhere between 33,000 to 74,000 pounds each, will carry tens of thousands of cars per day.

Construction crews used two skyscraper-tall cranes to lift the pieces, steadied by two smaller cranes. Like a giant erector set, each piece was lowered into place, then secured, before the next truck rolled in with another piece of the puzzle.

The first bridge segments were completed over the past weekend with more to follow



PHOTO BY ALLISON OLCSVAY — THE VOICE

Construction crews will be working all night on coming weekends to create a flyover bridge that will improve the troubled State Road 436/Red Bug Lake Road intersection that channels more than 150,000 cars per day.

in successive weekends. As the bridge segments are installed, traffic access to Winter Park Drive will be detoured to accommodate the construction.

The project cost, budgeted at \$30 million, is born jointly by the Florida Department of Transportation and local county govern-

ment, said FDOT public information manager Steve Olson.

Included in that cost is an independent consulting engineer whose job it is to provide oversight to the project, reporting weekly to the FDOT.

"We are in constant contact," Olson said.

Estimates for completion of the project range anywhere from November 2013 to early spring 2014, depending on potential weather and utility delays.

Authorities are anxious, however, to wrap up the project in time for the next one, another

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Bill stripping FHSAA power gains momentum

STEVEN BARNHART
The Voice

The Florida High School Athletic Association took another hit on April 9th as the Florida House Education Committee passed House Bill 1279. The bill includes provisions that FHSAA officials said would make illegal recruiting between high schools easier to hide and lead to an unfair balance in competition. Legislators argued that it will help keep the FHSAA's power in check.

"The amount of power they have is just unbounded," Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City, said. "There have been a number of occasions of them really over-

stepping their boundaries."

Home searches that seek to verify whether or not a student lives in the residency shown on his or her school records would no longer be allowed; while simultaneously investigations into those matters would be limited to 90 days. The bill would also place the costs of the investigations squarely on the shoulders of the FHSAA instead of the school in question.

Rep. Larry Metz, R-Yalaha, the legislator who proposed the bill, had suggested in previous statements that this would level the playing field between the FHSAA and parents and students.

Just before presenting the bill to the Education Appropriations Subcommittee on April 4, Metz added in some additional language. If the bill is made into a law, students would be allowed to participate at another public school in an extracurricular activity if their school does not offer it. Additionally, a student will not automatically be ruled ineligible if they participate on a summer league team and then play for that coach in school the following year.

Even after evidence is collected by the FHSAA, the case has to be presented to an administrative judge who makes the final ruling on a student's eligibility.

FHSAA executive director Dr. Roger Dearing had said publicly in the past that this bill would not only undermine the Association's ability to enforce the rules, but conjointly students could play a sport in one school while playing a different sport at another.

One local coach said that this bill would not only have an effect on student-athletes, but coaches as well.

"I think it would make it difficult on the coaches because if a player doesn't like how much time they're [playing at a school] then they might be out of there much quicker," said University

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Kids home for spring break?
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Opening this week: '42'

The true story of Jackie Robinson, a black baseball player who broke the Major League's decades-long segregation.



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THIS WEEK



THIS WEEK in history

April 14, 1865 —

John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer, fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. The attack came only five days after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

BRIDGE | Flyover project is hoped to be completed before 17-92 bridge in Fern Park

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flyover, just down the road at U.S. Highway 17-92, which is slated to begin in January 2014.

"We are confident it will be done before the 17-92 project will be in full swing," Olson said.

The project has caused unavoidable interruptions to traffic, businesses and residences in the area, but Casselberry Mayor Charlene Glancy said she's confident it will all be worth it in the end.

"We want to be sure that it's as residentially and commercially friendly as it can be," Glancy said.

"There are some businesses it always hurts," she said, recalling a time when her own father's business closed because of road construction.

"It's one of those things ... there's always going to be somebody who's affected by it and we hate that."

The city, in the meantime has relaxed their codes on signage, allowing more leniency in an effort to help businesses attract attention during the construction period.

"It's going to be a great



Part of a flyover bridge extends precariously over traffic where State Road 436 connects simultaneously with Red Bug Lake Road and Winter Park Drive. The project is expected to be finished in time for a U.S. Highway 17-92 project.

PHOTO BY ALLISON OLCSVAY — THE VOICE

change when it's completed," she said. "It's certainly going to free up and help people to breeze through that area."

According to the Department of Transportation website, the intersection at 436 and Red Bug

handles more than 150,000 cars per day with peak hours during the morning and evening rush.

Upon completion of the flyover, traffic will flow seamlessly over the busy intersection to merge with 436 and traffic under

the bridge will continue without stopping through the intersection, allowing for much smoother access through the busy area.

"It's going to be a huge benefit when it's all complete," Glancy said.

FHSAA |

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High School varsity basketball head coach Billy Owens.

"[The bill] would give all of the authority back to the players. If a guy, for example, isn't getting enough shots he may go over to another school just because he thinks he'll get more shots."

Another coach isn't as concerned with the effects the bill could have on an athlete's ability to transfer, but on the students themselves.

"If you're shopping your kid around because of athletics it's not best for their overall development. I don't support recruiting," said Scott Gomrad, head coach of Winter Springs varsity wrestling.

"As long as you're running your program the right way and helping them grow, parents [will] see their growth and development."

Winter Springs lost two-time state champion wrestler Brandon Hatchett to a transfer to Oviedo High School in 2006. Oviedo was later sanctioned by the FHSAA and banned from postseason competition for three years for illegally transferring athletes into the school by falsifying addresses and having them live with coaches.

Gomrad said that while some parents and students think that going to another school solves all of their problems, he warns that it could do even further damage to the student.

"If that bill passes and kids are moving around, it doesn't always mean they'll find greener pastures," added Gomrad. "[If you] treat them like professional athletes they miss out on the point of high school athletics, which is to be a student first."

Though the bill has built up some legislative momentum, it will need to pass through the Florida House of Representatives and Senate before it can be signed by Gov. Rick Scott.

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INTERESTS



THIS WEEK in human history

April 17, 1964 —

The Ford Mustang is officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. That same day, the new car also debuted in Ford showrooms across America, and approximately 22,000 Mustangs were immediately snapped up by buyers. Ford sold more than 400,000 Mustangs in its first year.

Boy Scouts stop fire station bats

KAREN MCENANY-PHILLIPS
The Voice

Crackling lightning and howling winds couldn't rattle the concentration of boys bent over worktables laden with stacks of wood, drills, measuring tapes, adhesive tubes, planes and pencils. Members of Geneva Boy Scout Troop 837 gathered in the vehicle bay of Geneva Fire Department Station 42 on the rainy Sunday afternoon of March 24 to assemble new housing for some Geneva residents in need of relocation: A growing colony of bats that had taken up residence in the attic of the Geneva fire station.

At first the stormy weather supplied an appropriately eerie backdrop, but the scouts were quick to say that bats are misunderstood, not creepy. Thirteen-year-old Dalton Walker of Geneva said, "Bats are really a close-knit species. They are not scary like I thought. I like the cause to conserve them because bats are a very beneficial part of our ecosystem."

Just before the thunderstorm, Lt. Don McBryde pointed to the fire station's exterior where light



Geneva's Boy Scout Troop 837 presents its first bat house to Seminole County Fire Department Lt. Donald McBryde.

brown stains on some of the outside walls showed evidence of the bats' presence. "At first it was just a few areas on one wall, but now you can see how it spread," McBryde said. "Apparently we have happy bats." Guano is the excrement that bats leave behind, and the dark brown accumulation along the slanted tracks of the fire station roofline was obvious.

Relocation wins over extermination

Fortunately for the bat colony, McBryde has a friend who is a bat rescue advocate. He learned that relocating the colony could be as simple as providing a nearby bat house with a scent trail of guano leading up to it. Pre-fab bat houses can be pricey, but McBryde

learned that some communities have used bat house construction as a public service project. That idea prompted a call to Geneva Scoutmaster Randy Deavers. How would his Boy Scout troop feel about making a bat box for Station 42? Needless to say Deavers' troop flew to the bats' rescue, and soon the idea of building one

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BATS ...

- ... have five senses and are not blind.
- ... are the only mammals that can fly.
- ... use sonar echolocation to locate objects.
- ... are gentle and not aggressive unless threatened.
- ... are social; some live in colonies and some roost alone.
- ... will bite with sharp teeth if threatened.
- ... may eat up to 3,000 insects in a night.
- ... only need 1/4-inch slit to gain entry.
- ... provide the benefit to keep the night flying insect populations like mosquitoes under control.
- ... will roost in mature or dead trees, caves or abandoned buildings .
- ... are losing habitat in Florida due to development, vandalism and misinformation.
- ... 13 bat species live permanently or seasonally in Florida.

REMEMBER:

Never handle a bat with bare hands, even an injured bat found on the ground; use heavy gloves, a large towel, can or plastic bowl.

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Family Calendar

APRIL 12

Part of the Seminole State College Planetarium's cultural astronomy series, "Stories of the Night Sky" will detail the myths, legends and facts related to two or three constellations in the current night's sky. Visitors will learn how to locate and identify each constellation and hear the stories that were told thousands of years ago to explain the night sky. The content of the show will depend on which constellations are visible in the night sky. "Stories of the Night Sky" will be presented from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on April 12 and April 26. Visit seminolestate.edu/planet, or call 407-708-2360.

Celebrate spring with some great **jazz under the stars** on April 12 with the Art & Music in the Park and The Food Truck Bazaar in Casselberry's Lake Concord Park featuring saxophonist Jeff Rupert from 6 to 9 p.m. The event, sponsored by the city of Casselberry, is located at 95 Triplet Lake Drive behind Casselberry City Hall.

APRIL 13

Saturday, April 13, is **Dinner & Movie Night** at the Geneva Bijou. Come around 6:30 p.m. if you want to dine on some fine, locally crafted pizza. Then enjoy the night of old-fashioned fun at 7 p.m. at the Rural Heritage Center, 101 E. Main St., Geneva. Cost is a \$5 donation per person (\$3 donation for kids younger than 16). Send your email address to GenevaHGS@aol.com to get on the movie club list and you will find out more about the upcoming movie to be shown.

The city of Winter Springs will be hosting a **Summer Camp Registration** for Winter Springs residents only on Saturday, April 13, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Winter Springs Civic Center. The Civic Center is located at 400 N. Edgemon Ave. in Winter Springs. Open registration will begin on Monday, April 15. Price varies depending on residency. For more information please call 407-327-6593, email bdunigan@winterspringsfl.org, or visit winterspringfl.org/parks

APRIL 14

Focal Point Nursery will be offering two free **Butterfly Gardening Classes** from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 14, one for adults and a separate class on the same day for children. Children will be given a terra cotta pot to plant their very own butterfly nectar plant in! The cost is \$5 per child for the pot and plant. The butterfly garden classes will focus on nectar plants that attract butterflies as well as what host plants will keep them fluttering by in your garden. RSVP no later than Friday, April 12, by calling 407-349-2200 or emailing liz@focalpointnursery.com

APRIL 15

On Friday, April 15, it's time to register for **Summer Adventure Eco Camp** at the Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 3485 N. County Road 426, in Geneva. At Eco Adventure Camp you'll have fun while learning about the natural world! Seminole County Greenways & Natural Lands is offering the ultimate experience for children interested in nature, science, the environment and preservation. Call 407-349-0959 or email lhartscock@seminolecountyfl.gov for more information.

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

Ronald McDonald House is home

For many families, Ronald McDonald House is the only place to stay while kids are in the hospital

BRITNI JOHNSON
The Voice

When Heather Persinger found out she was pregnant, she knew she had a difficult road ahead of her, but nothing would stop her from fighting to make sure her daughter would survive.

She went into labor over and over again – at 18 weeks, 20 weeks and 22 weeks. Each time, the doctor would work hard to stop the labor, hoping to keep little MaKenzi Trombley safe inside her mother to grow for just a little while longer. But eventually there was nothing anyone could do.

"There was no stopping it at 24," Persinger said.

She was transported to Florida Hospital for Children in Orlando for care because her local hospital couldn't support a baby born that early. Once she got there, the doctor asked if she wanted her daughter resuscitated when she was born. It's a question no mother imagines being asked. She didn't fight for her for 24 weeks to let her

The Ronald McDonald House is having its annual Ice Cream Social to raise funds to support its program, giving families a place to stay while their children are in the hospital. The social takes place April 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Winter Park Civic Center. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door and can be purchased at rmhccf.org. The event features many types of ice cream to try and lots of entertainment.

go then, and Persinger's answer was a powerful, "Of course."

"They don't really have much hope for 24 weeks and earlier," she said. "The night I went into labor, they told me her survival rate was less than 25 percent, and being normal was less than 15 percent."

When MaKenzi was born, she didn't breathe for 10 minutes, she weighed only 1 pound, 9 ounces and was just 12.5 inches long. She was put on a machine that simulated the womb and pumped her

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PHOTOS BY BRITNI JOHNSON — THE VOICE
Heather Persinger holds daughter MaKenzi, who was born three months early, on the threshold of survivability for premature babies. The Ronald McDonald House helped her family stay close to the new baby during her long recuperation.

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MCDONALD | Ice cream helps charity

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tiny lungs and body with oxygen, more than 200 breaths per minute, before she could do it herself. It was a month before Persinger could even hold her daughter.

MaKenzi turned 1 year old on March 26. Of her then 365 days alive, she'd spent 197 of them in the hospital. Persinger, her husband and son all live in Sanford, which is quite a drive to Orlando. To be able to be by their baby's bedside so frequently, staying in Orlando was key, but they needed help. The Ronald McDonald House (RMH), which offers a free place for families to stay while their children are in the hospital, came to the rescue. Linda Mayfield, who is a longtime volunteer for the House, said it's easy to see why the RMH means so much to the families it helps.

"All you have to see is how much pressure the illness of a child can place on a family," she said.

The RMH Charity has two houses in Orlando, serving a total of 59 families a night. It costs the charity \$60 per family a night. For the third year in a row, Mayfield is chairing an Ice Cream Social event to raise funds to support that cause. They hope to raise \$20,000, which could give more than 300 families a place to rest their heads at night, as close to their children as they can be when they need them the most.

"I don't know what they would've done without this

place," said Carol Leland, MaKenzi's grandmother. "It was a lifesaver for them."

"They go above and beyond to make you feel at home," Persinger said. "They're like a second family."

It allowed Persinger and her husband to be in touch with the doctors, in-person, every step of the way during their daughter's care. Persinger felt like she had some control over what would happen by being there. Otherwise, she would've just been a mom on a phone, not the strong presence she was.

"It meant that if I didn't agree with what they were doing, my voice was heard," she said.

And that's important, because the odds were against MaKenzi. Doctors didn't have the hope for her that her mother did.

"We've proven them wrong in every way possible," Persinger said.

MaKenzi, with her bright blue eyes, a wide smile and little baby babbles, hops on her moms lap. She's alert, happy and working toward being a normal little girl. She knows how to tell you what she wants, Persinger said with a laugh. Before, they didn't know if she'd experience life - love, going to prom, her first day of school. Now, with her great developments, Persinger knows her daughter will have those things.

"I know she's going to get it now," she said. "I think that she will get anything that you and me can have and more ... I know she's stronger than me."

BATS | Firefighters, church and general store pitched in to help

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bat house morphed into a full-fledged fundraiser.

The scouts researched the science and behaviors of bats, and consulted the Florida Bat Conservancy for the detailed instructions to build certified bat houses. Boy Scout Zach Braun was surprised at the complexity of the job.

"It was harder than I thought to make the bat houses, but it was fun," Braun said.

Cedar and cypress woods were used for longevity and low maintenance. The rough texture was kept to allow the bats to cling easily to the slats. Safety was a priority, and the boys operated the battery-powered tools while the adults wielded the saws.

Troop Committee Chairperson Cindy Deavers, wife of Scoutmaster Deavers, said she was proud of their efforts.

"This is a different fundraiser than the spaghetti dinners and car washes we usually do to support their summer camp," she said. "We hope there will be a community demand so that they will be able to build more. It fostered camaraderie between the boys, helps with the bug population and helps our community. Our boys are big on conservation."

Boy Scout Tony Graham of Geneva

recently joined Troop 837 and said he was happy to be part of the project.

"I like drilling. It is cool how bats eat mosquitoes," he said.

Later in the afternoon the skies cleared and Ladder Truck 27 assisted with the mounting of two bat houses high within the bats' nightly flight path. Scoutmaster Deavers and Lt. McBryde rode the bucket to the top and installed the two houses - one sporting the Batman logo. Together they're large enough to house 1200 bats.

It can take as long as a year to relocate bats but the first step is bat exclusion, a non-lethal process using a specialized netting that allows bats to leave their current location at night for feeding but prevents them from re-entering. This process is in progress at Station 42, with the goal of completion by April 13.

From

mid-April thru mid-August female bats give birth, feed and nurture their young pups, and exclusion is illegal.

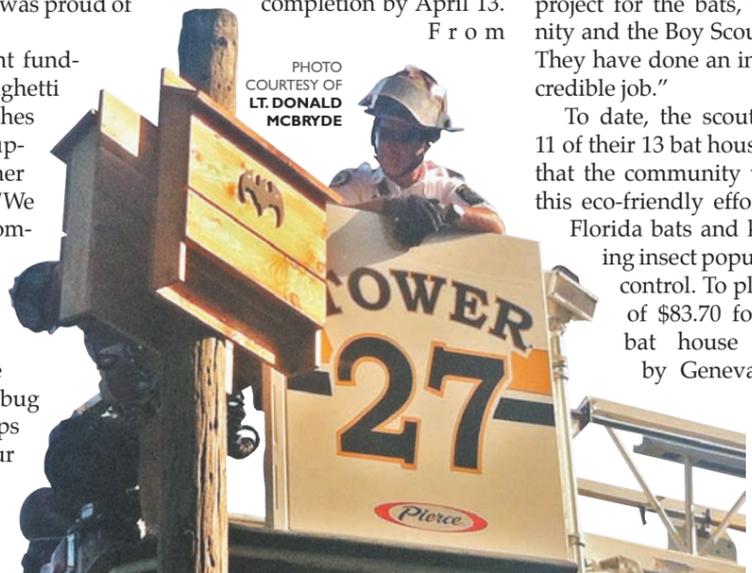
Community support

Professional Firefighters Local 3254 donated \$150 for materials from Home Depot, the Geneva Community Church of God - the troop's sponsor - provided food to fuel the afternoon, and former scoutmaster Bob Hughes donated lumber from The Ole General Store in Geneva.

As the young scouts painstakingly measured their wood and assembled the sides and slats, McBryde reflected on the journey that linked him and the young community leaders with these prehistoric mammals.

"All I wanted was a bat box, but this has become a winning project for the bats, the community and the Boy Scouts," he said. They have done an incredible, incredible job."

To date, the scouts have sold 11 of their 13 bat houses and hope that the community will support this eco-friendly effort to protect Florida bats and keep the flying insect population under control. To place an order of \$83.70 for a certified bat house constructed by Geneva Boy Scout Troop 837, call Scoutmaster Randy Deavers at 407-718-9584.



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Calendar

APRIL 12

The Center for Economic Development at Seminole State College of Florida will host **Startup Weekend Orlando** at its Heathrow Campus April 12-14. Startup Weekends are weekend-long, hands-on experiences in which developers, designers, marketers, product managers and entrepreneurs come together to share ideas, form teams, build products and launch startups. Typically, half of Startup Weekend's attendees have technical or design backgrounds, the other half have business backgrounds. Registration is required. Register online at seminolestate.edu/ced/startup-weekend

Are you searching for new activities for your kids this spring? Sports offer a great outlet for children to have fun and learn. **Casselberry Recreation and All Star Sports Instruction** provide quality sport instruction classes for children 2 to 11 years of age. All classes begin on Friday,

April 12. Spaces are limited, so sign-up today! For more information on exact days and times, call 407-262-1575 or visit the city of Casselberry Recreation Center at 200 N. Triplet Lake Dr., or call All Star Sports Instruction at 407-810-4639.

APRIL 13

SizzorS salon is partnering with Helpful Hands of Seminole on Saturday, April 13, at 5 p.m. The event, **Handbag Happy Hour**, is taking place at SizzorS salon located at 269 Aulin Ave., Suite 1009, in Oviedo. Guests can stake their claim on deeply discounted new and gently used handbags by bidding in the auction, and enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with their fellow fashionistas. Admission is free for those who donated handbags by April 5, \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door.

St. Luke's Lutheran School and Preschool is hosting its annual **free interactive workshop for any area parents**

of rising kindergartners. This year, UCF Instructor for Early Childhood Development and Education, Kelly Jennings, will offer practical advice and steer parents through proactive steps to help their child adjust for their new journey. This is a free workshop. Participants will receive a toolkit and materials to help facilitate their child's transition. The "Transitioning to Kindergarten" workshop is Saturday, April 13, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at 2025 W. State Road 426 in Oviedo. Call 407-365-3228 for more information, or visit school.stlukes-oviedo.org

More than 50 local and national authors will share their love for reading at the fourth annual **UCF Book Festival** on Saturday, April 13. The festival is open to the public and will be held at the UCF Arena from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission and parking will be free. The festival is hosted by UCF's College of Education in association with UCF's Morgridge International

Reading Center. Visitors are invited to meet with the authors — whose works are featured in classrooms and libraries around the country — and learn about their creative processes and how they bring their characters to life. For a schedule of events and more information, visit bookfestival.ucf.edu

Heathrow Women's Club will be hosting its annual **fundraising event Luau-style**, Saturday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heathrow Country Club. The theme of evening's festivities is "Evening in Paradise Luau." In addition to dinner, dancing and a silent auction, there will be a lively and entertaining presentation from Sibling Rival Poi (fire dancers) led by Ken Battles. The DJ for the evening will be In the Mix Production. Over the past 25 years, the Club has donated nearly \$1 million in donations and services to better our community by giving to deserving organizations. All proceeds will benefit: The Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida, West Sanford Branch; Seminole County Friends of Abused Children; SafeHouse of Seminole Daycare/After School Program; and Bags of Hope Inc. — Kids Club. This event is open to all. Attire is "resort casual."

internationalquidditch.org for more information.

APRIL 16

The **Oviedo Historical Society** holds monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month (September-May). A brief business meeting starts at 7 p.m., and an Awards Ceremony begins shortly thereafter at approximately 7:30 p.m. on April 16 at the Oviedo Memorial Building (next to the old downtown Fire Station).

The **East Phase rezoning public hearing** for Oviedo, Winter Springs and Geneva elementary schools will begin at 5:30 p.m. on April 16 at the Seminole County Educational Support Center, 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford.

The Orlando Philharmonic's new **Chamber Series finale** on April 16 features the orchestra's principal brass quintet, Lyman Brodie, trumpet; William Cooper, trumpet; Mark Fischer, horn; Jeffrey Thomas, trombone; and Robert Carpenter, tuba, performing fanfares, Baroque selections, and Bernstein's "Dance Suite." Visit orlandophil.org/jazz for more information.

APRIL 18

Theatre UCF presents its seventh annual dance concert, **"With a Twist,"** from April 18-21. The event is a showcase for the students in the University of Central Florida dance classes, as well as for the student designers in the theatre department. It's all at 1001 E. Princeton St., Orlando. Visit theatre.ucf.edu for showtimes and more information.

"Marine Studios to Marineland Dolphin Adventure: The **History and Heritage of Marineland**" will celebrate the theme park's anniversary at Whitney Auditorium in Marineland. Admission is free to the first 250 guests. Following the presentation, Terran McGinnis will sign copies of the book "Marineland."

APRIL 19

For seniors or caregivers navigating the maze of Central Florida housing alternatives, One Senior Place Greater Orlando presents **Senior Living Options Day** on Friday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A selection of refreshments and door prizes will be available at the unique senior resource facility located at 715 Douglas Ave. in Altamonte Springs. Visit oneseniorplace.com for more information or call 407-949-6733.

APRIL 20

On Saturday, April 20, Seminole County will continue its centennial celebration with a community-wide **"Centennial Festival"** at the Five Points area (County Home Road and U.S. Highway 17-92 - across from Flee World). Exhibits, music, food trucks, kid's area, plant sale, car show, and more will be set up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Geneva will be represented with some of its local musicians and dancers. The Geneva Historical Society and Rural Heritage Center will have booths. Visit tinyurl.com/CentennialFestival for more information.

ONGOING

In celebration of Seminole County's 100th birthday, Historic **Seminole is issuing a passport to history!** Pick up your passport and visit Historic Seminole spots on Centennial Saturdays. Visit a minimum of six sites and your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win great prizes. Centennial Saturdays end April 13. For general questions about Centennial Saturdays, contact Ashley Wilt at 407-936-1679 or email ashley.wilt@ucf.edu. For more information about Historic Seminole or one of the participating locations, visit historicseminole.org

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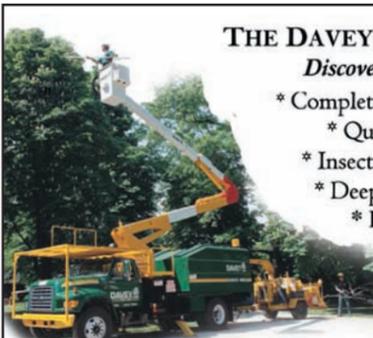
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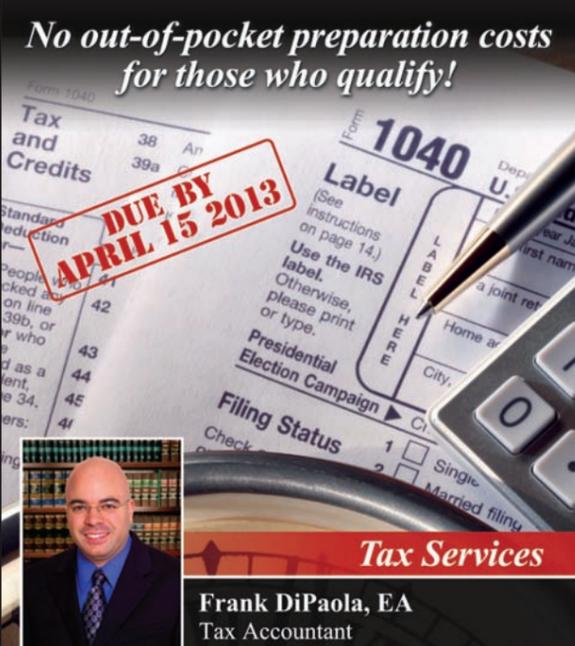
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April 15 - Movie Day
April 22 - Alcohol Abuse Seminar
April 29 - Casino Day

The Real Estate Specialists are IN
10am - 1pm (also Mon, April 22, 29)
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3pm - 4:30pm
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TUESDAY, APRIL 16
Senior Bingo Fun
11am - 12noon
Hosted by Orlando Family Physicians
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AARP Medicare Complete
2pm - 3:30pm
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Memory Loss Seminar with Dr. Goodman
9:30am - 11am and 11:30am - 1pm
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Why do hearing aids cost so much?
3pm - 4:30pm (also April 24)
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Resources, Guidance, Door Prizes, Refreshments
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Notes

New alligators
The Central Florida Zoo has recently added **three female American alligators** to its animal collection. The animals came from The St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park. The females joined the Zoo's male alligator in his exhibit adjacent to the Reptile House.

Giving back bread
Panera Bread and many of its customers raised more than **\$168,700 to help Second Harvest Food Bank**. In February Panera executives presented Second Harvest with a check for the full amount raised by the campaign.

Trinity Prep scholar
Trinity Preparatory School senior **Shweta Desiraju** of Winter Springs is one of eleven applicants who have been offered

a 2013 John V. Lombardi and Penelope W. & E. Roe Stamps IV Scholarship to the University of Florida. Students for these awards exemplify a commitment to excellence, community service, and public responsibility.

Play ball
Trent Masih, senior middle-infielder and team captain at Lake Howell High School, announced that he has committed to play baseball at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne.

New dining in Towne Center
The tenant mix at Seminole Towne Center will be further enhanced in 2013 with the addition of **Francesca's, Styles for Less, Sprint Store by Arch and A&W All American Food**. The recently announced opening of Habaneros Mexican Grill will

also complement the dining options offered at Seminole Towne Center.

New school for the gifted
The Providence Foundation will be opening a new school for gifted and talented students called the **Center for Gifted Learners**. This school is now accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. The Center for Gifted Learners will be one of only five private schools in the state of Florida that is solely dedicated to educating gifted and talented learners. The new facility, located at 1561 S. Alafaya Trail in east Orlando, will be multi-grade and multi-age classrooms with an innovative, project based curriculum to prepare students for 21st century jobs.

HOPE helps kids shine
HOPE Helps Inc. was among the group of 59 nonprofits and school districts that received **\$1.5 million in grants** through the Disney Helping Kids Shine Grants program. This initiative from Walt Disney World supports organizations that help build futures for Central Florida children.

Emcee gets key to the city
In a presentation during the Feb. 11 City Commission Meeting, Winter Springs Mayor Charles Lacey and the City Commission awarded Winter Springs' resident **Arnie Nussbaum** a "Key to the City" for his many contributions to the city of Winter Springs. Arnie is known as one of Cen-

tral Florida's most beloved emcees. He is the house Master of Ceremonies for the Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber of Commerce, and has hosted numerous cultural and charity type events all over the Central Florida area. Arnie, at parades, on the radio or TV, is one of the best-known voices in Central Florida.

Speedy summer at SSC
To help students complete college faster, Seminole State College of Florida will pilot two six-week classes this summer designed to move students quickly from developmental to college-credit math courses. "**Achievement in Mathematics (SLS 1533)**," a **one-credit course** that starts May 8, is aimed at those first-time-in-college students who need some extra help with their mathematics before entering college-level classes. The course will include a refresher component, or math "boot camp," tailored to each student's individual needs.

Florida Volunteer Month
Recognizing the millions of Floridians who volunteer annually and also encouraging other Floridians to serve our state's communities, Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet have proclaimed April 2013 as **Florida Volunteer Month**. The Florida Volunteer Month celebration, sponsored by Volunteer Florida, will continue throughout April. Visit volunteerflorida.org for more information.

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Knights fight long slump

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

A frustrating 8-7 loss felled the Knights in their most recent bid to snap a losing streak that started March 30 at Southern Miss. Five games into it, the Knights (18-15, 4-5) are looking for a turnaround at press time Wednesday.

Adding to the frustration of the Knights' longest losing streak of the year, four of the five losses were by a margin of two runs or

less.

They almost had it against Memphis (18-13, 5-4), leading the game until the bottom of the fifth, then tying it up again in the eighth thanks to the heroics of Chris Taladay, who had four two-out RBIs in the game. But a bottom of the eighth double lifted the Tigers by just one run, and enough for the win.

Wednesday the Knights faced Interstate 4 rival USF (18-14) in a grudge match at press time. The Knights lost to USF Feb. 26

in their only other meeting this year. Next season the two will be in the same conference, the newly formed American Athletic Conference.

After that game the Knights travel all the way to Houston for a three-game series at Rice (23-11, 6-3), starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday. It'll be another shot at revenge for the Knights, who lost two out of three to the Owls last season when they met in Orlando.

They'll be looking to leverage more offense on the final swing of their long road trip, with the burden seemingly on the shoulders of Taladay, who is 12th in the nation in hits so far this season. He's closing in on the seventh spot in all-time hits for the Knights.

When the Knights return home, they'll be playing host for eight straight games, starting with Florida Atlantic (21-11) on April 16. The last time the two teams met, on April 17 of last season, the Knights crushed the Owls 12-3.

By the time the Knights are finished hosting conference rivals Marshall and Houston, they'll be just two conference series away from the C-USA Tournament in Houston. They have plenty of time to catch up in the standings.

Lions perfect in district

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

An 8-1 blowout over St. Cloud reversed Oviedo's fortunes instantly April 8, as they shook off the memory of a 13-2 loss to Seminole in their last game. And as the Lions barrel toward the postseason that starts in two weeks, they're poised for a big showing with their perfect 4-0 record against district rivals.

They hit the road for Lyman, taking the first swing at 7 p.m. April 15. The Greyhounds have struggled this season with a 3-17 record overall.

Hagerty

A narrow loss against Lake Brantley deflated the Huskies, but they're still 14-7-1 and 7-4 on the season. They travel to Lake Mary for a 7 p.m. April 12 showdown.

Winter Springs

The Bears have a 14-7 record overall, but have struggled badly in the district with a 1-3 record. They'll close out the regular season with a five-game home stand, playing Seminole at 7 p.m. April 12.

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Put the 'spring' in your home's step

The vernal equinox, more informally known as the first official day of spring, fell on March 20 this year. While the weather is still crisp and cool at least by Florida standards, it is the perfect time to clean out the clutter of the past year, and add a fresh perspective to your home's interior. Here are some of the hottest design trends for spring and summer, alongside some helpful tips for clearing out the cobwebs.



Christina Rordam
Keepin' it Real Estate

Pantone's color of the year for 2013 is Emerald green. Emerald green is a rich vibrant hue that creates a feeling of luxury as well as calm. Pantone picked Emerald

declaring it radiant, lively and lush, and I have to say I agree. If you're all in for the glowing green hue and want dramatic change, why not create an emerald green accent wall in your living room or den? Emerald is more versatile an interior design color than you may first expect. Pair it with cool neutrals, black, white or a combination of both for a minimalistic clean and modern look. If elegance and opulence are more your speed, incorporate warm cream and gold tones around it, even rich browns. The mood you create will be regal. For those commitment phobes out there who tend to change their mind as quickly as the seasons, go for some gorgeous green accent pieces. Renew your bedrooms with a few plush green pillows, some emerald charger plates in the kitchen or an emerald throw on

your couch for a quick pop of color.

Now that you've refreshed your home's color scheme, time to clean those nooks and crannies. A clean home is a healthy home, so throw open those windows and patio doors and start scrubbing!

1) Grout. Start with either

some hydrogen peroxide or some oxygen bleach and water mixed together. Sweep the floor first, then pour the cleaner onto the tiles and spread it with a mop, let sit for one to two hours. Brush it to loosen grit and grime then mop clean with water and you'll have sparkling white grout.

2) Dust. It's the proverbial

elephant in the room, it's there, you just don't want to admit it. Dust the tops of your fans, lighting fixtures and cabinets. Don't forget crown molding, tops of paintings and pictures. A Swiffer or some pledge can work wonders.

3) Closets and drawers. Remember the rules of feng shui; is the object in question adding beauty to your space or is it useful? If no, then toss! If you haven't worn an item of clothing in over a year donate it to Goodwill, it's good for your karma and you can keep the receipt for a nice tax write off next year.

Last but not least, sit back, relax and enjoy your newly clean Emerald space with a mint julep or a mojito. Cheers!

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THIS WEEK in political history

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U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage in his home at Warm Springs, Ga. The only man to be elected to four terms as president of the United States, Roosevelt is remembered for his New Deal social policies and his leadership during wartime.

Kids House leads child advocacy

When the manager unlocked the apartment door for the deputy they were met by a naked toddler dragging a stained pink blanket and the smell of feces and urine. Her mother, who had been incarcerated 15 hours ago, lied to authorities about her 2-year-old daughter being watched by a babysitter. There was dried grape jelly and applesauce on the baby's face, and it was clear from the condition of the apartment that she had been alone for hours scavenging for food and water. Child Protective Investigators (CPI) face such scenarios every day, and we can only imagine how this must wear on their spirit.

National Child Abuse Awareness Month

Contrary to my usual positive approach, I find myself frustrated that another April has arrived and we are no closer to surrendering its solemn responsibility as National Child Abuse Awareness Month. Child abuse continues to be a pervasive problem at the national, state and local levels. The statistics, which run one to two years behind, show that 3 million reports of suspected child abuse touched between 5 and 6 million children and at

STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

least half of those resulted in further investigation indicating a potential issue.

At a minimum the Federal definition of child abuse and neglect, according to the Child Abuse and Treatment Act, is:

"Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation; or an act or failure to act, which presents an imminent risk of serious harm."

Child abuse also involves neglect and abandonment of our most vulnerable population. Statistics show that more than 100,000 children are abused in some way in the state of Florida,

and that child abuse is the leading cause of death in children younger than 4 years of age. More horrific is that nearly half of child fatalities occur at the hands of a parental figure.

Seminole County Sheriff's CPS team

Our own Seminole County Sheriff's Department receives approximately 4,000 suspected child abuse cases each year. They investigate reports routed to the county from the Florida Abuse Hotline.

Seminole County's 27 CPIs are flanked by supervisors and administrators as they sort out the cultural, legal and social elements of each family's situation. It is

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not always a simple process to determine what protections, sheltering, services and interventions are best suited for each child and family.

Child advocacy centers

No matter if the community is urban, rural or suburban a significant factor in rescuing and beginning a child's healing process is the local child advocacy center. The advocacy team strips away the statistics and embraces the child with compassion and dedication determined not to not add additional stress to their fragile state.

Kids House is Seminole County's child advocacy center and the collaboration and coordination they model every day borders on miraculous as they try to identify the intimate details of a child's abuse. The Kids House team includes nurses and physicians trained for forensic medical exams, child advocate crisis intervention specialists, child and family advocates, trained interview specialists, as well as specialists in mental health and child development. Kids House treats the whole child with sensitivity in one safe location. Partnerships with law enforcement, community based services and the medical

and mental health communities allow the family to get services, education and answers in one location in a positive kid-friendly environment. But make no mistake because the Kids House team places the child's well being as its highest priority, it fully assists in prosecuting the child's abusers.

Learn about Kids House and how you can support their efforts through donations and volunteering by attending the fifth annual Cops for Kids House Kickball Tournament on Sunday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs.

To report child abuse or neglect, call the Florida Abuse Hotline 1-800-96ABUSE (962-2873).

To learn more about Kids House, visit kidshouse.org/news-and-events/index.htm

TALK TO KAREN

Please share your thoughts about Geneva at 407-221-7002, karenmphilips@bellsouth.net 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.

Want that job? Become a situational extrovert

This week I have seen several articles come out about introverts and interviewing. If you are not an extrovert, can that hurt your chances of getting a job? The answer is yes, and no. To be clear, it depends on you and how prepared you are for the interview.



Sandi Vidal
Ask Sandi

I am a closet introvert. People would not guess that about me because

I enjoy public speaking, hold a leadership role, and network in the community. The reality is networking puts me way outside of my comfort zone. Being interviewed is a whole adventure in itself.

Being that a large part of my job means I have to be in the community and out networking, I had to learn how to get outside my shell. Like many introverts, small talk is not my forte and I prefer one-on-one deep conversations to exchanging elevator speeches any day of the week. I have learned the best thing for

me to do in new networking situations is to bring a "wingman," someone who is comfortable with networking and can be present in every conversation. My goal is not to meet everyone in the room, but to meet with people while I am at an event and follow up with them later to develop relationships.

As far as interviewing, Introverts sometimes have a hard time tooting their own horn. This can work against you in an interview setting. To combat this fear, practice talking about your achievements, reread your resume, and

research the company so you can discuss how your skills and accomplishments will meet their need. Listening to the question carefully and then crafting a response will go much further than being over-eager and just appearing bubbly. I can be bubbly, but naturally, I am more reserved and recharge quietly by myself. After the interview, sit down somewhere quiet and re-hash the interview in your mind. As you craft your thank you letter, use it as an opportunity to thank the interviewer and to clarify and add any important points you

may have missed.

Being an introvert is not necessarily a disadvantage — it just means you need to get a little out of your comfort zone by preparing a little harder.

TALK TO SANDI

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Young Voices Here's what kids at the First Baptist Church Family Day said about their spring break and Easter plans.



I'm going turkey hunting in Oklahoma on opening weekend. I like hunting and I am a good shot. I shot a turkey just this morning. I will also be celebrating my birthday.

—Tony D.
7 years old



I am home schooled in the fourth grade. I like history and science, and I like reading all kinds of books. I like American History and reading how Abraham Lincoln got rid of slavery.

—Anthony C.
10 years old



I'm in the first grade, and I am home schooled. I am learning how to write letters. We are getting ready for Easter and will be going to church and hunting for Easter eggs.

—Caleb S.
6 1/2 years old



I am in second grade and am home schooled. I like geography. For Easter we will have an egg hunt at my grandma's house. We'll dunk eggs in dyed water, and will be in the Easter performance.

—Shyanne C.
8 years old



I'm in third grade at Geneva Elementary. We will go to Daytona Beach or maybe New Smyrna. We will go bike riding on the Seminole Trail. We are also practicing with our packet for the FCAT test.

—Emily J.
10 years old



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