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Oviedo grapples with vet memorial

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

A memorial to Oviedo-area veterans is moving closer, albeit slowly, to becoming a reality. But how big it will be and how it will be paid for remain to be seen. At the June 17 City Council meeting Fire Chief Lars White outlined exactly how far the project still had to go, starting with a long list of names and revealing an uncomfortable secret along the way.

It's called the Wall of Honor, long monolith, likely stone, and etched with the names of local soldiers who served in America's wars. But who gets to go on the list? That's not certain yet, White said.

"It was suggested to us that we don't put a lot of parameters on the names," he said. "It should be the Oviedo area, not just Oviedo."

That's how Winter Springs handled its memorial, allowing veterans from the general area to be listed on their stone tribute.

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In search of a new icon

Oviedo developing new logo, colors, tagline

TIM FREED / The Voice

The city of Oviedo is developing a new tagline, colors and logo – an effort to reflect where the city is today and where it wants to be tomorrow.

The Oviedo City Council has commissioned Orlando-based branding company Technetium to create a brand for the city, which will be used on business cards, stationery and on the light post banners across the city.

"We are in the process of making a lot of changes," Councilwoman Cindy Drago said. "Oviedo on the Park is becoming a reality and we have an emergency room being built as we speak right now, so we have a lot of changes in Oviedo and we want a new logo to really identify with that and identify with who we are."

"We want someone to see that logo and know you are in Oviedo."

Until now, the city has never had an official logo, instead using the city's seal bearing the celery, orange and riverboat.

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Teen pregnancy rates see 'monumental' drop

BRITNI JOHNSON
The Voice

Teen pregnancy rates are declining in Central Florida, and educators at Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando said their programs are one reason for the decrease.

The downward trend is a nationwide one, and since 2006 teen birth rates in Osceola, Seminole and Brevard counties are down. Orange County shows the greatest success with a 35 percent decrease.

"A 35 percent decrease in six years is monumental," said Jenna Tosh, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando (PPGO).

Tosh said access to medically accurate information and sex education is the key to preventing teen pregnancy, and PPGO

reaches more than 15,000 teens each year through programs in Orange County Public Schools and in their clinics, making a huge impact on the Central Florida community.

Orange County is following the trend across Florida. The sunshine state has a high percentage of teen birth rates – in 2010, it ranked 23 out of 50 states (with 1 being best, 50 the worst). But it has seen a 53 percent decline since 1991, ranking it in the top five for decreasing birth rates in the country. In Orange County, the rate went from 42.9 births for every 1,000 teen girls aged 15 to 19 in 2006, to 27.7 in 2012.

Tosh said the programs PPGO chooses to implement have already shown proven, positive outcomes with teens when used by other organizations. They pair abstinence teaching with educa-

tion about birth control and safe sex practices.

And not only have birth rates gone down, but the 2010 Orange County High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey results show that since 2005, less teens are having sex and more are using birth control when they do.

It's important to not only give teens access to education, but to link it to medical care as well, which PPGO offers to teens at a reduced rate, Tosh said.

It's a place teens can feel safe asking for help. It's a place she felt comfortable going to as a young woman, along with her friends. It can be scary to take the step to protect yourself as a teen if you don't have a parent or caregiver to talk to, but PPGO is there, she said.

"Teens can rely on Planned Parenthood for professional,

To learn more about Planned Parenthood, and to receive educational help and access to their services, visit ppgo.org and call the downtown Orlando location at 407-246-8466. You can also interact and ask questions on their Facebook page: facebook.com/PPGreaterOrlando

non-judgmental, quality care," Tosh said. "We have one of the most compassionate staffs; we are dedicated to making sure young people have access to the tools to stay safe and healthy."

A PPGO educator's goal is to shape attitudes and beliefs about sex and teach teens ways to communicate with partners and friends so they don't feel pressured into anything. They give one-on-one guidance through

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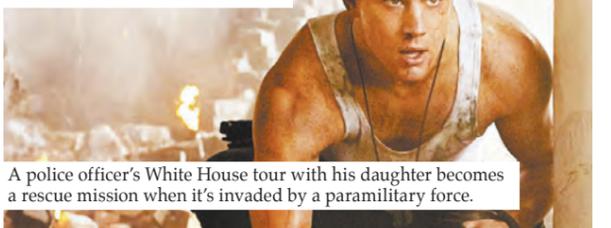
It's an old fashioned good time at Geneva's Fourth of July Festival, featuring a big airplane fly-by and the only Independence Day parade in Seminole County.

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'WHITE HOUSE DOWN'



A police officer's White House tour with his daughter becomes a rescue mission when it's invaded by a paramilitary force.



THIS WEEK



THIS WEEK in history

July 1, 1984 —

The Motion Picture Association of America, which oversees the voluntary rating system for movies, introduces a new rating, PG-13. The action film "Red Dawn," starring Patrick Swayze and Charlie Sheen, became the first PG-13 movie to be released in theaters.

PREGNANCY | Teens now more educated about birth control

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their Safer Sex program, and educators have cell phones and Skype accounts to use to talk to teens if they need help, any time.

Ebony Section is a senior educator for the Safer Sex program, and said she likes to call it "girl talk," because she's helping young women just like herself.

"They're able to talk to an educator they trust," she said.

Section remembers one teen mom with two children already, who came in for help. They got her on birth control, and instantly she saw a difference in her demeanor, her life was truly changed. She had taken control.

"They build that self advocacy," Section said.

There's also an anonymous text line to get quick answers about sexual health, or how to make an appointment at PPGO. Teens can reach them on Facebook, too, where staff responds to posts and private messages. Social media is now an important resource.

"It's so important to reach teens where they're at," said Cristina Calandrucio, community



Planned Parenthood programs, presented by coordinators Cristina Calandrucio, Ebony Section and Yarira Feliciano, are said to help drop teen birth rates.

education coordinator.

Another way they do this is through two programs that specifically target African American and Latino teens, who have a much higher rate of teen pregnancy than Caucasian teens. Both base their teachings on addressing parts of their cultures that may put them at risk.

"We work with the unique

needs of the teens," said Yarira Feliciano, program manager for Cuidate!, which reaches Latino teens.

And the best way to help teens is to educate them before they start having sex, so they can feel empowered with the knowledge to make healthy choices.

"Just one bad decision can affect the rest of their lives, just a one-time risk," Tosh said.

BRANDING | City may ditch chickens

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"It's part of an overall branding," said Bryan Cobb, Oviedo's interim city manager. "The city has never really pursued branding before."

"We have numerous departments that have their own symbol so to speak, so it's trying to bring consistency in the look of the city and the brand of the city."

In late May, Technetium presented five sets of colors, logos and taglines before City Council. Samples ranged from a red and blue color scheme bearing a large "O" logo to a light blue design bearing the city's name in black with a stylized, white "V."

Councilman Stephen Schenck said the most difficult part of the selection process is finding an image that sums up Oviedo's past, present and future.

"They gave us a bunch of great ideas, but it's not an easy process," Schenck said. "You're trying to decide what represents Oviedo in terms of a picture, a saying and some colors that can pull the concept together."

"We're such a big family community now; you don't see that represented anywhere in that seal. So how can we get that across?"

The topic has also been raised about whether Oviedo's wandering chickens will find their way into the new brand. The familiar fowls have been the symbol for multiple community events, including the Oviedo Woman's Club's Great Day in the Country.

That decision will fall mostly on Technetium, Drago said.

"We asked the company to use their imagination," Drago said. "We all told them how we feel and what we're looking for. If the chicken or the rooster fits into it, than that's fine. If it doesn't, than that's fine too."

While it's uncertain whether the image of a chicken will appear in the final logo, the iconic birds

may be represented in another way. One of the Technetium samples features a logo that resembles rays of sunshine, with each ray sporting a color pulled from the rooster's tail feathers.

The combination of reds and yellows appealed to the city council, and they are considering it for the final color scheme.

Though the colors don't reflect Oviedo's green agricultural background or the Oviedo High School Lion's roaring orange, the city is looking for something new, Drago said.

Schenck stressed that holding onto the city's history is important to the Council, and will play a part in the final decision.

"We want to be emblematic of that we've grown while keeping true to our heritage or history," Schenck said. "We've become a family destination while still having those elements and the philosophy that we've had from the beginning."

Council members are also still deciding on the city's tagline, which Schenck revealed will involve "family" and "the future."

Though Technetium provided five samples, the Council wants to see more before they make a decision, Drago said.

"Unfortunately, what they've shown us so far really hasn't brought the image that we're trying to go for," Drago said. "Some of the color schemes are good, but not the logo. We really want a logo that takes from our rich history, including our traditions and the future, so we're trying to combine that."

"It's a hard thing to tell someone 'this is what I want' and have them put it on paper and show us, but we're going to keep trying."

Council members are currently discussing the logo and colors with members of the community, and Technetium will present new samples to the City Council within the next two months.

MEMORIAL | City may partner with charities to raise money

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But another question raised the eyebrows of Oviedo City Attorney Lonnie Groot, who asked whether dishonorably discharged soldiers would be allowed on the list.

Deciphering who was discharged dishonorably is tough to clarify in many cases, White said. In some cases it can't be done at all, leaving a soldier in limbo on whether his name will be allowed on a memorial. Allowing all soldiers takes away that gray area.

"I do think that before the next couple of weeks you need to refine those rules of adding a name or taking it off of there," Mayor

Dominic Persampiere said. "That way we can send somebody a letter that says 'yes you're eligible' or 'no you're not' and tell them why. But it would be very hard to tell someone no."

The project is starting to materialize on paper in the form of concepts, as the city grapples with how to pay for a project whose cost is still up in the air and subject to speculation that it could cost anywhere between \$10,000 and several hundred thousand dollars to complete.

Officials have yet to decide how the city could partner with local charities to raise funds for the project so that more people

could be involved in its creation.

"We're running this as a city project, and we're going to establish this as a city account," White said. "We are the ones who are doing this memorial."

But he said that he'll be contacting local organizations to try to get as much involvement as possible. By handling it through the city, White said, the project organizers wouldn't be saddling just one civic group with the responsibility to get it done.

"I just want to be sure the guidelines [are] in place and this is the right way to set this up," Councilman Stephen Schenck said.

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JUNE 29

Pulte Homes will host a **grand opening** Saturday, June 29, at Legacy Park, an intimate community in the heart of Seminole County in Casselberry where the homebuilder will present three new two-story single-family home designs priced from the \$200,000 range.

JULY 2

Commuter rail is coming to Seminole County in spring 2014! Join us for a **presentation on SunRail**: a brief history, an update of construction progress, and information about the trains and stations. Learn how to ride SunRail and the benefits of being a SunRail rider. It's at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, at the Central Branch Library's large meeting room, located at 215 N. Oxford Road in Casselberry. For more information, call 407-665-1500.

JULY 9

AARP will be offering three **55 Alive driving courses**

at the city of Casselberry Recreation Center. Each course will include two days from 9 a.m. to noon, and students must attend both days to receive credit for attending the course. Course dates include: July 9 and 10, and Oct. 8 and 9. Seniors older than 55 years of age are eligible to attend. AARP members pay \$12 for the course, and non-members pay \$14 for the course. Only 18 students per course, so sign up today! The Casselberry Recreation Center is located at 200 N. Triplet Lake Drive. For more information, contact Betty Teagle at bteagle@casselberry.org or call 407-262-7700, ext. 1575.

SAFE is a personal awareness and educational program designed to teach women basic safety and awareness skills. Instructors focus on crime prevention techniques and best practices for reducing your risk of being a victim. Class instructors will demonstrate basic techniques, and there is little physical activity required of participants. SAFE classes are two hours long and class size is limited to 25 participants. The deadline for each class is one week before it starts. The next class goes from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, at the Altamonte Springs Community Office, located at 120 W. Pineview St. If you have questions, please contact Kali Austin in the Public Affairs Division at 407-665-6700 or via email at kaustin@seminolesheriff.org



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JULY 3

Red Hot and Boom is Central Florida's largest Independence Day bash. Held a day early every year at Crane's Roost in ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, the free show will start rocking at 4 p.m. with performances from The Jonas Brothers, MKTO, Nikki Williams and more. The show keeps going until 11 p.m. Fireworks are at 9:30 p.m.

JULY 4

WINTER SPRINGS' **Celebration of Freedom** will light up the night from 5 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, in Central Winds Park. The celebration kicks off with Winter Springs' Got Talent on the main stage, with local talent competing for prizes. At 5:30 p.m. the Winter Springs Kids Area opens up with games, bounce houses and more. Starting at 7:20 p.m., Ennis Pruitt and the Breakers will rock the stage until it's almost fireworks time. Just after 9 p.m., the National Anthem and Presentation of Colors will lead into a fireworks display set to music. Food and drinks will be available at concession stands in the park. Shuttle buses will help ferry guests to the event. For more information, visit winterspringsfl.org

It's Central Florida's only **4th of July Parade!** The friendly residents of GENEVA take pride in preserving the past, and the 4th of July activities are testimony to their efforts. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. with a classic car show to get you in a nostalgic mood. The official start of the parade is earlier this year, starting at 10 a.m., and an antique aircraft will roar over the crowd at 10:30 a.m. dipping wings (weather permitting). The airplane formations and awesome smoke trails are guaranteed to give you goose bumps as local pilots dip their wings in salute to all gathered for a day of fun.



This 4th of July, join the city of OVIEDO at the Oviedo Mall for their annual Independence Day Celebration and to be a part of the **1,000-person American Human Flag Project!** Participants will also enjoy live entertainment from Jake and Elwood Blues Revue, Motown Madness, and Da Boys. Other highlights include inflatable games, carnival games, food trucks, craft vendors, and of course a wonderful fireworks display.

Thousands are expected to gather and execute a giant Living Flag. The first 1000 to show up will be given a red, white or blue shirt courtesy of Popular Community Bank. Participants will be coordinated into the proper formation and official photos will be taken. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. near Chamberlin's at the MIX 105.1 and 102 JAMZ tents. Join us for this family fun event at the OVIEDO MALL, located at 1700 Oviedo Mall Blvd. from 4 to 10 p.m. For more information, please call 407-971-5575 or 407-971-5568.



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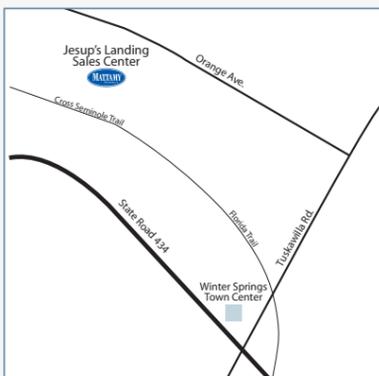
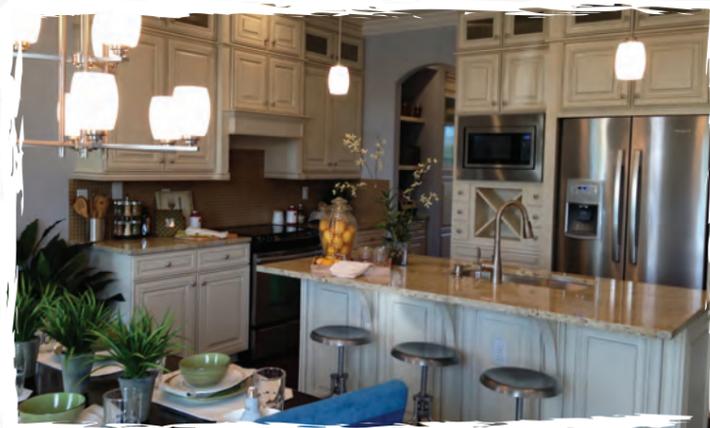
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THIS WEEK in human history

June 30, 1936 —

Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind" is published. While recovering from a series of injuries, Mitchell began writing the story of an Atlanta belle named Pansy O'Hara. A publishing company later convinced her to change the name to Scarlett.

END of the LINE

Orlando senior citizen finishes leading 5,000-mile trek across the Amazon rainforest to fight cancer

TIM FREED
The Voice

Orlando resident Mickey Grosman takes a step back in front of the camera as the live broadcast starts. It's September 2012, nearly a year deep into the Amazon jungle.

Grosman's team was lucky to have a camera at all. Despite all the dangers of the rainforest — falls, pirates, predators and an unforgiving river — it's the humidity that killed the other two cameras, working through a constant thin veil of vapor until they failed.

The video signal is rough because of interference from the overhanging trees, but it will have to do.

Thousands of miles away, children watch the pixelated broadcast from Florida Hospital, filled with hope that, one day, they too could embark on the greatest adventure they could imagine — a life free of cancer.

Grosman still remembers the broadcast half a year later.

The throwback explorer had crossed more than 4,000 miles in his Amazon 5000 expedition, a trek through the harsh landscape of South America to inspire cancer patients around the world and raise money for research.

A pirate attack had forced the team northeast toward Guyana, avoiding the Amazon River that had proved too dangerous. But the pirate attack had taken its toll on their supplies, 2,000 miles from the nearest Outdoor World.

Grosman spread the word online with his military computer, and eventually received a care package donated by Pathfinder School LLC. By March 20 — 10 months since the beginning of the expedition — they reached the 4,430-mile mark, well within the borders of Guyana.

Only 300 miles left.

Grosman and company reached the blistering savanna plains south of Georgetown, scattered with 10-foot termite mounds scavenged by roaming anteaters.

The crew eventually reached Rockstone, where Grosman was reunited with former team members Kyle Ver Steeg and Alex Hernandez, ready to join him for the last 100 miles.

Ten days later, the expanded team found themselves wad-

ing through neck-deep swamps. Grosman knew that traveling through the murky water filled with leeches would wear down the group. They had to find a way around.

Not too far away was the Essequibo River. If the team could fashion another raft out of the local wood, they could avoid the swamp altogether. After tying together several logs and securing empty gas canisters along the sides, they had a raft that could barely keep six guys and 500 pounds of gear afloat.

The team rode the raft downstream for 30 miles. They were able to dodge the swamp, but nobody noticed early on when Kyle Ver Steeg broke his foot after tripping between two of the logs.

"I didn't tell anybody, because I didn't want that to be an issue for the team, so I just walked on it," Ver Steeg said.

"The only way out of there is to walk out of there, and so I just walked out."

The team of adventurers pushed forward as Grosman came closer and closer to his ultimate goal.

"At 50 miles, I almost ran," Grosman said. "They couldn't catch up."

After one final sprint, Grosman finally set foot on the sandy beaches of Georgetown on April 10, six days after his 65th birthday.

The culmination of brutal terrain, punishing weather and dangers from both the wild and mankind had finally arrived.

The journey was over, 4,859 miles later.

Hernandez reflected on the moment in silence; his own family had a history with cancer.

"It was pretty powerful for me from the standpoint that my brother's wife had breast cancer, a friend of mine's mother had breast cancer, my dad had testicular cancer at one point and I had an uncle with prostate cancer," Hernandez said. "It's been so rampant in my family."

The team broke out into celebration, cracking open bottles of champagne and planting the flags of America, Israel, Ecuador and Guyana into the sand.

"I feel good...I did it," Grosman said. "There were many times where I said 'what the heck am I doing here?'"



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICKEY GROSMAN

Orlando adventurer and cancer survivor Mickey Grosman splashes along the shoreline with his team, below, after completing a grueling journey through the jungles of Bolivia, Brazil and Guyana. Above, at home after his journey.

Even after the completion of the expedition, the Amazon 5000 website continues to accept donations, with more than \$28,000 raised thus far.

A documentary is also in the works, tapping into hundreds of hours of film caught in the wild by Grosman's camera crew.

The journey pushed Grosman to his very limits. He lost 45 pounds during the expedition, survived a deadly fever and lived off the land for 11 months.

Yet his adventurous spirit hungers for more, and a new expedition across the plains of China calls to him. He is currently studying the topography of the land to find a route to take for an expedition set for next year.

"From Tibet to Shanghai, that's my goal," Grosman said. "Talk is cheap, no?"

Grosman's journey through the Amazon is over, but the cause he fought for still remains. Countless people around the world suffer from cancer and they still dare to dream of a life without it. Grosman only hopes that people will be inspired to fight the disease like he fought the Amazon.

"I cannot cure them, but it's symbolic," Grosman said. "I will have served one person if they say 'If Mickey did it like this, I will fight. I won't give up.'"



Family Calendar

JUNE 28

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ONGOING

For a limited time this summer, **Orlando Science Center will remain open until 9 p.m.** on Friday and Saturday nights. Beginning Friday, June 14, through Saturday, Aug. 17, guests will have more time to explore four levels of exhibits, watch a Hollywood feature-length film in the Digital Adventure Theater: A National Geographic Experience, see stars and planets in the Crosby Observatory, and experience our newest traveling exhibits: Adventures with Clifford The Big Red Dog and Blue Man Group — Making Waves. OSC is Located at 777 E. Princeton St. Call 407-514-2000 for more information.

There are only a few shows left this season at the **Planetarium** at Seminole State College of Florida. "Sol" will be presented from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29. "Gift of the Nile: The Egyptians" will be presented from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, June 28. Visit seminolestate.edu/planet or call 407-708-2360 for more information.

At **Eco Adventure Summer Camp** you'll have fun while learning about the natural world! Seminole County Greenways & Natural Lands is offering the ultimate camp experience for children interested in nature, science and the environment. It's all at Ed Yarbrough Nature Center, 3485 N. County Road 426 in Geneva. It's from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day, with extended times available. Camps run through Aug. 2. Visit seminolecountyfl.gov/parksrec/naturallands or call 407-349-0959 for more information.

The Artistic Hand Gallery & Studio offers **children's art classes** all year long in clay (hand-building and wheel throwing), mixed media, and painting and drawing. The next six-week session begins July 22. Call 407-366-7882 for more information.

The **Oviedo Farmers Market** is the first Saturday of every month on the grounds of the Lawton House on Broadway Street. Come out to see our selection of locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables, plus arts and crafts, and gourmet foods made by local cuisine artists, all set to the music of Geneva's Leftover Biscuits band. It runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the next event coming up on July 6.

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The voices after the storm

Using 100 years of tech, radio operators prepare to save the world

TIM FREED
The Voice

The slightest trace of a voice comes through the crackling speakers.

Rick Harrelson keeps his hand on the dial as the CB radio reaches into the airspace above.

"This is November Four Echo Hotel; do you copy?" said Harrelson urgently into the mic.

In a matter of seconds, California says hello, then Texas just a few minutes later.

The emergency generator hums outside a 25-foot trailer as Harrelson and his team search for signs of life in the static.

With no power lines, the team is desperate to reach another operator.

They'd been at it for more than four hours now. And another storm could be coming soon.

Inside the dense clutch of trees wrapping this small field, it's armageddon, it's a 10.0 earthquake, it's a hurricane gone Category 5, it's a tornado so powerful they'd call it "the finger of God." It's the aftermath that nobody wants, when all that are left are generators. No power for cell phone towers, no phone lines, no Internet. All that can speak are the radios.

But outside these woods, the day passes by like any other. Today it's not an emergency; not yet. It's all just a test of skill.

Dozens of radio operators from the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society (LMARS) camped out in trailers turned to radio outposts this past weekend at Central Winds Park for American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day, a national competition that challenges amateur radio operators to make as many different contacts as they can in 24 hours.

The operators man their radios as soon as the hypothetical doomsday clock strikes 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Points gained from each contact add up to create a final score, which is ranked among hundreds of ham radio clubs across the country. The LMARS team often ranks within the top five in the nation.

But the competition leaves the operators with more than bragging rights; they're getting a practice run before the next great disaster.



PHOTO BY TIM FREED — THE VOICE
Rob Lapp taps away at his Morse Code key, searching for someone on the other side of the country during the American Radio Relay League's Field Day competition, when hundreds of teams try to be the greatest communicators.

In the current age of Internet and cell phones, a tornado or hurricane could wipe it all away in an instant, leaving only the independent backup generators that power ham radio and Morse code equipment dusted off for just an occasion.

With the hams, a radio license brings a greater responsibility. The weight on their shoulders is the next flood or tornado.

"That's what we do," said radio operator Norm Lauterette. "When the power goes down and neighborhoods are flooded, we're the only lines of communication."

Radio waves have been saving lives for decades. In 1912, newfangled Morse code transmitters sent the distress signal from the Titanic that saved hundreds of lives. The 1920s saw the emergence of amateur police radio, which reported crimes and stolen vehicles. It has been used by the United States military ever since.

Using everything from Morse code equipment originating from the 1830s to smartphone apps that track satellites, the LMARS bombards the airwaves to rack up contacts.

Though each niche is used in a different way, they all share the same function — an ability to send radio waves in any circumstance.

Many of these hams do this for their entire lives. As the sun goes down at the campgrounds on Saturday night, the glowing monitor of Les Kramer's laptop computer under a pavilion illuminates his

frameless glasses. Kramer pauses and looks down at his feet as he remembers ham radio operator John Rother, who passed away from cancer five years ago.

Rother had gone out of his way to dispatch supplies during Hurricane Andrew, loading up his truck with as much food and water as it could bring. The ham operator rushed to a shelter in Miami after sending out a call across Florida.

Like all ham operators who pass away, Rother is now a "silent key," termed after the contraption hams tap to send out the dots and dashes of Morse code.

"He was really the epitome of what I think a ham radio operator should be, because he was such a giving person," Kramer said.

"He made an investment to help people."

The crucial role of a ham in desperate times makes amateur radio all the more important to pass on to younger generations.

The skillset of amateur radio has continued to save lives, but the hobby has steadily declined.

Out of the 313 million Americans who will pick up a cell phone or laptop computer in their lives, only 750,000 of them are licensed radio operators, according to the ARRL. Another study done by ARWatch shows that the average age of a ham radio operator is 50 years old.

Under the satellite radio pavilion, radio operator Daniel Lewis is the youngest ham by more than

10 years. As the 37-year-old looks at the older generation of hams, he understands the importance of passing on amateur radio.

He holds on to the basics he learned from his mentor, Robert Ray Forrester, who became a silent key a few years back after also losing a battle with cancer.

Lewis can still recall the sound of his voice over the airwaves. Deep and scratchy, yet calming and distinguished.

"For me personally, I feel like I owe it to him to propagate what I've learned, to bring other people to the hobby so that they can understand what's out there in the world," Lewis said.

The LMARS team visits elementary schools throughout Seminole County every year, showing them what amateur radio is all about and what it's used for.

Many children take to the hobby afterward, joining the LMARS at the ages of 8, 9 and 10, Lauterette said.

The transmissions at Central Winds Park continue until almost 1 p.m. the next day. As a rainstorm quickly approaches, wires are quickly wrapped up and packed into insulated boxes. Antennas that reach for the stars are disassembled in minutes.

Morse code operator Robb Lapp makes one last contact with western Washington at 12:21 p.m. before signing off.

The key would be packed away until it was needed once again.

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Cheap adoptions

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Any volunteers?

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Central Florida **needs volunteers** in your area who can befriend terminally ill patients, provide relief for weary caregivers, accompany their pet on Paw Pals visits, visit with veterans, provide art and music therapy, make bereavement calls, sew Memory Bears or garment bags, knit/crochet afghans, make crafts, help repair medical equipment, or help with administrative work. Call 407-691-4541 or email central.floridavolunteers@vitas.com for more information.

Rollercoaster for charity

Daring roller coaster enthusiasts demonstrated once again that they have big hearts and enviable equilibrium as they participated in Cedar Fair's 5th Annual **Coasting For Kids** event, which **raised more than \$150,000** for Give Kids The World (GKTW). GKTW is a Central Florida nonprofit "storybook" resort that provides cost-free, weeklong vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families from around the world.

Big sellers

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St. off State Road 434 and 427 in Longwood for \$2.7 million. Michael Heidrich, a principal in the firm, negotiated the transaction representing the seller, Industrial Property Partners Inc. of Coral Springs.

Good judgment

Captain Kip Beacham, the 2011 Krewe of Leaders Duke, was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the 18th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. The Commission is responsible for reviewing candidates for judicial vacancies and providing the governor with potential appointees. Captain Beacham heads the Neighborhood Services Division and is a 16-year veteran of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Help find a cure

Do you know someone who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or one of the progressive dementias? Would the family consider donating the brain of the person experiencing dementia? In return, the family would receive a definitive written diagnosis in the form of a neuropathological report. Pre-registration is required for the State of Florida Brain

Bank research program. Please contact Julie Shatzer, MSW, at the Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center by phoning 407-843-1910 or 800-330-1910 for more information.

Duda reappointed

Florida Gov. Rick Scott announced the reappointment of **Emily "June" Duda** to the Florida State University Board of Trustees. Duda, 71, of Oviedo, has previously served on the Board of Trustees for the Ringling Museum. She has served on the Florida State University Board of Trustees since 2001. Duda is reappointed for a term beginning June 13, 2013, and ending Jan. 6, 2016.

Feds help "The Senator"

Seminole County's memorial to the **"The Senator"** at Big Tree Park in Longwood was made possible by a grant from the **U.S. Forest Service** administered through the Florida Forest Service. The county commissioned the design and construction of a life-size replica play stump for "The Senator" for the playground at Big Tree Park, and created historical signage erected near the remains of "The Senator."

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July 15th - Movie Day featuring The Guilt Trip
July 22nd - Casino Day
July 29th - Movie Day featuring Roman Holiday

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Presented by Exit Real Estate Results

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Two rhinos celebrate their birthdays at Sanford zoo

June 28 to July 15 – Breakthrough Theatre presents ‘In the Gloaming’

The Breakthrough Theatre of Winter Park will present a new musical, “In The Gloaming,” from June 28 to July 15. Adapted for the stage by Wade Hair from the teleplay by Will Scheffer (which was adapted from a story by Alice Dark), “In the Gloaming” tells of Danny, dying of AIDS, who returns home for his last months. With music from the Dixie Chicks, the story shows the way that Danny’s final days lead to moments of openness with some of his family while shutting out others. Directed by Wade Hair, Danny will be played by Justin Scarlat. Call 407-920-4034, or you may purchase tickets online at breakthroughtheatre.com/tickets



Josh Garrick
Culture Worthy of Your Calendar

will be at Downtown Credo at 706 W. Smith St. in Orlando. Donations will be accepted at the door to benefit Downtown Credo, a College Park-based coffee shop founded on charitable giving. Please RSVP to savor@healthygreekeats.com

June 28 – Comedy Hypnotist Dale K to perform at the Abbey

The award-winning comedy hypnotist Dale K will make his debut performance at The Abbey in downtown Orlando on June 28 at 9 p.m. Entertaining and educating audiences around the world with an annual tour schedule of nearly 200 cities, Dale K utilizes his unique abilities and abstract sense of humor to produce hypnosis events that are unconventional and hilarious. Tickets (\$15 in advance; \$18 at the door) can be purchased by visiting TicketWeb.com or by calling 1-866-468-7630. Visit AbbeyOrlando.com or call 941-932-6269.

July 1 to 7 – A star-spangled 4th of July all week at Disney

This is Central Florida, and we know fireworks. We also know that no one does fireworks better than Disney, and Disney guests don’t have to wait until the Fourth to celebrate our country’s birthday. Guests can choose any day of the week from July 1 to July 7 to experience the flag-waving spirit of the holiday. The special red, white and blue fireworks spectacular rockets above Cinderella’s Castle every night of the week orchestrated to a musical tribute to America. Visit limitedtimemagic.com

July 1 to July 31 – Free Admission at Art & History Museums – Maitland

For my readers from Maitland (who can show proof of residency) all of the museums that make up Art & History Museums – Maitland (A&H) are offering free museum admission from July 1 to 31. Those Museums include: The Maitland Art Center at 231 W. Packwood Ave.; Maitland Historical Museum at 221 W. Packwood Ave.; the Telephone Museum at 221 W. Packwood Ave.; the Waterhouse



Dale K

June 28 – Free Healthy Greek Eats Taste-Test

Chef-owner and native Greek Vassilis Coumbaros is so excited to announce Healthy Greek Eats (HGE) that he is inviting all of us to a Taste-Test Social – a charity-focused, tasting event on June 28 from 8 to 11 p.m. The evening will include samples of HGE hummus, yogurt, and spicy feta dip; live demos with recipe cards; and edible take-homes. The event

June 29 – A rhinoceros birthday party for two

Talk about your big invitation, the Central Florida Zoo now has two rhinoceroses. PJ recently joined the Zoo’s other rhinoceros, Jahi, and it happens that both PJ and Jahi turn 2 years old this summer. So, those party animals at the Zoo invite us to the rhinos’ double birthday party on June 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Birthday with the BIG Boys will be celebrated with music, children’s

Residence at 820 Lake Lily Drive; and the Carpentry Shop Museum at 820 Lake Lily Drive. For more information, call 407-539-2181 or visit ArtandHistory.org

July 4 – Fireworks at Lake Eola

Wishing us a safe and happy 4th of July, Mayor Buddy Dyer invites us to the 36th annual Fireworks at the Fountain at Lake Eola Park. There will be live music, food vendors, and a play area for kids. The free event begins at 4 p.m. and is capped off with a patriotic light, sound and water show from the Lake Eola Fountain all leading up to a spectacular 20-minute fireworks finale. (If you can’t make it to the park, you can watch the fireworks on WFTV Channel 9.)

July 4 – Admission is free to the Morse Museum on July 4

The Morse Museum – home to the world’s most comprehensive collection of works by artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany – will follow a decades-long tradition providing free admission to its galleries on July 4 in conjunction with Winter Park’s Olde Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. The city celebration, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., includes

a bicycle parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, patriotic music by the Bach Festival Choir and more. The museum will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Do not miss the Paul Revere silver on view especially for this Independence Day.) Call 407-645-5311 or visit morsemuseum.org

July 5 – The Central Florida Artist Show at FAVO

On July 5 from 5 to 9 p.m., Faith Arts Village Orlando (FAVO) will open its doors – lots of doors – to the former motel rooms at 221 E. Colonial Drive that have been renovated and filled with local art for the public’s enjoyment – and potential purchase. With food trucks, art activities for kids and live music, it’s a great way to celebrate July 4 weekend. The 19 studios include the ceramic sculptures of Denise Berlingeri, abstracts by Rodney McPherson, and paintings by Robin Maria Pedrero, along with works by dozens of other artists. Visit faithartsvillage.com

Josh Garrick is a writer, photographer, educator, and fine art curator. He is a member of the Curatorial Council for the Museum of Florida Art. Garrick can be reached at joshgarrick9@gmail.com or 407-522-3906.

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PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

Joshua Glick shuts down a late rally in the Dawgs' win over Leesburg June 25. Winter Park and Sanford have both risen in the standings this week.

League flips in one week

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

It's been a wild rollercoaster of a week for the Florida Collegiate Summer League, with nearly the entire league standings swinging upside down in just five games.

And the Winter Park Diamond Dawgs have earned the brunt of the benefit from that massive upheaval, with a 9-6 record and a solid spot in second place. They're just behind the Orlando Monarchs (8-5) who lead the league for the first time in the team's history.

Meanwhile the Leesburg Lightning are wondering what happened. As of June 18 the Lightning were firmly in command of the league, having led things nearly from the outset of

the season. Just a week later, they were on one of the biggest losing streaks the team's ever seen.

The Lightning (7-8) lost their sixth straight game Tuesday at the hands of the Diamond Dawgs, who have steadily risen in the standings after a rocky start. Emilio Ogando pitched a nine-strikeout, three-hit masterpiece over seven innings to hold off the Lightning, while Tanner Stanley smacked in the only run of the game.

The Sanford River Rats sit dead even at an 8-8 record as of Wednesday, as they've watched the Lightning gradually fall below them in the standings. The Rats jumped out early and held off the College Park Freedom in a 7-4 win, with a pair of doubles

courtesy of Tyler Palmer and Rock Rucker. Jonathan Matos struck out two in the ninth to grab the save.

The Dawgs will play a pair at press time, but return to the field at 1 p.m. on June 30 to host DeLand.

The River Rats also played a pair at press time, and return to their home field at 7 p.m. on June 28 to face the Monarchs. At 7 p.m. on July 2 they'll be home again against Leesburg.

The Freedom will be on the road until June 30, when they return to their home at Bishop Moore High School for a 5 p.m. showdown against Leesburg. At 4 p.m. on July 2 they play the first of a doubleheader against Orlando, with the second game coming at 7 p.m.

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Holding these truths

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STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

Young 18th century patriots

At 26 years of age Edward Rutledge was the youngest patriot to affix his signature to the Declaration of Independence, and eventually he became the governor of South Carolina. As a young boy, Maryland delegate William Paca was tutored in the classics at home, attended Philadelphia College at the tender age of 15, and earned his master's degree by the age of 18. He held many positions as a lawyer, state and federal judge, and eventually served as Maryland's governor.

Oldest, multi-talented signer

The oldest patriot to sign our Declaration was born in 1706 in Boston in "The House on Milk Street." He had nine siblings, seven half-siblings and was the third youngest of the 17 children. His father left behind a 200-year family history in England and brought his first wife and three children to the British colonies. His father hoped this young son would become a clergyman when he saw that the boy loved to read and write. But he struggled with math, and at the age of 12 was signed into a nine-year apprenticeship with his authoritarian older brother in the printing business. Who could imagine that this youngster would become America's iconic statesman, humorist, inventor, diplomat, politician, editor, printer and postmaster – Benjamin Franklin.

Information versus history

Soon we will observe the 236th anniversary of our country's of-

ficial beginning. Sadly, a majority of Americans cannot name their U.S. Congressional Representatives and Senators, or describe the basic framework of our American government. Americans young and old can name the contestants on any number of reality shows but can't name the three branches of our government.

In an über information age, our society tends to behave like couch potatoes consuming empty mental calories. Why do we seem to have an insatiable hunger for superficial nonsense that does not foster our intelligence as citizens, nurture our national wisdom or sharpen our long-term understanding of our sovereignty? For decades we have allowed elected officials to further their own powerful agendas without consequence. American history has lost priority in our public schools, and it is considered rather old-fashioned to express patriotism, religious beliefs or moral conviction. America is increasingly viewed by its citizens as just another country. Nothing to see here, nothing exceptional.

Safety versus security

The best example we can set for our future generations is to pay attention to the state of our own freedom, liberty and government. It is not about partisanship, but about the role of government and our stance on personal liberty. Our country should not be run on constitutional autopilot.

Benjamin Franklin referenced the newly formed U.S. govern-

ment as, "A Republic, if you can keep it," and said, "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

So we must ask, are these truths still self-evident and what are we willing to do to secure our independence?

4th of July – This land is your land

If you've never attended Geneva's 4th of July Parade & Festival, let this be the year you come. Head to First and Main streets by 9 a.m. to find your spot along the parade route. The parade starts earlier, at 10 a.m., this year with the antique car cavalcade leading the way. The rest of the parade will follow including the new marching band, horses, four wheelers, a bicycle and scooter brigade, and of course the fantastic floats all competing for awards. Following the parade, the 4th of July Festival begins around 11 a.m. and lasts till 3 p.m. You'll enjoy home-cooked food, music, games, pony rides and fellowship with your neighbors and new friends. It's a fantastic, small-town feeling that is genuine Geneva.

P.S. The last planning meeting before the big event will be held this Saturday, June 29, at 8:30 a.m. at the Geneva Community Center. This is an all-volunteer event, so if you can help it's not too late to lend a hand.

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.

I am hopping on my soapbox again about resumes. It has occurred to me that people are very possessive of their information and feel the need to include *everything* they have ever done on their resume. This is not the case!



Sandi Vidal
Ask Sandi

Think about it for a moment, why does an employer want your resume? They want it to introduce you to the job. They are looking to see if you match for the qualifications, measuring how you fit in will come at the time of the interview.

Three pages is just too long. I received a resume the other day that was three pages, and I suggested we move it to two. The applicant got upset that she had already moved it down from four, and said that recruiters want more information.

The information they want is about how you match with the job, not about a job you had in 1999 that isn't relevant to what you are doing today. I have more jobs in my history than appear on my resume, but those jobs don't matter for what my qualifications are today.

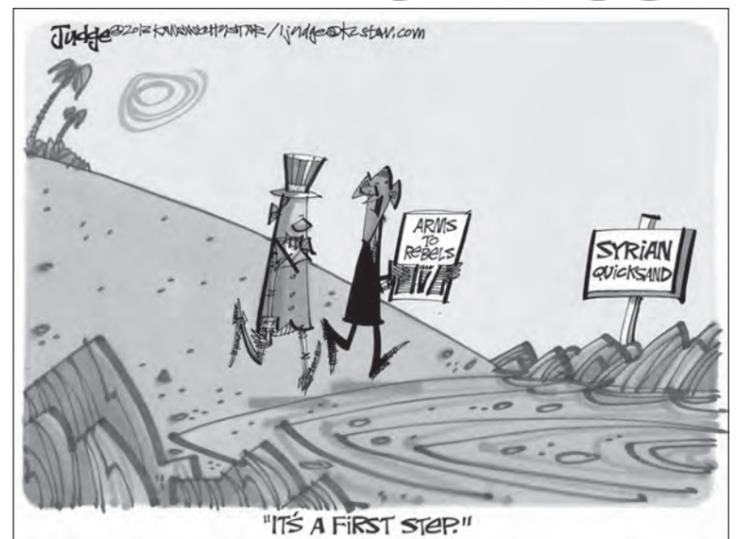
Please consult a resume expert if you are struggling to get an interview. Christian HELP provides this service for free. Email me your resume at sandi@christianhelp.org and I will have someone give you good feedback.

I want to see you succeed in your search! Let me help you to trim away the unnecessary words.

TALK TO SANDI

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Get your plan ready for Florida's next hurricane



OVIEDO CITY TALK

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Mayor Dominic Persampiere



June started with a reminder that we just entered that time of the year when hurricanes are a primary concern to everyone, especially to the fire chief. Chief Lars White was on his toes on June 6 with Tropical Storm

Andrea. She provided us with lots of rain and a threat of tornados. Thankfully, we came away with nothing more than wet feet and upturned umbrellas, but Chief White did get a chance to power up the tornado siren and it

did a spectacular job!

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Chief White, this year's hurricane season will be a busy one. NOAA's Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook says there is a 70 percent likelihood of 13 to 20 named storms. Of these, seven to 11 could become hurricanes with three to six becoming major storms of category 3, 4 or 5. Three factors are combining this year to produce an active season. These are: a strong West African wind pattern, warmer than average water temperatures, and the absence of El Niño to suppress

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hurricane formation as well as weaker wind shear.

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On a brighter note, 4th of July is almost here! That means a big party in the parking lot of the Oviedo Mall! Join us on Wednesday, July 4, from 4 to 10 p.m. for

our annual Independence Day Celebration with live entertainment by The Jake and Elwood Blues Revue, Motown Madness, and DaBoys, inflatable games, carnival games, all the carny food you could want, craft vendors, and the best fireworks display around. Plan your day around this event at the Oviedo Mall, located at 1700 Oviedo Mall Blvd. I'll see you there!

