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Holiday Hoops

Lake Mary High School will be hosting a stellar field at its Annual Holiday Basketball Classic starting next Monday.

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Injured police officer at home resting foot

Longwood motorcycle police officer Trafton

Patrick nearly lost his life last week when he was patrolling U.S. Highway 17-92.

The Sanford resident was side swiped by a vehicle making an illegal U-turn when he was in pursuit of a speeder.

gal U-turn when he was in pursuit of a speeder on U.S Highway 17-92 near Dog Track Road.

Travelling at speeds estimated to be about 78 mph, Trafton was riding his Longwood police motorcycle with his emergency lights activated.

According to

According to Longwood Police Chief Tommy Jackson, the vehicle made a U-turn to the far right-hand lane and then moved to the center lane as the driver realized he had cut-off another driver. he sudden move by the driver gave six-year Longwood police veter-an Patrick little time to

"It's the cost of the "It's the cost of the business as they sometimes asy," Jackson said. "If you're going to catch a speeder, you have to speed to catch him."

He suffered several skin abrasions and

severely injured foot.

"As far as the injury,
he was very fortunate,"

Jackson said.

Patrick was released from the hospital last Saturday and is resting at his Sanford home. He is expected to be out for five weeks, and it may be three months until he patrals aboard a motorpatrols aboard a motorcycle again.

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Christmas

The Forest of Lake Mary decorates Christmas tree in honor of troops



homemade red, white and blue omaments, residents from the 313-home neighborhood trimmed the Christmas

tree Nov. 28.
Helping with the decorating process atop the ladder is (right)
Torn Moore. While some residents trimmed the tree, oth-ers such as (bottom, right) Pat Duffy attached hooks to the omaments for hanging on the tree.

As part of the U.S.-inspired Christmas decorating, Residents also collected Items to be sent to troops in







Help from state legislator is on the way for adult arcades

By Christopher Patton Managing Editor

SANFORD — Adult arcades have attracted the attention of Tallahassee officials including a state senator who promises to take action during the upcom-ing legislative session.

Since August, municipalities in Seminole County have fought to keep out the "mini casinos" after several of the establishments popped up in Volucia County.

Volusia County. Senator Lee Constantine (R-Altamonte Springs) vowed Monday at the annual Seminole County Legislative Delegation public meeting to take the prob-

lem local governments have been wrestling with to Tallahassee.

"I've been reading about this in newspapers, and I think everyone of us understand the difficulty in this," he said. "I think we need to also think how we can restrict this if this is how they as setting the came's nose they're getting the camel's nose in the tent."

Area municipalities started taking notice of the businesses when Sanford commissioners when Santord commissioners approved an emergency moratorium Aug. 29 for all amusement-related businesses to block a proposed arcade at 207 Magnolia Ave., next to the Helen Stairs Theatre in the city's historic downtown. Seminole County, Longwood, Jake Mary and Casselberry joined Sanford in placing a moratorium on the businesses.

Last month, Sanford was the first city to move beyond the temporary ban as city leaders approved an ordinance to regulate adult arcades. Similar to the city's ordinance on adult entertainment establishments, the new law restricts the arcades to certain areas in the city and the businesses are required to meet rigid standards, such as distance from schools and churches.

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Longwood leader seeks scooter ban

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.

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The bill passed, however, it was determined by Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist earlier this year that there was still other state statues that require the need of a driver's license for operating a scorter. 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

ferent approach in trying to ban them separate from the state statue," Longwood Commissioner Butch Bundy

proposed to his fellow com-missioners at a recent city

meeting.
"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 commis-sioners were relucant to fol-low 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

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'

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Lyman, Oviedo schools to march at Sugar Bowl

By Sabrina Helse Herald Correspondent

LONGWOOD - Even though Florida college foot-ball teams were knocked out of the running, another lesser known Central Florida team 70th Annual Nokia

Sugar Bowl Football Classic in New Orleans.

In January when Oklahoma and LSU battle it out for the BCS National Championship,
Longwood's
Lyman High School
Band will perform
in front of a sold out
Louisiana Superdome in both

a pre-game performance and during its halftime show.

Lyman was selected, along with 20 other high school bands across the nation, to perform at the championship game after an application process that included a taped audio audition and discussions are recording the look and sions regarding the look and style of the band. Lyman has the honor of being only one

of two Florida bands to be chosen this year, the other being the Oviedo High School Band.

Led by band director Bill Muse and band drum major and trumpet player Matt Masten, the approxi-

band will perform America Fanfare" for the pre-game show and a "Superstition Medley" for its big half-time per-

When asked about how prac-tices for the show

are going. Muse said "We have a lot of good kids who are practicing really hard and are very excited about going."

All of that practicing might

not seem so hard in compari-son to the other work that band members have been putting in to just get to the game. In order to fund their trip to New Orleans, band

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Lake Mary commission backs SCC's state funding cry

By Christopher Patton Managing Editor

SANFORD - Like a rock group touring the nation peddling its newest album release, Seminole Comm-unity College (SCC) President E. Ann McGee and other college officials have been on the circuit of local governments and organiza-

At stake is much more than a hit single, but the future of the Sanford-based education institution and its 35,000 students. From the Lake Mary City Commission meeting Dec. 4 to the Seminole County Legislative Delegation Monday, SCC officials are asking for more that a funding and more

officials are asking for more state funding and, more importantly, equity.

The college has plenty of facts to support its case as it often passes out a 10-question "pop quiz" to the audience as it makes it presentation on its dire fiscal situation. The most glaring two facts are SCC is the fastest-growing community college growing community college in Florida the past five years, but it ranks last out of 28

community colleges in the state for funding.

"It's not a good situation," McGee said. "It's at the criti-cal point."

By making the rounds to local governments, McGee is drumming up support for her cause. Her ultimate goal is to have elected officials and business leaders lead the fight to persuade the state legislature for a bigger piece of the funding pie. "What we are hoping for, and may I be so bold that we

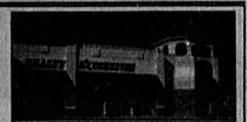
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SCC President E. Ann McGee (left), Debble Clements of the SCC Foundation and Sid Miller, chairman of the SCC Board of Trustees prepare before speaking to the Seminole County Legislative Delegation.



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scooters, but it doesn't neces-sarily 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 loy."

Bundy, along 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

"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

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

Longwood officers are cur-

rently responding to complaints about scooters, and if they see one in operation, they are to stop and inform the rider 'Our officers have their dis-

cretion 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

To give a ticket to a seven-year-old scooter rider is the reason the law change was

made in the first place, Johnson sald. 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 helen in the streets without a hel-met, there is nothing in this law that precludes that," he said. "Ail 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."

done it," Muse explained.

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members became full-fledged

entrepreneurs as they

washed cars, mowed yards,

and even sold Christmas

trees in an effort to raise

needed cash. The city of Longwood even pitched in \$9,000 to defray the cost of

"You name It and we've

The band director helped students raise the money they needed by matching them with residents who came up with tasks for the students to do in exchange for trip money. According to Muse, those tasks included everything from babysitting to pressure washing houses and

weeding yards.
"Most of the students have
now raised the money they
needed for the trip, but we still have a few that I'm working to help match up with jobs," he said.

With the students working hard both on and off the "playing field" the Lyman Itigh School Band will surely have a cheering section of its own as band members start the New Year off on a high note with their bowl performance.

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The Lyman High School Band was one of 20 bands from around the country to be selected to perform at the Nokla Sugar Bowl Jan. 4.

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Winter Springs could be the next city to pass a similar measure as Sanford. Commissioners directed the city attorney to draft an ordinance that regulates adult arcades for their first meeting in 2004.

"It's a proactive approach rather than a reactive approach," said Anthony Garganese, Winter Springs city

Despite the controversy the adult ancades have stirred in Seminole County, operators of the casino-like establishments contend their businesses are legal for several reasons. While state law prohibits gambling, Florida statute 849,161 created an exemption for popular child-oriented arcades such as Chuck E. Cheese. The "Chuck E. Cheese" statute allows an amusement center to operate games of skill by means of the insertion of a coin, and it allows persons playing the game to receive prizes not exceeding a

"No one thought at that the time that the exception would be applied to gambling," Casselberry Mayor Bruce Provorost told the Seminole Legislative Delegation. "Our recommendation is make a change to the law for adult arcades using this loophole."

The adult arcades use this

exemption to their advantage as their gaming machines, which resemble slot machines, pay off in tickets that can be redeemed for gift cards, coupons and other prizes, and allegedly require adil — not chance — to

"They (arcade owners) claim the fact that a player must push a button, sometimes labeled with the word "skill," to stop the spirning recis or images," Garganese wrote in a letter to

the Winter Springs commission.
"It is claimed if a player plays enough, concentrates enough, and has fast enough reflexes, the player will be able to stop the reels."

Law enforcement agencies in Volusia County raided six adult arcades Nov. 7 and through months of investigations deter-mined the gaming machines were programmed to win and lose a certain number of times; therefore destroying the concept of skill.

City of Longwood leaders recently said they wanted to try to ban adult arcades from the city altogether rather than regu-late them. If they chose to regulate adult arcades and one found its way into the city, Longwood officials argued its police force would then be tied

up — similar to those in Volusia — investigating the businesses, which would cost money and

valuable police officer time.

Provonost sald approaching the state leaders representing Seminole County was the city of Casselberry's lidea of taking a proactive approach to some-thing that "probably could become a real big issue.

The obvious question is should we regulate something that is not legal," he opined. "By passing a law that is questionably legal are you saying it is OK?"

The state legislature does not convene for session until the first week of March so Constantine has simple advice for local governments battling adult arcades: "Put in ordinances that will restrict them and ban them at the least," he

"Hearing this today, it's clear the people of Florida have spo-ken that this clearly is a way to get around the anti-casino law."



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Making waves: New scafood restaurant opens in Lake Mary

By Michelle Donahue Herald Correspondent

LAKE MARY - A determined commitment to providing truly fresh, consistent quality in retail seafood is what sets Lighthouse Seafood apart-from other local seafood

Started in January 2003, the market offers an array of in season selections for even the most sophisticated seafood lover.

Clams, oysters, several varieties of shrimp, lobster, fresh fish, and crab cakes, as well as other seasonal favorites, are arranged appealingly in classic

Lighthouse Seafood fillets everything in house, which accounts for extra freshness of their select cuts. They also offers sev-eral homemade items for purchase that are pre-cooked, such as clam chowder, conch stew, and

key lime pie.

"We are committed to providing the freshest seafood on the market," said owner Tim O'Leary, "and refuse to stock any

"and refuse to stock any items that are substandard. Our philosophy is that in order to succeed we will have to maintain happy customers. Selling high quality products insures that."

O'Leary grew up in Jupiter, Fla., and the ocean has always been a big part of his life. A certified diver and former commercial fisherman, O'Leary knows fish and seafood. He also spent many years dealing with boat sales and repair, before deciding to start Lighthouse Seafood as a family business.

O'Leary says that In most Central. Florida seafood markets, nearly 80 percent of all the product is imported form other countries. Lighthouse Seafood is exactly the opposite, with the majority of their items caught locally.

"We prefer local items because they are fresher, as well as help the local economy," O'Leary explains. "When we can't get local, we only go for international product for those fish that are not available in the spent many years dealing with boat sales and repair, before deciding to start Lighthouse Seafood as a

family business.
"I couldn't find retail seafood markets that carried the fresh products that I had grown up with,"



Lighthouse Seafood owner Tim O'Leary says the recomment's commitment to stocking tresh, quality seafood is what will set it spart from other local seafood markets.

O'Leary explains, "Even larger name stores left me; trustrated with their low quality. So I decided to open a seafood market that would fill that vold."

In addition to their pledge to food quality, their commitment to clean-liness is also immediately

bon entering highly itspect-nifness and sem-ectording to gov-regulations. In ernment regulations, in addition to our own high standards, O'Leary stated. That's why the smell of fish is just barely detectable when a tustomer walks in here, as compared to other markets that have a contract to other markets. comparet that have an overpowering

fishy aroms.

O'Leary's hope is to expand his current facility, and to continue to expand his assortment of seafood

his assortment of scatood specialty items, such as rubs, spices, marriades and unique utentile.

Lighthouse Seafood is located at 101 N. Country Club Roat! In the Shops of Lake Mary shopping center; stirretly behind 7-Elever.

ne Information, 10-2425. call 407

Obituaries

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

Survivors include wife, Iren, Lake Mary; son, Gilbert of Lake Mary; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren. Boldwin-Patrchild Funeral. Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, 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. His was co-owner of Mayfait Gountry Club. He was a 32 degree Mason; Scottish Rite of Orlando, Masonic Lodge of Sanford, life member of DAV, and Flort Reserve. He was a 20of Fleet Reserve. He was a 20-tar veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, egy; sone, Donald Wayne ad Alan Lindsey; four grandchildren; two great-grand-

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

JAMES PASCAL BOYLES James Pascal Boyles, 83, Ibis 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 daughte
Cynthia M. Prett, Theresa S.
Kierstead and Cricket Vazque

son, Sunny D. Sass Son, Suriny D. Sasser.
Services were held at the Oaklawn Chapel Dec. 22,
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral
House, Oaklawn Chapel,
Senford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

CEDRIC L CHANDLES Cedric L. Chandler, 85, of Vinner Springs, died Friday, Dec 12, 2003. He was born and 3, 1918, in Somerville Me was a retired professor of metallurgy and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

veteran of the U.S. Navy.
Survivors include wife,
Emily, sors, Paul and Gregory,
daughter, Pamela Kirwin; sisters, Nancy Buddo and Jane
Griesback two grandchildren.
A memorial mass was held
Dec. 20 at St. Stephen Catholic
Church with Father John J.
Bluett officialing.
Banfield Funeral Home,
Winter Springs, in charge of
arrangements.

HARVEY L. HENRY, SR. Harvey L. Henry, Sr., 75, Casselberry, tiled Sunday, Dec 14, 2003, in Longwood. He was born Oct. 13, 1928, in Winsboro,

born Oct. 13, 1928, in Winsboro, S.C. He was an air conditioning mechanic with the Orange County School System.

Survivors include wife, Barbara O.; son, Harvey L. Jr.; stepsors, Jeff Benner and James Benner; stepslaughters Terri Spurlin and Bobbi Brown; sisters, Elease Zanders and Geraldire Santley; seven grand-children; two great-grand-children.

children
Funeral services will be held
Saturday, Jan. 10, at Terri
Spurlin's horne, 496 Allison
Ave., Longwood.
Banfield Puneral Home,
Winter Spurigs, in charge of
arrangements.

JOHN HILMER MILLS
John Femer Mills, 82,
Middle Street, Lake Mary, died
Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, in
Altamonte Springs. He was
born in Viroqua, Wis. He was
retired from the U.S. Postal
Service and was a veteran of the
U.S. Navy, He belonged to Fleet
Reserve Association in Sanford,
Survivors include sons, John
R, New Orleans, Jerry W.,
Sanford: two grandsons.
Graveside services were held
Dec. 17 at Calklawn Park
Cemetery.

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Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral
Home Caldawn Chapel.
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JARKAD L PRATT Jarred L. Prett, 25, Charing Cross Court, Lake Mary, died Morsley, Dec. 15, 2003, at Morsian Dec. 15, 2003, at Orlando Harjonal Medicat Center, Califordo, He was born in Charlester, S.C. He was an assistant auditager for Hungry Howies Pizza and a Catholic. Survivors include mother, Nancy L. Stevens, Lake Mary; father, Lawrence A. Pratt, Orlando; brother, Justin A.

Pratt, Lake Mary.
Funeral services were held
Dec. 20 at Oaklawn Chapel. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

REV. DARWIN A. SHEA Rev. Darwin A. Shea, 84, of Longwood, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003. Born in Hornell, N.Y., he moved to Florida 51 years ago. He was ordained in 1945 and retired May 1995 as pastor of Upsala Community
Presbyterian Church in Sanford
after 26 years. He was also pastor of Casselberry United
Methodist Church from 1953 to 1962. During that time he owned and managed Shea Construction from 1952 until 1977. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, learne; children, Darlene Knowles, Chester, Va., Valorie Floyd, Lake Mary, Butch, Lake Mary, Dan, Neosho, Mich. and Roger, Silver Creek, Wa.; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Dec. 16 at the Upsala Community Presbyterian Church in Sanford with Rev. Bryan Wenger presiding. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Shea Chapel Restoration Fund, 101 Upsala Road, Sanford, 32771.

Tri-County Cremation Service, Longwood, in charge of grangements.

ALMA C. SIMOONS Alma C. Simoons, 87, of Longwood, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, in Orlando. She was born in Paramaribo on Oct. 15, 1916.

on Oct. 15, 1916.

Survivors include husband, Johan R.A.; son, Wim R.A.; brothers, Mavis C. Vecchio; brothers, Herman H. Hartogh and Arthur Hartogh; sisters, Antoinette de Jong, Johce Hartogh, Carmen Forsythe; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

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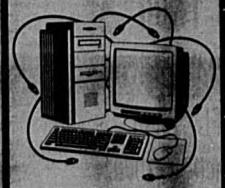
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SCC

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are expecting, is some equity and fairness of how SCC is treated in comparison to other community colleges," said Debbie Clements, a member of the SCC Foundation.

'We don't think it is a good thing that we are the 10th largest, the fastest growing in the last five years and yet we are dead last in funding. It is not something that we are terribly proud for a county that supposedly values education in such a huge way."

The college has offset some of the state financial shortcomings by augment-ing its own budget with local dollars. SCC raised \$2.8 million in the local construction industry to build a new construction trade building, \$16 million from federal grants and awards, and the SCC Foundation has collected more than \$6 million in donations.

This year, SCC has secured a \$2.5 million donation from the Central Florida's Auto Dealers Association to construct an auto technology center. In attendance at Seminole attendance at Legislative County Delegation were the leaders from the auto dealers association, who hoisted a green sign that read "match our local funds."

We have every reason to believe that the match will be totally funded," said Rep. David Mealor (R-Lake

Mary). "The K-20 system is to promote, recognize and reward excellence. We need to do a better job of reward-

ing it."
Rewarding SCC with more dollars in 2004 may not be enough for some local governmental leaders who want to see more equitable funding for the college every

year.
"This is a classic case, in my opinion, of being penalized for success," said Lake Mary Commissioner Mike McLean. "It's an embarrassment for the folks that are handling the dollars in Tallahassee."

However, state leaders presenting Seminole representing Seminole County are battling several fronts in an effort to fund more money to SCC. According to McGee, it is the growth in Central Florida that is hurting the community colleges and the University of Central Florida. In Seminole County alone, it is estimated that population by 2020 will nerease by more than 40 percent, which could transate into an additional 26,000 students for SCC.

"The reality is the system is growing and the entire system is under funded," McGee sald.

Valencia Community College is in a similar financial situation as SCC as it is ranked only one spot ahead of SCC in state funding. The Orange County-based col-

to grow this year because fiscal restraints and turned away about 3,000

students, S C C ' 5 enrollment increased this year, but the college couldenroll 1,000 about students. The growth funded new raising funds from the community, tapping into and reserves

forcing students to underwrite the increase. Florida community colleges are typically funded 75 percent from the state and 25 percent from student fees. At SCC, students shoulder about 34 percent of the school's budget.

Another problem is that not all SCC students are constitution. As the designated

tributing. As the designated area vocational technology college, about 33 percent of SCC's students do not pay fees that help fund the school. By law, workforce programs such as the law enforcement academy, construction trades and adult basic education, are not required to pay student activity fees.

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> Milks McLean City of Lake Mary Commissione

building new Oviedo campus opened three years ago with a student population of 1,200. This year the campus is serving 8,000 students. Two more campuses planned Altamonte Springs and Heathrow and

are projected to be open in apring of 2006.

its capacity by

"We can get the money to build from the state, we can't get the money to operate. That's our problem," McGee

The two future campuses are estimated to cost more than \$35 million and SCC needs about \$10 million more from the state to finish construction, but new build-ings don't help much without any new teachers to staff them, McGee said.

The proposed Altamonte Springs campus at Maitland Boulevard and State Road 434 is a seven-story building that would help overcrowding at the current Hunt Club mini-campus and better servé the southwest corner of Seminole County. The Heathrow campus is more of

The college is the third largest employer in Seminole County with more than 1,600 workers and a payroll of more than \$31 million. It also purchases about \$15 million annually in goods and services from local businesses, he

"We are a pretty important business element of Seminole County and the community," Miller said.

The Seminole County Legislative understands SCC's plight and value to the community, but are faced with an inadequate funding formula for all community colleges. Crafted three years ago, the formula allows under-funded colleges to share new monies put loward community colleges.

The problem is no new funds have been appropriated for community colleges in the last several years, and the legislature hasn't exactly followed the formula, McGee said. Smaller community colleges from "more powerful" areas of the state have had funds shifted their

One of the things, by definition, that has been a concern is that there really has-n't been a coordinated effort and plan from the community colleges to come up with this equitable funding," said

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an economic development Sen. Lee Constantine (R-campus, which is an impor-tant aspect of SCC, Miller we would really like to see that come from that end of it. As you know it has been a number of them fighting among themselves and that has caused us some grave

concerns." At the forefront of the funding formula problem, is McGee. As president of Florido Association Community Colleges, she's in the position to unite community colleges on the fund-ing dilemma. It's a task, however, that is easier said than done.

"I can't get a 36-member legislative delegation to pull money away from Dade County," she sald.

Rep. David Simmons (R-Longwood) took exception to SCC's funding cry, saying it was "not fair to this delegation." He said the Seminole County Legislative Delegation did a "tremen-dous job" for funding community colleges in the state last year - more than that was proposed by the

"I think what community colleges need to do is get their houses in order of how they want their funding for-mula," he said. "I suggest to SCC is that they stand up to community colleges saying this is not fair and we're not going to live by it." going to live by it."

Simmons suggested that he head up redrofting the funding formula if commu-nity colleges can't come together with its own plan. It's a plan that McGee can't necessarily support because of her position on the community colleges association.

"In all fairness, Simmons said last year 'Why don't I just pull out some dollars and give it to you," McGee

It was an offer that was tempting, but not doable with her visible position.

"I don't want her to have to answer questions like this because she's made an agreement with 27 other community colleges," Miller said.

"I need to be a team player, but the reality is over the years we have been hurt," McGee said.



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Brackets set for Lake Mary Holiday Classic



Senior Angle Pressey (shown acoring against Oviedo last season) has been one of the main reasons Lake Mary is 10-0 and ranks No. 2 in the FSWA Class 6A State Poll and will be counted on Really when the girls co-host the 2003 Holiday Classic next week.

By Dean Smith Sports Editor

LAKE MARY - An impressive field of teams has been assembled for next week's Lake Mary High School 2003 Holiday Basketball Classic.

The tournament brings together eight boys teams and four girls teams for the three-day event which has become one of the bigger tournaments after the monster get-togethers in Kissimmee and

Heading the boys' entries will be Seminole (4-2), which already has a tournament championship under its belt after winning the season-opening Lyman Invitational, and Winter Park (7-2), which is coached by former Lake Howell star Josh Kohn and led by sophomore Jeremiah Rivers, the eldest son of former NBA star and Magic coach Doc Rivers.

Both teams are coming off big wins over the weekend, with Arrow Force XII crushing Crooms Academy, 70-22, led by Cy Wynn with 17 points and five assists, Andrew Chapman with 17 points and Robert Preston with eight rebounds, and the Wildcats edging Cypress Creek (4-3), 51-48, with Rivers scoring 15 points and hauling down eight rebounds.

The host Rams (4-4) can never be

counted out with junior star Darryl Merthie and his coustn, sentor Lyndon Merthie, leading the way.

The team suffered a tough loss on Friday, dropping a 55-54 mad decision to Spruce Creek (4-3) in Port Orange. Darryl Merthie had 18 points and five assists and Lyndon Merthie collected

eight rebounds.

The final local entry, Lake Brantley, is also having a good season and has had considerable success in this tournament

in the past.

The Patriots battled a very good Lake Howell (6-3) team to the wire on Saturday, falling 64-59 to the Silver Hawks despite 21 points from Marquise iohnson.

Rounding out the boys' field are four outstanding teams from South Florida in McArthur from Hollywood, Hallandale, Mlami Springs and Miami-Palametto Lake Mary's girls are the standout team in the female part of the tourney, carrying a 10-0 record and a No. 2 rank-ing in last week's FSWA Class 6A State Poll.

Coach Carl Brown has a veteran squad led by seniors Meghan Chamberlain, who has signed with University of North Carolina-Greensborn, and Angle Pressey, the daughter of former NBA star and current Magic assistant Paul Pressey who has signed to play volley-ball at Cal-Berkeley, and sophomore Caitlyn Mitryk.

All told, the Rams have 11 players back from last year's regional runner-up squad.

Several of Lake Mary's wins have been

of the 'huge' variety. Chamberlain had 23 points and 17 rebounds as the Rams knocked Osceola, which went to North Carolina and won a prestigious tournament this past weekend, out of the unbeaten ranks, 51-39. The team then had a big week last

week, beating previously undefeated Winter Springs, then gaining vengeance over unbeaten Oviedo, 43-33, with Mitryk scoring 13 points, Pressey 12 points and Chamberlain dropping in 10 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. The Lions had beaten Lake Mary three times in four meetings last season, including the regional final.

The Rams then capped that week with a 53-44 win over rival Seminole with

Kaycee Smitrh scoring 17 points and Savitz grabbing 12 rebounds.

The team's 10th win came Saturday via a 49-27 thrashing over a usually very good Buchholz squad in Gainesville.

Mitryk led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points, while Pressey chipped in with nine.

The biggest competition for the locals figures to come from long-time rival Orange Park, which was 5-0 and getting votes in the poil last week. OP, also known as the Rams, and Lake Mary have met in the regionals in volleyball and basketball several times over the

Rounding out the field will be a couple of 'name' programs in Titusville and

The tournament begins next Monday (Dec. 29th) at 11 a.m. with a boys game between Winter Park and Hallandale, followed by a boys contest between McArthur and Lake Brantley at 12:45

The girls' event will then tip off with Orange Park playing Titusville at 2:30

The boys then return with Miaml

Springs facing Seminole at 4:15 p.m. Springs facing Seminole at 4:15 p.m.

The final two games will feature the host team with the Rams girls tackling Leesburg at 6 p.m. and the boys meeting Palametro Senior at 7:45 p.m.

Six more games will be played at the same times on Tuesday (Dec. 30) with

the boys' semifinals at 4:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. and the Girls' Championship Game

set for 6 p.m.

The final four boys' games will be played on New Years Eve (Wed., Dec. 31) beginning at 11 a.m. and culminating with the Championship Game at

4:15 p.m.
Below is a complete schedule of games for the tournament.

LAKE MARY HIGH SCHOOL 2003 HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Monday, December 29
GAME A _ (boys) Winter Park vs. Hallandair, 11 a.m.
GAME B _ (boys) Hollywood-McArthur vs. Lake
Brantley, 12:45 p.m.
GAME C _ (glete) Orange Park vs. Titusvilla, 2:30 p.m.
GAME D _ (boys) Miami Springs vs. Seminoir, 4:15

GAME E_(girls) Lemburg vs. Lake Mary, 6 p.m. GAME F_ (boys) Mismi Paknetto Sersior vs. Lake Mary, 7:45 p.m.

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Loser E. 2:10 p.m.
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vs Witness II, 12-45 p.m.

GAME O_(buys) THIRD PLACE GAME Lover) vs.

Lover I, 2-30 p.m. i

GAME P_(buys) CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Witness
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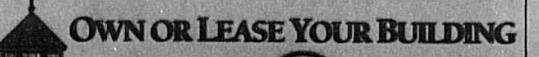
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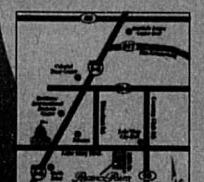
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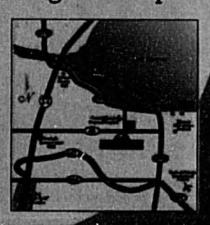
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