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MIDWEEK

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Lacko leads SCC

Sophomore Holly Lacko was named the FCCCA Pitcher of the Week as she helped the Seminole Community College softball team clinch a spot in next month's State Tournament. See Sports, Page 8A

Decoy vehicle foils Sanford man's thievery

Investigators of the City-County Auto Theft Bureau received a bite last week from one of its decoy vehicles parked in Sanford.

At about 1:11 a.m. Friday, Investigators Paul Herx, Scott Slavin and Frank Davis, along with the Sanford Police Department and Seminole County Sheriff's Office District 2 units, responded to a decoy vehicle alarm at a Sanford location.

Officers observed Gregory J. Williams, 49, of Bradshaw Drive, Sanford, in close proximity to the vehicle.

A perimeter was established and Sanford police made contact with Williams.

Investigators Herx and Slavin played back the video of the incident using a portable monitoring device. Williams was clearly seen entering the vehicle, breaking out the dome light, opening a decoy amplifier box, and then exiting the vehicle.

According to authorities, the video shows the suspect trying to steal a fake amplifier, which turns out to be a box with a phone book hidden inside.

Williams was arrested for burglary to a vehicle, possession of burglary tools and criminal mischief. He has been arrested 15 times in Seminole County, most of which consist of residential and vehicle burglaries, including armed burglary.

Seminole Smile



Katie Simpson — Resident at Lake Mary Health and Rehab

Tow zone: Parking lot designated off limits

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — Patrons of downtown businesses incurred additional expenses this weekend when they tried to return to their vehicles only to find they had been towed.

Crews from Harry's Towing removed cars from the paved parking lot on Park Avenue behind the six-story

One property owner accuses city of failing to follow up on downtown parking plan

Wachovia Bank building as well as the grass lot at 2nd Street and Magnolia Avenue. More than two dozen cars were towed Friday night and during the day on Saturday. Tempers flared and by Saturday afternoon Sanford

police officers instructed Harry's employees to cease towing operations "in the interests of civility," said City Manager Al Grieshaber.

Employees at Wachovia Bank fielded numerous inquiries about the towing

Monday morning.

"That's not us, it was our landlord," Roberta Owen said before the question could be fully asked. Owen is the branch manager for Wachovia. "Oh god, yes, have we had complaints. People are

blaming the bank."

Both lots, as well as the bank building, are owned by James McCuen and Sharon Marikone of Lago Real LLC. McCuen said he had the cars towed for insurance reasons.

"There were some liability issues that we need to talk with our attorneys about," McCuen said. "We don't want to create a situation where we

See Parking, Page 6A

Program reaches out to schools

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

HEATHROW — An innovative community program is being introduced to Seminole County during a corporate volleyball challenge next month in Lake Mary.

Touch Your World, Inc. is attempting to connect high school students to area charity organizations by supporting poorly funded activities and sports. David Melnik, president and chief executive officer of Lake Mary-based Kinetics, Inc., created the program by chance when wrestlers from Lyman High School required assistance to purchase new uniforms.

In return for the new team attire, Melnik asked the athletes to work two days at a Habitat for Humanity home.

"It was so well received he worked to conceptualize it," said Steve Bishop, executive director of Touch Your World. Bishop, also an executive at Kinetics, was asked to lead the new community initiative because of previous philanthropy work in Lake County.

Bishop said the personal satisfaction for Melnik from that first donation was beyond helping out a local sports team. In addition to the direct benefit to the students, he effectively developed a team of community service providers for area charities that are in need of volunteers.

"You're plugging students back into the community,"

See World, Page 6A

The Lucky Star arrives

By Nick Pfeiffaut
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Few 62 year olds arriving at the Orlando Sanford International Airport gather as much attention as the most recent arrival.

A PV-1 aircraft, named the "Lucky Star," is now in the repair facility at the airport, awaiting 18 months or more of restoration, before being placed in a display of honor.

The PV-1s were used extensively during World War II as bombers, night fighters and maritime patrol aircraft. They were flown by Navy, Marine and Air Corps pilots as well as some of the allies. After the war, most of the PV-1's were sold outside the country as war surplus.

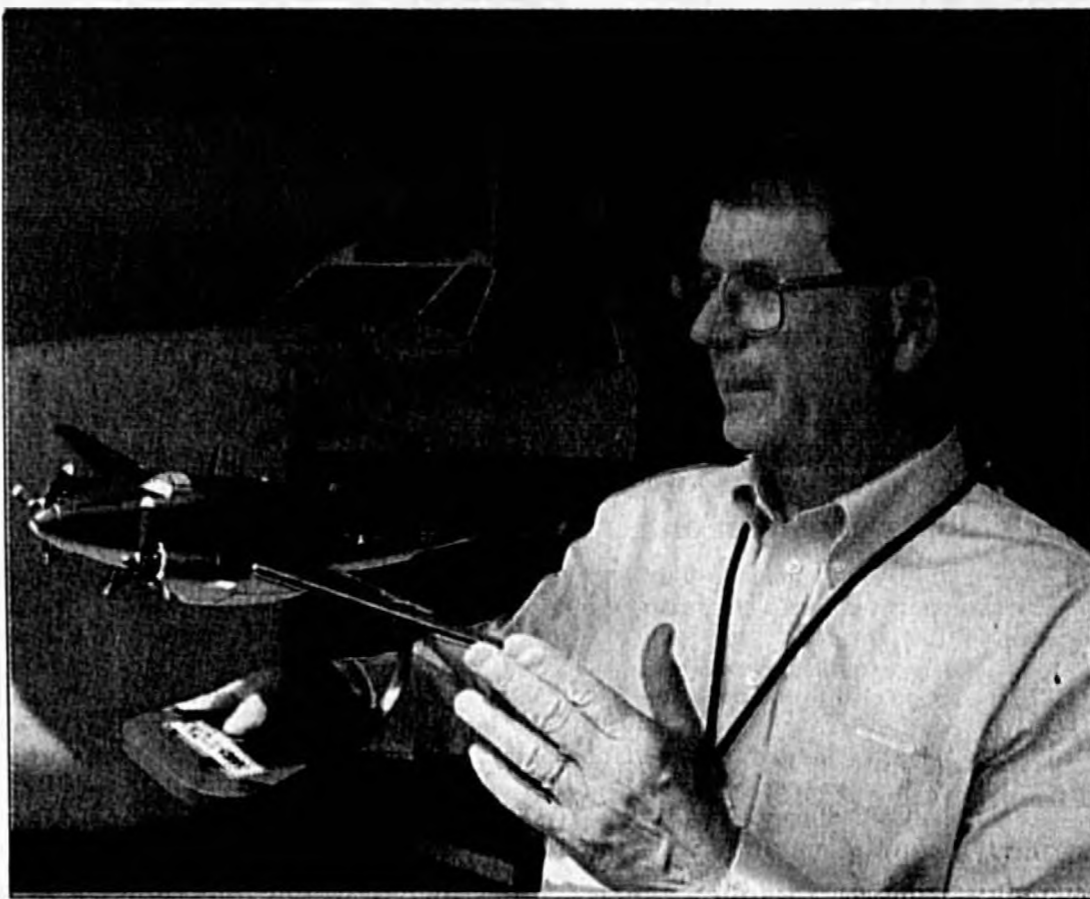
According to Patty Mahany, coordinator of the Sanford Airport Memorial Committee, "Ours is the only known PV-1 in the United States."

In obtaining the aircraft, she commented, "Imagine our surprise when we found out shortly after the dedication of the Vigilante that this aircraft was available to us."

The Vigilante stands at the entrance of the airport, as a memorial to the many men and women who served at the airport during World War II, the Korean War, and during peacetime. The Lucky Star is to be on display as well, after it is completely restored.

"While the aircraft is in unbelievable condition," she said, "with not even any dents, it is missing a gun turret."

Even though the aircraft was built by Lockheed's Vega division in 1942,



Mahany said they are still selling parts for these aircraft on e-bay, and a gun turret has been located.

"The problem is," she commented "that they want \$12,000 for the turret, and our funds just can't handle that right now."

She is hoping contributions to the Memorial Committee will make the purchase possible. Financial help is also needed for additional restoration of the PV-1, long-term maintenance of it as well as the Vigilante, and additional park infrastructure.

The PV-1 is considered the second in what is planned for a three-aircraft to be displayed at the airport entrance, as aircraft

See Plane, Page 6A



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Jack Dow, president of the Sanford Airport Memorial Committee, shows a model of how the PV-1 will look when 18 months of refurbishing is finished on the World War II aircraft.

Sailboat racing is part of the Riverwalk party

From Staff Reports

A new sailing event has been established in honor of the Grand Opening of the new Sanford Riverwalk.

On May 8, the Sanford Riverwalk Sailing Scramble is scheduled to provide some exceptional entertainment for sailors and spectators alike.

"A slalom style course will be used to keep the racers in close proximity to each other upwind, and a long straight spinnaker run will allow plenty of downwind maneuvering opportunities as well as a colorful display for the onlookers," explained Denise Burchard of FUN Maritime Academy and who is organizing the regatta.

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004.

The regatta is open to all classes. Three races are scheduled. One race constitutes a regatta.

The start/finish line will be in an area due north of the new flagpole.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in classes of five or more boats.

Yachts may register in advance by downloading a registration form at www.funma.com and sending it with a check for \$20 made payable to: FUN Maritime Academy, 531 N. Palmetto Ave., A-Dock, Sanford, FL 32771. You can also contact race organizers at sailing@funma.com or by calling 407-330-0633.

For a prime seat to view an exciting and beautiful sport, the public is encouraged to attend the May 8

See Regatta, Page 6A

Countdown
to Riverwalk
Celebration
24 days

The pig is heading to Camp Challenge annual hog roast

From Staff Reports

Don't forget to mark you calendars for the 24th Annual Hog Roast to benefit Easter Seals Camp Challenge scheduled for Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Camp Challenge in Sorrento.

Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque and Coca Cola are sponsoring this year's event. Advanced lunch tickets are on sale for \$7 for adults, \$5 for children.

A lunch ticket includes a choice of pulled pork or chicken, beans, corn-on-the-cob and a choice of drink. Tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children on the day of the event. Your ticket also makes you eligible to win prizes! Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's festivities will include something for everyone to enjoy including an antique car show, kid's games, live entertainment by the Mount Dora Boomerz and others, plant sale, hayride, silent auction, craft vendors, clowns and much, much more.

Guests can also register your baby for the Babies R Us Baby Crawl competition with an opportunity to win Babies R Us gift certificates.

Founded in 1961, Camp Challenge is a place where dreams come true for hundreds of children and adults with disabilities, each year.

Camp Challenge is a barrier-free recreational facility set on 63-acres of

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A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

IN BRIEF

Schenk, Bessler honored by state for outstanding work

Gov. Jeb Bush, Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher and the other members of the State Cabinet Tuesday honored fire and rescue service personnel from around Florida for outstanding contributions to their industry and their communities, including two from Seminole County.

Many of the awards were given for particular acts of heroism, both on and off the job. Stories included a paramedic who saved a woman from a car submerged in a canal, a fire inspector who rendered critical care to an injured person at his daughter's school program, and a volunteer firefighter who jumped without gear into a rain-swollen river to help save a woman and her daughter.

"The citizens of Florida are fortunate to have such dedicated and brave individuals committed to their safety and well-being," said Gallagher, who also serves as State Fire Marshal. "These men and women are role models, but all who answer the call to serve and protect the public are heroes, and I extend my gratitude to each and every one."

Florida's Governor and Cabinet also recognized firefighters' commitment to raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as part of the International Association of Firefighters' annual "Fill the Boot" campaign. The campaign has raised more than \$200 million for the charity during the past 50 years.

Seventeen fire and rescue workers and one fire school were recognized for outstanding service in 2003 including Seminole County Fire Chief Terry Schenk as Florida Chief of the Year and Seminole County Fire Department Chief George Bessler as Florida Fire Instructor of the Year.

Sheriff's office arrests man for allegedly kidnapping 8 year old

On Saturday, April 10, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office arrested an Orlando area man on charges of kidnapping-false imprisonment/fondling-lewd-lascivious act in the presence of a child.

Jeff A. Haddad, 22, was taken into custody for allegedly kidnapping an 8-year-old girl early Saturday morning from her Casselberry area home. Haddad is a friend of the girl's family.

During the crime, the victim tells authorities Haddad also allegedly ripped off her night-shirt. The girl escaped from the car he was driving. During the escape, she fell and suffered numerous cuts. The victim then ran to a nearby home for help. This occurred in the Oviedo area.

Based on information provided by the girl and her family, Haddad was contacted and was interviewed by investigators with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. He was arrested. Late Saturday, Haddad bonded out of jail after posting \$10,000 bail.

Public servant spotlight

Name: Christy Peters
Professional title: Communications Training Coordinator



Department: Seminole County Sheriff's Office
Years on the job: Nine
Born: Pekin, Ill.
Resident of: Osteen
Age: 36
Marital status: Single
Schools attended: Seminole Community College and University of Central Florida

Degrees earned: Associate's degree and a partial bachelor's degree in forensic services and business

Special education: F/NCIC instructor
Hobbies: Snorkeling, traveling, horseback riding

Why did you choose your current profession? I didn't, it chose me. I applied for another position here. They called and asked if I would be interested in communications because the position I applied for was filled. I took it and I love it!

Relay for Life



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Participants at the recent American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event erected a tent city inside the relay course where they can take turns getting a little rest and relaxation during the 18-hour event. The relay is the Society's signature event that brings the community together in the fight against cancer. This event was held at Colonial TownPark in Heathrow.

Drug related

• Henry Lewis Barnes, 48, of West Sixth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police on April 2. Agents of the Sanford Special Tactical Unit executed a search warrant at his residence and discovered drug related items. He was arrested on charges of possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, and possession of narcotics equipment.

• Lenard Britt, 41, of East Eighth Street, Sanford, was arrested by police on April 2. Officers said they saw a possible drug transaction at Eighth Street and Locust Avenue, but Britt reportedly ran to his residence, where officers located him. He was arrested on charges of selling cocaine, possession of narcotics equipment, and resisting an officer without violence.

• Charlie Wilson Canada, 42 of South Orlando Drive, and Jerome Wheaton, 46, of West 11th Street, were arrested by Sanford police on April 3 at Canada's residence. The two men reportedly attempted to sell crack cocaine to an undercover agent. Canada was arrested at his residence and charged with sale/delivery of cocaine, and resisting an officer without violence. Wheaton was charged with sale/delivery of cocaine.

• Chaka Catten, 18 and Kenyatta Koonce, 28, both of East Eight Street, were arrested by members of the Sanford Special Tactical Unit and CCIB agents at their residence. Catten was charged with possession of cocaine, Koonce was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana and possession of cocaine.

• David Jerome Gaines, 50, of East Eighth Street, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at his residence as the result of an undercover drug sting. He was charged with sale/delivery of crack cocaine.

• Cedrick Centel James, 24, of Madera Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at his residence following an undercover operation. He was charged with sale/delivery of crack cocaine.

Robbery

Anthony Brown, 51, of an unknown Sanford address, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday. Officers said they were flagged down by a woman who told them a man had robbed her in a store on West 13th Street, at gunpoint. She pointed the man out and police apprehended him. Brown was charged with robbery with a firearm, and intimidating/threatening a witness/victim.



Domestic cases

• Jorian Washington, 20, of Cedar Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at his residence. He reportedly was involved in an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic).

• Shatara G. Carr, 15 of Windtree Court, Sanford, a student at Seminole High School, was arrested by Sanford police on April 6 after a fight with another girl at the school. She was arrested on a charge of battery — touch or strike.

• Heather Erika-Dantelle Kuster, 28, of West Ninth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at her residence as the result of an altercation. She was charged with simple assault with intent/threat to do violence (domestic violence).

• James Leonard Pritchard, 40, of Academy Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at a residence on West 13th Street, where he reportedly was involved in a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

• Cynthia Lane Guest, 43, of Oak Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at her residence where officers said she was involved in a dispute with a female. She was charged with battery — touch or strike.

• Latia Randise Lewis, 21, of Summerlin Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday, on East Airport Boulevard, where she was reportedly involved in a dispute with a male. She was charged with simple assault with intent/threat to do violence (domestic violence).

• Allen Silas, 47, listed as homeless from Winter Park, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday in a church in the 2500 block of Park Drive in Sanford. Officers said he was yelling foul words and demanding money and a bike. He was arrested on charges of simple assault with intent/threat to do violence, and disorderly conduct.

Thefts

• Brenda Siplin, 43, of Merthie Street, Sanford, was arrested by

police Thursday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive where officers said she attempted to take \$89 in items from the store without paying. She was charged with petty larceny.

• Albert Wilson, 52, of Franklin Street, Oviedo, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. He reportedly attempted to take clothing items from the store without paying. He was charged with petty larceny/shoplifting.

• Roneli Hernandez, 36, of Snow Hill Drive, Geneva, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive, where he reportedly took \$4 in merchandise from the store without paying. He was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

Traffic stops

• Joan Bush, 44, of Cypress Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Thursday at 14th Street and Williams Avenue in Sanford. She was charged with driving with a suspended license, and failing to yield at a 2-way stop sign.

• Temeka Sherrie Canada, 22, of Dollarway Street, Sanford, was stopped by police Saturday on West 15th Street at Mangoustine Avenue. She was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, improper equipment (no muffler), having an expired temporary tag, and driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs.

Other arrests

• Thomas Michael Ruby, 52, listed as homeless from Winter Park, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at the plaza entrance on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford, at which he had previously been issued a warning against trespassing. He was charged with trespassing on property after a warning.

• Harold Collins, 42, listed as homeless from Sanford, was arrested by police Saturday at Sixth Street and Palmetto Avenue. He reportedly gave a false identity to officers. He was arrested on a charge of fraud — giving a false ID to a law enforcement officer.

• Tony Warren Smith, 36, listed as homeless from Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at a store in the 300 block of French Avenue where he was reportedly causing a disturbance. He was charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer without violence.

OUT & ABOUT

WED 14

Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole Spokes will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Heathrow Country Club, 1200 Bridgewater Drive in Heathrow. Cost is \$18. The program will be the annual Charity Live & Silent Auction Fest. For reservations or more information, call Ginger at 386-753-0853.

FRI 16

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 939 DeBary-Deltona will meet at 2 p.m. at the Deltona Regional Library auditorium No. 2, 2150 Eustace Ave. in Deltona. All current and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome. For more information, call 386-789-5599.

SAT 17

The city of Longwood's monthly Blue Grass Pickin' will be held at Lyman High School's Multi-purpose building, 865 South County Road 427 from 7 to 10 p.m. Join the fun, bring your strings, and pick along. The event is free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, call 407-260-3447.

Youth/Women of Excellence of Calvary Temple of Praise Church, 2020 McCracken Road in Sanford, will hold a car wash and garage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 20th-year celebration of Anthony House, Inc. will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Anthony House, 6215 Holly St. in Zellwood. This family celebration will feature BBQ, raffles and door prizes, pony rides, games and plenty of old fashioned fun. Everyone is welcome. To RSVP, call 352-383-5577.

SUN 18

Stetson University Gospel Choir presents its annual community concert at 5 p.m. at Greater Union First Baptist Church, 240 S. Clara Ave., DeLand. Rev. Troy A. Bradley is senior pastor. For more information, call 386-822-7401.

The Second Annual Community 5K For a Cure event will be held at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Walk or run 3.1 miles in a fundraiser for the Seminole County Health Department to provide breast diagnostic services to uninsured women in the community. A kids' 1-mile fun run will also be held beginning at 9 a.m. To register, log onto www.community5Kforacure.com.

MON 19

The Sanford Fire Department Fire Prevention Division will hold a monthly child passenger seat checkup for all citizens of Sanford at the Sanford Fire Station No. 2, 300 E. Airport Blvd. Contact Fire Inspector Tim Robles at 407-302-2520 for an appointment. Children do not need to be present. Bring your child's seat and automobile in which the child rides.

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Breakfast club rises for talk on disaster planning

"How many of you have a plan if disaster strikes your family?"

About half of the members of the Rotary Breakfast Club of Sanford raised their hands to the question posed by Nancy Roth, coordinator for Seminole Community Volunteer Program, Inc.

"That's good to see," Roth said. "It's important for every household to have a disaster readiness plan."

Roth has been visiting various civic clubs, schools and other organizations in Seminole County to explain the importance of establishing family disaster plans in case of floods, hurricanes, terrorist attacks or any natural disaster. She is encouraging groups to designate churches and other neighborhood buildings as emergency shelters.

"The county has been designated as a mutual-aid city to Orlando and other outlying cities in case of disaster," said Roth, who also mentioned that the Department of Homeland Security is partially funding the public information cam-

Service Club Connections



Charles Jackson

Families should discuss evacuation plans, and other procedures in case of an emergency and began stocking up on supplies, emergency lights and other necessary items, she said.

For more information, contact Roth at 407-323-4440.

BREAKFAST WORTH RISING: For about three months, this columnist has been promising Sanford Police Lt. Willie Harden that he would be his guest at the Rotary Breakfast Club meeting at the Colonial Room Restaurant in Historic Downtown Sanford. But the

writer kept procrastinating, being a late-riser.

Well, on this Easter Sunrise-and-shine week, and the switch to daylights-savings-time, the writer was up at the crack of dawn (6:40 a.m. on Wednesday) and decided to take Lt. Harden's invitation to breakfast with Rotary, and satisfy my vow to Robin, all civic clubs waitress at the Colonial Room, that I (a regular CR customer) would take advantage of the free breakfast at the Wednesday morning meeting.

So anxious to attend the 7:30 a.m. meeting, the writer arrived 30 minutes, only to find a shocked look on Robin's face, curious stares from the cooks and Rotary president Rick Russi smiling and welcoming me to the meeting.

"Everyone usually starts rushing in close to 7:30," Russi explained. The food and fellowship both were worth the early rising. The breakfast buffet was a smorgasbord of favorites. And the fellowship was second-to-none. Rotarian Oscar

Redden, founder of My Brother's Keeper, introduced me as his longtime friend. Oscar, a native of Sanford, has always been an avid community volunteer and business leader.

LIONS ON HOOK: The Sanford Lakeside Lions Club hosted a successful "Blind Fishing Tournament" on Friday, April 2, at Mullet Lake Park, with 26 fishermen, 12 captains and seven chaperones participating. Representatives from the Florida Division of Blind Services, Conklin Centers for the Multihandicapped Blind and Seminole County Public Schools also were on hand, according to president Shari L. Mason.

The fishing tournament is part of a 40-year tradition for the Sanford club. Participants enjoyed lunch prepared by Harold Highsmith, Ron Owen and Buddy Copely.

After the tournament, chaired by Sam Loper, a "Boat Captain Thank-You Dinner" was held at Gators Dockside for the captains,

their families and guests.

ALL CIVIC AND SERVICE clubs are invited to join Rotarian song leader Freeman Baggett, the writer of this column and a host of other singers and musicians in participating in the Riverwalk Celebration Choir, which will sing in the finale of the city of Sanford Riverwalk Grand Opening Mother's Day Weekend.

Sanford City Manager Al Grieshaber has commissioned the choir to sing songs of praise and inspiration on Sunday, May 9, during a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service.

Mothers will be serenaded by Baggett, while being honored by the mayor and city commissioners. If you'd like to participate in the choir, attend rehearsal on Tuesday, April 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Historic St. James A.M.E. Church, 819 Cypress Avenue, corner of Ninth Street near Sanford Avenue.

HATS OFF TO HELPFUL YOUTHS: This Friday, April

16, Seminole County Public Schools will celebrate Youth Service Day, which is billed as the world's largest volunteer event. Students are participating in various service projects throughout April.

Members of the Interact Club of Seminole High School visited the Sanford Rotary Club last week and gave an impressive presentation on their community involvement, volunteer work and leadership skills, mentioning serving nursing homes, conducting patrol duties and assisting in the Mardi Gras festivities.

NEXT WEEK: A report on the winner of the Sanford Optimist Club oratorical contest, and news on the big winners of the Rotary Casino Night.

Charles D. Jackson writes a weekly column on civic clubs in Seminole County. Please e-mail news to: cpatton@seminoleherald.com. Or send it two weeks prior to the event to the Sanford Herald, 300 N. French Ave., Sanford, Fla., 32771.

Tech Bridge honors 9 graduates

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

Tech Bridge prepares America's youth for the work world.

On Tuesday, April 6, students in their caps and gowns marched in to their graduation and awards ceremony.

The celebration of achievements was the time for students of this spring class to rejoice in their successes.

Students of this class spoke of their accomplishments. Some received their GEDs, receiving computer skills, job skills, and all receiving skills on how to build a computer. These students gave testimonies; Erica Jackson, Jacob Perdue, and Jennifer Hill.

Tommy Gray, a graduate, presented the celebration speaker for the occasion, Stephanie McClain Little, founder and president of

Women of Renewing Minds of Faith Bible Ministries, Inc.

Little's message to the graduating class was to focus on the big picture, except your opportunities. Today you have an unlimited future — reach for the stars — set goals for yourself — be sure to surround yourselves with positive people — create your own world of success and keep God uppermost in your life.

Sean Ellis presented awards for progress in computer assembly and Windows 98. These awards were for reading, math and having completed the knowledge of how to build and install software in computers.

Sammie Edwards presented the Work Readiness Awards for completion of programs of writing a resume, knowing how to interview and have gained employment.

Ron Giss, Southeast Regional manager, Sheryl Jones, head instruc-

tor/case manager, welcomed other youth of the Sanford and Seminole County community to come and enroll with Tech Bridge, located in Sanford at First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Education Hall, 700 Elm Ave.

For more information, call 407-322-3774.

Closing remarks were given by Gwen Young, Leon Harvey of the regional office.

This program is under the direction of Henkels and McCoy/Work Force Central Florida. Tech Bridge's (preparing America's Youth) next award ceremony will be in June of this year.

Graduates were presented a new computer. Graduating April 2004 were Deshawn Holmes, Nikia Holly, Sheena Blake, Tommie Gray, Jacob Perdue, Randi Wilson, Jennifer Hill, James Miller and Joey Melendez.



Graduating Tech Bridge students earlier this month were presented with a new computer. The program helps students receive their GEDs and teaches them computer skills, job skills, and skills on how to build a computer.

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BUSINESS

Seminole-based 'Orlando Actors Showcase' to premiere April 25

The Orlando Actors Showcase is a locally produced hands on project in cooperation with Kurt Howland Enterprises which is based in Sanford and Central Florida talent.

OAS is a professionally hosted Bi-monthly production that uses Central Florida talent. The show features a fresh, newly produced project for each episode along with inter-

views of cast and crew. The story lines will range from totally abstract views of life to Hitchcock style suspense.

The show offers actors and crew the chance to give our local community the opportunity to experience a new concept in independent filmmaking.

The first installment of the showcase will premiere on Sunday, April 25, at 2 pm. It

will be aired on BrightHouse Network Channel 10.

OAS uses all local talent from writers and directors to actors and crew with more than a half dozen from the Sanford area. Their levels of experience run from well-seasoned pros to complete novices.

This philosophy allows for the cultivation and advancement of anyone with a passion for the art.



Realty group celebrates success with ice cream

On April 3, Keller Williams Heritage Realty of Lake Mary held an ice cream social to celebrate a great start to 2004. Clients, family members and fellow realtors all enjoyed the event which featured balloons, face painting and lots of ice cream. Keller Williams Heritage Realty opened its doors for business on Sept. 2, 2003, with a small group of agents. Currently, they have 58 agents in their Lake Mary location and are expanding. The Lake Mary office is located at 100 Waymont Ct., Suite 110.

Business Briefcases

Oviedo chamber develops scholarship in honor of former city leader

The Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce unanimously approved a measure to create a scholarship in memory of beloved Oviedo businessman Phil Cloninger.

Cloninger suffered serious head injuries in a motorcycle accident in November and passed away last month. In effort to keep his memory alive, the Chamber will award a \$2,000 college scholarship to a deserving Oviedo High School student.

Phil Cloninger, a former City Council member, was active in Oviedo. He was a leader in his church, a supporter of education and active in the Chamber.

"Phil was truly dedicated to his family, his beliefs and his community. We miss him and will continue to mourn his loss," stated Jeffrey Stein, president of the Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce. "We feel it's a fitting tribute to name this scholarship in memory of all Phil did for this community."

The scholarship will be presented at the high

school's awards assembly in late April. The Chamber will award \$500 per year for four years to the student. Criteria for the scholarship will be based on academic, public service, extracurricular activities, as well as financial need.

Longwood firm builds Osceola medical facility

Longwood-based general contractor Cotter Ryan Construction, Inc. has begun work on the new \$1.5 million, 31,600-square-foot ATCO Medical Office Building on the Osceola Regional Hospital campus in Kissimmee.

"With rapid growth in the area and increased demand for medical services, timing is right for a Class-A medical office building," said ATCO Partnership's Kevin Cole. "Construction is commencing immediately with 50 percent of the space already committed for spring 2005 occupancy."

Cotter Ryan Construction, Inc. specializes in new commercial projects and renovations including office buildings, medical office buildings, warehouses, apart-

ments, schools, churches, retail and restaurant facilities throughout Central Florida.

Led by Scott H. Ryan, founder and president, Cotter Ryan Construction, established in 1993, offers a full range of commercial construction services including its Team Build project delivery system.

Among its projects are the 48,000-square-foot Universal Center Office Building and the Sandy Lake Towers high-rise renovation near Universal Studios, the Spring Lake View Office Building in Orlando, the Towers Retail Center in Tavares, the River Run Condominiums in Orlando and numerous others.

Lake Mary firm acquires Ukrainian company

TEAM Information Services in Lake Mary acquired a Ukrainian software development firm in a merger agreement last year and formed the TEAM Offsite Development Center (TODC) to provide low cost IT services to U.S. clients.

Rob Ogden, president of TEAM Information Services, said the strategic acquisition

positions TEAM to focus on emerging markets inside and outside the United States.

The more immediate advantage, according to Ogden, is an economic one. And it was a hard reality to face. Last year, Matt Moore, CEO of the firm, served as president of the National Association of Computer Consulting Businesses (NACCB), the nation's leading IT trade association and helped lead the fight to reduce the export of technology jobs.

"TEAM has been one of the leaders in the fight against U.S. policies that favor the export of information technology jobs," Ogden said. "In the final analysis, we had to decide whether to confront the export threat by finding a viable alternative or complain about it until we got out of business."

The TEAM Offsite Development Center couples American senior computer engineers with web development specialists in the Ukraine.

"Our U.S.-based engineers serve as the interface between our U.S. clients and off-site development special-

ists," Ogden said. "This approach cuts our client's cost while keeping the majority of the jobs here in the United States. All the business requirements gathering, technical design, system testing, system integration, training and coordination is done at the client site. We've carved off a slice of the software development lifecycle for export, but the majority of the work and profits, stay in the U.S."

Signature GMAC names operations manager

Signature GMAC Real Estate, the area's largest locally owned and operated real estate company with Seminole County offices in Lake Mary and Oviedo, has named longtime sales and management executive and Longwood resident Paul Kessler operations manager for its Central Florida real estate operations.

Kessler, a licensed broker with more than 12 years sales and management experience in both Central Florida and Buffalo, N.Y., will oversee the day-to-day sales and management operations for Signature GMAC's eight

Central Florida offices and nearly 175 sales associates, said Signature GMAC Principal Sue McIntyre. The 17-year-old company, which posted a record \$250 million in sales volume, is the largest GMAC franchise in Florida and one of the top-producing companies in GMAC's national network. Before joining Signature GMAC, Kessler spent the past three years as branch manager for Watson Realty's Oviedo office, making it one of the most productive sales branches in the Watson network with more than \$90 million in annual sales. Under his direction, the office was the No. 1 rated Central Florida office in recruitment in 2002 and the year before had the highest capture rate in mortgage transactions. Before moving to Central Florida in 1998, Kessler was branch manager for seven years with Hunt Real Estate, a large Buffalo-based real estate company with multiple offices throughout upstate New York and annual sales in excess of \$600 million. He was Hunt's manager of the year in 1994.

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Obituaries

ANNIE LURA EASON
Annie Lura Eason, 59, of Jerome Avenue, Bronx, N.Y., died Thursday, April 8, 2004. Born in Sanford, she moved to New York 21 years ago.



Eason

Survivors include sons, Larry Eason of Sanford, Tremaine Eason of Port Jefferson, N.Y.; daughter, Azure Dee Brown of Sanford; sisters, Elizabeth Caldwell, Rev. Canene Johnson and Naomi Davis, all of Sanford, Rev. Gloria Warren, of Greely, S.C.; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 710 Orange Ave. in Sanford. Calling hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Zion Hope M.B. Church and from 11 a.m. until service time on Saturday. Interment will be in the Restlawn Cemetery in Sanford.

Gail & Wynn's Mortuary, Inc., Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

JAMES S. HOWARD
James S. Howard, 70, of Longwood, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, in Longwood. He was born on April 1, 1934, in Huntington, WV. He was a heavy equipment operator and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Shelba J. Howard; son, Larry Howard; daughter, Tammie S. Ward; brother, Donald Howard; sister, Mildred Davis; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held April 13 at Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

LUCILLE JACKSON
Lucille Jackson, 84, of State Road 415, Osteen, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at Health Care and Rehabilitation



Jackson

Center, Sanford. She was born Feb. 28, 1920, in Sylvester, Ga. She was a homemaker and a member of St. James M.B. Church in Osteen.

Survivors include daughter, Mary Duhart of Sanford; brother, Jimmy Lee Stuckey, Sr. of Osteen; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 17, at 11 a.m. at St. James M.B. Church, 130 Collins Road, Osteen. Viewing will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

AGNES M. ROWE
Agnes M. Rowe, of Winter Springs, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, in Orlando. She was born in Mount Carmel, Pa. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include sons Robert J., George H., and John Rowe; daughter, Donna Ferguson; sister, Lorraine Jones; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 13 at Atlas Crematory, Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

KELLIE ANN SHIMANSKY
Kellie Ann Shimansky, 18, of Winter Springs, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, in Gainesville. She was born Aug. 1, 1985, in Livingston, N.J. She was a student.

Survivors include parents, John J. and Karen A. Shimansky; sisters, Casie E. and Stefanie M. Shimansky; grandparents, Jerome M. and Audrey R. Rice.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 14, at 10 a.m. at Banfield Funeral Home, with Father Dimitri Oselinsky officiating.

Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

JOHN DANIEL TAYLOR, JR.
John Daniel Taylor, Jr., 62, Avondale Estates, Ga., died Sunday, April 11, 2004. He was born in Sanford and was a member of Seminole High School Class of 1961 and a graduate of the University of Florida. After serving in the U.S. Army, he served with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for 30 years.

Survivors include wife, Darla; sons, Danny and Eric, both of Atlanta, Terry of Sugarland, Texas; brothers, Henry Benjamin Taylor of Sanford, LeRoy Taylor of DeBary, Martin of Doraville, Ga.; sisters, Frances Crownover of Sanford, Nelda Fleming of Ocoee.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church.

LOUISE TESLO
Louise Teslo, 71 of Sanford, died Monday, April 12, 2004. Survivors include mother, Louise V. Teslo; brothers, Andrew W. Tesla, Robert William Tesla, Frederick Paul Teslo; sisters, Dorothy Teslo, and Pat Dibartolo.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. with a funeral service to follow at Nativity Catholic Church, Briston Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MARIAN E. TISE
Marian E. Tise, 73, of Sanford, died Friday, April 9, 2004, in Sanford. She was born February 22, 1931, in Newberry, S.C. She was awarded the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Award for military service at Fort Meade, Md. She was a homemaker. She was also a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford and of the Auxiliary of Gideons International.

Survivors include husband, Donald Tise; sons, David Tise

of Chesapeake, Va., Mark Tise of Bowie, Md., Kenneth Tise of Jacksonville; adopted son, Thomas Best of Apopka; sisters, Doris Eargle of Laurens, S.C., Betty Noell of Danville, Va.; brother, William "Tip" Jones, of Simpsonville, S.C.; eight grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the First Baptist Church of Sanford, with burial following in Oaklawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marian Tise can be made to First Baptist Church Sanford, General fund (519 S. Park Ave., Sanford) or to the Gideons International (P.O. box 1056, Sanford).

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CALVIN JOE WILSON
Calvin "Joe Joe" Wilson, 67, of West Fourth Street, Sanford, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at his residence. Born in LaMont, Fla., he lived in Sanford for 65 years.

Survivors include devoted friend and caretaker Joyce A. Inman of Sanford; daughters, Linda Joe Wilson of Deltona, Fannie Taylor of Sanford and Yolanda Jackson of Orlando; son, Pete of Sanford; eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Community House of Prayer, 500 W. Fourth St. in Sanford. Calling hours will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Community House of Prayer and from 9 a.m. until service time on Saturday.

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Noted Sanford businessman dies

From Staff Reports

LeRoy C. Robb, 82, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, in Sanford.

He was born April 8, 1922, in Douglas, Wyo., and grew up on a ranch, where he graduated from high school and studied engineering at the University of Wyoming from 1940 until 1942 when he enlisted in the Navy, where he served as an aviation radio and radar technician during World War II.

Following his discharge from the Navy in 1946, he went to Gainesville, Ga. where he began his career in construction, starting as a laborer. In 1956, he came to Sanford, where he supervised construction of various projects at the Sanford Naval Air Station.

At that time, he was affiliated with the Carroll Daniel Construction Co. Inc., of Sanford.

By 1963, he took controlling stock interest in that company and changed its name to LeRoy C. Robb Construction Co.

He served on the Industrial 25 Committee of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Sanford Seminole Development Board, a civic

group which obtains loans for businesses to be built in Seminole County.

He continued his service to the community by serving on the Seminole County Commission appointed Board of Building Contractors. He also served as chairman of a similar board for the city of Sanford.

Robb was also a member of many other organizations such as Rotary International where he received the Paul Harris Award. He had been a Shriner since 1960 and belonged to Bahia Temple's Air Patrol which flies burned children to burn units of the Shrine's Crippled Children's Hospitals.

He was a long-time member of the Elks Clubs and was president of the Little Red Schoolhouse organization, a group of people who volunteered to help retarded children.

Robb believed that people needed to be involved in their communities by volunteering and participating in local government. This belief and his hard work helped shape the community we have today.



Robb

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Linda Robb; sons, David L. Robb of Titusville, Michael C. Robb of Oakwood, Ga.; daughters, DiAnn R. Dowell of DeBary, Katherine E. Stephens of

Auburndale; sister, Mary Ann Gertze of California; stepchildren Michael Voltoline of Ormond Beach, Richard Voltoline of Sanford, Laura Brennen of Seminole, and James Voltoline of Sanford; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of LeRoy Robb can be made to First United Methodist Church, 419 Park Ave., Sanford, 32771, or to Hospice of the Comforter, 595 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, 32714.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

Sanford Boy Scouts ready for spaghetti dinner

Troop 545 cordially invites the community to their annual Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, April 17, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The event will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of Sanford in the Fellowship Hall, located at the corner of Fourth Street and Park Avenue.

The troop is in its first year at First Presbyterian Church so all funds will be used for scout and camp equipment.

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World

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Bishop said. Other schools have started to take notice to Touch Your World. The Winter Springs High girls volleyball team recently received help remodeling a storage room into a locker area in exchange for cooking dinner at a local Ronald McDonald House.

"Touch Your World was founded upon the principle that local businesses should be involved in the advancement of their communities by investing in youth-based initiatives," Melnik stated in a release. "It's my hope that through Touch Your World, we can spark the passion in other companies throughout Seminole County and Central Florida to partner with public schools."

The volleyball challenge will be the official kickoff of the not-for-profit organization as it will "get the word out" to the community and provide a new base of corporate funding for the program, said Joe

Antrim, Touch Your World community service coordinator.

"It's the first time we know of a volleyball challenge like this in Seminole County," Bishop said. "We want to be a little more creative as you can see with this event. We're not unique in our overall goal, but we're unique on how we're bringing this to the community."

Event organizers expect more than two dozen teams competing in the volleyball challenge, Saturday, May 15, at Oval Park located on International Parkway in Lake Mary. With "pool play" to begin at 9:30 a.m., the single-elimination tourney is scheduled to start after lunch. With 10 teams already signed up, interested six-member, co-ed teams are encouraged to call Antrim at 407-333-4100, ext. 174 or log onto www.touchyourworld.com.

"The volleyball challenge itself will be a great chance to

reach out to the philanthropy society in Seminole County," said Jim Brown, Kinetics spokesman.

Organizers hope the event becomes an annual tradition. It will be modeled after the popular March of Dimes event in South Orange County — only without the mud, Bishop said.

The tourney has already drawn significant corporate interest from AirTran Airways, Wachovia Corporation, Colonial Properties Trust and Kinetics. With increasing support from businesses, Touch Your World can fund more Seminole County Public Schools extracurricular activities. The organization intends to help smaller groups that don't have existing financial support such as the football team.

"We want to plug into these programs like the debate team that can't afford to go to a tournament," Bishop said.

"The biggest focus right

now is Seminole County Public Schools," he added. "There's data out there that suggest sports and other activities are becoming 'pay-to-play' which really is not fair."

With the Winter Springs volleyball team as the pilot project this past fall, the organization is encouraging others to sign up as they have met with Superintendent Bill Vogel, school board administrators and local high school principals.

Antrim even sent out a fax to local high schools urging them to identify needs in after-school activities and sports. The memo title read "free money for community service."

"And I don't know if they believe us," he said.

"It's going to be a great opportunity for the companies," Antrim added. "It's going to grow into an unique relationship between the community, schools and the business world."

Parking

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would be liable for an accident that occurred on the property."

Some have questioned whether there are ulterior motives behind McCuen's decision. Since he and Marikone purchased the property for \$1.35 million in January 2002, the lots have consistently been used by the general public without questions regarding liability. During business hours Monday through Friday, the paved lot is reserved for bank customers. After 6 p.m. during the week and on weekends the lot has been used by customers and merchants of downtown businesses. Patrons of the Helen Stairs Theatre have used the paved lot and the grass lot when the theater has performances, and during big downtown events — Christmas parades and July 4th celebrations — the lots have been prime locations.

"I was never aware that the lots were being used like that," McCuen said. "The bank has complained about people parking there preventing their customers from using the lot."

Virgil Hurley, an adjacent property owner, points to the city of Sanford as the reason McCuen closed his lot. The city published a brochure and posted signs downtown that indicated the two lots were available for public parking during renovations of 1st Street.

"I feel like there's been a major meltdown between the city of Sanford and a property owner downtown," Hurley said. "When these brochures came out, I ask several times if the property owners had been contacted, and I was told that the problem had been taken care of."

It wasn't. "It took us by surprise to learn the city had designated that as public parking," McCuen said. "They informed everyone but us."

However, he said there is no ill will between him and the city.

"There is no friction," McCuen said. "We did this because we had just learned the city had said this was public parking and we were concerned about liability."

Griehaber said the brochure was printed to inform residents about the upcoming changes on 1st Street "based on the information available at the time." The city manager said McCuen's lots were listed on brochure after a verbal agreement with managers from Wachovia Bank.

"I was told that by the (former) economic development director (John Jones)," Griehaber said. "In hindsight, we should have had a paper trail. The city should have never put that brochure out without documentation that he agreed to that."

For now, the lots will remain closed to everyone but bank customers. McCuen said he is consulting with his lawyers about any future actions, but doesn't foresee turning either lot into a paid parking facility.

"We looked at that but didn't want to invest the money to make it a paid parking lot," McCuen said.

When Lago Real purchased the building in early 2002, both Marikone and McCuen expressed optimism about their purchase and the downtown.

"I always looked at the building and thought this would be a great place to have our company," McCuen said in an interview at the time. "We're completely taken with this building and downtown Sanford. I think Sanford ought to take advantage of its downtown."

Today, McCuen said he is still positive downtown will continue to make gains, but admits he has put the building on the market.

"I have a lot of other responsibilities," McCuen said. "I'm still optimistic about Sanford. We plan to keep our (medical records) business in Sanford and plan to expand."

Regatta

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grand opening of Sanford's Riverwalk.

Other events planned for the celebration include a hot air balloon launch, a sky-diving display, 3K Walk/Run, horse-drawn carriage rides, concerts and a DJ, and specials offered by downtown merchants and restaurants, as well as some surprises during the weekend.

The sailing regatta will be part of the Riverwalk grand opening weekend May 7 - 9. It will be a busy weekend in the city with live music, entertainers, fine food, carriage rides and artists at work on Saturday May 8. A sunrise service will be held at the riverside on the Sunday.

A special salute to veterans will be held Friday, May 7 at Memorial Park. All local residents are invited to the ceremony, and if you know of a soldier or veteran who should be honored in the ceremony, e-mail [\[diagroup.com\]\(http://diagroup.com\), or call 407-688-8788.](mailto:info@adeome-</p>
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The Sanford Riverwalk is a 12-foot-wide pedestrian pathway stretching 1.2 miles from Mellonville Avenue on the east to French Avenue (U.S. Highway 17-92) on the west. The heavily landscaped pathway features trellis swings, benches and other amenities for people to enjoy the views of Lake Monroe.

During construction of the \$11 million project, crews rebuilt the aging seawall using more than 4 million cubic feet of concrete and 1,666 30-foot by 4-foot concrete panels, some weighing as much as 7.5 tons each.

The completion of the 1.2 mile stretch represents Phase 1 of the Riverwalk. Phase 2 is expected to extend the pathway to Interstate 4. No timetable has been established for construction of Phase 2.

Plane

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assigned to Naval Air Station (NAS) Sanford.

In addition to asking for financial support through gifts or memorial contributions, the NAS Sanford Memorial group will hold its Second Annual Barbecue Fundraiser, Saturday, May 8, at Lake Golden Park on the airport property. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. with take-outs available. NAS Sanford T-shirts will be avail-

able as well. Tickets are \$10 per person. The event will include food, fun, raffles, and a tour of the restoration hangar where the Lucky Star is located.

For additional information on the memorial committee, T-shirts, or donations, contact the Sanford Airport Memorial Committee, 1200 Red Cleveland Blvd., Sanford, 32773 or Patty Mahany at 407-321-7013.

Roast

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CROOMS ACADEMY BOOSTER CLUB GOLF TOURNEY

The Booster Club of Crooms Academy of Information Technology will hold its first golf tournament fundraiser Saturday, April 17, at Timacuan Golf & Country Club in Lake Mary. Sponsored by KRÖNE, Inc. and Jostens, the tournament will raise funds for scholarships for students taking industry certification exams, as well as Crooms athletics programs.

The Crooms Invitational golf tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Golfers will have a chance to win prizes, including theme park tickets, weekend get-aways and restaurant gift certificates.

Participants will also have an opportunity to bid on exclusive silent auction items, including a men's titanium watch and a custom-made gold and diamond replica of Bobby Bowden's National Championship ring from Florida State University's football championship win.

Registration for individual golfers is \$80, and a foursome is \$300. Hole sponsorships are available.

Interested companies and individuals should contact Cathy Alper at 407-320-5749 or Amy Cahoon at 407-657-4818 for more information.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER SPA DAY

There's nothing quite like the bond shared by mother and daughter.

Keeping this unique relationship in mind, the City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department has teamed up with Paul Mitchell - The School Orlando to make it easy for mothers, daughters, or granddaughters to bond and strengthen family ties while relaxing and rejuvenating with a day of pampering this Saturday (April 17th) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Paul Mitchell - The School Orlando features a package designed for mothers and daughters (or grandmothers or granddaughters) who want to share some special time together. Choose a spa package that features one of the following 3 services:

- * Shampoo, Cut, Blow Dry, and Style
- * Manicure and Pedicure
- * Exfoliation Facial

Appointments take about 1.5 hours to complete. Pre-register at the City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Office, located at 125 E. Melody Lane, Monday & Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department provides quality recreation, cultural activities and facilities that respond to the changing needs of all residents and protects and expands our natural resources. For more information about the Mother/Daughter Spa Day, please contact 407-262-7720 or email pks_recasst@casselberry.org.

SPRING BREAKOUT

Southern Championship Wrestling and the Altamonte Springs Wing House will present "Spring Breakout 4" this Saturday (April 17th) at the Eastmonte Civic Center.

This 4th Annual event See Briefs, Page 9A

Kyle Bono garners Midseason All-America

Special to the Herald

UCF pitchers Matt Fox and Kyle Bono have been named to Baseball America's Midseason All-American teams. Fox was named to the junior class All-America squad after posting an 8-0 record and 1.44 ERA over the first half of the season. The Coral Springs native leads the A-Sun in wins and strikeouts (72).

Bono was named to the sophomore class All-America team by Baseball America. The Lake Mary native is a perfect 5-0 with a 1.00 ERA in 2004. In 54 innings, the right-hander has 62 strikeouts to rank second in the A-Sun.

Sophomore joins teammate Fox on Baseball America squads

What makes the honor even more remarkable is that Bono was not supposed the closer for the team and only became a starter when another pitcher was lost for the season due to injury.

The last time UCF had two players named to the Baseball America Midseason All-America team was in 2001, when pitchers Justin Pope and Jason Arnold both made the team. Fox and Bono are the fifth and sixth players in school history to be named

to the Midseason All-America team.

The news was not quite as good on the field as the Golden Knights lost an A-Sun series for the first time this season.

No. 24 Florida Atlantic erased an early 6-0 deficit to rally for a comeback behind 7-6 victory over No. 19 UCF Friday evening at FAU Stadium in Boca Raton.

The Owls snapped UCF's seven-game winning streak.

FAU starter Matt O'Brien tossed a complete game and fanned nine Golden Knights to improve to 8-2 on the season. O'Brien allowed six runs, one earned, and just six hits over the nine-inning performance for the win.

UCF took an early 6-0 lead in the second inning with five unearned runs on three hits and two FAU errors. With the bases loaded, Matt LaFleur drilled a double to the wall in left field to put UCF on top at 2-0.

Later in the inning, Lake Mary's Drew Butera scored on a passed ball and Matt Ray drove in a run with a RBI infield single to give the Golden Knights a 4-0 advantage.

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10 straight for SCC

Lacko earns state honors

Special to the Herald

Seminole Community College softball sophomore Holly Lacko was named Pitcher of the Week in the State for the week of April 1-6.

She was 3-1, and allowed no earned runs, giving up just 11 hits with 19 strikeouts and five walks over 25.2 innings pitched.

The Raiders are currently ranked 9th in the state and the team is also at the top of several state categories, leading the state in stolen bases (119) and triples (23), while standing fourth in doubles (59) and fifth in home runs (12).

The pitching staff is third in the state in strikeouts (284) and ninth in ERA (1.22).

Individual Raider players who are listed in the State stats for the week of April 1st are:

Batting Average Leaders
11. Sherri Rabenold, .410;
18. Megan Miller, .377; 31. Kristen Schrupp, .340; 38. Jennifer Knight, .329.

Doubles _ 1. Megan Miller, 18; 8. Sherri Rabenold, 8.

Triples _ 1. Sherri Rabenold, 8; 3. Megan Miller, 5; 4. Jennifer Knight, 4.

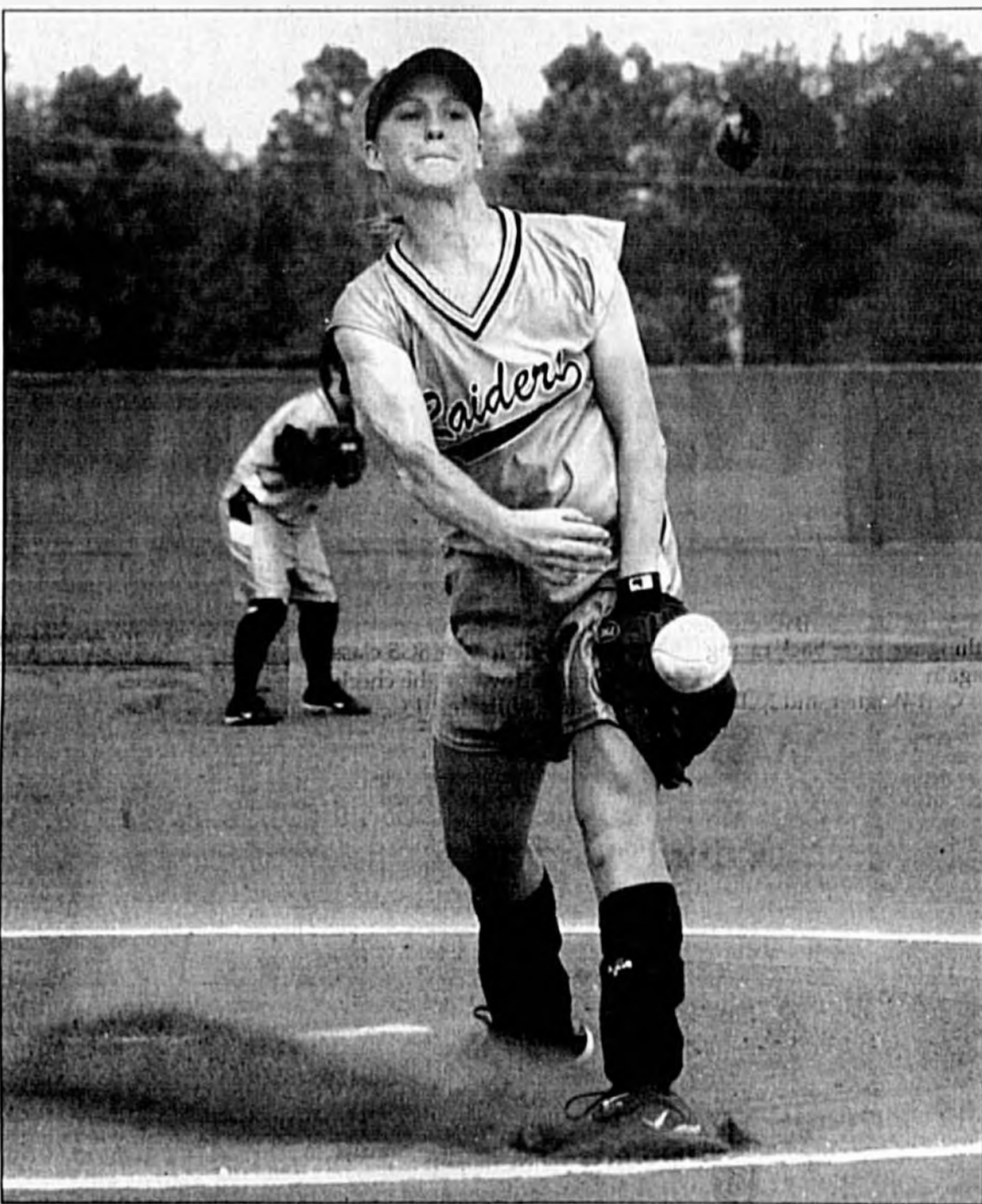
Home Runs _ 3. Sherri Rabenold, 7; 6. Ashley Bitzer, 4.

Runs Scored _ 1. Sherri Rabenold, 53; 14. Jennifer Knight, 26.

Runs Batted In _ 3. Sherri Rabenold, 39; 5. Megan Miller, 36; 12. Jennifer Knight, 27.

Stolen Bases _ 1. Sherri Rabenold, 43; 5. Jennifer Knight, 24; 7. Kristen

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Seminole Community College softball sophomore Holly Lacko (above) was named Pitcher of the Week in the State for the week of April 1-6 after going 3-1 and allowing no earned runs on just 11 hits with 19 strikeouts and five walks over 25.2 innings pitched. Lacko continued her brilliant pitching with a three-hit shutout of St. Johns River Community College last Friday with Oviedo's Megan Miller (left) going 3-for-3 with three RBI and belting her state-leading 19th double of the season.

Florida captures aircraft carrier

Special to the Herald

The 888-foot aircraft carrier "Oriskany" will head for Florida soon to its final resting place in the Gulf of Mexico, about 20 miles off Pensacola.

The U.S. Navy and the Maritime Administration awarded the decommissioned ship to Florida to use as an artificial reef. Once officials sink the ship in about 210 feet of water, it will enhance fishing and offer a unique attraction for scuba divers. The "Oriskany" will be the largest ship ever sunk in America's waters to form an artificial reef.

Federal officials awarded the ship to Florida, based on an application filed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Florida's application edged out others from Texas and Mississippi and a joint application from South Carolina and Georgia.

Gov. Jeb Bush said the vessel will help recharge the tourism industry in north-west Florida.

"This ship is an economic windfall and a recreational treasure for the northwest Florida area," he said. "It has the potential to attract divers and anglers from all over the world."

Former FWC Commissioner and Chairman Edwin Roberts said landing the "Oriskany" is the greatest thing that ever happened for scuba divers in Florida and will provide a much-needed boost for fishermen.

"And the site offshore from Pensacola is the most appropriate, considering the city's history," Roberts said. "It will be a fitting and honorable memorial resting place to have the carrier near Pensacola - the Cradle of Navy Aviation."

FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto said the "Oriskany" is a fabulous beginning to a new era in Florida. He said the FWC plans to make further improvements to artificial reefs.

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Big week for Lake Mary in baseball and boys volleyball

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

What has been a good season for Lake Mary male athletes got even better last week as the volleyball and baseball teams sparkled in wins against tough opponents.

Following the lead of sophomore Josh Smith earlier in the week, senior righthander Paul Cinder was the first to shine, tossing a three-hitter as the Rams won a huge district contest with Apopka, 1-0, with almost no offense at all.

The game at J. Barnes Field was scoreless through four innings and Lake Mary did not have a hit.

Mitchell Chubb opened the fifth for the Rams by drawing a walk and was sacrificed to second by Justin Hart.

Tye Buckner then lined out for the second out of the inning, but Joey Lubonty, another

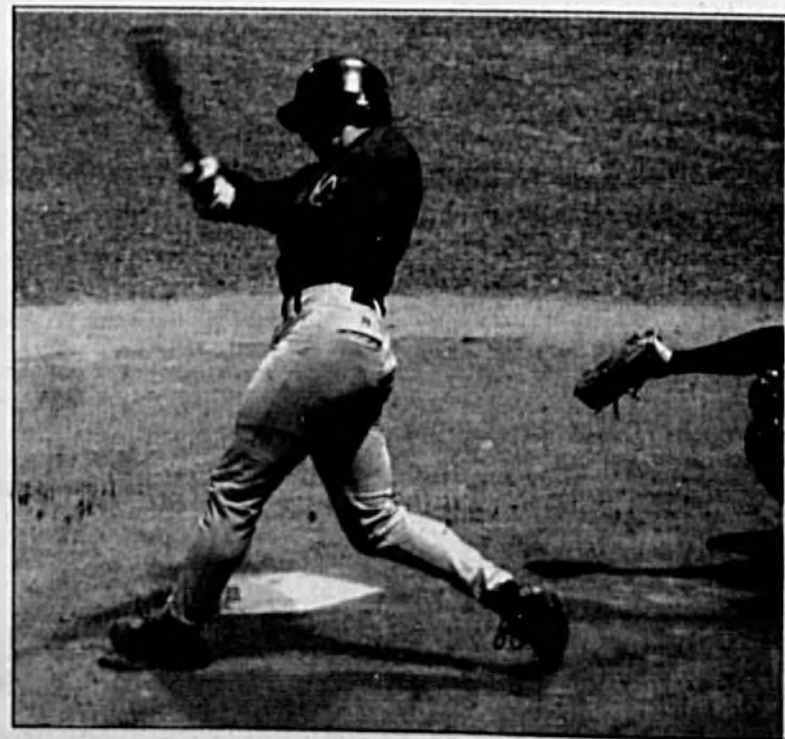
hero from earlier in the week, came through again, dropping a ball down the rightfield line for a single and the winning run.

The 6-foot-8 Cinder pitched around a two-base error in the sixth inning, getting a fly out, ground out and a strike out to end the threat. Cinder finished the game with 10 strike outs as he improved to 4-1 on the season. He had also pitched around a triple earlier in the game.

With the win, Lake Mary is now tied with Winter Park for the Class 6A-District 3 lead with a 3-0 record, while the Blue Darters, the preseason favorites, fell to 13-4 overall and 1-2 in district.

Friday night it was Scott Eckard's turn on the hill and the lefthander was outstanding again, hurling a two-hitter with 10 strike outs as the Rams improved to 14-2 with a 9-0 whitewashing of Alexander, Georgia.

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Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Tyson Auer (above) led a 15-hit attack, going 3-for-3 with a double and three RBI Friday night to back the two-hit pitching of Scott Eckard as Lake Mary whitewashed Alexander, Georgia, 9-0.

Outdoors

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cial reefs in south Florida and elsewhere in the state's waters as resources become available.

"The value of well-planned artificial reefs is enormous," Barreto said.

The "Oriskany" is a Ticonderoga-class attack aircraft carrier, commissioned in 1950. During its days of service, it had a crew of 3,460 and carried 80 aircraft. The ship served in Korea and Viet Nam and earned seven battle stars. It has been out of service since 1975.

A study by the Navy indicated that cleaning decommissioned ships and awarding them to states for artificial reef enhancements is less expensive than scrapping the vessels.

"We are very pleased that the Oriskany will be coming to Pensacola," said George Touart, Escambia County administrator. "The community has played a major role in this endeavor and we want to say thank you."

BOATU.S. ADVICE: THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU NEED A TOW

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- Give the tower your position by chart or GPS coordinates, nearby navigation aids or local landmarks. Describe your situation clearly, giving the nature of the problem, your boat name, size, distinguishing features, number of people on board and other useful information. If it is an emergency, always contact the Coast Guard immediately.

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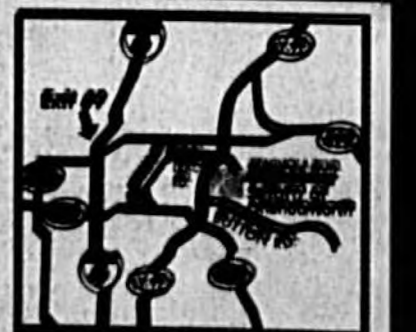
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WEEKEND

APRIL 18, 2004

Countdown
21 days to **Riverwalk II**
Celebration



Rams baseball on a roll

The Lake Mary baseball team ran its record to 15-2 with wins over Eustis and Lyman this week.

See Sports, Page 13A

Police arrest 4 men in incident

Sanford police arrested four men on March 26, in connection with an attempted murder and a fifth man who was reportedly involved in the incident. The incident was reported as a suspected retaliation for a shooting that occurred earlier that morning at a nearby night club. The four arrested were Edreicus Artez Glover, 19, Mario Jerome Hicks, 18, Roger Derrell Williford, 22, and Rodrales Leandra Hooks, 26.

According to the arrest report, on March 21, a witness told officers he was standing in front of a residence in the 1000 block of Mangoustine Avenue with his brother and Hicks, when a vehicle approached them. Hicks reportedly threw a brick at the vehicle and broke out the window. Someone inside the vehicle reportedly began shooting at them, hitting Hicks in the neck and hand.

The men took cover and the vehicle sped off. Hicks was taken to Central Florida Regional Hospital for treatment of his injuries. During a hospital interview, Hicks is said to have identified the men in the vehicle.

On March 25, police interviewed a man who said he had been in the vehicle, but when shooting started, he dove out and pulled a nearby child to safety. The man also is said to have identified the other vehicle occupants. Police said both Hooks and Williford turned themselves in at the police station. At one point during an interview with Glover, he told officers he thought someone had shot at the vehicle (the brick) and returned fire with his firearm.

Hooks was charged with homicide/attempted murder. Williford was charged with homicide/attempted murder, accessory after the fact. Hicks was charged with firing a missile into a vehicle. Glover and Hooks were both charged with homicide/attempted murder, accessory after the fact.

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City wins first legal battle with schools

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

Judge issues partial summary judgement in dispute between School Board, Lake Mary

LAKE MARY — City officials in Lake Mary are claiming a partial summary judgment issued by a circuit judge Thursday is the first step in resolving a dispute with the School Board.

Started more than a year ago, the disagreement stems from a plan to put a school for troubled students into a

building at 450 Technology Park, off Lake Emma Road. The city balked at the School Board project saying the industrial park was an inappropriate area for a school and refused to change the land use of the property.

The partial summary judgment affirmed Lake Mary's interpretation of the comprehensive plan, but it does not settle the entire case. The School Board was contending it was a ministerial matter that the city had

to change the designation of the property and they were automatically entitled to have a school there, said Lake Mary City Attorney Catherine Reischmann. "The main issue was resolved that the comp plan

was sufficient enough to allow us to do what we did," said Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene. "Her opinion (Judge Nancy Alley) basically matched our argument made by our attorneys so from a legal standpoint we feel our position is very strong."

Seminole County Public Schools Superintendent Bill Vogel and Deputy

See Judgement, Page 3A

Sanford firm 'engineers' support for soldier



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Capt. Paul Blackketter thanked his employer CPH Engineering Inc. for supporting him while he was deployed in Iraq. Looking on at the ceremony Thursday is (left to right) Diana Greene, administrative assistant, Kamran Khosravani, chief executive officer, and David Gierach, president.

CPH Engineering welcomes back Capt. Paul Blackketter

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — Capt. Paul Blackketter of the 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry brought back plenty of thanks and stories from his deployment in Iraq during a visit Thursday to his Sanford employer, CPH Engineering Inc.

Blackketter was in service for 15 months with 560 soldiers of a National Guard battalion based out of Miami. Employed at the CPH Bradenton

office in the Tampa area as a project manager for planning commercial sites, Blackketter returned to the company's Sanford headquarters to say thank you for the company's immense support during his deployment.

CPH employees continually sent out about 10 to 20 care packages to his battalion each month. In all, CPH personnel with the help of the community sent more than 200 boxes of needed items to Blackketter in Iraq.

"When I first got deployed, CPH came to me and said we support you 110 percent," Blackketter said. "The whole time we were over there we got

See Soldier, Page 9A

Shooting leaves man in critical condition

From Staff Reports

Sanford police are working a shooting incident near the city's historic district with strong leads, according to authorities.

Troy Letroy Dixon, 25, of Cedar Creek Circle, Sanford, was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center early Thursday, following a shooting incident in the 1400 block of Oak Avenue in Sanford.

Police were summoned to the area shortly after midnight, in reference to gunshots heard. Two separate calls to the police told of a total of six shots having been fired.

Police searched the area and found Dixon on the ground, in the north side gutter of the westbound lane of 13th Street and investigated. Dixon said to have been conscious and alert, signaling for assistance.



Dixon

between Oak and Park avenues at 13th Street. Shell casings were found in the area.

Dixon is said to have told police that three white males and a white female had approached him in a two-tone brown station wagon or possible blue-gray faded out minivan and asked for change for a \$20 bill. When he asked the people in the

car for a ride home, he said they tried to rob him, and he took off running, at which time he was shot twice.

Rescue 31 and Engine 31 responded to the scene and Dixon was airlifted to ORM where he underwent emergency surgery. At last word, his condition was listed as critical.

Officers reported finding Dixon in possession of \$140 in currency, which was taken in as evidence.

Although a search for the reported vehicle was extensive, it was not immediately located and the case is continuing under investigation. Sanford police received numerous leads in the investigation as there were reported several witnesses to the shooting.

Dixon has been in the Seminole County Jail more than a dozen different times for various charges including the possession and sale of drugs.

Seminole to observe National County Government Week

From Staff Reports

Seminole County will be observing National County Government Week, April 18-24, with special emphasis on moving people and products with transportation.

The county has prepared a week of special events and observances in honor of the event, and invites the public to participate, to learn more about our transportation offerings and become more familiar with the people who operate our county government.

The following is a listing of events:

Sunday, April 18
• Noon to 4 p.m. Information Day at Seminole Town Center Mall. Learn

about your government and other agencies with booths, displays and equipment.

All Week — Beginning Monday, April 19, celebrity readers will bring transportation stories to life at the five Seminole County Public Libraries. Call your local library for specific times.

Monday, April 19

• Open house at the Customer Resource Center in the County Services Building, 1101 E. First St.

• 10 a.m. — Flagler Trail Head Dedication. A new trail makes its debut at the intersection of Jacob's Trail and Snowhill Road in Chuluota. Contact Mark Lichtenheld at 407-665-

2093.

• 3 to 5 p.m. — Safe Kids Educational Car Seat program at the Sanford Fire Department offers reduced rate car seats for qualified participants. And between 5 to 7 p.m. the fire department will host a Safe Kids Car Seat Fitting Station. Pre-registration is required. Call Tim Robles at 407-302-1091.

Tuesday, April 20

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Open house at the Customer Resource Center, County Services Building.

• 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Visit the Sanford Farmers' Market on First

See Week, Page 3A

Longwood considers downtown truck ban

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LONGWOOD — City leaders approved a new set of regulations for Longwood's historic district on the first reading earlier this month, but not without a host of changes.

The historic district codebook was developed to maintain and enhance the architectural style and character of the area generally bounded by Pine Avenue to the south, County Road 427 to the east, Palmetto Street to the north and Milwee Street to the west. Two regulations the City Commission pushed to strengthen before final approval of the document Monday night were restricting the destruction of historic buildings and its trademark brick streets.

Commissioners unanimously voted in favor to increase the unlawful demolition of a historic building or structure from a proposed fine of \$100 per square foot to \$250 per square foot, and to prohibit tractor trailers from the district unless for the purpose of moving in and moving out and construction.

"If we send out notifications to the trucking companies that this ban is going into effect they will comply," Commissioner Butch Bundy said. City leaders also unanimously approved to limit the storage of outside deliveries. Instead

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Butch Bundy
Longwood
City Commissioner

See Codebook, Page 11A

Sanford to restrict City Hall parking

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — A downtown parking lot frequently used by Seminole County Courthouse visitors will be prohibited to them come Monday morning.

Sanford police will begin patrolling and ticketing motorists who ignore new restrictions at City Hall municipal lot across Park Avenue from the courthouse. While the lot has always been limited to two-hour parking for visitors, officers will begin enforcing the rule and limiting parking to only those who have business with the city of Sanford between Monday and Friday from 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The change in enforcement comes about as the city is expected to lose about 75 parking spaces due to construction of the mixed-use development, Gateway at Riverwalk, which will feature condominiums and retail shops. Some of the western most lots are already blocked off and were typically used for employee parking.

City employees will be issued decals and two rows of the main parking along Fulton Street will be reserved for them, said Cleo

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