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Toss up in softball

Four of the five city of Sanford Recreation Department Spring Slowpitch Softball League's have no clearcut favorite as the season begins the second half.

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Winter Springs High School vandalized

WINTER SPRINGS — The Winter Springs Police Department responded to an alarm at the Winter Springs High School Monday, May 22, at 4:39 a.m. When officers arrived they say the school had been entered and propaganda had been spray-painted throughout the school. The officers immediately were able to locate two juveniles that were on the school property.

One of the juveniles fled upon seeing the officers, but he was apprehended on school property. The juveniles have been charged with armed burglary, criminal mischief, possession of burglary tools, and trespassing on school property.

Schools locked down Tuesday morning

SANFORD — Seminole High and Millennium Middle schools had a lock-down on their campuses Tuesday for about half an hour.

Seminole Principal Walt Griffin said that the Sanford Police Department called to notify them they were in pursuit of a stolen vehicle near the campus.

"We close down the gates to the school and the students stay in the classrooms," Griffin said of lockdowns.

"The students were taking exams, so they were in the classrooms anyway," Griffin said. "It worked out OK."

Sanford Police said the vehicle was stolen out of Longwood and the driver fled on foot near the schools.

SEMINOLE SMILE



Michael Perry — Owner/barber at Perry Family Barbershop, Longwood

City analyzes safety site

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — As the city moves closer to obtaining a possible site for a new public safety building, commissioners look for creative ways to pay for it.

At the City Commission's Monday work session, Bobby Brantley, President of Brantley and Associates, Inc., and legislative lobbyist, told the

commission that good things happened in the 2005 State Legislative Session.

"It was kind of a wild session," Brantley said.

For several years, the city has been looking at a portion of the Farmer's Market site off of 13th Street that is currently owned by the Florida Department of Agriculture. The department has given a tentative agreement, Brantley said, to do Phase

II environmental studies on the land.

According to Brantley, his group has done research on its own to find out what type of activities had occurred on the property in question. He said they haven't found anything except possible fuel leakage by old trucks.

"The piece in back that we're interested in hasn't been used much. [It has] weeds well above our heads," Brantley said.

Lonnie Groot, from the city attorney's office, has drafted a Right of Entry agreement and sent it up to Tallahassee.

Commissioner Velma Williams wanted clarification on whether this would be donated land or if the city would have to buy the land.

"We've let them know that's our preference," Brantley said of a dona-

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Oviedo widens space between kids, offenders

By Joel Addington
Herald Correspondent

OVIDEO — The Oviedo City Council voted unanimously Monday night to move forward with a measure to further restrict where convicted sex offenders may reside.

"Citizens overwhelmingly support this ordinance," said councilman James Greer, who introduced the ordinance at last Thursday's meeting.

The ordinance proposed a 2,500-foot buffer zone between sex offenders' homes whose victims were younger than 16 and any school, park, playground, church or day-care center. Current Florida law sets that buffer at 1,000 feet.

"A thousand feet is very minimal," Greer said. "[A

sex offender] literally could be 1,000 feet from a playground or school. Twenty-five hundred feet I consider to be a reasonable distance away from where children congregate. So 1,000 feet I think is too minimal and 2,500 feet is reasonable."

City manager Gerald Seeber said a new draft of the ordinance would also be considered at a second public hearing next month. The new draft adds an additional two-mile buffer around schools specifically because students within that distance live too close to ride the bus.

"There are a tremendous amount of children that walk to home from school everyday and the idea is to remove sexual predators from being around or witnessing children in a congregating area on a regular basis," Greer said. "So since the School Board says within two-miles they walk, I think it was a very good proposal."

The measure only affects sex offenders living within

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Sanford may follow Oviedo's lead on offenders

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — During the city attorney Bill Colbert's report to the commission at their Monday meeting, he suggested looking at regulations and distance restriction ordinances that are moving forward in other cities, including Oviedo.

Oviedo voted Monday to move forward with a 2,500-foot buffer zone between sex offenders' homes whose victims were younger than 16 and any school, park, playground, church or day-care center. (See separate story, above.)

Colbert asked the commission to decide if this would be something they were interested in taking a look at. He told them that several other cities in Florida might also be moving forward with such an ordinance.

"We can certainly go forward or wait and see," Colbert said.

Mayor Linda Kuhn said that a citizen had e-mailed Police Chief Brian Tooley and copied it to her regarding sex offenders

and she felt that this would be something the city of Sanford would be interested in examining further.

District 1 Commissioner Art Woodruff said he thought it was definitely something the city should take a look at, but he did have concerns.

"Does it drive them underground?" he asked of the sexual offenders. "A lot aren't really living where they say they are."

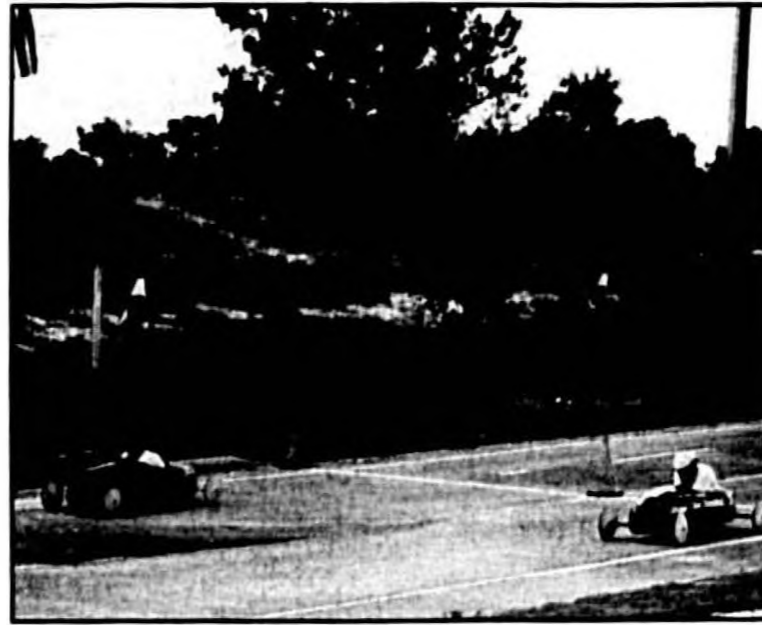
Colbert told Woodruff that people who disobey the law don't necessarily register. He said that the State of Washington has a similar ordinance and it worked there.

"You'll probably be one of the first five to do it here," Colbert said of the ordinances in Florida.

A consensus was met to look into an ordinance similar to the one the city of Oviedo is moving forward with. Colbert said that his office could begin drafting it for the city by the next commission meeting or the one after.

The next City Commission meeting is June 13 at 7 p.m.

Derby Drivers



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Briana Walker of Sanford, above, gets her Soapbox Derby racer ready for action May 21. Winners of the 17th annual Central Florida race will compete in the All American Soap Box Derby Race in Akron, Ohio, July 30. Winners Saturday were: Trina Perry, 11, Fern Park, Stock champion; Jessica Shultz, 16, Deltona, Super Stock champion; and Shelby Grice, 13, Palm Bay, Masters champion. Second place winners were Lucas Grice, Charlotte Soucey, and Jordan Cadiz. Third place winners were Alex Scheiner, David Pond, and Jeff Robison.

Missing woman found, may have Alzheimer's

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

CASSELBERRY — A missing woman in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's Disease was found in Casselberry after she had been reported missing by family members Sunday morning.

Sixty-five-year-old Irene Margaret Peterson was in town visiting from New Jersey for her granddaughter's graduation this week.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office had issued a missing person's press release that said Peterson was last seen at 906 Commonwealth Court in Casselberry in the Beacon Hill Subdivision. She was last seen wearing a purple



Margaret Peterson

long-sleeved shirt, black Capri pants and white slippers.

Peterson, who speaks with a heavy Scottish accent, was not familiar with the area, including Red Bug Lake Road and

State Road 436. The Sheriff's Office thought she may have wandered along some of these busy roads while traveling on foot.

She was found safe Tuesday morning behind the Liberty Christian Center on Red Bug Lake Road and Nonastone Run. The church is less than a mile from the Beacon Hill Subdivision.

The Sheriff's Office Range and Water Unit's Deputy Shane Love found the woman while patrolling on an ATV. She was lying next to a palmetto bush.

EMS checked Peterson, and determined she was OK, and just dehydrated. Her family took her to the doctor's office for evaluation.

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Local police working to keep road safe during Memorial holiday

CASSELBERRY — The Casselberry Police Department and Seminole County law enforcement community wish everyone in Central Florida a happy and safe Memorial Day Holiday, but it also traditionally marks one of the deadliest weekends on the road, according to a Casselberry Police Department news release.

This Memorial Day weekend is special as it also brings a close to the Seminole and Orange County school year.

Traffic across Central Florida is anticipated to increase dramatically as the school year closes, graduation ceremonies and parties take place and everyone heads to family and friend's homes to celebrate the holiday and high school graduations.

This is a time of year where tragedy strikes only too often as people travel, drink, use drugs or drive while impaired. Heavy traffic, impaired drivers, heat and long traveling hours often result in aggressive driving and needless road rage. Young people purchase or are provided alcoholic beverages illegally.

All of these factors lead to traffic crashes, injuries, property damage and the various fatalities that so devastate our community annually.

One of the prime purposes of the Seminole County law enforcement community is to save lives and prevent injuries and property damage. Accordingly, the Casselberry Police Department will host a joint zero tolerance traffic safety and alcohol violation operation during the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday weekend. The operation will be held from 4 p.m. on May 27 to 4 a.m. on May 28. Units of the Casselberry Police Department, Seminole County Sheriff's Department and other state and local law enforcement agencies within Seminole County will participate in the operation.

Southeast Seminole County will be saturated with officers looking for DUI's, aggressive drivers, underage drinkers, traffic violators and alcohol and drug violations.

Officers will display a zero tolerance level for the unlawful possession of any quantity of alcohol, chemicals or controlled substances.

People unlawfully selling or providing alcoholic beverages to underage drinkers will be arrested.

The focus of the Casselberry Police Department and its law enforcement partners will be to promote public safety by aggressively targeting impaired drivers and incarcerating them to prevent needless highway tragedies from occurring.

The law enforcement team will conduct an alcohol sting operation to monitor and jail the staff of any businesses or other persons illegally providing underage drinkers with alcoholic beverages. Participating officers will proactively seek out aggressive drivers and issue them citations for traffic violations.

The operation will support seat belt use by vigorously enforcing seat belt violations in accordance with the Buckle-Up Florida - Click It Or Ticket campaign.

Corrections

- In a May 22 story about the shooting death of Mark Pearson, it said he was killed in front of his mother's home at 908 Celery Ave., in December. His mother does not live at that address where he was killed. She resides at another Sanford home.

- In a story about the death of Coach Cornelius B. Franklin (May 4), because of a typographical error the time for his funeral was listed as 1:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7. It should have read 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7.

- In a photo caption on the back page of the A section May 4, a typographical error misspelled the name of Linda Batman, chairwoman of the Historical Commission.

- In an April 20 story, Brandon Burkhardt was killed when he fell off the front of a car driven by a girl who was a friend, not a girlfriend. He also was not standing or hood surfing as one sentence makes it appear.

- In a headline from April 3, an editing mistake in a headline said U.S. Rep. John Mica was working on plans for a light rail stop in Sanford. Light rail is incorrect as plans call for a standard commuter train stop. Light rail has a different connotation.

Photo Finish



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Crossing the finish line at the same time results in a photo finish unless it's parked cars. These shiny autos are on display at Saturn of Orlando/North in Longwood. Looks like the car way in the back may have edged the others by a nose.

Drug related

- Jeanette Ford, 36, of Edward Higgins Terrace, was arrested by Sanford police on May 11, at Pecan Avenue and West 3rd Street, as members of the City County Intelligence Bureau conducted a drug sting. She was charged with selling cocaine within 1000 feet of public housing, possession of cocaine, and resisting an officer without violence.

- Anthony Hopton Solomon, 24, of Orange Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday. He was found in a vehicle on Williams Street and West 13th Street. He was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of narcotics equipment, resisting an officer without violence, and possession of an open container in a parked vehicle. He was also charged with violation of probation for possession of cocaine.

- Edgar Burrs, 38, listed as homeless, was arrested by Sanford police Monday on East 20th Street at Locust Avenue. Officers were called regarding a possible vehicular burglary. He was charged with burglary of a conveyance, possession of cocaine, possession of narcotics equipment, loitering/prowl-ing, and possession of burglary tools.

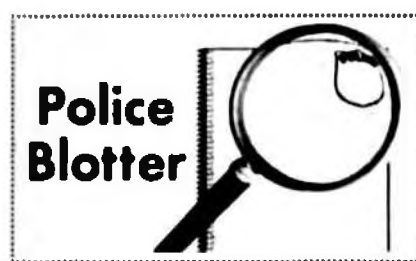
Robbery

- Scott Allen Kendrick, 37, of Holly Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. He reportedly attempted to take items from a store without paying. When approached by the loss prevention officer, a fight started and he fled. Officers found him hiding near a dumpster. He was arrested for robbery, battery — touch or strike, and retail theft of \$300 or more and violation of probation.

- Parker Joseph Stovall, 19, of Malvern Court, Heathrow, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday on carriage Cove Way. He reportedly had robbed a man of his money. He was located and charged with robbery without a firearm.

Thefts

- Tiffany Nicole Church, 19, of Persimmon Avenue, Sanford, was



- Arrestoed by Sanford police Saturday at a store at Seminole Towne Center. She reportedly took clothing from the store without paying and gave the officer the ID of her mother. She was charged with petty larceny and giving false information to a law enforcement officer.

- Robert Christian Smith, 39, of First Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday. Officers reported seeing him attempting to sell a jewelry box owned by another person. He was charged with dealing in stolen property and petty larceny.

Prostitution

- Juanita P. Neal, 37, of East 5th Street, was arrested by Sanford police on Tuesday, May 17, at First Street and Mellonville Avenue. She reportedly propositioned an undercover officer. She was charged with procurement for prostitution and possession of narcotics equipment.

Assault - Battery

- Timothy Michael Wills, 54, of Palmetto Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at his residence, as the result of a dispute with another man. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (pistol).

- Tracy R. Harris, 34, of Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at Walnut Crest Run and Highway 17-92 where she was reportedly involved in a confrontation with her boyfriend, and chased him with a tire iron. She was charged with simple assault with intent/threat to do violence (domestic violence).

- Ronald Edward Leger, 44, of Meadow Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at his residence. He reportedly was in a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike.

- Alton Lawrence, 40, of Academy Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at his residence following a dispute with a female. He was charged with aggravated battery, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (knife).

- Armondo Perez, 23, of Plantation Lakes Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at his residence where he had reportedly been involved in a confrontation with his wife. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

Traffic stops

- Leon Ellzy, 33, of West 14th Street, was stopped by Sanford police Monday on Highway 17-92 at 15th Street. He was charged with driving with a suspended license.

- Mark Stephen Saum, 57, of French Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Saturday in the parking lot of a business in the 200 block of French Avenue, where his vehicle reportedly had struck another. He was charged with driving with a suspended license.

- Creyder Ceme Albornoz, 27, of Sanford Avenue, was stopped by Sanford police Sunday on Sanford Avenue at Lake Mary Boulevard. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Other arrests

- Rafael Martinez, 44, listed as homeless, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in the 2400 block of Park Avenue. He was charged with resisting an officer without violence, disorderly intoxication, committing a lewd act in public, and violation of the city ordinance on having an open container of alcohol.

- Nicholas Moffitt, 21 of Lakeland, Richard Poffenberger Jr., 21, of Oak Avenue, and Richard Poffenberger Sr., 47, of Sanford Avenue, were arrested by Sanford police Sunday as the result of a fight in the 2500 block of Oak Avenue. Moffitt was charged with disorderly conduct. Poffenberger Jr. was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (blunt instrument), and Poffenberger Sr. was charged with resisting an officer without violence, and disorderly intoxication.

OUT & ABOUT

THU 26

Sanford Seminole County Chamber of Commerce presents a business after hours gathering, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at Jinja Asia Café, 1541 International parkway, Lake Mary. RSVP to Nancy at 407-322-8160

FRI 27

The Zellwood Sweet Corn Festival will be held Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for \$13 for adults and \$5 for children at Sanford Seminole County Chamber of Commerce.

SAT 28

The Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club will walk along the Sanford RiverWalk and downtown areas. Registration at Lake Monroe between Sanford Avenue and San Juan between 8 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. The walk will be 6.2 miles with a shorter route available. For more information phone 407-695-9181.

There will be a hike at the Seminole County Natural Lands Geneva Wilderness area beginning at 8 a.m. Space is limited and reservations are suggested by calling 407-665-7352.

FRI 3

Hospice of the Comforter's Quality of Life Education Program will offer two free seminars in June. "Graceful Passages: Coming to Terms with Our Mortality" will be held on four consecutive Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at 480 W. Central Pkwy. in Altamonte Springs. Register at 407-682-0808, ext. 306.

SAT 4

The School of Dance Arts 40th Anniversary recital will be held at Winter Springs High School at 2 and 7 p.m., with another showing at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5. Tickets are available for \$8 at the High School box office on the days of the shows.

Father Nicholas Gruner, an expert on the Message of Fatima and the Third Secret will hold a free Rosary Rally and information talk on Our Lady of Fatima at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 550 Riverview Ave., Sanford, from 12:30 to 7 p.m.

THU 9

A Panther Talent Showcase presented by the students of Page Private School, Seminole Towne Center Campus, will be held at the Helen Stairs Theatre, 5. Magnolia at 2nd Street in Sanford from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission \$3. Children 2 and under are free. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

A photography exhibition will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Anything You Want Gallery, 110 S. Park Ave., in Sanford.

SAT 11

A Pre-Anniversary event will be held at 7 p.m. at the Star Theatre on 13th Street in Sanford. Guests will be the Revival Singers of Apopka, the Gospel Harmonizers of Ocala, the Southwind Gospel Singers of Sanford and more.

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Windy Tuesday



Herold photos by Tommy Vissari

Storms blew through the Orlando Sanford International Airport Tuesday afternoon and tossed at least three planes upside down at three different aviation businesses on the northwest side of the airport. The top photo shows a twin engine plane, and left, shows airport fire department personnel checking out the damage from a possible microburst of air during a storm squall Tuesday.

Oviedo

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the city limits and because some schools are located on the edge of that boundary, other cities would have to pass similar laws to maximize the effectiveness of the two-mile buffer around schools.

Although each council member agreed the two-mile buffer was a good addition to the ordinance, it may be easier said than done.

"We're really going to have to start to lobby other municipalities to jump on this ordinance in order to get that two-mile radius," said council chairman Dominic Persampiere. At its meeting Monday evening, the Sanford

City Commission discussed pursuing a similar ordinance (See separate story, bottom of Page 1A).

Greer urged the council not to be hindered by constitutional issues the ordinance may raise.

"We are a legislative body, not judicial. Let's move forward with this ordinance impressively and quickly," he said.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office reports 28 sex offenders living within the county, 17 of which have last known addresses in Oviedo.

The ordinance would not require convicted sex offend-

ers to move if they own their home.

However renters and homeowners would have to move somewhere outside the restricted areas when their lease expires or their homes are sold.

Members of the public applauded council's actions and suggested they go even further by extending the restricted zones to bus stops and any other places where children congregate.

The next public hearing on the sex offender ordinance will be June 6 at 7 p.m. at Oviedo City Hall, 400 Alexandria Blvd.

Safety

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tion. "It's going to be a matter of negotiations."

Interim City Manager V. Eugene Miller asked the commissioners how they were going to pay for a new public safety complex. He said he did some initial work with staff and approximated close to 75,000-80,000 square feet with construction costs at \$215-245 per square foot.

"Bottom line, that's \$18 million," Miller said.

He told them that they have \$2 million they can put toward this and hopefully a \$750,000 grant.

He said the city also had impact fees and vacant land and buildings they could sell to come up with part of the money. But, he told the commission they had "nothing in the vicinity to pay for this."

"You should be thinking about a GO Bond issue," Miller said.

A general obligation bond is essentially a loan taken out by the city with ad valorem taxes helping to pay back the interest and principal. It requires a referendum be put on the next city of Sanford election ballot.

"This is probably something you don't want to hear," Miller said.

Williams voiced her concern that although she was not speaking in her area of expertise, she had thought the commission had agreed not to bond. She asked her fellow commissioners to help in finding creative ways to pay for the public safety building.

"For the sake of the citizens and the city of Sanford, please, please, let's make this work," Williams said. "Please, please, please, let's move forward on this."

Police Chief Brian Tooley, who was present at the work session, said that he had applied for a million-dollar grant to put toward the building. He also said that they have a design for the new public safety building and they will have an updated spatial needs assessment performed shortly.

“Please, please, please, let’s move forward on this.”

Veina Williams, Sanford city commissioner

"They're ready to go," Tooley said.

City Attorney Bill Colbert told the commissioners not to get wrapped up in how to pay for the public safety building at this time. He said the city staff will come up with alternatives to a GO Bond, although he felt that the bond might be the fastest and most cost-effective way to do it.

Chief Tooley said, "I think we're moving in the right direction."

In other news the commis-

sion: Appointed Hank Dieckhaus and Charles Jackson to the code enforcement board.

Dieckhaus, who lives in the historic district and owns a business downtown, told commissioners that he sees numerous code violations throughout the city.

"I just think the code enforcement board should be more pro-active," Dieckhaus said.

Jackson, who is a native to Sanford, said his objective was to help educate the community on what does and does not violate code.

"We need to work together," Jackson said. "We need more involvement."

The other applicants were Lindsay Oyewale, Michael Padgett, and Janice Simmons.

Woodruff made the motion to appoint Dieckhaus and Jackson. Commissioner Randy Jones wanted it on

record that he was hoping to put Padgett on the board since he was constantly around town.

"I was also looking at geographic consideration," Woodruff told Jones.

Adopted the first reading for an ordinance to rezone 2.5 acres at 1151 Rinehart Road to allow a vehicle rental office for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

The representative for Enterprise said that it would mostly be a storefront. Rental cars would be stored at dealerships, and they would cater to people needing a rental car while getting their vehicle serviced.

The representative said that currently they are forced to send their Sanford clientele to Longwood for rental cars.

Tabled the first reading of an ordinance to vacate alleys lying between Celery Avenue and E. 14th Street and between Cypress Avenue and Sanford Avenue based on the recommendations of the Development Review Team.

Planning and Community Development Director Russ Gibson explained that the review team found that closing the alleys would be detrimental to vehicular traffic.

Commissioner Art Woodruff suggested instead of out right saying no, the commission should see if the city staff can work with the applicant to find an alternative.

"I agree with you," Williams said.

Commissioner Jones agreed also, and moved to table the item.

Approved the interlocal agreement to implement an additional one cent local option fuel tax, which will provide additional revenues to Seminole County to address transit expenses on a county-wide basis, with the firm understanding that Sanford's ADA transit contribution be eliminated.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for June 13 at 7 p.m.

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BUSINESS

Business good for this senior

By Steve Paradis
Herald Staff

SANFORD — What do you do if you are 68-years-old, have been a widow for five years and have a daughter who owns two successful businesses? You go into business with your son of course.

Vesta Rhymer started an asphalt maintenance company with her son, Wesley. The business is called A Coat Above and Vesta wants senior citizens to know that it's never too late to start a business.

"Tell people you are never too old to go into business," she said in an interview at her daughter's business called Curves on First Street.

Rhymer said her sister-in-law Mary Meyer of Kingston, N.Y., was known as the Paving Lady. She recently retired, however, and offered the equipment for the sealant business. Rhymer took her up on the offer.

"I encourage people of any age to explore other venues," she said. Rhymer makes contacts for her son and he does the field work. They even donated work to their church, which had a parking lot badly damaged during the hurricanes last summer.

"They were so thrilled that they gave us a plaque," she said. "It's been fun and it's energizing."

If Rhymer wasn't helping her children with their businesses, she would probably just be bored, she said. Her advice to people is: "Find a new hobby that makes some money."

She and her late husband, Edward, owned a cleaning business for 23 years. But now she concentrates on her new venture and her daughter's fitness businesses.

A Coat Above does small repair of parking lots. "We do driveways and apartments." Mainly the business



Colleen Goehrig, left, stands with her mom, Vesta Rhymer, at Curves on First Street in Sanford.



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Michael Perry, center, owns Perry Family Barbershop in Longwood. With him here are barbers Javier Arias, left, and Angel Negrón.

Perry's tries to recreate community barbershop

LONGWOOD — The Perry Family Barbershop, located in the Baywood Center, 1628 N. Ronald Reagan Blvd., in Longwood, is owned and operated by Mike Perry.

Perry has 10 years experience in the business. His shop has six chairs with currently four barbers and a unique laid-back atmosphere.

Some children do not like to get their haircut. Now they have the opportunity to play a video game while having their haircut to ease their anxiety level while in the chair. Clients and their family can also enjoy a game of checkers or chess.

"Our goal is to provide quality haircuts for the entire family at a reasonable price," Perry said. "Years ago, the hometown barbershop was a place of gathering. We are trying to recreate that feeling of community here."

Appointments are available by calling 407-599-CUTS, however, walk-ins are always welcome. The barbershop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Product gobbles odors

SANFORD — Stuart Lucas Inc., has announced the debut of its new Web site, Odorgobbler.com featuring a new product called the Odor Gobbler, manufactured in Sanford on St. Johns Parkway.

Odor Gobbler contains an odor absorbing material that enables it to continuously remove unpleasant odors from refrigerators and freezers, a news release said.

Odorgobbler.com offers the Odor Gobbler in a 4-pack, which is a six-month supply, at an introductory price of \$12.99 including shipping and handling.

Stuart Lucas Inc., of Merritt Island, developed the OdorGobbler.com Web site for the Odor Gobbler refrigerator/freezer deodorizer product.

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Mutual Funds: Another way to invest

By David Underwood
State Farm® agent

If you are the average person, you may have a 401 (k) with your company, and you might even have an individual Retirement Account with a bank or other financial institution. But did you know there is another option out there to help you invest? Many people are taking the opportunity to invest in mutual funds to help them reach their financial goals.

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The rate of return can vary, so it is important to have your goals in mind.

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lose value. What are the benefits of a mutual fund?

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strengthening. "No one is here in Spandex," she said. There is no competition or showing off or anything that would make women uncomfortable in a regular workout setting.

"This is not about us setting a goal for you, it's about you setting your own goals," she said. "We create an atmosphere where you can reach your personal health goals."

She said it's also a great meeting place for women to make connections. Sanford Mayor Linda Kuhn is one client.

They also offer diet program and classes.

"Curves empowers women to make healthy choices," Goehrig said. "It's really a process of empowering yourself to make the right choices."

This is not a country club, she said. Women come in and get out in 30 minutes. They have a growing number of women who come during their lunch time.

Membership costs about a \$1 per day, she said, and there are several options with memberships. Members at the Sanford Curves have lost a collective total of more than 600 pounds, Goehrig said, and more than 1,000 inches.

"We also have a wonderful view of Lake Monroe," she said.

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Obituaries

MARY C. BIRNEY

Mary C. Birney, 39, of Lady Lake, died Thursday, May 19, 2005, in Winter Park. She was born April 23, 1966 in Fort Lauderdale.

Survivors include mother, Marie Birney; sisters, Joyce Birney and Ann Francis.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 23 at St. Stephen Catholic Church with Father John J. Bluett officiating.

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

ISSIAH JEFFERSON BROWN

Issiah Jefferson Brown, newborn, of Winter Springs, died Saturday, May 21, 2005, in Longwood.

Survivors include parents Portia A. Brown and Jeffrey L. Brown; maternal grandfather Larry Anderson; maternal grandmother Sadie Isom; paternal grandfather, Sam Brown; paternal grandmother Lenora Brown; maternal grandfather Aaron McClerkin and paternal great grandmother Disie Brown.

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

ROSIE CORRETTJER

Rosie Correttjer, 78, of Deltona, died Friday, May 20, 2005. She was born June 29, 1926, in Puerto Rico and moved to Central Florida in 1991 from Bronx, N.Y. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include son, Enrique Correttjer of Deltona; daughter, Cynthia Correttjer-Rodriguez of Washingtonville, N.Y.; brother, Jesus Hernandez of Tampa; sisters, Eva Hernandez of Texas, Norma Hernandez of Puerto Rico and Hilda Reyes of New Jersey; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home, in charge of arrangements.

DAVID CHARLES ERICKSON

David "Dave" Charles Erickson, 51, of Orlando, died Friday, May 20, 2005 at his residence. He was born in Providence, R.I. and moved to Central Florida in 1980. He was owner/operator of a video store. He was an Assistant Liturgist and Eucharistic Minister with Holy Cross Catholic Church and St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

Survivors include companion, Don Davidson of Orlando; mother, Evelyn Erickson of Warwick, R.I.; brothers, Ray Erickson of Wilton, Conn., Howard Erickson and Paul Erickson, both of Warwick, R.I.; sister, Eleanor Trainor of Pawtucket, R.I.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 24 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Esau Garcia, Fr. John Walsh, Fr. Paul Henry and Fr. Miguel Gonzalez officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Collison family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

NANCY A. GRADY

Nancy A. Grady, 70, of Winter Springs, died Thursday, May 19,

2005. She was born Sept. 20, 1934, in Cowan, Ind. She was a homemaker. She was a lifetime member of Seminole County Womens Bowling Association and Women of the Moose Chapter 712, Muncie, Ind.

Survivors include husband, Wayne Grady, Jr.; daughters, Julie Ann Sanders, Catherine Elaine Jones and Kelly Michelle Morrison; brothers, Robert V. Deavers and Wayne A. Deavers; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

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

ETHEL MAE INGRAM

Ethel Mae Ingram, 72 of San Carlos Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, May 21, 2005, at her residence. She was born May 22, 1932, in Greenville, Fla. She was a homemaker and a member of Morning Glory Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford.

Survivors include daughters, Ethel Jackson, Josie Ingram and Amelia Ingram, all of Sanford; sons, Willie Ingram, Sr., and Alfonso Jackson, both of Sanford; sisters, Ida Mae Hampton, Louise Wellon and Merrea Jones, all of Sanford; brothers, Albert Hampton, Harrison Hampton, both of Sanford, James Hampton of Lincolnville, S.C. and James Brown of Madison, Fla.; 29 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 28 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Temple of Praise Church, 2020 McCracken Road, Sanford. Viewing will be Friday, May 27, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Sunrise Funeral home Chapel.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include daughters, Ethel Jackson, Josie Ingram and Amelia Ingram, all of Sanford; sons, Willie Ingram, Sr., and Alfonso Jackson, both of Sanford; sisters, Ida Mae Hampton, Louise Wellon and Merrea Jones, all of Sanford; brothers, Albert Hampton, Harrison Hampton, both of Sanford, James Hampton of Lincolnville, S.C. and James Brown of Madison, Fla.; 29 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren.

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Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include son, Pat Haight of Kenosha, Wis.; daughter, Patsy Brady of Osteen; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, at First Baptist Church of Osteen with burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of

MARILYN LLOYD

Marilyn Lloyd, 71, of Orlando, died Saturday, May 21, 2005. She was born Dec. 31, 1933 in Nanticoke, Penn. She was a retired owner/operator of an air conditioning company.

Survivors include son, Dale S. Lloyd; daughters, Colleen Rothrock, Jill Schlinsog, Kim C. Lloyd; brothers, Raymond Lewis and Johnny Lewis; three grandchildren.

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

ALICE M. LOWE

Alice M. Lowe, 89, of Osteen, died Friday, May 20, 2005, at her residence.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she moved to Osteen in 1939. She was a former caretaker and lifetime member of First Baptist Church of Osteen and attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Deltona.

Survivors include son, Pat Haight of Kenosha, Wis.; daughter, Patsy Brady of Osteen; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, at First Baptist Church of Osteen with burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of

flowers donations may be made to Hospice of the Comforter, 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, 32714.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

FRANCES MUSE

Frances Muse, 73, of Sanford, died Saturday, May 21, 2005 at Florida Hospital, DeLand. Born in Maggie Valley, N.C., she moved to Sanford from Georgia in 1979. She was a former cashier at Winn Dixie and a Baptist.

Survivors include sons, Victor Muse of Texas, Benny Knighton and Darrel Ray Knighton both of South Carolina; daughters, Donna Kish of Sanford, Joyce Knighton and Joanna Mason, both of South Carolina; brother, Bill Hughes of Waterloo, S.C.; sister, Lula May Pruitt of South Carolina; numerous grandchildren and companion, Charles Eisele of Sanford.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 27, at Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

GERALDINE MARIE RATZ

Geraldine Marie Ratz, 85, of Deltona, died Thursday, May 19, 2005.

She was born June 25, 1919, in Jersey City, N.J. and moved to Central Florida in 1969. She was a hairdresser. She was a member of Sons of Italy, St. Clare's Over 50's Club, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, St. Paula Society, Garden Club, and Alzheimer's Club.

Survivors include providers outside the immediate family. Memorial donations may be made to St. Clare Catholic Community, 2961 Day Road, Deltona, 32738.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include daughter, Ethel Jackson, Josie Ingram and Amelia Ingram, all of Sanford; sons, Willie Ingram, Sr., and Alfonso Jackson, both of Sanford; sisters, Ida Mae Hampton, Louise Wellon and Merrea Jones, all of Sanford; brothers, Albert Hampton, Harrison Hampton, both of Sanford, James Hampton of Lincolnville, S.C. and James Brown of Madison, Fla.; 29 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 28 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Temple of Praise Church, 2020 McCracken Road, Sanford. Viewing will be Friday, May 27, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Sunrise Funeral home Chapel.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CHRISTIAN I. SMITH

Christian Smith, still born, of Winter Springs, died Tuesday, May 17, 2005.

Survivors include parents, Margaret L. Smith and Richard Smith; sister, Amy K. Fensterer; brother, Bobby T. Fensterer; maternal grandmother, Wanda E. Mealey; paternal grandfather, Alan P. Smith; paternal grandmother, Valerie Smith.

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

VINCENT L. PALUMBO

Vincent L. Palumbo, 83, of Sanford, died Saturday, May 21, 2005.

He was a World War II Navy Veteran, a Pearl Harbor Survivor, 32nd Degree Mason and founder of Royce Electronics Sales.

Survivors include wife, Sophie; sons, Leonard, Thomas, Steven and Christopher Palumbo, all of Sanford; 15 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 24 at Central Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice of the Comforter, 480 W. Central Pkwy., Altamonte Springs, 32714 or Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 3101 West SR-46, Sanford, 32771.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

Blue Jeans Queens boost a cause

They came prancing across First Street, switching in their blue jeans, shaking their Mardi Gras beads and wearing assorted tiaras.

They are the Blue Jeans Queens, a group of eight downtown workers who are organizing a new local service club called the Sweet Potato Queens.

The festive debut of the Blue Jeans Queens was at Thursday's "Alive After Five" in the Sanford Downtown Square. "We're just down here to have some fun," one member of the group proclaimed as they went store-to-store sampling wine, cheese and other food offerings provided by downtown merchants.



Charles Jackson

They all wore name tags that ended in the suffix "lene." There is Wylene (Kathie Buckley), Shaylene (Donna Schwartz), Merlene (Mary Chapman), Erlene (Donna Everly), Pralene (LeAnne Dombek), Larlene (Kathleen Owen), Faylene (Elise Schullmoller) and Kaylene (Kelly Denio).

All but one of the women works at Federal Trust Bank's corporate office on First Street.

Pralene decided to start the group as a precursor to the Sweet Potato Queen Chapter they are about to inaugurate.

The Sweet Potato Queens are based in Jackson, Miss., where Pralene used to live. That chapter raises funds for children's causes, such as the Children's Hospital in Jackson.

Wylene said the group is debating which cause in the Sanford area they will support, but more than likely, it will relate to children.

"We're looking at Sanford to see if some particular cause might

need some assistance," Wylene said. "We want to pick a good cause to finance."

To join the Queens, call Kathie (Wylene) at 407-562-0324.

CITY WANTS YOUR INPUT

Don't throw away that extra piece of paper in your upcoming water bill, it will determine the future of Sanford's Fort Mellon Park. The city of Sanford is sending out a questionnaire to find out what kinds of things you'd like to see in Fort Mellon Park, such as basketball, volleyball, more kiddie rides, etc. This is your prime opportunity to have a voice in the way the city decides what services best serve your recreational needs.

Mayor Linda Kuhn announced the city's plans at the Kiwanis meeting. She also asked Kiwanis for their ideas. "We are starting the process of enhancing Fort Mellon Park, and we need your input. Sanford can become the premier city in Central Florida. We're not dependent upon developers. We want good development, and we want to tell them what we want, not what they think we want."

MAYOR NO "BOSS"

Mayor Linda Kuhn told the Sanford Kiwanis Club last week that she has "no intention of pursuing" a strong mayor form of city government, as was recently advocated in an editorial in an Orlando newspaper. "The city manager form of government works as long as we have a good, professional city manager," she said. She said she called the newspaper to find out why they would suggest a "boss mayor" form of government for Sanford, whose citizens rejected the idea by 70 percent a couple of years ago. She reiterated her objection at Monday's city commission meeting, and the commissioners decided to draft a resolution supporting the current city manager form of government for Sanford.

FOUL ODOR DRIFTING AWAY

The No. 1 question Mayor

Linda Kuhn has received in her seven weeks in office is "what's being done about the awful smell" near downtown. She told members of the Sanford Kiwanis Club. The foul odor emits from the city's waste treatment facility on Lake Monroe near Central Florida Regional Hospital. The mayor said the smell should dissipate by July, that's when all the mechanisms and treatments should be in place to kill the bacteria that contributes to the stink. The odor is caused by barometric pressure, and it spreads when the wind shifts, she said. "They are working hard to solve the problem. I certainly hope it works."

HUGE CROWD: The Sanford Historical Society reported perhaps a record crowd visiting the Sanford Museum on April 2. "With the grand reopening of First Street on the west and the Hopper Academy Jubilee on the east, people were streaming by all afternoon with 178 coming into the museum," museum curator Alicia Clarke reported.

NAME THAT TUNE: The Sanford Historical Society is seeking the title of a song performed quite often during assemblies at Southside Primary School during the 1930s and 1940s. The lyrics are: I love to wake up in the morning where the orange blossoms grow, where the sun comes peeping into where I'm sleeping, and the song birds say hello.

If you can name this tune, call Alicia Clarke or Brandi Wilmot at the society, 407-302-1000.

Charles D. Jackson, a native of Sanford, is a veteran journalist who writes a weekly column on service clubs. Send information to him at the Sanford Herald, 300 N. French Ave., Sanford, FL 32771.

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Woman's Club honors police officer, firefighter of the year at May meeting

Compassion, professional expertise, leadership and commitment are just a few words used to describe the recipients of this year's Woman's Club of Sanford's Annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards.

Each year the Woman's Club asks our Chief of Police and Fire Chief to choose a member of their department whose accomplishments are worthy of special recognition. Public relations chairman, Bettye Smith, told the crowd that "In recognizing the extraordinary accomplishments of these two individuals we are honoring all of our police and fire professionals."

The recipient of this year's Police Officer of the Year Award is Investigator Stacie Cabello-Richardson. Cabello-Richardson has been with the Sanford Police Department since March 2003 and was assigned to Criminal Investigations in August 2004. Her primary duties entail property crimes in the west side of the city of Sanford. She works with great enthusiasm and has developed additional investigative tools, and utilized all resources available to her to apprehend and arrest the perpetrators of these crimes. Of Cabello-Richardson Chief Brian Tooley said, "She has performed these duties well with great expertise and persist-



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

From left, Woman's Club president Carol Dennison, Deputy Chief Craig Radzak, Lt. Anthony Faircloth, Investigator Stacie Cabello-Richardson, Police Chief Brian Tooley, and Bettye Smith.

ence." She has established a high standard of performance in the Criminal Investigative Section that will challenge and inspire her colleagues." Her positive attitude, work ethic and professional expertise make her this year's Woman's Club of Sanford Police Officer of the Year.

Firefighter/EMT of the Year is Lieutenant Anthony Faircloth. He has been with the Fire Department since 1996 and has distinguished himself in many areas. Prior to becoming a Firefighter/EMT, Lt. Faircloth served twenty years in the U.S. Navy where he gained extensive shipboard firefighting experience. He retired from the navy as a Chief Petty Officer. According to 'A' Shift Battalion

Chief Terry D. Henry, Lt. Faircloth "quickly gained the respect of his subordinates with his strong leadership skills." He is described as fair, open to suggestions, yet authoritative when necessary. He demonstrates great poise on the fireground and in stressful situations. His calm yet commanding demeanor allows him to view the emergency scene in the required "big picture", thereby leading his crew safely through dangerous operations. Lt. Faircloth is currently assigned to Tower 31, a highly specialized apparatus that requires extensive and ongoing training in areas such as high angle rescue, trench rescue and vehicle extrication. He is recognized as one of the future com-

mand officers with the Sanford Fire Department. His courage, leadership skills and highly specialized training, as well as the respect of his peers, make him the choice for the Woman's Club of Sanford Firefighter/EMT of the year.

After the awards ceremony the Rev. Richard Wagoner of the First Baptist Church of Sanford delivered a beautiful benediction. His words captured the thoughts and feelings of all present when he said in his most eloquent prayer; "We ask that You would give extraordinary personal safety and health to each of them and to their families. Please continue to pour into their human souls the spirit of excellence and diligence which has already made them more worthy of any honor we could give. Let Sanford's uniformed officers and firemen be honored because of the quality of their work and let even greater honor come to Stacie and Tony as they find new ways to become even more engaged in meeting the needs of our community and making our city a safer and better place to live."

The Woman's Club of Sanford proudly salutes Investigator Cabello-Richardson, Lieutenant Anthony Faircloth and all of our city police and fire professionals. We pray for their safety and thank each of them for their extraordinary service.



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins

Mary Jackson Fears, left, retired media specialist; Sharon Tanner, Principal of Midway Elementary and Patricia Merritt Whatley, founder-director of Tajiri School of Performing Arts.

Students experience 'Sanford Out of the Dust'

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

Midway Elementary students of Mr. Joseph Royer's 4th Grade Class had the grand opportunity to witness the presentation and guided field study experience of "Sanford Out of the Dust, An Ancestral Path to Dignity" by Patricia Merritt Whatley, director and founder of Tajiri Arts School of Performing Arts and Academics, Inc.

The Ancestral Path to Dignity consists of historical places and events based on the African and Native American ancestry of Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, Georgetown, Midway and other historical sites. The contributors and sponsor of this project are the State Department of Cultural Affairs and Tajiri Arts, Inc. They believe that in this field of study, you will learn about people of the past who helped shape the present.

You will learn who these persons were, what they looked like, and how they affected their surroundings. Students were able to learn the history of Sanford, which was purchased in 1870 by Henry S. Sanford, and that the first cut street in Sanford was Sanford Avenue. The first public school in Sanford was built in 1883 and was named Eastside Primary School, that the Nile River in Africa and the St. Johns River in Sanford both flow south to north. They learned that the famous author of many books was Zora Neal Hurston, a former Sanford resident, and that the great baseball players Jackie Robinson and Willie Mays lived on Sanford Avenue. Students on the tour were told how Midway area got its name from two flowing wells. Midway's first African-American veterinarian is Dr. Joseph Kendrick, and its first African-American Attorney is Willie George Allen. The students who sing their school song found out that it was written by former students Sharon Edwards, Delores Fields Williams and Pearl Higgins Eshery.

Sanford was at one time called the Celery City. Students were taught that celery workers not only cut celery but advanced the use of a field machine called the Mule Train.

Each human group or society has a culture. There are many untold historical facts that are part of Seminole County's both past and present. Our rich heritage here in Sanford must be shared with all children. They want to know that our blended lives create the perfect rainbow.

The primary mission, says Ms. Whatley of Tajiri School of Performing Arts and

Academics, is to provide youngsters with structured and supervised activities that will raise each child's self-worth, prepare them for academic competence, give them tools for successful social interaction, discipline, respect and individual responsibility through history and culture.

The mission of the Seminole County Public Schools' Social Studies program will be to help students develop the ability to make informed and thoughtful decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society.

The students will be able to study the contributions of our local African Americans and follow their path to dignity.

Those educators and historians who contributed to the success of this project are Barbara Kirby Bentley, PHD, Stephen Caldwell Wright, PHD, Anne L. Refoe, PHD, Shirley Wynn Allen, Levanther Whitby, Sylvia Stallworth, Cynthia Kendrick Oliver, Victoria Brown Smith, Altermese Smith Bentley, Patrick Coggins, PHD, Vivian Hurston Bowden, Cynthia Smith, Daphne Frances Humphrey, Mary Jackson fears, Photographs - Marva Y. Hawkins, Tommy Vincent, The Sanford Herald, Camilla W. Barnes. Media - Kenneth Moore. Illustrators - Chelsey Merritt, Annette Motley, First World Drummer and Dancer.

This course of study was introduced to the 4th grade social studies curriculum of the Seminole County Public School and to the Seminole County School Board. This will provide students with a tour of the rich African Americans history and culture of the communities in Seminole County from the 1800's and beyond, showing the lifestyle of African Americans through literature, drama, reenactments, cultural storytelling, current history, African dance, and having designated tour sites to serve as active parts in the local educational and business community that serve as repositories of the many historical artifacts that are on display and a multitude of historical information. Thanks to Principal of Midway Elementary Dr. Sharon Tanner and Mr. Royer.

The docents for the tour were representatives of these schools: Casselberry Elementary, Goldsboro Elementary, Idyllwild Elementary, new Life Christian Academy and Pinecrest Elementary. Thanks to these principals, educators and youth.

Tours for "Sanford Out of the Dust; An Ancestral Path to Dignity" by Patricia Merritt Whatley are available. Call 904-696-7877.

Assistant principals of the year named

SANFORD — Seminole County Public Schools has announced that Michelle Morrison of Evans Elementary School, Larnell Wafford of Indian Trails Middle School, and Barbara Monte Carlo of Winter Springs High School, have been named assistant principals of the year.

Morrison is currently in her second year as an assistant principal at Evans Elementary School in Oviedo. Prior to that, she served six years as Geneva Elementary's assistant principal.

Her education career began 16 years ago as a music teacher at Pine Crest Elementary and later at Woodlands Elementary in Longwood. She received her bachelor's degree from Florida State University and her master's degree from Nova Southeastern University.

Morrison is a product of the Seminole County Public Schools having graduated from Eastbrook Elementary in Winter Park, Tuskawilla Middle in Winter Springs, and Lake Howell High in Winter

Park. Wafford has been an assistant principal at Indian Trails Middle School in Winter Springs for the past 13 years. Prior to that, she served as assistant principal at Tuskawilla Middle School.

After graduating from Florida Southern College, Wafford became a middle and high school teacher in Okeechobee County. She received a master's degree from the University of South Florida and became a school and district administrator in Okeechobee County. This year

she completes her 30th year in education.

Monte Carlo began her teaching career at Oviedo High School 34 years ago after graduating from Florida State University. All of her experience as a high school English teacher has been at Oviedo High School except for two years at Lake Mary High.

She obtained her master's degree from the University of Central Florida. After serving as a dean at Oviedo High School, she became an administrator at Winter Springs High School seven years ago.

Clerk's office wins national honor for 22nd consecutive year

SANFORD — For the 22nd consecutive year, the Seminole County Clerk's office has been honored with the highest national award for excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association for the United States and Canada, was presented to the Clerk's Office for the County's Comprehensive annual

Financial Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

Robert L. Wilson, the clerk's director of county finance, also received top honors from the Finance Officers Association. This marks his 24th consecutive year of receiving the individual achievement award for his work on the CAFR. Wilson retired as county finance director in April 2005.

"Although not unexpected, this is a crowning achievement for Bob and the

hard-working men and women of our County Finance Department," said Clerk of the Circuit Court Maryanne Morse. "Twenty two consecutive years in a row is quite a streak. Excellence in County Finance starts at the top - with its director. For 16 years in Seminole County, Bob Wilson helped set a standard for accuracy, clarity and professionalism. Bob Wilson is a good friend and a dedicated public servant. We are going to miss him."

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Sports

Adult softball up for grabs

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — Recent results in the City of Sanford Recreation Department Spring Adult Slowpitch Softball League has tightened up the standings in most league's considerably.

When the season began in Church League April, it was generally felt that this would be one of the most competitive seasons in some time because of changes in the rosters and team line-ups. And that has proven to be true as couple of surprising results Monday night at Pinehurst Park left five teams within a game of first place with four games left in the regular season.

The league began the second half of the season on Monday and you could tell right off the bat that it was going to be an interesting evening.

RiverWalk Church (formerly Sanford Church of God) jumped out to a 5-0 lead and led 9-3 after four innings before many-time champion Central Baptist Church of Sanford rallied to even the score at 9-9 entering the bottom of the sixth inning.

That's when the RiverWalk offense came back to life, exploding for five straight hits, with the big hit being a triple by Tim Hummel that put his team ahead for good, allowing the home team to plate four runs and take its third straight victory, 13-9.

But that was only a warm-up for what was to come as the middle game turned into a slugfest.

Four-time defending champion Westview Baptist Church and The Rock of Central Florida both had their hitting shoes on as the score was 10-9 Westview after three innings.

The score was still 10-9 as Westview came to the plate to open the fifth and the champs looked like they would put the game away by the Run Rule as they pushed nine runs across the plate to take a 19-9 advantage.

But The Rock was not ready to go home. A one-out walk opened the door as a single and two-base error scored one run and a sacrifice fly scored another to make the score 19-11 and keep the game alive.

Both teams scored a run in the sixth inning and Westview added another in the top of the seventh and appeared headed to its fifth victory of the season, holding a 21-12 lead as the bottom of the seventh began.

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Hamill places 11th in South Korea

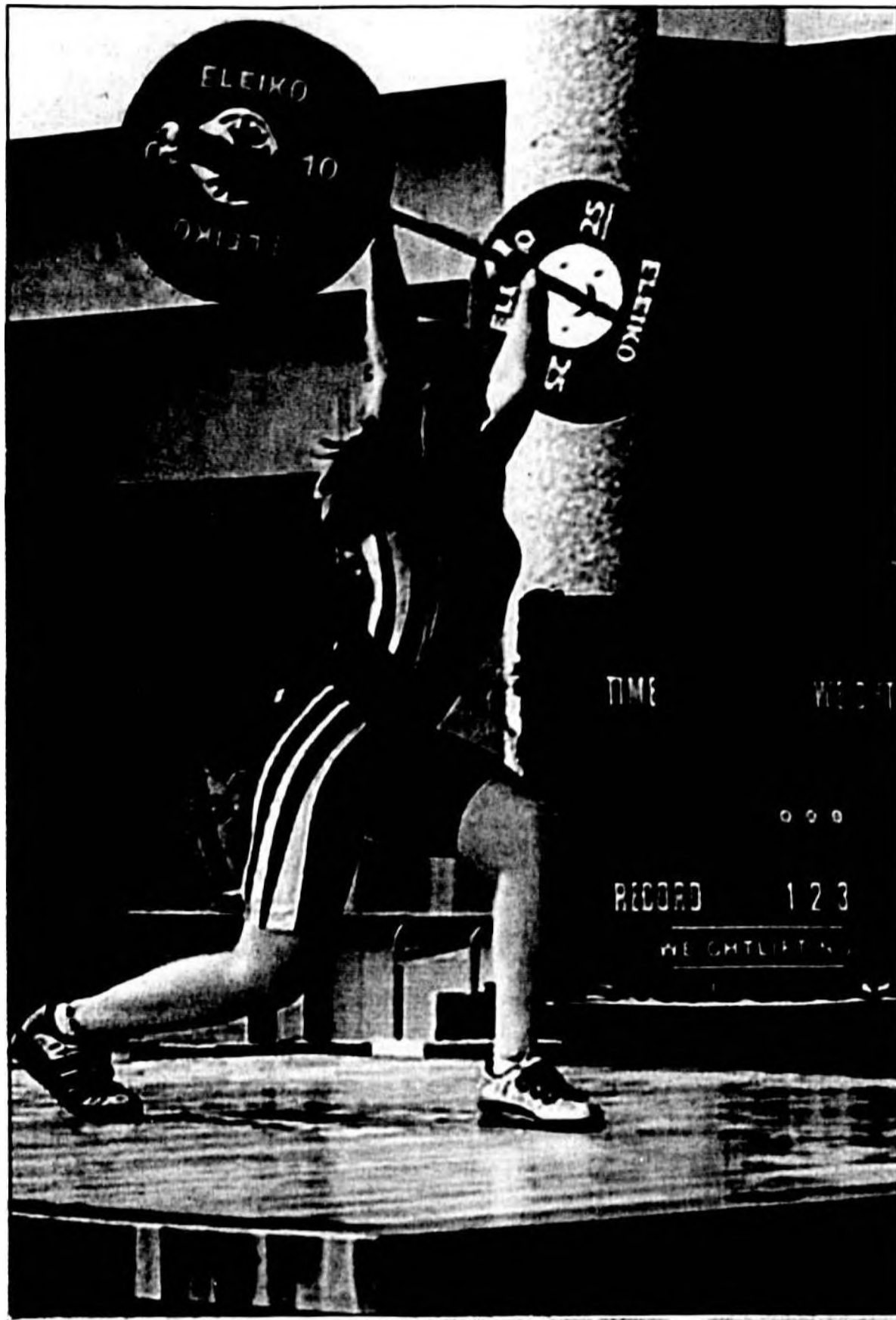


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Lake Brantley freshman Meredith Hamill placed 11th in the nationally televised Junior World Weightlifting Championships in Busan, South Korea. Lifting against 18-to-20 year old athletes from 63 countries, the 14-year-old national champion Olympic-style weightlifter, the youngest competitor on the 15-member USA Junior World Team and the youngest competitor in her weight class, had a personal best in the snatch, lifting 73 kilos, and lifted 85 kilos in the clean and jerk for a combined total of 158 kilograms or 347.6 pounds.

Lake Brantley freshman was the youngest American to compete in the Junior World Weightlifting Championships

Special to the Herald

Fourteen-year-old national champion Olympic-style weightlifter Meredith Hamill returned to the United States (Sunday) yesterday after placing 11th in the Junior World Weightlifting Championships in Busan, South Korea.

Lifters from 63 countries were competing in the nationally televised meet. Hamill was the youngest competitor on the 15-member USA Junior World Team and was the youngest competitor in her weight class, competing against lifters 18-to-20 years old from all over the globe.

Hamill had a personal best in the snatch, lifting 73 kilos, and lifted 85 kilos in the clean and jerk for a combined total of 158 kilograms or 347.6 pounds.

She is a leading contender for a spot on the 2008 or 2012 USA Women's Olympic Weightlifting Team and will be training at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs this July.

"It was my first time to compete against lifters from Russia and Bulgaria and I was really impressed by their technique, so I plan to concentrate on perfecting my technique," said Hamill. "I'm so happy I had a chance to be a part of it. The girls from Russia and Bulgaria are so quick and explosive and I can learn from that. I have another 5 or 6 years at the Junior Worlds and my goal is to move up every single year. I'm really glad I got this chance to represent the US."

In the 63 kilo weight class, lifters from Russia came in first and second, the third place fin-

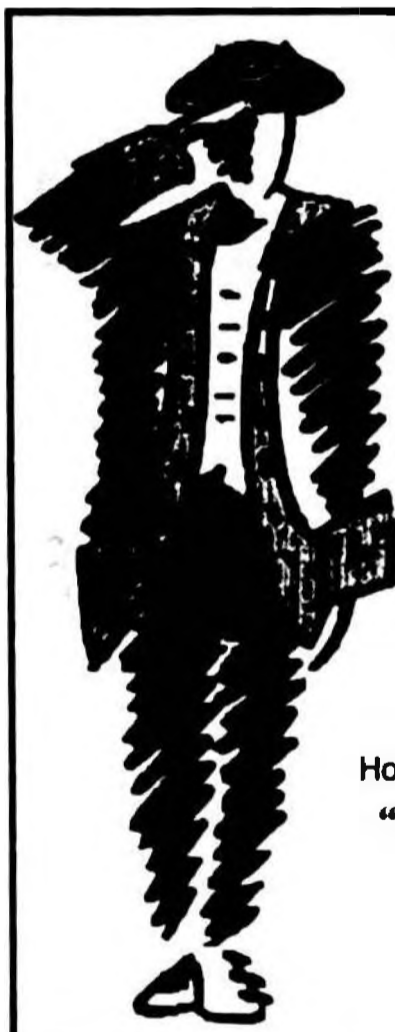
ish went to a lifter from Bulgaria.

Hamill's next big domestic meet is the School Age Championships in Illinois June 16-19, where she'll attempt to set an American School Age record.

She'll be training at Lake Brantley High School, coached by USA Weightlifting's Danny Camargo of Team Altamonte, himself a former USA weightlifter who represented the United States in international competition while living and training at the US Olympic Training Center (OTC) in Colorado Springs.

At only 14, Hamill is the national champion in both the women's school age (17 and under) and junior (18 to 20) divisions in the 63 kilogram weight class. At the Junior National Weightlifting Championships in Minneapolis, April 1-3rd, Meredith lifted 70 kilos in the snatch competition and 92.5 kilos in the clean and jerk, a personal record, for a combined total of 162.5 kilos or 357.5 pounds. In all weight classes, she is ranked 7th in America for all women lifters under 20.

Team Florida Weightlifting is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of Olympic Style Weightlifting among Florida youth and young adults. It offers instruction, training and competition on a statewide level to anyone who may be interested. All are welcome. Scholarships are available for those in need. For more information, visit www.usaweightlifting.org



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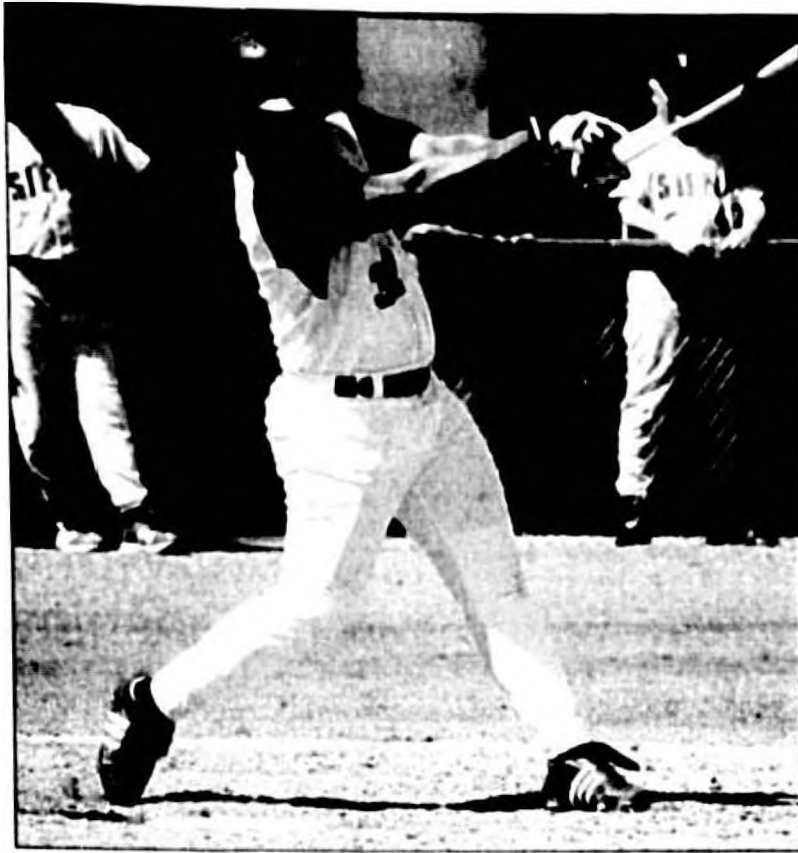
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UCF baseball in search of A-Sun Championship No. 7



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UCF senior Dee Brown had a huge weekend at Mercer over the weekend, hitting four home runs to set a single-season record of 18 and the outfielder also took over the career lead in hits and RBI.

Special to the Herald

The winningest baseball team in A-Sun Championship history, the UCF Golden Knights (40-16), look to capture their seventh Atlantic Sun Championship title this week in DeLand.

The Atlantic Sun Championship begins today (Wednesday) at Melching Field at Conrad Park and will feature the league's top six teams based on conference regular season winning percentage. The first game of the tournament is scheduled for 11 a.m. with top-seed Troy facing #6 Gardner-Webb.

The middle game has #2 Florida Atlantic facing #5 Georgia State at 3 p.m.

The Golden Knights are the No. 3 seed in the A-Sun Championship and face No. 4 seed and host Stetson Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Thursday's schedule has the Losers from the first two games playing in an elimination game at 11 a.m., followed by the Game 1 winner against the Game 3 loser at 3 p.m. and the Game 2 winner against the Game 3 winner at 7 p.m.

The double-elimination tournament continues with games at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday. The A-Sun Championship Game is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Because of the way the schedule is set up, who plays who after the second day

depends on how many teams are left. Check out www.stetson.edu for updates.

For the second time in school history, UCF enters the tournament as the No. 3 seed and the first-round meeting with the Hatters marks just the second time the two A-Sun rivals have met in the opening round of play.

UCF captured the season series from the Hatters with two wins in DeLand earlier in the season. After Stetson won the series opener 10-4 on April 1, the Golden Knights rolled to an 18-11 victory on April 2 and a 14-7 win on Sun Sports in the series finale April 3. In all, UCF has won five of its last seven games vs. Stetson.

All of UCF's games in the A-Sun Championship will air on the UCF ISP Sports Net-work. Wednesday's game will air at 6:45 p.m. on 740-AM The Team with the voice of the Golden Knights, Marc Daniels. Any game that starts prior to 3 p.m. will be an Internet only broadcast on ucfathletics.com.

UCF owns the top winning percentage and the most tournament titles of any A-Sun school entering this week's tournament. The Golden Knights boast an A-Sun Championship winning percentage of .729 (27-10), more than 100 points better than the next closest opponent.

UCF's six league championship tournament trophies also lead the league. UCF

has captured the tournament title in 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2001 and 2002. The five other schools competing in this week's A-Sun Championship have combined to win just five titles (FAU 2004, Stetson 1988, 1989, 1990, 2000).

UCF is also 15-4 all-time at Melching Field at Conrad Park, including a 6-2 mark in tournament play. The Golden Knights won the 2002 A-Sun Tournament Title at Melching Field.

Over the past weekend Dee Brown established a new single-season home run record at UCF with his 18th home run of the season but it was not enough as Mercer (28-26, 12-18) squeaked out an 8-7 victory over visiting UCF Saturday afternoon at Claude Smith Field, giving the host Bears two wins in the three-game series and denying the Golden Knights the No. 2 seed in the tournament.

Mercer's Ty Megahee singled through the left side in the ninth with two runners on and one out to hand the Bears the series victory.

Andrew Emert hit his second solo home run of the series to give to score the game's first run in the second.

In the third, Daniel Hurst connected on a two-run home run to extend the Bears' lead to 3-0.

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That's when one of the most remarkable comebacks in memory occurred as The Rock used eight hits, including a home run by Chuck Goehring and doubles by Bart McDowell, James Padgett and Matt McDoney, two walks, a sacrifice fly and two huge Westview errors to come away with a 22-21 upset win.

The final blow was a two-run

single by McDowell, who had doubled in a run earlier in the inning, to bring home Goehring and McDoney with the tying and winning runs. What makes the rally even more impressive is that the only out recorded in the inning came on the sacrifice fly.

Goehring, The Rock's leadoff man, had a monster game, going 3-for-3, including the home run and two doubles, walking three times and scoring six runs. McDoney, the No.

2 hitter in the line-up, was not bad either, scoring four times and driving in four runs. McDowell had four hits in six trips and drove in five runs.

The late game was kind of anti-climactic after the first two games as All Souls Catholic Church was in top form, jumping out to leads of 7-0, 10-1 and 15-1 before ending with a 15-4, six-inning victory over CrossWay Church of Central Florida.

Waters was 3-for-3 with a triple and Tim Wilks was 3-for-4 with a pair of triples and three runs scored and Tony Taylor tripled and drove in four runs to lead the way for All Souls.

Monday's results left the standings in a log-jam with Westview, All Souls and

Riverwalk all at 4-2 and Central Baptist and The Rock tied for fourth with 3-3 marks. CrossWay is getting more and more competitive each week, but is still looking for that elusive first win.

The Friday Night Industrial League only had one real surprise as Brett Witte's two-out single in the top of the seventh inning scored Ron Anson to break a 6-6 tie and give First United Methodist Church of Sanford its first win of the season, 7-6, over Rum Runners.

But the other two games saw the league-leaders, Wayne Densch and C.P.H. (Conklin, Porter and Holmes) get scares, with Wayne Densch outscoring the Rum Runners, 15-11, and CPH outlasting Holy Cross, 19-16.

The unofficial standings (one of the top two teams has to have a loss) has Wayne Densch and C.P.H. tied for first with 5-0 records, followed by Holy Cross (3-3) and the Rum Runners and 1st United Methodist of Sanford (both 1-5).

The Women's League got an early start on the Spring season and is nearing an end with Paul's Towing (10-1) running away with the championship. Completing the standings are Alley Cats (6-4), Aging Gracefully (6-5), Sunshine Stingers (3-7) and Fidelity Hornets (1-10).

The Wednesday Night Men's League is in the early stages with Scruffy Duffers and Diamond Home both having 4-

0 records and Seminole Community Church (Blue) and Ker's Wing House both having 0-4 records.

The Men's Thursday Night League is also tight with C & C Site Development (4-0) holding a one-game lead over Sanford Boys (3-1). Trailing the leaders are Mixed Nuts and U.S.P.S. (both 2-2), Kitner Surveying (1-3) and Knight's Truck Center (0-4).

All of the leagues play at Pinchurst Park on West 24th Street and games begin at 6:30 p.m. except for Wednesday, which starts its games at 7 p.m.

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