A healthy pairing

Oakland and the West Orange Healthcare District have partnered to promote health. PAGE 7.

SELFIE SITUATION

West Orange residents grabbed their phones and competed for prizes during #CityHallSelfie Day outside of Winter Garden City Hall. PHOTOS ON PAGE 4.

Ocoee High graduate dies in crash

Rasaan Gumbs, 18, was killed in a collision at Ocoee-Apopka and West roads Friday, Aug. 16.

TIM FREED
MANAGING EDITOR

The Ocoee High School community is in mourning after the death of a recent graduate. Rasaan Gumbs, 18, died from injuries sustained in a car crash Friday, Aug. 16, near his old high school.

SEE GRADUATE PAGE 4

HANNAH SWAYZE
NEWS EDITOR

An assertion that the city of Winter Garden is euthanizing stray and feral cats is unfounded, city officials said.

“Rest assured that the city

City seeks contract for feral cat program

The Winter Garden city manager said the city is looking for a service provider for a trap-neuter-release program.

HANNAH SWAYZE
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THURSDAY, AUG. 22

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Cinépolis Luxury Cinemas – Horizons West, 1461 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee. The Guest Speaker is Jeff Walburg from IronMen of God, a men’s ministry focused on serving the men in the community. The event will provide a safe space to focus on our shared humanity with an exploration of race, privilege, bias, systems of privilege and oppression, and practical applications. Refreshments included. Tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/2KG7V40. (407) 905-4931.
We’re gonna do this'

A song by singer/songwriter Patrick Gibson shares the testimony of Foundation Academy student Bailey Trinder.

TIM FREED
MANAGING EDITOR

A true test of faith — that’s what Patrick Gibson said he witnessed in a waiting room at Orlando Regional Medical Center Sept. 6, 2018.

That’s what Foundation Academy parent Brian and Betsy Trinder faced when they heard the news — that their son, Bailey, had less than a 3% chance to live because of head trauma following a car accident.

Bailey — a star football player for Foundation Academy — needed prayer, and that led to a waiting room getting filled with capacity by the teammates, ministers and friends.

And in the Trinder family’s darkest hour, their faith would not be shaken.

“I remember Betsy and Brian coming down to give us the news that the doctor said there would be a 3% chance of survival for Bailey,” Gibson said. “They stated, ‘It’s all in God’s hands, and if God decides to take our baby, then His will be done.’... Man, that was powerful. Talk about your faith being held to the flame.”

Fast-forward to the present day, and Bailey not only is alive but back in school, though he’s paralyzed from the waist down and relies on a motorized wheelchair.

His ability to walk might be gone, but an enduring testimony remains — and it’s now being told through music.

Gibson, a Clermont country singer/songwriter, celebrated the Trinder family with the release of his new song “We’re Gonna Do This (Bailey’s Song)” at a live concert Friday, Aug. 16, at the House of Blues in Disney Springs — a chance to share Bailey’s inspiring story.

Gibson — who attends Tusca-nooga Baptist Church with the Trinder family and was a neighbor for a period of time — was inspired by not only Bailey’s strength as he embarked on a new chapter in his life but also his parents’ faith during such a difficult time — the faith shown in that waiting room.

The day after the accident, Gibson picked up his guitar and started writing.

“I just started playing and I just started putting these lyrics out,” Gibson said. “It was amazing how it all came together, but the song is not a story of mine — it’s truly a testimony of Bailey through song.

At the end of the day, it’s not my story to tell, so I’m blessed that I’ve had the opportunity to be in the lives of this family and Bailey and share the music, not just to share their story, but to testify.”

On Friday night at the House of Blues, Gibson and his band performed the song live and had Brian, Betsy and Bailey join them onstage. Gibson shared the family’s story before the band built back into a low chorus as the audience sang along: “We’re gonna do this. God is gonna see this through, together as a church there is nothing we can’t do. There’s gonna be mountains, and walls we’ll have to climb, but with hope, faith, family and strength, we’re gonna do this.”

It wasn’t about the show, it wasn’t about the music, and it wasn’t about himself, Gibson said. It was about a testimony.

“I didn’t write the story — the story was already written, from the Trinders and God,” Gibson said. “To be able to take those words and put it all on paper and push it out and feed it out, that’s pretty amazing.”

Bailey said he was thrilled to hear the song performed live in front of an audience.

“Mr. Patrick came to me and showed me a clip of it that he was working on, and we just sat down and came up with the rest of it,” Bailey said. “It’s pretty neat to see the final thing come through.”

“I picture it as that was the waiting room that night — even though I wasn’t there and I don’t remember it,” he said.

For Bailey’s father, it was the first time he’d heard the song all the way through, he said.

“Patrick would send it to me and I’d start it, and I couldn’t get through it,” Brian said. “I didn’t write the song, the story was already written, from the Trinders and God.”

Gibson added that he hopes the song lifts the spirits of listeners whenever they hear it.

“Our whole purpose was to get people to sing back and be that support to the Trinder family — together, as a church, we’re going to do this,” Gibson said.

“How many other people in that crowd did we touch with that that’s going through something and needs that reminder?”

Bailey is still pressing forward with the support of his family and friends. He’s set to graduate on time from Foundation Academy with his friends and peers.

“Bailey is truly an inspirational person to many — believers and non-believers,” Gibson said. “He’s a remarkable kid. ... I’m super excited to see Bailey moving forward.”
Graduate dies

SUPPORTING THE FAMILY
To make a donation to Rassan Gumbs’ family for medical and funeral costs, visit the GoFundMe page at bit.ly/2zc8c3l.

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According to the crash report from the Ocoee Police Department, at 12:46 p.m. Friday, Gumbs and passenger Blondine Lamour, 17, were headed westbound along West Road and turning left to go southbound on Ocoee-Apopka Road in a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu.

Me page to help pay for medical and funeral costs.

According to witness statements, Gumbs had a green light to make the turn but a 2006 Nissan Pathfinder traveling northbound on Ocoee-Apopka Road continued through the intersection and struck Gumbs and Lamour’s car. The collision caused both vehicles to skid to the northwest corner of the intersection, and the Chevrolet Malibu ended up on its side. Gumbs and Lamour were extricated from the vehicle and taken to the hospital. The teens had just graduated together from Ocoee High School in the Class of 2019.

The driver of the Nissan Pathfinder sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Following the incident, the Gumbs family posted a GoFundMe page, “Rest in paradise to you, our young prince. You will always have a special place in our hearts as we promise to hold on to you, your spirit and your well-being forever.”

West Orange Times & Observer won the Funniest Selfie category with a photo of employees acting surprised in awe of their Superman, staff writer Eric Gutierrez.

The Best Daytime Selfie category went to Julie Zimmerman, of the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation.

Stylists at Bombshell Salon & Spa brought their work tools and won for Best Use of Props.

Andy Quesinberry
Ocoee discusses solid waste woes

Costs associated with the residential solid waste program has leaders considering getting rid of the recycling program.

ERIC GUTIERREZ STAFF WRITER

Changes could be coming to how the city of Ocoee deals with solid waste and recycling.

City leaders discussed the rising costs associated with the residential solid waste program during a budget workshop Thursday, Aug. 8. Public Works Director Steve Krug said disposal and operating costs for the program have increased by more than $500,000 since the city last increased the rates in 2008.

“Back in ’07 to ’08, we were charging $16 a month for garbage and recycling,” Krug said. “From 2005 to 2008, we bumped it up to $19 a month. And in 2008, we’ve been holding up until now a $21-a-month fee, and it’s been covering things until recently.”

Krug said the city hasn’t raised its residential solid waste rates in years because the city has been able to operate the program under the current rate. But with the costs associated with the program increasing, the rate would have to increase as well. Some of the issues driving up costs of the program include increases in yard waste fees, the county garbage tipping fee and cost of labor, as well as truck maintenance.

“Our $21-a-month fee was based on replacing the trucks every five years, but running them five days a week with the current recycling program, we’re wearing our trucks out in four years,” Krug said. “That adds almost another $100,000 to our capital costs, along with $35,000 for repairs.”

One of the biggest drivers of the increased costs of the city’s residential solid waste program relates to recycling, Krug said there are four options to be considered with how the city can move forward with the recycling program, including getting rid of it completely.

“We’re looking at continuing the way we do it, which is most of the contaminated recycling (going) to the landfill because it isn’t being accepted at the recycling center,” Krug said. “We could go back to a bin collection system again, where people have to separate (recyclables) and put them in bins at the curb, and we’re also looking at setting up a recycling drop-off center at the Public Works department, and the fourth option is to totally eliminate recycling until the market returns.”

City leaders took action on how to move forward with the residential solid waste and recycling programs during the Aug. 20 commission meeting, which was after press time.

Aside from the costs associated with maintaining trucks that picked up the recycling and paying individuals that drove the trucks, recycling was something that cost the city nothing at one point. That changed in 2017, when China — which at one point took in up to 45% of the world’s recyclables for processing — imposed its National Sword Policy to combat climate change. That policy took effect in 2018 and places strict new guidelines on imported recyclables.

“The main issue is that most of the recycling was going overseas, mostly China,” Krug said. “(Those recyclables) became so contaminated with so much garbage (that) China realized they weren’t getting recyclables, but they were getting a lot of garbage. So, they put the mandate that they will only accept a half a percent contamination, which means they want totally clean loads. We’re experiencing anywhere upwards of 50% contamination in a lot of our loads, so there’s just no market for it.”

Contamination in recycling can be as simple as a few plastic bags — which is the most common contaminant — a greasy pizza box or other container with food residue. Although plastic bags are recyclable, they are supposed to be recycled separate from other recyclables, as the bags can cause recycling equipment to jam.

“It only takes a few plastic bags and the recycling transfer station will reject it,” Krug said. The trucks the city uses for recycling are equipped with cameras that show the truck operators what people put into their recycling containers. If the operators see contaminants in a load of recycling, then that load goes to the landfill, Krug said.

“We don’t intentionally mix garbage and recycling together in collections,” Krug said. “Our (recycling) bins are 96-gallon carts, and it’s hard to see inside. You can’t even see the bottom if you were to open the top up. … There’s a camera that focuses down to the hopper of the trucks. When they lift the arm up and it dumps in, they can see if there’s been any contamination or things like that.”

Krug also discussed service frequency for residential solid waste and recycling services and adjusting the fee charged to residents for solid waste services. No matter which of the four options the city chooses for the recycling program, increased landfill and labor costs remain.

“We are talking to some private haulers to see what kind of numbers they could provide to do the same service,” Krug said. “We have a pretty lean setup as far as the service we’re offering. … Some of the larger vendors have a much larger spread to base equipment costs and labor costs.”

In terms of how the city should move forward with its solid waste services, Krug recommended doing two garbage pick-ups per week, utilizing a central drop-off location for recycling, returning to a four-day weekly yard and bulk waste pick-up and increasing the monthly fee for services to $23.72, which is a 13% increase of the current rate.

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City kittens

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has not trapped any cat for the purpose of euthanization," Assistant City Manager Frank Gilbert Sr. wrote on Facebook. "Individual employees, including the city manager, have personally taken stray cats from city properties to the vet for treatment and spaying."

City Manager Mike Bollhoefer said, like most cities, there is a population of feral cats in Winter Garden, but to his knowledge no city employees have captured stray or feral cats to be euthanized in the 22 years he has been with the city.

"We'd like to contract out a company to do the capture, spay and release program, and that way we can control the population long-term, but we haven't found anyone yet," Bollhoefer said. "We're looking all around, and what we have found is there are places that help you with the spaying part. It's the capturing part that's the tricky part — finding someone to do that part of it."

Bollhoefer said the city and its employees have a history of taking care of stray and feral cats in the area. They have assisted with vet bills for residents who feed or care for groups of cats and getting cats spayed or neutered and then releasing cats back to their homes to control the population. The city also has taken care of some stray dogs over the years, as well. "It's just the opposite here," Bollhoefer said. "We actually have gone to great lengths to take care of these cats!"

Bollhoefer said the previous police chief used to feed cats behind the police station and he's heard rumors for years about feral cats that live behind the Edgewater Hotel downtown, although he never has seen them. He said there also are other places around the city where people regularly feed colonies of cats.

"There was a litter of kittens about 14 years ago that city employees captured for veterinary care that was affectionately referred to as the 'City Hall kittens,'" Bollhoefer said.

"Actually, two of the cats that I have now — two of my three cats — are two of the litter from those 'City Hall kittens' 14 years ago, and I still have them," Bollhoefer said.

"Being an animal lover, you do what you can to help them," Bollhoefer said. "But that's why we also did our best to capture the cats and went to get them spayed and released. We try to be kind to the animals but also responsible to the environment, and we've found that's the perfect middle ground ... to find a program where you capture, spay, give them the shots and then release them."

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City Manager Mike Bollhoefer

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Oakland, healthcare district form $1 million partnership

The partners will work together to improve health and wellness through programs at the new arts and heritage center.

**AMY QUESINBERRY**

**COMMUNITY EDITOR**

With a $1 million partnership in hand, the town of Oakland will add another component to the Arts & Heritage Center at Oakland, now under construction near Town Hall: health and wellness.

The funding will go toward the building construction, including outdoor amenities.

The partnership between the town and the West Orange Healthcare District was approved Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Oakland Town Commission meeting. After the vote, WOHD trustees presented an oversized check to the commission.

The partnership gives the healthcare district naming rights to the facility — the West Orange Healthcare District Arts & Heritage Center at Oakland — and provides the town with grant funding to turn the center into a meeting place for improving health and wellness.

The services and programs aren’t all that will take place there, either. Plans are in the works for growing gardens and adding more parking space for bicycles.

“The grant will also allow for additional programming that will include nutrition and fitness programs, health screenings and back-to-school physicals in cooperation with healthcare providers and partnering organizations such as Shepherd’s Hope and Orlando Health,” Mayor Kathy Stark said.

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The town leaders, we were impressed with their commitment to the health and well-being of their community and their vision for leveraging this facility and the proximity it has to the West Orange Trail, clearly one of the town’s biggest assets,” Swanson said. “They shared with us that many new residents were choosing to live in Oakland because it had such a healthy vibe and they wanted to find a way to really enable and grow that reputation.”

“The district was created 70 years ago to improve access to healthcare in West Orange County. Today, its mission still is to invest in community-based initiatives that help improve residents’ health and wellbeing, as well as to champion the new grassroots movement, Healthy West Orange. “Our partnership with the town of Oakland is a perfect opportunity to put that mission into action,” Swanson said. “Oakland is a great place for highlighting our focus on health and wellness, as it is the municipality nearest our farthest western boundary connecting to other district communities via the West Orange Trail.”

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COMMUNITY EDITOR

For one Foundation Academy teacher, summer vacation meant the opportunity to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

Lori Waters, biology and environmental science teacher finally realized a dream of hers when she participated in the Space Academy for Educators at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

“I’ve wanted to attend Space Camp since I was in fourth grade,” Waters said. “I vividly recall the Challenger disaster since I was in fourth grade.”

During her camp adventure, Waters collaborated with 16 other educators from around the United States, as well as one from Australia and one from Japan.

She participated in myriad activities, including beam-building projects, water-survival training, astronaut and mission control training with simulated missions to Mars and the moon, and a variety of STEM activities for the classroom. She launched rockets, learned about electronics and “developed ablative shields and landers for eggs—stro- nut,” she said.

“The one-sixth gravity chair simulated what it feels like to walk on the moon, and, of course, spinning in the astronaut training multi-axis chair, which is unique to space camp in Huntsville, was a must-do,” Waters said.

The camp in Huntsville was the next step for Waters, who attended Space University for Educators at Space Camp this summer and returned with ideas and lessons for her biology and environmental science students.

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Waters attended Space Camp in Huntsville in 2018. She also attended the Space Conference for Educators at the Kennedy Space Center last month through a scholarship from the Florida Space Grant Consortium.

“I am teaching the Mars generation,” she said. “These students will be the astronauts, engineers, scientists, project managers and politicians (who) will lead to human exploration of Mars and beyond. Plus, the rocket launches and current missions provided a tremendous hook to help connect scientific content with real-world application. Science becomes real and exciting.”

KATHERINE JOHNSON,
THE FIRST ACADEMY

Before becoming a full-time mom, Katherine Johnson spent years building her organizational and time-management skills as a financial adviser and corporate trainer. Johnson’s background made her a natural fit for the role of parent association president. Not only has she spent time in the corporate world, but also she has had time as a stay-at-home mom. This duality helps her to easily connect with families, whether they’re working corporately or staying at home with their kids.

What do you love most about your school?

“The First Academy community feels like a family. When we moved to Orlando four years ago, we wanted to find a school that aligned with our family values. The school not only cared about the education of our children, (it also) cared about the well-being of the whole child. The First Academy welcomed us with open arms, and we quickly felt like we had a family. I value the partnership that The First Academy fosters between home and school. The teachers and administrators pour the Gospel into our children each day. The school helps my husband and I to shepherd our children’s hearts.”

What’s your favorite part of your role?

“I have served with our Parent Association Executive Board in different capacities for the past two years, and my favorite part is seeing how the events and activities that the Parent Association puts on create an enriching experience for our families while building community. I love looking at the vision of The First Academy and coming up with practical ways that we can help foster fellowship.

What made you want to take on this role?

“I’ve always had a passion for serving, and I also found it was a great way to meet other families when we first moved here. I wanted to be a part of building the community that my children are involved in.”

What motivates you?

“I’m motivated by making a difference and contributing to something that blesses others and impacts their lives not just now and in the future. I hope that the work of the Parent Association will not only bless our current students but also help future generations of The First Academy students.”

What’s the nicest thing a student, parent or faculty member has said to you or done for you?

“I have enjoyed the opportunity to volunteer in the classroom. The thank yous and hugs of appreciation from my children’s classmates always warm my heart.”

How excited are you for the new school year?

“We are all very excited for the new school year. While summer is a fun and special time, our family enjoys getting back into the rhythm of school routines. Our school year theme this year is “Stronger Together,” based on the verse I Corinthians 12:12, 26 — “There are many parts, but one body. ... When one part suffers, we all suffer; when one part rejoices, we all rejoice.” I am excited for this theme, because I believe when parents are involved, it strengthens the school community.

If you could take a vacation anywhere, where would you go?

“My husband and I met on a ski trip in college, and we both love to ski and enjoy spending time in the mountains. Our favorite place to ski is Beaver Creek, Colorado.”

Cats or dogs?

“No! We have a 2- and a-half-year-old yellow lab named Wyatt. He’s a huge teddy bear (who) loves to eat everything.”

— TIM FREED
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Water Spring cools off with Back-to-School Carnival

It was a day of play the otter way at Water Spring Elementary’s inaugural Back-to-School Carnival Friday, Aug. 16. Students and parents flocked to the school for bounce houses, games and celebrating the new school. Attendees also enjoyed food trucks, sno-cones, airbrush tattoos and even a hula-hoop competition. The event was sponsored by the Water Spring PTO and Lifebridge Church.

— ERIC GUTIERREZ

Above: Principal Amy Klaber still was smiling even after taking several dips in the dunk tank.
Right: Three-year-old Braylon Gibson had a blast in the sack race.

Second-grader Mila Quintana, 7, couldn’t get enough of the bounce house slide and kept coming back to it.

Second-graders Isabela Sales, 7, left, and Alexis Petro, 7, had a blast competing in a toilet paper-wrapping race.
Left: First-grader Kaylee Payanis, 6, came close to winning in the hula-hoop contest.
Brandon Merrill and Shelby Arnold were pleased with their finished New England Patriots/Boston Red Sox design at the Ocoee High School parking lot.

Nicky Houghton’s parking space at Ocoee High reflected a passion for traveling the world.

Tam Ha completely improvised her eye-catching parking space design at the Ocoee High School parking lot.

Above: Jessica and Mady Cockcroft painted a beautiful sunflower design at the Ocoee High School parking lot.

Left: Paige Shephard carefully painted the likeness of Ned, the mascot for the band Twenty One Pilots, at the Ocoee High School parking lot.

Asphalt artists
An annual tradition continued over the weekend as local high-school seniors from the Class of 2020 painted up their parking spaces to show a side of their personality and creativity. The parking lot at West Orange High School got some color over the weekend as seniors painted their parking spots. Students gathered with their parents, friends and other loved ones at the school Saturday, Aug. 17, to customize their spots. While every spot was different, some common themes were “SpongeBob SquarePants” and Marvel. That same day, Oceoe High School seniors in the Class of 2020 grabbed their brushes and paint buckets and showed off their creative sides as they painted their own unique, shield-shaped emblems on their parking spaces Saturday, Aug. 17. The students woke up bright and early to take part in the annual high school tradition, which has continued on since 2005.

— ERIC GUTIERREZ
AND TIM FREED

Above: Naya Jones, left, got some help painting her spot from her friend, Victoria Autie, at the West Orange High School parking lot. Jones chose to paint a Bible verse to her spot.

Right: Christian Robinson, right, got some help from his friend, Jacob Kelly, at the West Orange High School parking lot. Robinson showed off his patriotism in the design of his parking spot.

Kaya Butler painted her parking spot after the “Looney Tunes” at the West Orange High School parking lot.

Longtime Marvel fan Drew Telonda painted the Infinity Gauntlet on his spot at West Orange High School as a metaphor for “snapping into the real world” after his senior year.
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Children had a chance to channel their inner gardeners Saturday, Aug. 17, at a back-to-school plant event outside of Driftwood Market in downtown Winter Garden.

The free event allowed children passing by to plant some wildflower seeds in a small metal pot and take their plant projects home. — TIM FREED

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Children had a great time along Plant Street during the event.

Caroline, 6, and Kara McCarty made sure to grab a cookie along with their plant project.

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Deer Island estate sells for $750,000

A home in the Deer Island community topped all Winter Garden-area residential real-estate transactions from Aug. 12 to 19. The home at 17729 Deer Isle Circle, Winter Garden, 34787, sold Aug. 15, for $750,000. Built in 1994, it has four bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths and 3,003 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $132.26.

The home at 2838 Red Alder Drive, Ocoee, 34761, sold Aug. 16, for $261,000. Built in 1995, it has three bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths and 2,212 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $117.99.

The home at 325 Winding Hollow Rd., Ocoee, 34761, sold Aug. 13, for $332,490. Built in 2019, it has three bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths and 2,846 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $138.32.

The home at 1998 Casaba Cove Ave., Ocoee, 34761, sold Aug. 14, for $315,000. Built in 2002, it has four bedrooms, four baths and 2,846 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $110.68.

The home at 1514 Acropolis Dr., Ocoee, 34761, sold Aug. 13, for $305,000. Built in 1992, it has three bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths and 2,514 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $113.36.

The home at 17729 Deer Isle Circle, Winter Garden, 34787, sold Aug. 15, for $750,000. Built in 1994, it has four bedrooms, three baths and 3,098 square feet. The price per square foot is $244.78.

The home at 734 Golden Elm Drive, Ocoee, 34761, sold Aug. 15, for $322,490. Built in 2019, it has three bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths and 2,514 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $138.80.

The home at 2530 Standing Oak Avenue, Oakland, 34787, sold Aug. 10, for $430,000. Built in 2019, it has four bedrooms, four baths and 3,098 square feet. The price per square foot is $138.80.

The home at 2350 Standing Rock Circle, Oakland, 34787, sold Aug. 15, for $430,000. Built in 2010, it has four bedrooms, four baths and 3,098 square feet. The price per square foot is $138.80.

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RESERVE
The home at 1924 Saint James Court, Ocoee, 34761, sold Aug. 14, for $308,000. Built in 2000, it has three bedrooms, three baths and 2,388 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $128.88.

RESERVE AT MEADOW LAKE
The home at 1291 Plumgrass Circle, Ocoee, 34761, sold Aug. 12, for $270,000. Built in 2009, it has three bedrooms, two baths and 1,714 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $157.53.

WESTY BAY
The home at 760 Magneta Drive, Ocoee, 34761, sold Aug. 15, for $380,000. Built in 2005, it has five bedrooms, four baths and 3,580 square feet of living area. Price per square foot is $108.48.

WINTER GARDEN
BAY ISLE
The home at 14116 Hamp-shire Blvd, Winter Garden, 34761, sold Aug. 14, for $410,000. Built in 2004, it has four bedrooms, three baths and 2,204 square feet. The price per square foot is $180.03.

BELLE MEADE
The home at 15923 Belle Meade Drive, Winter Garden, 34761, sold Aug. 16, for $490,000. Built in 2014, it has six bedrooms, four baths and 4,445 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $110.03.

LAKE ROBERTS LANDING
The home at 115 Agnes St., Winter Garden, 34761, sold Aug. 16, for $412,000. Built in 1949, it has three bedrooms, two baths and 1,158 square feet of living area. The price per square foot is $378.41.

STONEYBROOK WEST
The home at 2353 Oaktlington St., No. 3, Winter Garden, 34761, sold Aug. 16, for $350,000. Built in 2007, it has three bedrooms, two baths and 2,204 square feet. The price per square foot is $157.56.

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NANCY WILSON MCADAMS WALTERS
DIED SATURDAY, AUG. 17, 2019.
Nancy Wilson McAdams Wal-
ters, of Flagler Beach, 72, passed
away peacefully on Tuesday,
Aug. 13, 2019, at Advent Hos-
pice in Orlando, Florida.
Nancy was born in Bunnell,
Florida, on Dec. 2, 1946. She
is preceded in death by her par-
ents, Arthur and Lorraine Wil-
s, and the love of her life, Tom
Walters.
She is survived by two sibs, Ar-
thur Jr., of Flagler Beach, and
Peggy Bryant (Bill), of Palm
Coast. She has two daughters,
Elisabeth Gadd (Jim), of Ovie-
do, and Lori (Jim), of Orlando; and a stepson, Philip Murray
(Susan), of Orange Park. She
has four grandchildren, Tyler
(Vanessa), of Clemson, South
Carolina, Kyle Newberry, of
Liberty, South Carolina, and
Madison and Cooper Cador-
ette, of Orlando, Florida; as well
as three great-grandchildren,
Rachel, Ashley and Jacob, of
Clemson, South Carolina.
Nancy was a philanthropist
in her early career and left that
to be an indoor plant nursery
owner of Beard Road Nurseries
in Winter Garden. She moved to
South Carolina later in life and
supported her husband in his
industrial engineering business.

SYLVIA “JOAN” STOUTENBURGH-TEMPLE
DIED MONDAY, AUG. 5, 2019.
Sylvia “JoAnn” Stoutenburgh-
temple, age 66, resident of Albu-
querque since 1959, passed away
Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, with her
family by her side. JoAnn is
survived by her three children,
Susan Myers (husband, Steve),
Mark Temple and Remi Temple
(husband, Richard); five grand-
children; and four great-grand-
children.
JoAnn was born in Edgewa-
ter, Florida, and was raised in Oc-
ee, Florida. Because music was her pas-
sion and she had a beautiful
soprano voice, she attended
Stetson University to study
music and voice and was later
accepted into the Chicago Con-
servatory of Music for more
training with her voice. She
performed in many places, singing
solos and duets at many special
events in the Florida area.
JoAnn met and married her
loving husband, Harvey, and
they moved to Albuquerque,
New Mexico. They continued
to sing and take voice lessons
while she turned her atten-
tion to raising her three chil-
dren. Her creativity changed
directions when she learned to
decorate cakes and eventually
started her own business cre-
atin custom-made wedding
cakes.
JoAnn was a kind and caring
person who loved God, loved
children and adored her cats!
She loved small animals, espe-
cially her Maltese, Milo. In lieu
of flowers, please send dona-
tions to the Shelby County Humane Society, shel-
byhumane.org/donation.

JAMES BALLARD, 53, of Ocoee,
died Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Win-
ter Oak Funeral Home & Crema-
tions, Winter Garden.

Nancy loved her work and was
successful in her business. In
her spare time, she loved to sew
and cook. She often repaired
gently used clothing for those
in need to enjoy. In addition,
she was a loyal volunteer teacher in
the GA program at Beulah Bap-
tist Church in Winter Garden.
She returned to her family
homestead in Flagler Beach in
2014 and lived there until short-
ly before her passing.
The family received friends
from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug.
17, at 4952 Old Carriage Trail
in Oviedo. Memorials may be
made to the Florida United
Methodist Children’s Home, 51
Children’s Home, Enterprise,
FL 32725.

GEORGE W. MCCLELLAN
DIED SATURDAY, AUG. 17, 2019.
George W. McClellan, 75,
passed away on Saturday, Aug.
17, after a hard-fought battle
with cancer.
George was raised in Gaines-
ville, Florida, by his mother,
Willma Maines McClellan.
Following high school, he
served in the U.S. Army and
was a police officer in Palat-
ka, Florida. In 1966, he mar-
rried Linda Louise Williams
and moved to Winter Garden,
Florida. He owned and oper-
ated George McClellan Pho-
tography in Winter Garden for
many years.
George is survived by his
devoted wife of 51 years, Linda
(Williams); daughter, Tanya
(Eric) Maddox; as well as he three
beloved grandsons, Nicholas,
Ryan and Patrick.
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CARMEN GONZALEZ, 73, of Win-
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Work has begun on the construction of a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dees at the corner of Wright and Highland streets in Winter Garden. The estimated cost is $3,000.

70 years ago
Growth in the area has caused Dillard Street and Winter Garden elementary to add portable classrooms to their campus.

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The annual Central Florida Citrus Power Regatta, sponsored by the Ocoee Lions Club, was planned for Starke Lake, in Ocoee. The regatta was hosted by the Ocoee Lions Club, and it was a major event in the area.

50 years ago
The Winter Garden Heritage Foundation preserves documents, photographs and artifacts from businesses that existed in West Orange County, beginning with the 1890s. Call (407) 656-3244 to make a research appointment.

45 years ago
After some initial confusion, Lakeview High School is settling down for another (and probably last) year of work. How about getting in your suggestions for a name for the new high school so we don’t have to keep saying “the new high school?”

30 years ago
The grand opening of the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children & Women was held just in time for Palmer’s 60th birthday.

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In West Orange football’s 34-34 tie against Bishop Moore in its preseason Kickoff Classic Friday, Aug. 16, quarterback Julian Calvez scorched the Hornets’ defense for 274 passing yards and three touchdowns. Two of those touchdowns, and 137 of those yards, were brought in by Jaylon Carlies on six catches. On the ground, Calvez rushed for 90 yards on 12 carries with two more touchdowns.

In Foundation Academy’s 17-14 victory over Orlando Christian Prep at its preseason Kickoff Classic Friday, Aug. 16, Lions quarterback Henry Austad tossed for 237 yards and two touchdowns. Receiver Danny Stutsman had eight catches for 194 yards and one touchdown, while Charles Vickers also snagged a touchdown for himself. On defense, Bryan Thomas recorded three sacks, while Ethan Terrell had two sacks and Michael Lemieux Bott and Stutsman led the way with 10 tackles a piece.

The Foundation Academy volleyball team had a strong preseason tournament Saturday, Aug. 17, as the Lions went 2-0 with wins over Victory Christian School and Legacy Charter. The Lions swept VCS 25-7 in the first set before taking the second set 25-15, following up the win with a closer contest against Legacy. Foundation won the first set 25-21 and the second by a score of 25-22.

Local schools are readying for the upcoming volleyball season over the next two weeks. Legacy Charter started its season Monday, Aug. 19, while CFCA, Foundation and West Orange each took to the court Tuesday, Aug. 20. Ocoee volleyball will finally kick off its regular season against Apopka Monday, Aug. 26.

Last week, Adrian Garcia-Flores — a member of the SouthWest Swimming STARS swim team — brought home the gold medal in the 12- to 13-year-old boys 100 breaststroke event at the Venezuela Age Group National Championships.

Erika Kime and the Foundation cheer team performed Friday night.

The West Orange volleyball team is ready to make a name for itself with some new faces.

TROY HERRING
SPORTS EDITOR

In the gymnasium at West Orange High School, the sound of volleyballs pinging off of arms and hardwood is a familiar sound for this time of the year. But for this Warriors team, it’s one of the few familiarities they have remaining from last season.

Between losing a good chunk of its starting lineup, and seeing a change in the gymnasium at West Orange High School, the sound of volleyballs pinging off of arms and hardwood is a familiar sound for this time of the year. But for this Warriors team, it’s one of the few familiarities they have remaining from last season.

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With the start of the school year finally here, the buzz around campuses right now is the arrival of football season. But there’s more to the season than simply football. There’s the sounds of the crowd roaring after a big play, the blasting of horns and drums from the marching band section and then, there on the sideline, there’s the unmistakable sound of the embodiment of the school’s spirit: the cheer team.

With pompoms in hand, the cheerleaders of Foundation Academy — dressed in their best blue — worked through their cheers in front of the home stands during the Lions’ preseason Kickoff Classic game against Orlando Christian Prep Friday, Aug. 16. “We are the Lions, we’re here to show you how, just how we do it and break it down!” they cheered in unison. “Varsity is here, navy blue and white, the best of the best — you know, that’s right!”

That cheer — which is a favorite of senior Grace Langhoff — is known as the “varsity cheer.” If you make it out to a Lions football game this season, it’s one of the many cheers that will be performed by Foundation cheer ready for new season

While Foundation Academy football dominates on the field, the Lions cheer team will bring the noise on the sideline.

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Erika Kime and the Foundation cheer team performed Friday night.

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SEE WARRIORS PAGE 20

Elijah Post is loving his role as wide receiver on the Legacy Charter High School football team. Page 20.
Elijah Post

When did you first start playing football?

Last year was my first year. In ninth and 10th grade, I played basketball, and most of the basketball players played football and they were like, “You should play football!” but I was really interested. So in my sophomore year I played spring football and I liked it, so I decided to play my junior year and loved it.

What’s the hardest part of playing wide receiver?

I feel like the hardest part is remembering all the plays—that can be difficult sometimes and just not getting tired.

What’s your favorite part about playing at wide receiver?

I like being able to get the ball—catching passes and scoring.

What has been your favorite part about playing football at Legacy?

Getting to know a lot of the freshmen and sophomores, and all the new kids that come and play, because I only have classes with all the seniors. It’s nice getting to know everybody else.

This is your last year of sports at Legacy, so how are you feeling about that?

I’ve been playing sports for so long; it’s just kind of weird and I haven’t really wrapped my mind around it yet. It’s really weird to think about that all my hard work is being showcased and appreciated. We have new people stepping up and filling in roles that they didn’t have in the past—sometimes it’s thrust upon them—but they are really responding well.

It’s also been a summer of challenging the girls, and coach Rachel Carey took over the program, adding her own spin to things while also keeping previous traditions. So far, through the past few months, things have gone pretty well, Carey said.

“We have new people stepping up and filling in roles that they didn’t have in the past—sometimes it’s thrust upon them—but they are really responding well.”

“Troy Herring

When did you first start playing football?

At the head coaching position, a lot has changed for the school’s volleyball team, but that hasn’t fazed senior Karryl Hall at all. Or, at least, not anymore.

The time of transition for the team really started in the sum- mer after Head Coach Roberto Santosofia left the program in the hands of new Century head coach Tribble— who only joined the program for one year. For Tribble, things have been much different.

“It’s a totally different role, because over another year I was there to more support the team and kind of be the should- ler to lean on,” said Tribble, who played under Santosofia as a player. “And then, now, it’s like roles have shifted and I’m the head of everything. It’s been a learning process for— I think—both of us, because they are used to being me coach Cole. ‘Yay, yay all the time,’ and now I feel, ‘Why isn’t she being that?’”

While it’s taken some time to adjust, Tribble is still overseeing the program, the silver lining is pretty obvious, junior libero Tristan Tucci said. By having Tribble around for the past year, the girls have really gotten to become familiar with their new leader, she said.

“She mostly ran JV practices last year, so we didn’t have her as much as a coach during our var- sity season last year, but it’s good because we already know her,” Tucci said. “It’s easy to connect with Cole—a really fun and great coach to have— so it wasn’t like, a big shock to us when we got her. She’s brought new authority to the program, so it’s been nice.”

Tucci’s thoughts are reflected among the other members of Triddle’s young team. Play- ers like junior Sara Reinbolt and sophomore Cambrie Riffe, who will be among the core of the team’s lineup, have gradually and quickly come to terms with their current situation.

NEW TEAM, NEW SEASON

The transition at head coach isn’t the only thing that the War- riors were dealt going into the 2019 season.

Though Santosofia’s depart- ure was a surprise, the team’s returning seniors who were committed to the program last year’s season didn’t go.

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Warriors seeking identity

Lions ease for sideline action
Ocoee dominates in 48-6 win over University

It may have been Ocoee’s lone preseason game, but the Knights meant business in its 48-6 thumping of University High Friday, Aug. 16.

The Knights set the tone early with a touchdown run at the goal line from quarterback Nick Wright less than three minutes into the game. The senior quarterback proved to be a handful for the Cougars. He accounted for three touchdowns — two on the ground and one through the air that landed softly into the hands of senior receiver Corey Jackson.

The rushing attack for the Knights was led by senior running back Dexter Rentz Jr., who ran circles around the Cougars’ defense for six touchdowns in the first quarter. Charles Pierre added to the running game with a 2-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, and quarterback Dylan Wade capped off the night’s scoring with a rushing touchdown of his own in the fourth quarter.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Knights stymied the Cougars’ offense for just about the entire night. Outside of the 90-plus-yard touchdown as time expired in the first quarter, the Cougars had no answer for a Knights’ defense that looked to already be in mid-season form.

With their preseason game out of the way, the Knights will now look to take that momentum and put it toward its regular season kickoff Friday, Aug. 23, at Oak Ridge.

— TROY HERRING

Quarterback Nick Wright nearly juked a defender out of his cleats.

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