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MIDWEEK

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Bears turn bullish

Led by MVP Brett Hodges, host Winter Springs ran roughshod over the field, including a pair of wins over undefeated teams, to win the Winter Springs PAL Holiday Classic this past weekend.

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Sheriff's office warns against check scams

Recently, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office has received two reports involving check scams.

The suspects are finding vehicles for sale on the Internet. The suspect then contacts the seller and agrees to buy the vehicle.

The suspect then sends more than double the amount for payment of the vehicle, and asks the seller to wire the extra money back for shipping, or to keep some of the money. The wire transfer is usually to London.

In both cases, the checks have been found to be for bogus accounts.

In both cases, the intended victims did not send "good" money back to the suspect, based upon the amount on the "bad" check, and thus did not suffer any economic loss.

The address from the suspect comes from an area in the Middle East. Due to the crime being perpetrated overseas, there is nothing the sheriff's office can do to investigate the suspects.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office asks that one use common sense when it comes to receiving money from unknown sources.

Seminole Smile



Megan Hendricks — Just turned 1 year old Dec. 20. She is the daughter of Jim and Stacey Hendricks of Winter Springs

Last call: Sanford Main Street Inc. to close

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

City to pick up the slack taking over downtown farmers' market and Fourth of July celebration

SANFORD — There will be a Fourth of July celebration in Sanford next year. The only difference is Sanford Main Street Inc. will not be a part of the program. Created in the 1970s as a non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization of the city's historic downtown, Sanford Main Street Inc. is officially closing its doors.

Embattled with inner tur-

moil and controversy during the year, the organization started to unravel in April when Executive Director Marlene Frith resigned and the Downtown Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) voted that the organization was in breach of a contract that would pay Main Street \$62,500.

With little support from

the city and a slipping interest in membership, the organization is allegedly failing financially. The issue came to a head Monday at the Sanford city commission meeting when City Manager Al Grieshaber announced that Main Street had pulled their application for the Fourth of July celebration.

"There is some concern

that Sanford Main Street has gone inactive, but that shouldn't be the concern of the city," he said.

According to Grieshaber, Sanford will plan the Fourth of July celebration among other activities the organization sponsored.

"If the Main Street purpose is the revitalization of the downtown and water-

front district, the city will move forward with those items so nothing is lost," he said. "In other words, the first thing is Main Street sponsored the farmers' market in Magnolia Square. We are going to continue that, and we will go on a case-by-case basis."

While organizers of Sanford Main Street say they will begin shutting down operations, the door could be left open for its return.

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Patriotism never tasted so good

By Sarah Scoles
Herald Intern

WINTER SPRINGS — With the state of the world today, everyone from soldiers to civilians to politicians can use a morale boost. Enter Kathy Andrews of Winter Springs and her patriotic muffins.

It all began one day when Andrews was shopping for cooking supplies. When she saw the blueberries and the raspberries, the thought struck her that she could make red, white, and blue muffins — patriotic muffins.

Since that first day at the grocery store, Andrews has mailed her unique recipe to politicians around the world. The British Prime Minister, the wife of the Israeli Prime Minister, Laura and Columba Bush, and Lynne Cheney have been among the most famous recipients of the recipe.

After Andrews received a letter from Laura Bush in response, she was encouraged to continue to spread her enthusiasm to more people. While some responses were curt letters written by secretaries, others, such as Bush's, showed personal gratitude.

"I am delighted to have your recipe for patriotic muffins," said Laura Bush. "I enjoy adding new recipes to my collection, and these sound marvelous! I am enclosing some recipes for you from the White House."

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Kathy Andrews of Winter Springs says her patriotic muffin recipe produces a yummy baked good to show support for the United States and freedom.

Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

City debates banning scooters

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LONGWOOD — They are a popular gift this holiday season, but if one Longwood commissioner had his wish they would be banned in the city.

The legality of motorized scooters have caused a stir around the state as Rep. Randy Johnson (R-Celebration) supported an amendment last year to lift the need of a driver's license to operate them.

The bill passed, however, it was determined by Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist earlier this year that there was still other state statutes that require the need of a driver's license for operating a scooter that were not addressed by the law change. Johnson has made it known that he intends to propose a bill next year that would once and for all allow scooter riders to moped down the streets without a driver's license or vehicle registration.

"I would like to take a different approach in trying to ban them separate from the state statute," Longwood Commissioner Butch Bundy proposed to his fellow commissioners at a recent city meeting.

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Sanford OKs land buy for Washington Oaks

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — For 30 years, residents of the Washington Oaks neighborhood say they have never asked for the city of Sanford's help on anything — that is until a new subdivision started construction in their backyards.

In discussions with city leaders since October about the new development, Washington Oaks residents began to see progress made Monday at the Sanford city commission meeting. Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of two lots for \$22,500 apiece from the subdivision developer Maronda Homes for the expansion of a park and traffic improvements to Drew Avenue.

With the addition of one lot and another parcel dedicated to the city through the

subdivision platting process, the Washington Oaks Park, located east of South Summerlin Avenue, is subject to grow by about a quarter of an acre. Early indications are the extra land will be used for new playground equipment and a pavilion, but city staff is continuing their efforts to gather input from the community regarding the future of the park.

What is to become of Drew Avenue is less concrete as Washington Oaks neighbors were pitted against each other of how the dead-end road would look in the future. Originally a makeshift dirt turn around was at the end of Drew Avenue, but with the subdivision construction the temporary cul-de-sac disappeared making it difficult for garbage trucks and emergency vehicles to turn around.

The commission decided

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Merry Christmas Sgt. Carlson



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

A group of supporters of Staff Sergeant Charlie C. Carlson III visited the soldier as he came to the Sanford Museum Saturday as part of a 15-day leave from duty in Iraq. Carlson thanked residents for donating items to the soldiers in his 549th Military Police Company, and he was wished an early Merry Christmas by relatives and friends as he was scheduled to return to Iraq Christmas Eve.

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A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Department of financial services warns against consumer frauds

This is the time of year when families come together to share the warmth and joy of the holiday season. It is also the time when financial fraud often strikes. Florida's Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher is urging consumers to be extra cautious with their money to avoid financial scams.

"Take steps to protect your personal and financial information this holiday season, especially if you are making purchases online or over the phone," Gallagher said. "Identity theft can be prevented."

Consumers who give out personal or financial information online or over the phone risk having their identities stolen. Consumers should also shred junk mail credit card offers, review all bank and credit card records and check credit reports at least once a year. The Department of Financial Services has created an online resource on identity theft with links to more tips and information on avoiding this growing scam. Consumers can log on to www.fids.com and click the "ID Theft" banner to visit this site.

Gallagher said consumers have also reported not being able to find physical addresses or phone numbers for online businesses. One such Floridian enrolled in a health insurance plan online and gave her credit card number to pay for the monthly premiums. Months after purchasing the coverage, she and her husband were hospitalized and their claims were denied. After the denial, the credit card company would not stop the charges, saying they had to receive the request from the insurer.

When making these kinds of purchases, consumers are advised to deal with reputable companies to make sure they have physical addresses and phone numbers to call with questions.

"Remember, a company based outside this country is outside of our laws," Gallagher said.

Other types of scams that often find victims this time of year are phony charitable organizations and bogus income tax scams. An individual posing as a local charity may solicit consumers over the phone. Potential donors should ask questions, including what the organization plans to do with the gift, and be wary of appeals that are long on emotion and short on details. A reputable organization will never demand cash. All checks should be made payable to the organization and never an individual.

Moreover, don't fall victim to an income tax avoidance scheme this holiday season. Resist the urge to file for nonexistent refunds, such as social security advances and salary reparations. Attempting to collect on an illegal claim can result in a \$500 federal penalty.

Hundreds of Floridians have purchased low-cost health insurance and other types of coverage, only to discover that the company was unable or unwilling to pay claims, and that no consumer protections were afforded since the company was unlicensed. For more than two years, the department has conducted a public education campaign urging consumers to "Verify Before You Buy." Since February 2001, the company has ordered 200 entities, insurance agents, marketers and affiliates to stop unauthorized insurance transactions.

For information or to file complaints, phone 1-800-342-2762.

Public servant spotlight

Name: Carl Tipton
Professional title: School Resource Deputy



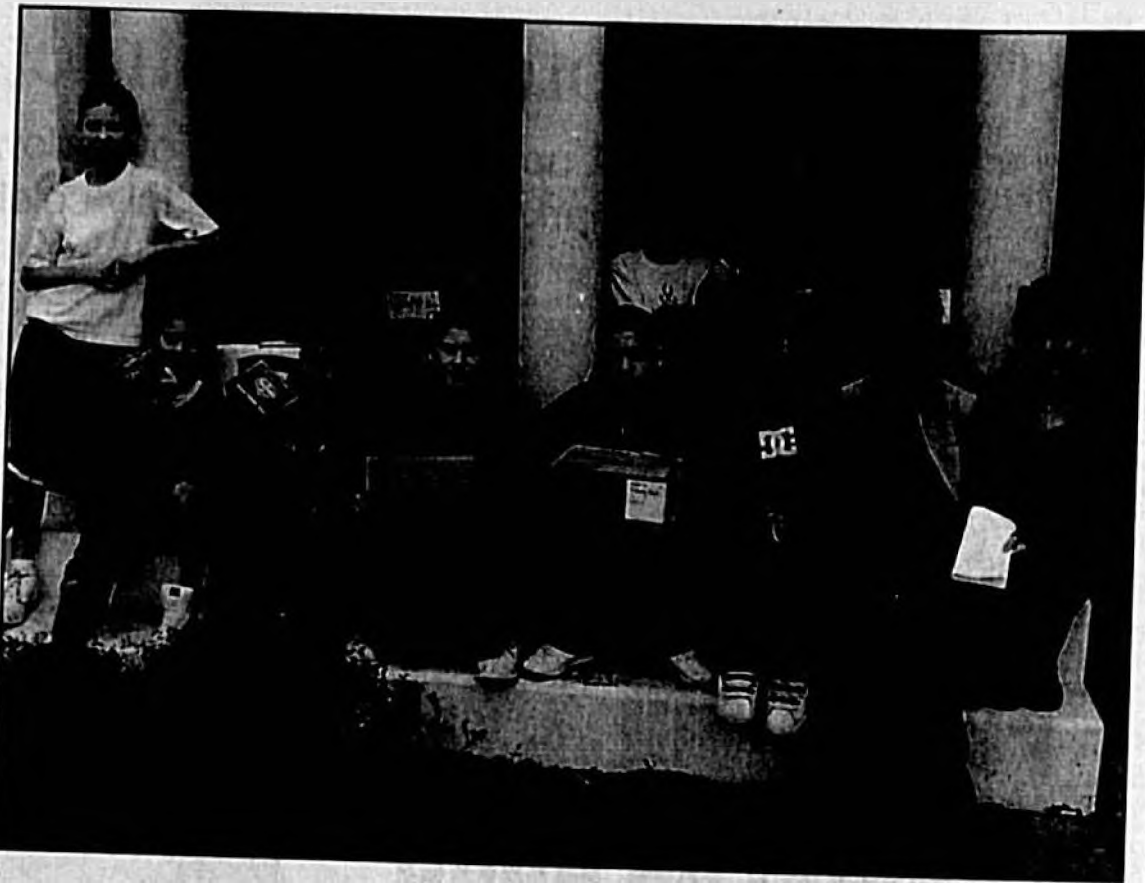
Department: Seminole County Sheriff's Office
Years on the job: About 12 and a half
Born: Sanford
Resident of: Lake Mary
Age: 35
Marital status: Married, three kids and two dogs
Schools attended: Seminole High School, Kentucky Wesleyan College

Degrees earned: Bachelor's degree in criminal justice

Training: Juvenile probation, DARE
Hobbies: Serving Christ, family time, coaching football, weightlifting, AWANA leader, church

Why did you choose your current profession: To reach those that need help the most — the youth of America

'Can'-do attitude



Sanford Middle School's Team Pegasus display their school-wide contributions for Second Harvest Food Bank along with language arts teacher Wanda Currie. The food drive was held in conjunction with the team's entry in Second Harvest's Annual CANstruction Competition. In the contest, students create sculptures out of cans. After the sculptures are judged, the cans are donated to Second Harvest.

Traffic Stops

• Ronald William Smith, 36, and Lessie Diane Smith, 37, of Apopka, were arrested by Sanford police Friday, following a traffic stop at 12th Street and French Avenue. Ronald Smith, driver of the vehicle, was charged with DUI (driving under the influence) of alcohol or drugs, possession of drugs, possession of narcotics equipment, failure to obey a traffic control device and having an open container of alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle. Lessie Smith was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, possession of narcotics equipment, and having an open container of alcoholic beverage.

• John Edward Lytle, 23, of Crawford Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday. When officers attempted a traffic stop, they reported Lytle drove off. He was eventually apprehended on Ridgewood Lane. He was charged with fleeing, attempting to elude a police officer, resisting an officer without violence, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, driving with a suspended license, attached registration license plate not assigned, no proof of insurance, and possession of narcotics equipment.

• David Leon Monroe, 39, of Clairmont Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Friday on West 25th Street at Hardy Avenue. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, registration license plate not assigned, unlawful speed, no seat belt, no proof of insurance and no registration certificate.

• Danny Lee Brock, 22 of First Street, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Sunday at 13th Street and Lake Avenue. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

• John Monroe Tubbs, 35, of Apopka, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at French Avenue and Santa Barbara Drive. He was charged with DUI alcohol or drugs, driving while license is suspended, refusing to take a DUI test and defective/faulty motor vehicle equipment.

• Michelle Denise Robinson, 25, of Contessa Court, Lake Mary, was arrested by Sanford police Friday following a traffic stop on Sanford Avenue. She was charged with driving with a suspended license.



• Anthony Shane Cannavino, 29, Woodfield Court, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Monday at Lake Mary Boulevard and U.S. Highway 17-92. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, possession of narcotics equipment, and several traffic citations.

• Gary Michael Delk, 49, of Dorchester Square, Lake Mary, was stopped by Sanford police Monday at Lake Mary Boulevard and U.S. Highway 17-92. He was charged with DUI alcohol or drugs.

Burglary
Michael Lorenzo Williams, 18, of Altamonte Springs, and three juveniles were arrested by Sanford police Thursday, after officers responded to a burglary in progress call in the 100 block of Country Club Drive. All four were detained and police reported finding them in possession of items reportedly taken from the house. The three juveniles were taken to the Juvenile Assessment Center. Williams was charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, and larceny over \$300 and under \$20,000.

Fight
Halsey Dean Piery, 46, of Lake Boulevard, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday. Officers were responding to a call regarding a fight at Second Street and Park Avenue. A man, later identified as Piery, had reportedly taken three bottles of beer from a store and battered the store employee. He was apprehended at Fifth Street and Myrtle Avenue, at which time police said he became violent. He was arrested on charges of robbery without a weapon, battery on an officer, assault on an officer, battery, and resisting an officer with violence.

Thefts
• Johnny Cruz, 23, of Sanford Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. He was accused of switching brands on socks, and attempting to pay a lower price. He was charged with petty

shoplifting from a merchant.

• Justin Roberts Hall, 22, of Chuluota, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at a store in the Seminole Towne Center. He was accused of taking electronic alarm price tags off a pair of shoes, putting them on, then leaving the store without paying. He was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

• David Silva, 19, of DeLeon Springs, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at the Seminole Towne Center. He reportedly took a number of items from a store without paying. He was charged with petty larceny, and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

• Constance Nicole Pace, 19, of Yale Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at the Seminole Towne Center. She reportedly took two pair of earrings valued at \$50 from the store without paying. She was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

• Gisalee Ladue, 62 of Port Orange, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at the Seminole Towne Center. She was accused of taking \$229 in merchandise from a store without paying. She was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

• Sylvia Jean Leonides, 37, of Apopka, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at the Seminole Towne Center. She was accused of taking merchandise from a store without paying. She was charged with retail theft of \$300 more in value.

Other cases

• Karen Ruth Isom, 46, of Fox Quarry Lane, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at her residence Friday following a reported altercation with her brother. She was charged with battery, touch or strike, domestic violence.

• Theodore Levon Mack, 29, of Hartwell Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday near a business on West 13th Street. A handgun was said to have been found in his vehicle. Mack was listed as a registered felon and was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear on a charge of loitering and prowling, and possession of under 20 grams of cannabis. He was charged with possession of a weapon by a registered felon.

OUT & ABOUT

WED 24

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship Services will be held at Community United Methodist Church, 4921 S. U.S. Highway 17-92 in Casselberry. Services will be at 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service will be held at Wekiva Presbyterian Church, 211 Wekiva Springs Lane in Longwood. Family Worship will be at 5:30 p.m., lessons and carols at 7:30 p.m. and the Candlelight Communion at 10 p.m.

SAT 27

Saturday and Sunday there will be **Soap Box Derby Rally Races** at Sanford's Derby Park, 2199 Oregon Ave., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. The All-American Soap Box Derby is the premier youth and family oriented racing program in the United States. The event is free for spectators.

For more information, call Norm Perry, director, at 407-330-5697.

MON 29

The relationships we have with our pets really go on display when we ask our dogs to come to us, and that can be good news with reward-based methods.

Clicker training is the fastest way to teach dogs that we are fun to be around, and that coming when we call is highly rewarding. The mini-seminar will cover how to increase speed and attention and how to go to the next level for dogs that find the environment, especially other dogs and people, irresistible. The seminar will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 407-328-0550.

WED 7

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office Community Law Enforcement Academy 14-week course begins. Openings are still available for the program that is designed to educate citizens about the inner workings of the sheriff's office.

Participants meet once a week, usually on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Items covered during the course include neighborhood policing, patrol and special operations, Internet strategies, Felon registration and sex offender/sexual predator tracking, major crimes investigations, undercover narcotics operations, domestic security and much more.

The course also includes a hands-on demonstration at the firing range, a ride-along with a deputy sheriff and a ride on one of the many lakes or rivers in a sheriff's office airboat.

To be eligible participants must live or work in Seminole County, be at least 19 years old, have a valid Florida driver's license, never have been convicted of a felony and file an application with the sheriff's office.

For more information or to register, call Pete Robinson at 407-665-6741 or register online at www.seminolesheriff.org.

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Obituaries

DONALD RENE BEAUCAGE

Donald Rene Beaucage, 83, of Plantation Boulevard, Lake Mary, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at Florida Hospital, Altamonte Springs. He was born in Louiston, Maine and moved to Florida in 1969 from Massachusetts. He was a paint store manager and a Catholic. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Irene; son, Gilbert, Lake Mary; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE E. BILLUPS

George E. Billups, 85, of Lake Mary, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Central Florida Regional Hospital. He was born Oct. 3, 1918, in Petersburg, Va. He was co-owner of Mayfair Country Club, and a member of Grace United Methodist Church. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, Scottish Rite of Orlando, Masonic Lodge of Sanford, Life Member of DAV and Fleet Reserve. He was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Peggy; sons, Donald Wayne and Alan Lindsey; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was held at Grace United Methodist Church on Dec. 23.

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

JAMES PASCAL BOYLES

James Pascal Boyles, 83, 1818 Road, Longwood, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at his residence. He was born in Quitman, Ga. He was an iron welder and a Catholic. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include daughters, Cynthia M. Pratt, Theresa S. Klenstead and Cricket Vazquez; son, Sunny D. Sasser.

Services were conducted at the Oaklawn Chapel Dec. 22. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

CURTIS DAVIS

Curtis Davis, 55, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., formerly of Sanford, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Mount St. Mary Hospital. He was born Nov. 23, 1948, in Fitzgerald, Ga. He was a security guard and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include son, Curtis Davis, Jr., Titusville; daughters, Pricilla, Tracy, Sonya and Lashall, all of Titusville; brothers, Eddie Williams and Hubert Williams, both of Tallahassee; sisters, Betty King, Tallahassee, Alma Williams, Titusville, and loving companion, Margaret King, Niagara Falls.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MARTHA A. DOYLE

Martha A. Doyle, 41, of Winter Springs, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, in Longwood. She was born March 22, 1962, in Houston. She was a wine broker.

Survivors include husband, William Randall Doyle; son, Patrick; daughter, Lillith Gracemarie; stepsons, Aaron, Spencer and Derrick; father, Scott C. Denison, Jr.; brother, Mark Denison; sisters, Julie Rea and Mary Ellen Denison.

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

ALENA MICHELLE FLOWERS

Alena Michelle Flowers, 31, of Geneva, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at her residence. She was born Dec. 9, 1972, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She moved to Florida in 1984. She was an active member of the Starlight Baptist Church in Winter Springs, and a graduate of Oviedo High School.

Survivors include husband, Greg; sons, Christopher Terry and Kaleb Terry; daughters, Megan and Madison; stepson, Jeremy Flowers; stepdaughter, Tiffany Flowers; father James Head; mother, Glenda Gayle Head; mother and father-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Riley Wood; paternal grandmother, Mary Head; maternal grandfather, Melvin Hatcher; maternal grandmother Serena Hatcher; brother, Jordan Michels.

Funeral Services were held Dec. 23 at Banfield Funeral Home with Dr. Glenn C. Riggs and assistant pastors Larry Stephen and Mike Carringer officiating.

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

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EDWARD C. 'TED' HILLERY

Edward C. "Ted" Hillery, 64, of Lombardy Road, Winter Springs, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003 at Florida Hospital, South. He was born March 15, 1939 in Sanford. He was a door-greeter at Wal-Mart and a member of Morning Glory Missionary Baptist Church. He belonged to Celery City Lodge 542, I.B.F.O.E.



Hillery

Survivors include wife, Lenore Scheels Hillery, Winter Springs; sons, Charles, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ronnie, of New York; daughter, Shirley, Fort Lauderdale; brothers, Louis, Rochester, N.Y.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. at Morning Glory M.B. Church, East State Road 46, Sanford, with Rev. Andrew Evans, pastor, officiating.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

FANNIE MAY KEESER

Fannie May Keeser, 98, of Casselberry, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003. She was born July 20, 1905, in Sussex, N.J. She was a carpet weaver.

There are no living survivors. Services were held Dec. 21. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

HELEN BAILEY LUTZ

Helen Bailey Lutz, 85, Winchester, Va., formerly of Sanford, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003.

Survivors include sons, Rev. Glen Lutz, Emporia, Va., and Don Richard Lutz, Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Dec. 27 in Winchester, Va. Interment will follow at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the

Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1440 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill. 60607 or Zion Baptist Church, 63 Morgan Road, Emporia, Va., 23847.

Owen Funeral Home, Tarratt, Va., in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM R. MARTIN

William R. "Bill" Martin, 81, of Sanford, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at his residence. He was born March 15, 1922, in Webster, S.D. and moved to Central Florida in 1924. He was a machinist in motor repair. He was a Lutheran and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Starlighters Band.

Survivors include wife, Norma; sons, Perry and William, Jr.; daughters, Norma, Bonnie Heminger and Diane Graves; sister, Alice Aulede; brothers, Walt Nelson and John V. Martin; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held Dec. 23 at Oaklawn Park Cemetery in Lake Mary.

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

ESTHER C. MASINCOPP

Esther C. Masincopp, 80, of Orlando, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, in Orlando. She was born May 21, 1923, in Rockingham, Va. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters, Karen E. Huffman and Judy Huffard; son, Benny Huffman; eight grandchildren; four great-

grandchildren. Interment will be at Augusta Memorial Park, Fishersville, Va. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

WILLIE MAE ROUNDTREE

Willie Mae Roundtree, 70, East 21st Street, Sanford, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at Central Florida Regional Hospital. Born June 12, 1933, in Sanford, she was a lifelong resident. She was a seamstress and a member of New Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include son, Edwin Johnson, Apopka; daughter, Peggy Williams, Sanford; brothers, Preston Johnson, Jr. and Oney Johnson, both of Sanford; sisters, Annie



Roundtree

Viewing will be Friday, Dec. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary. Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. at New Zion P.B. Church, with Rev. Robert Whittaker, III, pastor, officiating.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

In Memoriam

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BUSINESS

Engineered Homes report record sales

Unlike November temperatures, sales activity for Engineered Homes showed no signs of cooling off.

A sizzling November aided by the continued success of its Buckingham Estate community near Heathrow rocketed Engineered Homes over the \$70 million sales plateau for the year's first 11 months.

According to Marketing Director Marilyn Anderson, the Winter Park-based home building company posted its best November to date with 39 home sales for \$8.4 million in volume at three Central Florida residential communities. Buckingham Estates, the company's flagship community across from Heathrow, posted \$1.2 million in sales volume.

For the January-November period, Engineered Homes has logged \$71.7 million in gross volume on 326 home sales — an average of \$217,391 per transaction, Anderson said.

The company already has posted more unit sales than it did all of last year (319) and just shy of the company's record \$72.8 million in volume posted for all of last year. Engineered Homes, with

communities in Lake, Seminole and Osceola counties, realized sizable jumps in both production and sales over October figures (30 for \$6.6 million), underscoring the vitality of the area's new home market, Anderson said.

"Normally, new home sales have a tendency to cool off during the year's fourth quarter but these haven't been normal times," Anderson said. "The housing market continues to be energized by low mortgage interest rates and buyers continue to take advantage."

November's \$8.4 million represented Engineered Homes' fourth highest in its 7-year history, even though it is operating with fewer communities and less inventory than years past.

The company was paced once again by its Mission Park and Brighton Lakes communities which combined for 35 of the 40 sales for \$7.2 million. Mission Park, located on U.S. Highway 27 near the Four Corners area in south Lake County, led the way with 21 sales for \$4.3 million. Brighton Lakes in Kissimmee, chalked up \$2.9 million on 14 sales.

Cuhaci & Peterson awarded contract for Gateway at Riverwalk

Cuhaci & Peterson Architects, recently were selected to produce construction drawings for condominiums overlooking Lake Monroe in Sanford.

Lonnie Peterson, co-founder and president of Cuhaci & Peterson, said Gateway at Riverwalk on Lake Monroe will include town homes, condominiums and unique mixed-use units that offer ground-floor office space with residences on the upper floors.

SunCor Investment, Inc. is the developer of Gateway at Riverwalk, a six-story 50-unit, multi-use building.

Tri-City wraps up work at Master's Academy

Allamonte Springs-based Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc. wrapped up electrical work on the Master's Academy Building 300 in Oviedo under a contract with R.C. Stevens Construction Company, Orlando. The 28,000-square-foot private school expansion is scheduled for completion in November 2003.

Florida's leader in electrical contracting, communications and service, Tri-City was founded in 1958 and has more than 1,100 employees statewide.

Stirling's Heathrow Showcase Center reports sales worth \$13.5M

Stirling International Realty reports that its Heathrow Real Estate Showcase Center negotiated the sales worth more than \$13.5 million for the month of November.

Anthony Bassile, managing

director of the Heathrow Real Estate Showcase Center said one sales associate — Jim Posey — negotiated sales of homes and land worth \$1,830,000.

Altogether, Bassile said five associates at the Heathrow sales center posted sales in excess of \$1 million during the month.

"Sales of luxury homes in exclusive communities have been stronger than ever and we anticipate the market will not diminish, even if interest rates begin increasing," said Bassile.

Altogether, Stirling International Realty projects it will negotiate sales of homes and commercial properties worth more than \$450 million this year.

Phoenix Home Services to launch new water softener

Phoenix Home Services, which opened in July to focus on sales and installations of pool heating systems, announced it will be expanding its product lines to include home water softener and reverse osmosis.

Skip West, founder and chief operating officer of the firm, said the product has a large appeal because the water in Central Florida is extremely hard and contains far too much chlorine.

West said a seminar was held recently at Phoenix offices in Sanford to teach Phoenix technicians how to install and maintain this product line.

"The benefits of the softener system are rather significant," said West, including the elimination of chlorine and providing better than bottle quality water.

Altogether, West said, he expects Phoenix to sell as

many as 600 softener systems in 2004.

West also reported that since the firm opened in July, Phoenix has sold and installed some 575 pool heating systems in the Orlando region for revenues of close to \$2 million.

erBello Ristorante Opens for Business in Lake Mary

erBello Ristorante & Bar, which features classical Italian regional cuisine in a casual, sophisticated setting, has opened in Pelloni's Park Place at Heathrow on County Road 46A in Lake Mary.

Enzo Perlini, who created the landmark Enzo's on the Lake in Longwood 20 years ago, said opening day was a resounding success.

"We saw many old friends and they are already new friends of erBello, Perlini said.

erBello is now open for luncheon service weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will serve dinner Mondays through Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. In addition, a bar menu is available Mondays through Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Stirling founder is star speaker in national teleconference

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling International Realty, Inc., was a featured speaker in a national teleconference with owners and managers of real estate companies throughout the United States and Canada recently. Soderstrom offered the group some timely hands-on advice: Get to work.

Soderstrom, who developed sophisticated, high-tech Real Estate Showcase centers at Heathrow, the Seminole Towne Center mall, Winter Park Village, Oviedo, downtown Orlando and Dr. Phillips, gave participants an insider's look at Stirling's operations, history and retail marketing strategies. The "tour" included the Stirling Web site, one of the most frequently-visited real estate portals in Florida.

But Soderstrom's biggest "wows" came when he detailed Stirling's December strategy.

"Typically, most real estate agents are taking mental vacations in December," said Soderstrom. "Typically, traffic is down and people have other things — good worthy things — on their minds. But if a client has a house on the mar-

ket, or wants to buy a home, that's important too. We are focusing on all our business at hand, and we expect to end December with record sales this year," he said.

The teleconference was sponsored by Hobbs-Herder, one of the largest and most active real estate marketing and management consulting firms in the United States.

Mercantile Commercial Capital relocates to Altamonte Springs

Mercantile Commercial Capital has relocated to larger offices in Altamonte Springs. Chris Hurn, president and chief executive officer of the commercial lending firm, said new space, in the Oasis office building off State Road 434 at 940 Centre Circle, Altamonte Springs, is four times the size of the firm's previous offices in the All Tel building in Maitland.

Hurn said Mercantile Commercial Capital is the only commercial mortgage lender in the area and the United States that focuses exclusively on SBA 504 commercial loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), which provides small business owners the capital to buy or build their own facility.

"For small business owners, SBA 504 is a major economic stimulus package, and we want to encourage every business that qualifies to look at the program," Hurn said.

Hurn said SBA 504 loans offer business owners who buy or build their own facility savings of up to 40 percent over the cost of leasing the same facility. Even better, with SBA 504 financing, small business owners can finance 90 percent of the total value of their facility plus closing costs at below-market rates with lengthy 25-year amortizations.

Cold Stone Creamery comes to Lake Mary

Cold Stone Creamery, the fastest-growing ice cream franchise in the nation, is making its Lake Mary debut Jan. 24.

Cold Stone Creamery's ice cream, frozen yogurt and sorbet are made fresh daily at each creamery. The newest creamery will be located at 944 Colonial Grand Lane in Colonial TownPark.

On its grand opening day, Cold Stone will hold a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Garden club plans two January events

Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club annual fundraiser Annual card/game party and luncheon will be held on Monday, Jan. 19, at Wekiva Presbyterian Church, 211 Wekiva Springs Lane (off Wekiva Springs Road). Participants organize their own table of players and bring their favorite game. There will be door prizes, raffles, and a silent auction. The proceeds will be used to support a scholarship fund for students pursuing a career in horticulture and the Wekiva Youth Camp. Tickets are \$15 (includes lunch). Call Sue at 407-772-4657 for tickets and information. Everyone is welcome.

Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club features Howell's 'Water Gardens' Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club will feature a program on Water Gardens by Diana Howell on Monday, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m. at Sweetwater Community Center, 810 Fox Valley Drive, Longwood. New and prospective members call Marilyn at 407-814-9482.

Club spreads holiday cheer to Good Samaritan Home



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins

The SPOKE Club held their regular monthly birthday party with the spirit of Christmas. The ladies held the Christmas Cheer hour for the residents of the Good Samaritan Home. The SPOKE Club members are shown presenting Christmas cheer baskets to Good Samaritan's Chairman Dorothea Fogle and Vice Chairman Phyllis Conklin.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Lake Mary, Florida, that said Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 8, 2004 and Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter as possible.

The City of Lake Mary proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 154.62 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED, "PO PROFESSIONAL OFFICE" TO ADD ART SCHOOLS; PROVIDING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public input on the proposed ordinance. The Commission may vote to approve the ordinance on first reading and schedule the ordinance for a second reading and final public hearing or deny said ordinance. The proposed ordinance will effect posting of properties regulations throughout the entire jurisdiction of Lake Mary.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection in the Community Development Office, Lake Mary Police Department, 165 E. Crystal Lake Avenue, Lake Mary, Florida, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., or you may call 407-585-1426 for information concerning these amendments.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Lake Mary Community Center at 260 N. Country Club Rd., Lake Mary. The public is invited to attend and be heard. Said hearing may continue from time to time until the Mayor and City Commission make a final decision.

NOTE: PERSONS ARE ADVISED THAT THE CITY MAKES A TAPED RECORD OF THIS MEETING FOR ITS CONVENIENCE. THIS RECORD MAY NOT CONSTITUTE AN ADEQUATE RECORD FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPEAL FROM A DECISION MADE BY THE CITY. ANY PERSON WISHING TO ENSURE THAT AN ADEQUATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MAINTAINED FOR APPELLATE PURPOSES IS ADVISED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AT HIS OR HER OWN EXPENSE.

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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY ADA COORDINATOR AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT 407-585-1424.

CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA

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Local religious leaders host a 'spiritual bakery'

A Merry Christmas from your correspondent Marva Y. Hawkins.

Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Historic St. James A.M.E. Church, where the Rev. Brenda Edge is pastor, under the direction of Vida Kennon, worship leader, 15 ministers and laymen prepared themselves as spiritual bakers to bake a spiritual fruit cake.

The ingredients needed for the cake were from the scriptures, the bowl, — the church; mixing/measuring spoon from the word, the sifter — the blood; the flour — the truth; baking powder — faith; salt — temperance; butter — peace; sugar — joy; eggs — love; milk — goodness; flavor; patience — fruit and nuts — hope; mixer used grace and mercy! Put it



Marva Hawkins

Special servings of blessings were served those in attendance, who received a slice of this spiritual fruit cake.

Thanks to Presiding Elder Leroy Kennon, Orlando District, St. Lawrence A.M.E. Church, Eatonville, Pastor Brenda Edge and the many pastors and churches who feasted on

in the pan of long suffering. Open the oven of the Holy Ghost after it's done and cooled. Put the icing on, slice and serve up eternal life.

the spiritual fruit cake.

Kwanzaa to begin Friday
Kwanzaa, a celebration of seven days for celebrating a family beginnings, will be Dec. 26. The celebration of Kwanzaa began in 1966 when Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga first conceived and celebrated the holiday.

The spirituality of the celebration embraces the African heritage; therefore, precluding connection with any particular religion, instead, it focuses on family and friends, a time of coming together and exchanging gifts.

Focusing on the practice of the Nguzo Saba, the seven principles; Unity (Umoja), Self Determination (Kujichagulia), collective work and responsibility

(Ujima), Purpose (Nia), collective economics (Ujamaa), creative (Kwimba) and Faith (Iman).

Kwanzaa is special. It advocates empowerment through unity and self reliance.

Crooms Academy classes to gather for march

The Crooms Academy Classes of 1931 through 1949 invite all Crooms graduates to gather Friday at the Zion Hope Baptist Church, Orange Avenue at East Eighth Street at 4 p.m. Classes will gather for the Class March for the Vesper Service, where the Rev. Dr. W. Frank Williams will deliver the message of the occasion.

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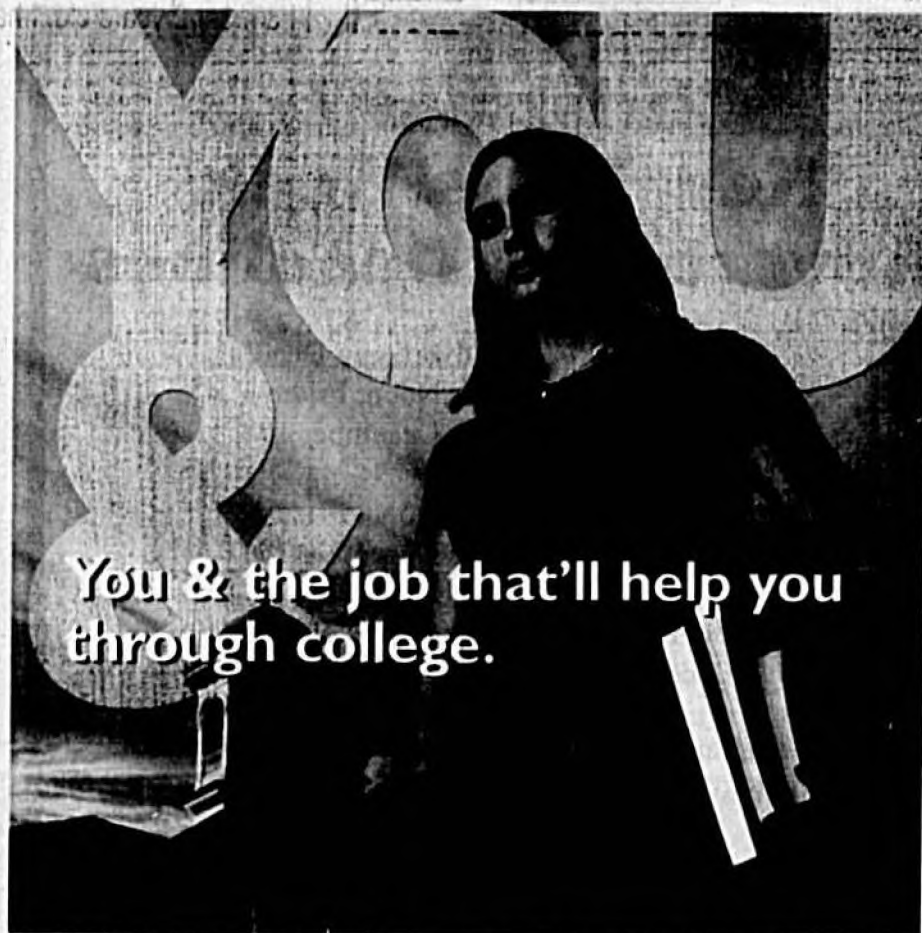
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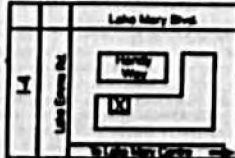
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Highway safety helping hands available this holiday season

By Nick Pfeiffaut
Staff Writer

There will be assistance available for these upcoming holidays. Organizations including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and AAA/Budweiser, are all planning to lend help wherever and whenever needed.

Before taking that holiday trip, the FDOT Road Rangers are reminding holiday travelers to set aside some time to perform routine maintenance checks on their vehicles before venturing onto Interstate 4. To avoid unnecessary delays and stress, the Road Rangers recommend checking the amount of fuel before taking to the road, maintaining the proper amount of air pressure in tires, checking automotive fluids, inspecting the vehicle belts for wear and having the battery checked.

Road Rangers travel the interstate and other major Central Florida roads, stopping for motorists in need of help. Uniformed Road Rangers are

equipped with first aid kits, cell phones, two-ton jacks, auto fluids and an air compressor.

Last year, Road Rangers assisted 1,002 drivers on I-4 between Dec. 20 and Jan. 1. Eighteen crew members with nine Road Ranger vehicles are dedicated to offering assistance almost 24 hours a day, on the stretch of I-4 that runs through Central Florida. While Road Rangers are generally not available Friday from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m., Saturday, beginning Dec. 28, they will officially become a 24-hour service 365 days a year.

In addition to Road Rangers, I-4 motorists also have the RTMC service. To avoid heavy traffic, dial 511 for real-time traffic conditions on I-4. The 511 traffic information line provides voice activated messages that are updated every 20 minutes, or immediately after incidents that affect traffic flow. The 24-hour service is free, although some cellular networks charge for minutes used.

For more information on the Road Rangers or 511, call

885-454-4884.

It should also be noted that all law enforcement agencies will be out and on the alert for drivers who may be under the influence of alcohol, or otherwise driving erratically.

AAA Auto Club South is also offering assistance for this holiday season. AAA and Budweiser are again launching Tow to Go. The program was created in 1998 to help fight drunk driving by offering a free ride home and a free tow to adults who may have overindulged. Last year's holiday season saw 1,254 potential drunk drivers saved by this program.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, drunk driving crashes killed 904 people in Florida in 2002.

Tow to Go is simple to use. Adults who need a ride home from bars or restaurants can call 1-800-AAA-HELP. AAA will dispatch a tow truck and take both the driver and vehicle home, free of charge.

Scooter

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"You hate to have to get into this but I also don't want our police officers or our EMTs called to a scene where a child has been run over," he added.

Other Longwood commissioners were reluctant to follow Bundy's suggestion.

"There are ways to go about this, but to blanket ban them may not be the way to go about it," said Mayor Dan Anderson.

The Longwood commission voted 4-to-1 in favor of the city attorney to do some research of possibly crafting an ordinance to strengthen state legislation for motorized scooters. The action passed despite reservations from other city leaders, including Commissioner Brian Sackett who voted against the measure.

"I don't think by banning them we're going to accomplish anything," he said.

Johnson said the city of Longwood has the right to pass an ordinance to ban scooters, but it doesn't necessarily make it right.

"There's a little bit of Barney Fife in some folks who want to impact these kids and that's fine," he said. "If the city leadership in Longwood says this is a priority and they want government to regulate motor scooters so be it. If that's important, then they can answer to their electorate with respect to what their priorities are, but a simple phone call would have clarified what he

did last year and what will continue to clarify in other places in the law this year is you don't need a driver's license or license plate for a kid's toy."

Bundy, along with Longwood police officials, have argued if the state law is opened to the scooters they can be driven on public streets and sidewalks. Currently, motorized scooters — electrical or gas — are only legal on private property.

"Going out there and making these things legal — the way we look at it — kind of puts kids in jeopardy," said Longwood Police Officer Herb Stewartson.

Stewartson adds that Johnson put nothing in the state statute that requires safety regulations for scooter riders.

"Basically you're just putting kids out there on a 30-mile-per-hour rocket with cars," he said. "That was one of the major, major concerns."

Longwood officers are currently responding to complaints about scooters, and if they see one in operation, they are to stop and inform the rider of the law.

"Our officers have their discretion to whether or not they are going to issue a citation," Stewartson said. "They are fully capable to give warnings. If they see someone that repeatedly violates the

statutes, they may in fact issue a citation."

To give a ticket to a seven-year-old scooter rider is the reason the law change was made in the first place, Johnson said. The law had not kept up with technology so deputies across the state were giving citations to children riding the scooters to school, he added.

"What I recommend for those city leaders that feel state government is thrusting themselves upon them is to go ahead and take the time to read the words, and they can see very clearly what we are doing is a very common sense thing," Johnson said. "A kid's toy should not have to have a motor vehicle license to drive it."

Johnson said as far as the state mandating scooter use on public roads, the city can do whatever it wants.

"If the city wants to create a law that says these types of vehicles can't be driven on the sidewalk or that can't be driven in the streets without a helmet, there is nothing in this law that precludes that," he said. "All we are doing is very clearly stating what ought to be obvious to the most casual observer, that is these little electric or gas driven, slow-moving vehicles you should not have a driver's license nor should they be a registered vehicle to operate them."

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CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the 9 winners and thanks to all the children who participated.

Prizes were awarded in three categories. First place \$15, Second Place \$10, Third Place \$5



Also, Jared Anderson 2nd place.

Seminole Herald Christmas Coloring Contest Winners were front row left to right. 1st Place Bryan Dickey, Matthew Baker, Trevor Bledsoe. Back row left to right. Jordan Sechrest 3rd place, Carli Nunn 2nd place, Samantha Benton 2nd place, Aidan Valente 3rd place.

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Main Street

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"I think Main Street could certainly come back some day," said Mayor Brady Lessard. "I think right now the Colonel (Grieshaber) makes a point we have no other choice to carry on without Main Street as a functioning body right now."

Sanford Main Street President Bill Kirchhoff said the board met last Monday and decided that closing its doors would be the best route. It will be the last Sanford Main Street board meeting, and it could be up to the city if the organization returns.

"If the city wants to go forward with the Main Street program maybe next year by then we will be willing to take a look and see what we can do," he said.

Kirchhoff said the city had just about taken over

the functions of the organization, such as planning special events and the design and revitalization of the downtown, before it decided to close.

"The other thing that a Main Street organization is supposed to work with is support from the city, and the city decided not to support Main Street financially," he said.

Another sore spot for Main Street organizers was the city's denial to waive special event costs for the group. During the application process for its annual St. Patrick's Day event last March, Sanford Main Street organizers asked the city to waive about \$3,000 in special event fees. The city denied the request.

"You can't keep going and asking people for money to put on events when you

can't put on an event because it costs more money than you'll ever get in," Kirchhoff said.

Sanford, however, has continually went back and forth on the issue of waiving special event fees as it did a gain Monday night. The city waived about \$800

of insurance costs for a foundation walk/run downtown as it has in the past for

"I think it's disappointing that there's a group of volunteers that have dedicated hours and hours getting Main Street up and running and doing well with it for many years."

Brady Lessard
City of Sanford Mayor

other non-profit events such as the Sanford Chamber of Commerce Mardi Gras celebration. According to Commissioner Art Woodruff, Main Street was the first nonprofit organization to be charged the special event fees.

"I think Main Street got caught in the middle of that, obviously because they were doing a lot of events," said Woodruff, who is a former

board member of Sanford Main Street.

Despite the financial concerns, ultimately the demise of Sanford Main Street could be because of the leadership, said Bob Parsell, a former president of Sanford Main Street.

"I think that the recent leadership has not been looking to the future of Sanford and looking more to the past," he said. "It's unfortunate and I don't know if you can place blame on anyone particularly, but things happened with funding that hurt them."

Parsell, along with three other CRA board members, voted in April to yank the \$62,500 contract from Sanford Main Street just two weeks after it was signed. The CRA board reportedly expressed discontent that the organization had failed

to take a position on proposed First Street renovations. Part of the contract included that Sanford Main Street build consensus for CRA projects.

"I think there is a place for Main Street it's just trying to get the right people and the right vision of the board," Parsell said.

Along with Parsell, Lessard said he was disappointed that Main Street was folding.

"I think it's disappointing that there's a group of volunteers that have dedicated hours and hours getting Main Street up and running and doing well with it for many years," Lessard.

"I think the volunteers kind of got together and said lets take a break and take some time off. There was a little bit of infighting that went on I think."

Muffin

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Another Bush, Columbia, said, "This recipe is evidence of that great Southern cooking that has made Florida famous."

Lynne Cheney's reply stated, "I am looking forward to sampling the red, white, and blue."

The letters are proudly displayed in Andrews' kitchen because, as she puts it, "They are about a recipe, and I make recipes in my kitchen."

These colorful muffins are not only for the rich and famous. Andrews takes them to parties and gives them to neighbors.

"It strikes a chord," Andrews commented. "Many people like to putter around the kitchen when worried."

As her three dogs ran around her house, which is decorated with the colors of our country, Andrews said, "It is a way of showing that leaders are interested. I wanted to show the lighter side of patriotism. Not everything has to be crunchingly serious."

Recipe for Patriotic Muffins

1/2 stick margarine
3/4 cup white granulated sugar
1 jumbo egg
1/2 cup buttermilk
3/4 cup Florida orange juice
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
1/2 cup cornmeal
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1 16 ounce bag frozen blueberries
1 12 ounce bag frozen raspberries
Beat the sugar with the margarine, then beat in the egg, buttermilk, orange juice and orange peel. Add the flours, stirring until just mixed. Carefully stir in the frozen fruit.
Using a 1/3 measuring cup, put the mixture into muffin paper-lined muffin pans and bake at 400 degrees for 23 minutes.
Yield: 24 muffins.

Washington

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to construct a turn around on the property, but after a year, the design would be looked at again. If residents didn't like the outcome, the city would be willing to reconstruct the property so it would connect with Cedar Ridge Lane.

Some residents lobbied commissioners Monday to connect the Drew Avenue with the new Cedar Hills subdivision while others lobbied for it to remain a dead end. Commissioners were inclined to grant the neighborhood's wishes either way the majority of the community desired.

"I'm open to either one,"

said Commissioner Randy Jones. "This really is a neighborhood issue."

One informal petition submitted Oct. 31 by Janet Bell carried 16 signatures from Drew Avenue residents in support of the street to be connected. However, a survey conducted by Commissioner Art Woodruff, netted responses from 25 of the 31 homes on Drew Avenue with more than 70 percent in support of a turn around and only six residents favoring the streets connecting.

"We had a couple community meetings and we invited our commissioner to come out," said resident James Davis. "Never during those two community meetings did any of these people that are opposed to the turn around bring the issue up. The reason I assume that they didn't bring the issue to the table because if they did it would have been a resounding 'no' we do not want the street to go through."

City staff suggested the road go through on the premise the property purchased from the developer wasn't wide enough to accommodate a cul-de-sac. With the narrow property, staff will have to design a hammerhead or T-style turn around,

which the city does not have standards for either.

"We tried to accommodate everybody's wishes out there, but it comes down there doesn't seem there's enough property to it properly," said City Manager Al Grieshaber.

Many of the residents living directly at the Drew Avenue dead end supported opening the road up to through traffic.

"What we are faced with — us that live down in there (near the dead end) — is there are people on Drew Avenue that will bring their trash to the dead end," Bell said. "There were trucks, cars left there. Drugs, alcohol used there. People around the corner didn't see these things. We saw these things."

"I'm not up here to divide my neighborhood, we're just tired of looking at it," she added.

However, with his survey results Woodruff said he couldn't support connecting Drew Avenue to the new subdivision when the majority of the residents appear to want the road to remain a dead end.

"When I have this big of a majority in a neighborhood that are saying 'make it a turnaround,' that's what I feel we have to go with here," he said.

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RAW INJURED

One Jacksonville State University softball player was killed and another critically injured in an automobile accident on their way home to Florida for the holidays. Tera Marie Ross, 22, a native of Cooper City, was killed when the 2000 Ford Explorer she was driving on the Florida turnpike crossed the median and collided head-on with a north-bound 2002 Volvo freight truck, according to Florida Highway Patrol officials.

Ross' brother, Zachary Ryan Ross, 20, and a fellow softball player, Kelly Melissa Raw, 18, of Oviedo, were passengers in the Explorer. They were flown to Orlando Regional Medical Center in critical condition, investigators said.

Zach Ross was released from the hospital late Wednesday night and Raw remains in the hospital in stable condition.

Raw, a freshman pitcher for the Gamecocks, earned the Orlando Sentinel's Seminole County Player of the Year for her efforts on the Oviedo High School softball team.

The collision ruptured one of five cases of blasting caps that were being taken from Orlando to Eglin Air Force Base in the Florida Panhandle.

SOCCER MADE FUN

Soccer Made Fun is taking sign-ups now for boys and girls in grades Pre-K to 5th. Written soccer curriculum that builds confidence and enjoyment through skills and fun games.

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Please contact George Sasvari at 407-772-7782 or go to www.utisoccer.com.

WINTER HOLIDAY BASEBALL CAMP

Ron Golden's Baseball School will host a Winter Holiday Baseball Camp from December 27-30, at Eastmonte Park in Altamonte Springs.

This Camp is for participants in grades 5-12. Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, and costs \$250 per player (includes instruction, lunch and t-shirt).

Staff for the "Fun in the Sun" Winter Holiday Camp includes Ron Golden (Director), Scott Cursi (Tampa Bay Devil Rays Staff), Steve Golden (Cincinnati Reds Scout), Tony Rydelek (Winter Springs Coach), Eric Golden (Former Captain at University of Central Florida), Even Genking (Minot St. N.D. Coach) and others!

The registration form and medical waiver form are available online at www.collegebaseball-exposure.com. For more information or to make reservations, please call Ron Golden's Baseball School at 614-236-8141.

BOWL PARKING

ClickandPark.com has announced its collaboration with Florida Citrus Sports that will reduce headaches and alleviate excessive traffic congestion for the 2004 Capital One Bowl being held January 1.

ClickandPark.com, an online parking and traffic management system, allows event attendees to See Briefs, Page 11

Excellent homecoming for Layer

Special to the Herald

DeLAND — This past week was quite a nice homecoming for Colorado State basketball coach Dale Layer, who has numerous ties to the area.

When the Rams visited the Edmunds Center last Saturday, he got to glance at the rafters and see his father's retired Stetson game jersey and also visit with his sister, a teacher at Lake Mary High School.

Also in the audience was his father, Rich Layer, now a retired Florida teachers' union executive. He played three seasons — 1954-57 — for Stetson and was co-captain of the 1956-57 team that finished 17-8. The

Colorado State sweeps pair of Florida games

1955-56 squad holds the Hatters' scoring average record of 90.4 points per game.

It was Rich's older brother, Bud, who brought the Layers to DeLand. Bud, the former Seminole County Superintendent of Schools and Seminole High School basketball coach who passed away last week, played basketball at Hanover (Ind.) College and came to Florida to be a

Stetson assistant.

"I guess my most interesting memory of basketball at Stetson was being a teammate of Ted Cassidy, who played Lurch the butler on the Addams Family on TV," Rich said with a chuckle.

After graduating from Stetson, Rich coached baseball at Mainland and later basketball at New Smyrna Beach.

Dale, now 44, has been head coach at Colorado State since 2000. Prior to that, he spent two seasons there as an assistant coach and was head coach of Queens College in Charlotte, N.C., for nine seasons.

After playing basketball at St. Johns River Community College in Palatka and Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, he also got his coaching start as an assistant to Jim Harley for seven seasons at Eckerd and was instrumental in recruiting Sanford's Bernard Merthic to play for the Tritons.

Last year, Dale's Rams were the Cinderella team of the Mountain West Conference. They won the conference See College, Page 11

Bears tame Tigers

Hodges garners MVP honors

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

It's beginning to look like Winter Springs' Brett Hodges is going to have quite a decision on his hands.

But at least he has another year to sort it out.

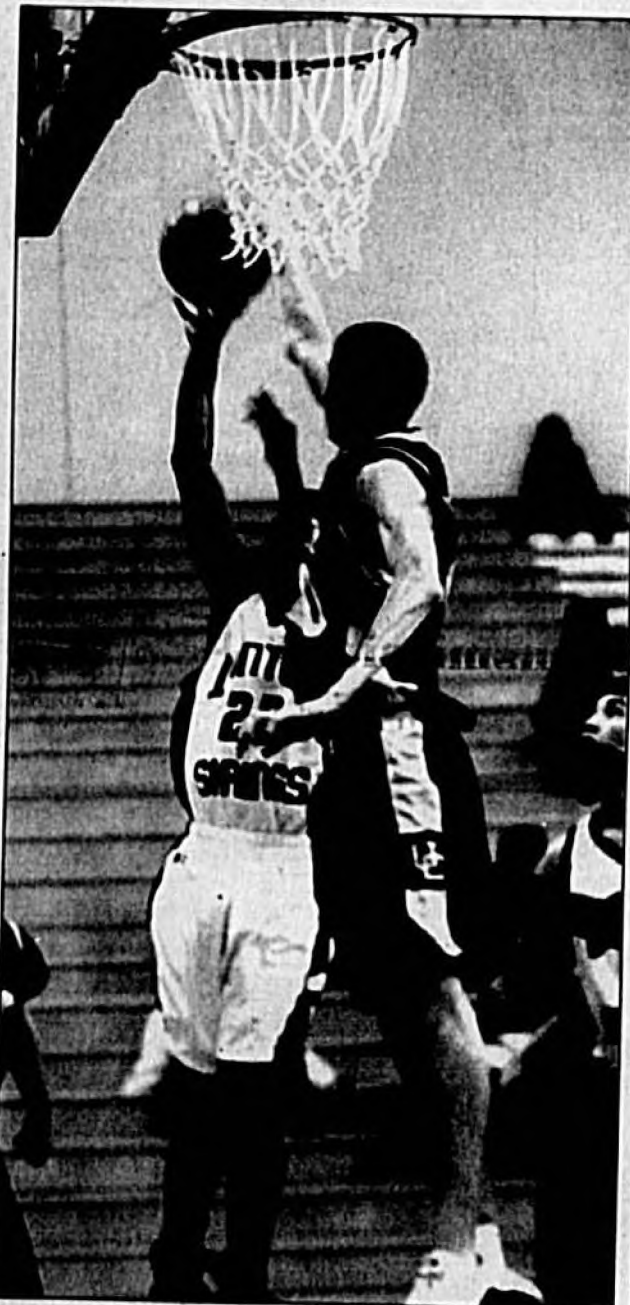
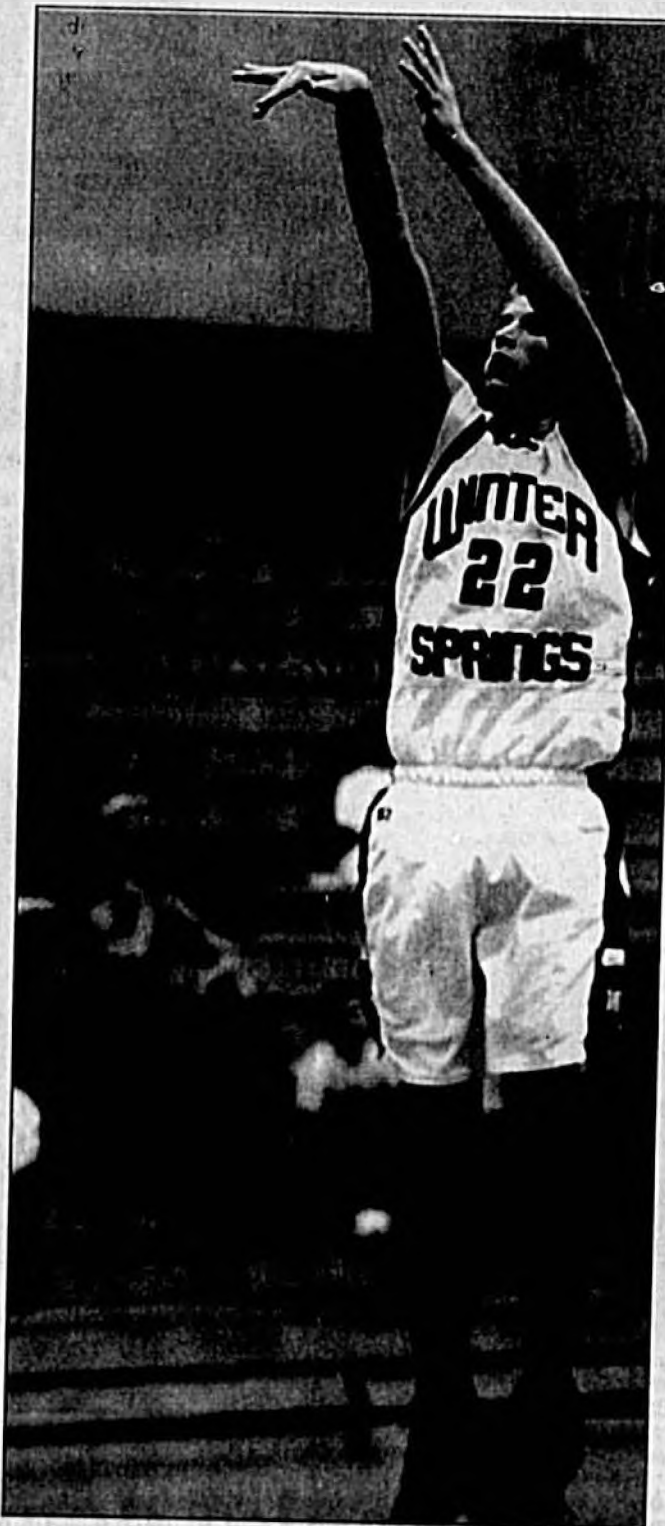
The Bears junior was a standout at quarterback for the regional qualifying football team and most experts figure he will be a highly sought after commodity next fall.

But after his performance so far this season on the hardwood, capped by an amazing Most Valuable Player performance in this past weekend's Winter Springs PAL Holiday Classic, the 6-foot-2 guard's home phone is going to be busy.

Winter Springs ran its record to 8-1 with a powerful three-game sweep to claim the trophy against a strong field in the PAL.

The Bears opened the tournament by beating Merritt Island 74-30 Thursday with Jared Benton leading the Bears with 22 points and Jeff Owens tacking on 10 points and 13 rebounds.

That earned the hosts a shot at University Christian from Jacksonville, which beat Astronaut 66-61 to remain See Bears, Page 11



Herald photos by Jim Wentz

Most Valuable Player Brett Hodges (left) tossed in a career-high 43 points and fellow junior Jared Benton (shooting over a University defender, above) scored 18 points and was named to the All-Tournament Team as the host Bears (8-1) crushed previously unbeaten Cocoa High (5-1), 87-52, in the Championship Game of the 1st annual Winter Springs PAL Holiday Classic at Winter Springs High School this past weekend.



Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Sophomore Natalie Emmanuelli (shown driving against Johnson County Community College) scored 19 points and handed out five assists to lead Seminole Community College to its 10th victory of the season, a come-from-behind, 74-67, triumph over St. Clair County Community College from Michigan Friday night at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

Raider women claim 10th win of the year

By Craig Johnson
Special to the Herald

SANFORD — The Seminole Community College women's basketball team claimed its second win in as many days over an out-of-state opponent with a 74-67 victory over St. Clair County Community College from Michigan last Friday at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center, but it was far from easy.

Raiders head coach Lisa Nuxol has to be feeling great after the back-to-back wins gave her squad 10 victories on the season and it was the defense once again that played a key factor in its most recent win.

SCC (10-5) harassed the Skippers (6-3) into 29 turnovers and every one was important as St. Clair nearly blew the hosts out of their own gym by opening the game by scoring the first 14 points and only allowing one shot attempt in the first two-and-a-half minutes of the game.

The Raiders seemed to be unable to get motivated after Thursday's exciting win over Johnson County Community College from Kansas and looked to be in for a long night.

Lake Mary's Bryn Mosler finally got SCC on the board at the 15:40 mark by hitting one of two free throws, but the Skippers answered with a field goal to take a 16-1 advantage.

But the game quickly turned around as Kirsten Harris finally got a Raider field goal with a rebound basket and Mosler found Emmanuelli open for one of her three three-point shots on the night to cut the lead to single digits at 16-7.

A transition jumper by Jennifer Anderson cut the lead another two points, but St. Clair answered with five points, the final three on a trey from Jessica Volz to make the score 21-9.

But Nuxol called two straight well-designed plays that freed-up Harris for jumpers at the foul line, which was followed by an easy fast-break basket from Rosanna Davis on a find from Emmanuelli and then a dish from Davis to Abena "Bo Bo" Bosia got the Raiders within two at 21-19.

SCC then took its first lead when Winter Springs' Missy Guadagnino hit Anderson for a three and a 22-21 lead.

The Raiders then added six more points to take a 28-26 lead with 6:50 left in the half. See SCC, Page 11

FWC launches new web page for outdoors enthusiasts

Special to the Herald

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has added a new section to its Web site to help outdoors enthusiasts find recreational activities on the state's wildlife management areas. The section will be activated on Jan. 1.

Whether it is hunting, fishing, birdwatching, paddling, horseback riding or other outdoor pursuits, Florida's wildlife management areas provide more than 5 million acres of land for people to get outside and play.

"The Web pages can be explored by area of the state or by outdoor activity," said Lora Silvanima, FWC's recreation specialist. "You'll be quickly linked to the details of recreation oppor-

tunities on individual wildlife management areas, as well as information on each area's wildlife, natural habitats and history."

To access the section beginning Jan. 1, visit <http://floridaconservation.org> and click on Outdoor Recreation.

WILDLIFE OFFICIALS NEED INFORMATION ON DEAD BEAR

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) needs help from the public with any information about a black bear that was shot and killed, and then dumped off a dirt lane late Monday in the Summerfield area of south Marion County. Someone had cut off all of its feet.

A citizen notified the FWC about 10 a.m.,

Tuesday, after finding the mutilated, 150-pound female bear in a ditch between Sunset Harbor Road and SE 135th St., just east of the railroad tracks. Bears are rarely seen in the Summerfield area and investigators believe this bear was killed somewhere else and then dumped in the ditch.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 1-888-404-3922. The line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers may remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if their information leads to an arrest.

ANONYMOUS TIP LEADS TO ARREST OF POACHER

A tip from a concerned

citizen led to the arrest Sunday of a Pierson man for killing a doe deer out of season. The anonymous caller said the man tried to give away the freshly killed doe deer to patrons at a bar near Astor early Sunday.

Matthew Raymond Jarnagin, 40, (DOB 3/9/63), of 109 Old Bubby Road, was charged with the first degree misdemeanor of possessing/taking a doe deer, and if convicted faces possible penalties of up to 1 year in jail, \$1,000 fine, three year suspension of hunting privileges, and forfeiture of equipment involved in the crime (truck and ATV).

The anonymous caller reported the incident to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission (FWC) Ocala office Sunday afternoon. He said the man had brought the dead deer to the bar in the early morning hours in the back of his pickup truck and tried to give it away. Lt. Jeff Gier and Officer Chris Creese used the information provided by the caller and tracked down Jarnagin as he was in the process of dumping the deer carcass in an area off Old Bubby Road later that afternoon.

They wrote him a citation with notice to appear in Volusia County court.

FWC OFFERING GRANTS FOR NONGAME WILDLIFE

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is soliciting applications for the

Nongame Wildlife Grants Program.

The program provides competitive grants for research, management and education projects that support conservation of Florida's nongame wildlife species. It is open to state and local agencies, educational facilities, organizations and individuals.

Projects should address one of the general areas of interest outlined in the program guidelines and must include a clear statement of the anticipated benefits to nongame species in Florida. Awards vary based on available funding and project duration but typically do not exceed \$20,000 per year.

Applicants must submit proposals by 5 p.m. Feb. 20, 2004.



Herald photos (right) by Tommy Vincent and Jim Wentz. Left photos courtesy of Lake Mary High Yearbook Staff.

Lauren Horwath (top left, seated center), Meghan Chamberlain (top right, seated center), Caitlin Mahoney (lower left, seated center) and Angie Pressey (lower right, No. 11) all signed NCAA Division I National Letters-of-Intent during the early signing period in late November.

Lake Mary quintet make decisions on future

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

The national early signing period was quite productive for Lake Mary High School athletes as four young ladies signed NCAA Division I Letters-of-Intent.

Signing softball grants were Caitlin Mahoney and Lauren Horwath, Meghan Chamberlain inked a basketball scholarship and three-sport star Angie Pressey took a volleyball offer.

Mahoney was one of seven players Michigan State softball coach Jacquie Joseph signed to National Letters of Intent for the 2005 season.

Amanda Carlson, Heidi Charon, Nikki Nicosia, Traci Nicosia, Lesley Noel and Amy Serota were the others who will become Spartans next year. Three of the seven are Michigan natives, three are from Florida and one is from Illinois.

"This is a very good class," said Joseph. "In two years we will have turned over every starter on our team so the pressure to sign a strong, talented class this year was immense. We feel fortunate to have been able to meet all our needs. All seven are academically strong, and have very good test scores and grades."

Mahoney is a shortstop/third baseman, who will be returning 'home.' Her parents, Tom and Lois Mahoney, are graduates of Michigan State's college of business.

Mahoney is three-year letterwinner for the Rams and was named all-state honorable

mention in softball in 2003. She is also a three-time all-conference and all-county selection in softball (2001, 2002, 2003) and is a two-time offensive player of the year at Lake Mary. She hit .447 as a freshman, .427 as a sophomore and .300 as a junior and has 15 doubles, seven triples, eight home runs and 60 RBI during her career for coach Jeannie Fisher.

She also hit .386 this summer for the Clearwater Lady Bombers, with 19 doubles, three triples and six home runs as the team won the 2003 National Pony Championship. The team also finished third at the 2000 ISA Nationals.

"Caitlin has tremendous experience at the club level and has played shortstop for a very good ASA team in the Clearwater Lady Bombers," said Joseph. "She hits with excellent power and can play either shortstop or third base well."

Two of her new teammates, twins Nikki and Traci Nicosia, are from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale and are the daughters of former major league player Steve Nicosia.

Horwath, a hard-hitting lefthanded first baseman, signed with Jacksonville State University out of Alabama.

She is a standout on defense as well as with the bat and hit .324 with 16 RBI as a junior.

Chamberlain was one of four players signed by University of North Carolina at Greensboro head women's basketball coach Lynne Agee.

Kristen Boone, Kemena Brooks and Jasmine Dixon also signed National Letters of Intent to

play for the Spartans next season.

"We feel that this is one of our best recruiting classes ever at UNCG," said Agee.

Chamberlain, a 6-foot-1 center, has gotten off to a fantastic start in leading the Rams to a 10-0 start and the No. 2 State Ranking in the FSWA Class 6A State Poll.

She averaged a double-double with 12 points per game and 10 rebounds per game as a junior at Lake Mary.

As the team captain for the past three seasons, she has led coach Carl Brown's Rams to an 86-10 mark during that time. An all-conference performer the past two seasons, Chamberlain guided her high school squad to two district championships and a Final Four appearance in 2002.

"Meghan (Chamberlain) is a strong center who can run the floor," said Agee. "She is a banger inside and can finish strong on the break."

The No. 9 nationally ranked University of California women's volleyball program has signed a pair of highly touted high school players - Angie Pressey and Ellen Orchard - to National Letters of Intent. It was announced by Golden Bear head coach Rich Feller.

Pressey is a 5-foot-8 outside hitter from Heathrow, and is the daughter of former Villanova and NBA player Paul Pressey, who is currently an assistant coach with the Orlando Magic.

An outstanding athlete in basketball and track as well as volleyball at Lake Mary, She was an All-Central Florida pick in volleyball

as a junior and set a school record with 405 kills in a season. In November, she was a Student Sports All-PowerBar Team Athlete of the Week for the Southeastern United States with 84 kills during the Trinity Prep Invitational.

In track, Pressey has won several SAC conference and district titles and has bests of 19-feet in the long jump, 38-feet, 1-inch in the triple jump, 11.85 in the 100 meters and 24.5 in the 200 meters.

And in basketball she has joined with Chamberlain in leading the Rams to a perfect 10-0 start.

Pressey once lived near the Cal campus for a couple of years when her father - who was a member of the 1985 NCAA champion Villanova Wildcats - was a player coach and an assistant for Golden State from 1992-94. Angie Pressey is also friends with Cal's current setter, freshman Samantha Carter, who hails from Apopka.

"This is an outstanding recruiting class for us," said Feller. "Angie is surely one of the best all-around athletes to ever come into our program. She has tremendous jumping ability and is a powerful hitter. She has finely honed defensive skills as well."

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CHRISTMAS DAY
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST.....10:00 A.M.
Come Join Us In Celebrating The Birth of Jesus, Our Savior



St. Albans Anglican Cathedral
TRADITIONAL EPISCOPAL

Christmas Eve / Christmas Schedule
Wednesday, December 24
7:00 PM Family Eucharist (Nursery provided)
11:00 PM Solemn High Mass (Incense)
Thursday, December 25
10:00 AM Sung Eucharist

3348 W. SR 426 (Aloma Ave.)
(1/4 Mile off Greenway SR 417 going East)
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1928 Book of Common Prayer



Markham Woods Presbyterian Church

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Lake Mary, FL 32748
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Christmas Eve Services

4:30 p.m. - The Christmas Pageant - Family Services
The children & youth are involved in the beauty of this Christmas event. (Nursery is provided)

7:00 p.m. - The Joy of Christmas
A service of music featuring the Chancel Choir, organ and violin with a Living Nativity presentation by the youth.
Candlelight Services

11:00 a.m. - Communion by Candlelight
The sanctuary will be filled with candlelight as we hear the Christmas message & celebrate communion.
Music by soloists, violin and organ. At midnight we give thanks by candlelight for the Coming of Christ.

Violinist Lev Gurevich brings his beautiful music to the two evening services

Regular Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.