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'Noles sweep

The SHS slowpitch softball team ran its winning streak to 39 games, completing its second "double-double" in winning the SAC and Central Florida tournament championships.

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SHS team wins award from Disney

Five teachers from Seminole High School received a Special Judges Award (\$5,000 for teacher team, \$2,500 for school) during this year's Walt Disney World Teachers' program honoring educational projects.

More than 450 teachers from five local school districts participated in the contest, which was held at Disney's Yacht and Beach Convention Center.

Along with the awards luncheon, the teachers were treated to guest speakers from the fields of education and entertainment.

The teachers, Evonne Cohen, Christine Gandomout, Mary Michalak, Kevin Smith, and Jeane Swaynos, won the award with their PLAS-TER program, which stands for Placing Leaders, Adults, and Students Together to Encourage Reading.

The program gave students in Seminole High's leadership class the opportunity to mentor students in reading. Volunteer parents got into the act as well, with each mentor reading books together with students in intensive reading classes.

Students, parents, teachers, and community members also collected books to distribute free of charge to all students enrolled in reading classes at Seminole High.

These groups are busy again this year collecting books for the next book drive, which will occur on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Anyone who would like to donate young adult books, drop them by the school's front office or contact Kevin Smith at 407-320-5103.

SEMINOLE SMILE



Charlie Holt — Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lake Mary

Santa's Helper



Herald photo by Steve Paradis

Ray Kendrick of Pine Hills works on his wooden toys, like these road graders, throughout the year to give to children of organizations like Safehouse and Give Kids the World at Christmas.

Woodworkers build care into each child's present

By Steve Paradis
Herald Staff

PINE HILLS — Somewhere near Kissimmee this Thursday, about 200 terminally ill children will receive a token of hope in a small wooden toy crafted by members of the Central Florida Woodworkers Guild.

The Guild offered more than 1,700 toys to organizations like Give Kids the World in Kissimmee and Safehouse of Seminole,

according to toy drive chairman Ray Kropp of Longwood.

About 90 percent of the toys are produced by Pine Hills resident Ray Kendrick, who works on the gifts just about every day of the year.

All but the last 200 wooden toys have been distributed, Kropp said Monday, but the last group goes to Give Kids the World. Kendrick

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At Sanford day spa, it's all about clients

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Prepare to be pampered if you visit About You Salon and Day Spa in Sanford.

About You sits tucked away, practically hidden, even though it's warm, antique feel is located right on French Avenue.

Owner Debra Jones has been working on the salon and day spa for more than a year, nurturing her dream to fruition. When she decided she was going to open a salon, she began visiting antique stores and other venues to collect pieces she wanted to go into her salon.

She and her husband moved to Lake Mary from Raleigh, North Carolina three years ago. Before getting in the salon business,

Jones worked in insurance. She said that making people feel good has always made her feel good, so she found a way to share that.

"We love Sanford," Jones said of why she picked the location.

About You offers a complete line of spa services such as massages, hairstyles and treatments, manicures and pedicures, facials, body waxing, and more.

If you are going in for a full spa day expect to be treated to a refreshing beverage of your choice and a plate of fruit with chocolate.

Soft soothing music fills the soft, gold crumpled wall paint that surrounds the interior, as Jones aims to keep all her clients comfortable.

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Review: Cop turnover rate excessive

City approves Chamber funding, proposes marina fishing zones

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — A Sanford Police Department review prepared by former interim City Manager Eugene Miller shows the department has a high turnover rate.

The review was presented at the City Commission workshop on Monday. It studied turnover rates and found them to be high at 15.38 percent. That rate was for sworn officers in fiscal year 2004-2005.

"The turnover rate of all police personnel needs attention," Miller wrote in the review.

Turnover rate is a key issue in a salary battle between city officials and the Sanford police union.

The union is asking for a higher percentage increase to its step scale, so that officer salaries are more in tune with the amount of call outs for service. Miller estimated Monday that the call outs for service might top 120,000. Call outs for service in 2004 were about 116,000. When the union met with the city's labor attorney in

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

This sign may change under city recommendations.

Flasher strikes three times in one month

From Staff Reports

WINTER PARK — An unknown man has exposed himself to teenage girls on at least three separate incidents in October and November, according to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

All of the incidents took place in District 5 which covers Winter Park, Casselberry and Winter Springs. Three separate young women reported separate incidents, a news release said.

The three cases of indecent exposure are similar in that an unknown man drives up to the victims, engages them in brief small talk, and while in his vehicle, he exposes his genitals. He then drives away.

The first incident took place Oct. 17 at Trinity

Prep. School in Winter Park. The suspect was described as a white male, possibly in his 20s, with dark hair, wearing a hat. He drove a dark colored car.

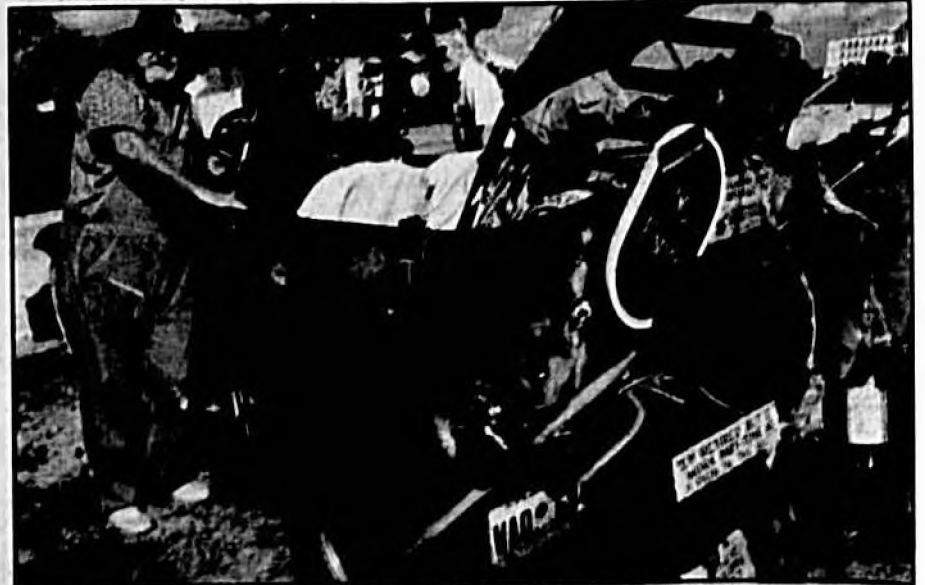
The second incident happened Nov. 5 in the Lake Howell High School parking lot.

The man, again described in his early 20s, had short hair, a goatee and a white T-shirt. He drove a royal blue Honda Civic.

The last incident occurred Nov. 11 at Gladiolas and Aster Drive in Winter Park. The description was similar again, with the Civic having two doors and chrome rims.

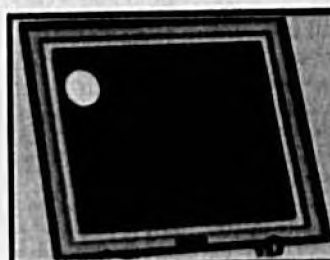
Anyone with information should contact Investigator Bill Gosch, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, 407-665-6650.

Bubba's Tub



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Johnny Wofford of Eustis displays his hillbilly hotrod at the Museum of Seminole County History's annual car show sponsored by the Celery City Cruisers Nov. 19. The event was held on the grounds of the museum, featuring custom hot rods, stock, muscle and classic cars.



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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Altamonte teens arrested after deputies force crash

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Two Altamonte Springs area teens were arrested Nov. 24, after they crashed a stolen car, which was being pursued by Seminole County Sheriff's deputies.

A passenger in the car, a 14-year-old female, was not arrested. The car had been reported as carjacked from the intersection of Jackson and Oak streets, just east of Altamonte Springs on Monday night, Nov. 21 during a drug deal.

Deputies spotted the car Nov. 24 and attempted to stop it, but the driver of the car would not stop.

Given that the car had been reported involved in a felony by force, deputies pursued. The pursuit went into Orange County, westbound on I-4. There were two uses of the PIT maneuver, in an attempt to make the vehicle spin out.

After the first attempt, the driver was able to regain control of the vehicle and continued to flee. On the second attempt, the driver spun out and crashed on I-4 near Fairbanks Avenue.

The three people inside the vehicle were checked for injuries and then medically cleared. Two were later arrested.

The driver, Jeremy Stevens, 15, is charged with fleeing and eluding, grand theft auto, possession of crack cocaine, and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, and violation of probation.

A passenger, Xavier Cummings, 17, was arrested for possession of crack cocaine and violation of probation.

Lake Mary, Longwood kick off holidays Friday

LAKE MARY — The annual Holiday in the Park celebration will kick off the season in Lake Mary from 6 to 8 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 2 in City Hall's Central Park.

Musician Bob Glickman will perform for the celebration, which includes a tree lighting ceremony at 6:45 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus are expected to arrive at 7 p.m.

Children's face painting, other entertainment and the Lake Mary Elder Affairs Holiday ornament sale will take place for the entire time between 6 and 8 p.m.

The Lake Mary Girl Scouts and the Lake Mary Historical Commission will sponsor cookies and refreshments for those who bring an unwrapped gift or non-perishable food item to assist unfortunate families in Lake Mary.

For more information, call Gunnar Smith at 407-324-3097.

LONGWOOD — The annual tree lighting will highlight the city of Longwood Celebrate the Season event this Saturday, Dec. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Santa and his helpful elf will arrive at 5 p.m., and the tree lighting ceremony will take place at 6:15 p.m.

Entertainment for the event will include performances by Cub Scout Pack 192, the Lyman High School Band, the Lake Mary High School Madrigals, Xtreme Dance Studio, Next Generation Kids and The Pickering's.

The city will also accept canned food donations for the Longwood Families in Need holiday program.

Food will be available, including hot dogs for \$1, sausages for \$2, and sodas for 50 cents each. Festivities will take place at City Hall, 175 W. Warran Ave., at Wilma Street.

Additional activities include arts and crafts for children and a raffle drawing to win prizes. The proceeds will go to the holiday baskets for Longwood Families in Need.

For more information, contact Fran Mell at 407-260-3447.

Turkey Performance



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

The Thanksgiving holiday brought some entertaining turkeys to Hopper Center school last week as students presented plays and sang songs of the holiday. Shown with his classmates is Seth Cebalos, right, as they present ancient stories by Mrs. Robin's turkeys. The performances by each class was very entertaining and all celebrated with a feast of traditional fare.

Drug related

• Anthony Collier Jr., 18, of Sterling Court, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at Langston Drive and Anderson Avenue. He was charged with trafficking in over 28 grams of cocaine, and reckless driving.

• Deon Perkins, 24, of Yale Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday in the 1500 block of West 13th Street. He was charged with possession of cocaine and destroying/tampering with evidence. He was also found to be in violation of probation.

• Johnnie Lee Rollins Jr., 22, of West 13th Place, was arrested by Sanford police on Nov. 15 in the 1400 block of West 14th Street. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

• Meshell Solomon, 24, of West 5th Street, Regina Davis, 21, of Georgia Avenue, and Brenda Sawyer, 32, of Rose Hill Trail, were all arrested by Sanford police Friday in the 2600 block of Georgia Avenue. Officers said the three were apparently involved in selling drugs. Solomon was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana. Sawyer was charged with possession of controlled substance, marijuana and cocaine. Davis was charged with possession of cocaine within 1000 feet of a school area, selling cocaine within 1000 feet of a school area, possession of under 20 grams of marijuana and possession of narcotics equipment.

• Jimmie Lee Flanders, 22, of Sterling Court, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at 11th Street and South Sanford Avenue as the result of a traffic stop. He was charged with possession of cocaine within 1000 feet of a school area, driving with a suspended license and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

• James Miller, 26, of West 12th Street, and Robyn Nicole Oglesby, 23, of Casselberry, were arrested by Sanford police Thursday in the 1000 block of West 12th Street. Miller was charged with possession of crack cocaine. Oglesby was charged with resisting an officer/fleeing to elude.

• Richard Thompkins, 46, of Center Street, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at 11th Street



and Cypress Avenue. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance including over 20 grams of marijuana, possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, driving with a suspended license and possession of narcotics equipment.

• Christian Dene Collins, 20, of Academy Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police on Nov. 22, near his residence. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

• Michael Jerome Floyd, 28, of Hartwell Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday in the 1600 block of 5th Street. He was charged with possession of cocaine, and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

• Jessica Nicole Sweat, 21, of Apopka, was arrested by Sanford police Friday on Rinehart Road. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, smuggling contraband into a county detention facility and driving in violation of business-only restrictions.

• Keith O. Horton, 39, of Delfino Place, Lake Mary, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at 25th Street and Hartwell Avenue. He was charged with possession of narcotics equipment.

Assault - Battery

• Patrick J. Jackson, Sr., 35, of Willowbay Ridge Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at his residence following a family disturbance. He was charged with simple assault (domestic violence).

• Antonio Juarez Cruz, 20, of Florida Street, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday in the 6300 block of Tinley Terrace where he had reportedly been involved in a dispute with a male. He was charged with battery — touch or strike.

• Valentin Garcia, 41, of Kelly Circle, and Valentin Jonathan Garcia, 19, of Wyndham Crest Blvd., were

arrested by Sanford police Wednesday, Nov. 23. The two reportedly had been involved in a dispute on Windchase Boulevard. Both were charged with aggravated battery — causing bodily harm.

• Marcus Jerold Johnson, 26, of Tinley Terrace, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at his residence following a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

• Samuel Fox, 40, of Chase Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at his residence. He was reportedly involved in a fight with his brother, using a blunt instrument. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

• Wilmer Romero, 29, of Old England Loop, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at his residence as the result of a fight with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence) and obstruction justice by depriving the use of a 9-1-1 phone call.

• Michael A. Glaspy, 42, of Alder Court, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at his residence. He reportedly had been in an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

Traffic Stops

• Neal O. Melbourne, 28, of Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday in a parking lot in Castle Brewer Court. Officers said he attempted to ram the police vehicle. He was charged with committing a 2nd degree felony with a weapon (handgun) aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, driving with a suspended license, resisting an officer by obstruction, and driving in a willful/wanton disregard for the safety of persons/reckless driving.

Thefts

• Christina Jovyana Brown, 22, of Chicago, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. She reportedly took \$19.94 in merchandise from the store without paying. She was charged with petty larceny.

OUT & ABOUT

WED 30

Author Jay Kolo will speak about "Sobriety - Now It's Your Turn", at Lake Mary Public Library Community Room at 7 p.m. The event will be repeated on Dec. 7 and 13. Call 407-474-8114.

Beginning Nov. 30, Holy Cross Church, Sanford, will offer an Advent program for Elementary-age children each Wednesday through December. The program is free of charge. Holy Cross is located on the corner of Park Avenue and 4th Street. Call 407-322-411, ext. 304.

FRI 2

The city of Lake Mary will present Holiday in the Park at City Hall Central Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Cookies and refreshments will be available to those who bring an unwrapped gift or non-perishable food items to assist unfortunate families in Lake Mary.

SAT 3

The city of Sanford will present Christmas in the Square, at Magnolia Square in Historic Downtown Sanford. Events will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with Santa scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m. The event is free.

Elisabery Hobbs Drifters' Christmas Concert will be held at the Helen Stairs Theatre in downtown Sanford at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for Orchestra and \$25 for Balcony.

The Seminole Community College Gospel Choir will be one of several groups featured in the Butts Ministries concert at 6:30 p.m. at Evangelistic Family Worship Center, 400 School St., in Daytona Beach. Call 407-324-5291.

The Lake Mary High School Marching Rams will hold their annual garage sale at the school, 655 Longwood-Lake Mary Road from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 407-260-7178.

The Environmental Studies Center will hold a free open house from 4 to 8:30 p.m. The center is located on Osprey Trail, one-half mile from Highway 17-92 off CR-19 between Longwood and Winter Springs. Call 407-320-0467.

Seminole County Public School's Student Museum, located at 301 W. Seventh St., will host its free Holiday Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Folk-craft, garden tours, an auction and book signings will be highlights. Seminole County students will provide musical performances. Call 407-320-0520.

The Geneva Community Yard and Craft Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Geneva Community Center, 161 First St.

St. Peter's Preschool and Kindergarten's annual fundraiser will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at 700 Rinehart Road in Lake Mary. Food, fun and festivities will be features. Tickets available at the festival. Call 407-333-1707.

The Lake Helen League for Better Living will hold its bi-annual Lake Helen Christmas Home Tour from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3-4. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call 386-228-9818 or 386-228-4091.

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Just some of the 1,700-plus toys given to children by the Central Florida Woodworkers Guild.

Toys

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recalled one trip to Kissimmee when he watched a little girl hug one of wooden toolboxes he makes.

"Her brother wanted to put his new car in the box," Kendrick said. "No sir, she wasn't having any of that." Later, one of the social workers approached Kendrick and said: "That child hasn't smiled in months." Kendrick said that makes it all worthwhile.

On any given day, one will find Kendrick in his workshop out back. On a recent weekday, the retired ceramic tile contractor faced a small dilemma. He couldn't decide whether to include bumpers on the front of wooden cars he was crafting out of pine and purple heart wood.

"This is about all I do now," Kendrick said. He has made the toys for 14 years. He says he had to have something to keep him busy after he retired. Before retiring and purchasing tools for woodworking, Kendrick said he had never made a wooden toy.

Behind the workshop are two sheds that hold the wood donated from scraps by Walt Disney World and Artrcraft Industries of Sanford. Kendrick loves to make the trip to check out the leftovers at the two locations.

"Look at these pieces," he exclaimed, showing a packed shed loaded with boards of all shapes and sizes. "Disney has a bin 6 by 6 by 4 foot. When it gets full, they call us," Kendrick explained, adding that Artrcraft makes large tables that leaves great scraps for the toys.

Joan Lang of Artrcraft said she is very happy to give the leftover wood to someone who can use it for such a good cause.

"I'm totally supportive of what they do," she said Tuesday. The company met the Guild members through a foreman, Lang said. Artrcraft has been in Sanford for 10 years after moving from downtown Orlando, she said.

Kendrick pointed out a variety of samples in the shed: oak, cypress, red oak, mahogany, pine, ipe, maple, white oak, cherry. He holds up one piece: "These handrails make nice tanker trucks," he said.

In the other shed Kendrick displayed purple heart, which in its rough stage appears brown, but a plane and sandpaper reveals its deep purple insides. In the back of the shed is an old wooden sign from the "Liberty Bell" steamship at the Magic Kingdom. "We

had to cut that in half to get it in here," Kendrick said.

"It's fun to go out there and see what you're going to get," he said in the same manner as a child opening a present. "I have as much fun getting the wood as anything."

He holds up a beautiful plank from Artrcraft: "This wood is \$10 per square foot." The companies donate the wood, however, because the Guild promises not to resell the items. It is used strictly for the toys given to children who need some hope at Christmas.

Kendrick orders wheels by the thousands, he said. Many of the toys he makes roll, so they have to have wheels. He works from about 26 different plans for the toys, but because of the different wood and a sense of creativity, he said he never makes a toy the same way twice.

Kendrick talks about the different textures of the wood. "It's addictive," he admitted.

From Sanford to Kissimmee, young people will play with the cars, truck, grasshoppers and multitude of other creations made by hand with a touch of compassion by Ray Kendrick.

"I just like it," he said. "It's my retreat. I'm relaxed. I'm in my element."

Commission

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October, they ripped up the city's offer of a 2 percent raise to the step scale. City officials said it was their final offer, and the union said it might go to impasse.

After the city's work session Monday and before the commission meeting, city officials had a closed-door meeting regarding the police union salary negotiations.

Miller, in addition to pointing out a high turnover rate, commended the police department's administrative functions in the review.

"It's a well run department," Miller said.

Miller also suggested that techniques be explored to decrease the authorized 116 sworn officers work force. Currently, there are six vacancies. Miller pointed out that some of those vacancies could be due to someone quitting, being promoted or retiring.

"We need to probably work on exit interviews," Miller told the Commission.

Exploring an interlocal agreement with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office to patrol more sparsely populated areas of Sanford was another thought Miller shared.

"We'll have to digest," Mayor Linda Kuhn said.

District 2 Commissioner Velma Williams suggested the commissioners have a workshop in January to look closer at the results of the study.

Chamber of Commerce

In other commission news, the city commission narrowly approved two years of funding for the Chamber of Commerce, and it proposed fishing zones in the marina area.

The city voted 3-2 to execute an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce that will give them funding for two years for a total of \$60,000. In 2006, the city would issue the Chamber \$35,000 and then \$25,000 in 2007.

The Chamber requested that each yearly figure be issued to them all at once, but the Commission voted to

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We need to probably work on exit interviews.
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Former City Manager Eugene Miller, referring to police turnover

issue half up front, and the other half after a financial audit was provided from the Chamber. City officials want to review where taxpayer dollars are going.

Kuhn said she was concerned about giving the Chamber a lump sum because of the uncertain financial status of the group, which recently announced it would not be able to afford to put on February's annual Mardi Gras parade.

"They continually told us that they are in financial trouble," Kuhn said.

A statement provided by the Chamber did not please Kuhn and she let it be known at Monday's work session. According to the contract the Chamber has with the city, it would need to provide financial statements, which Kuhn said are insufficient.

"What we got here was not a financial statement," Kuhn said at Monday's work session. "We're the keepers of the taxpayers dollars and I have a real problem with giving them any money if this is the type of financial statement they provided."

Kuhn and newly elected District 4 Commissioner Jack Bridges voted against executing the agreement.

Commissioners also discussed Mardi Gras, and Williams suggested revisiting the issue.

Was Mardi Gras a good thing for the city, and for

businesses, Williams asked? "If it was, maybe we do need to revisit it," she said.

No Fishing zones

Commissioners also revisited the need for "no fishing" signs along the marina waterfront. City staff recommended Monday that fishing be permitted along the RiverWalk, east of Palmetto and west of Memorial Park, including some areas in the marina.

In October, resident Robert Johnson complained his children couldn't fish in the marina area because of the signs. He told commissioners the spot was the only safe place for his children to fish.

Johnson also told commissioners that before the RiverWalk was built, his children were always allowed to fish in the marina area. He said his tax dollars would not have gone to the RiverWalk, if he had known his children weren't allowed to fish on it.

"The kids can't fish in open water over there. They need the breaker wall. If they fall off over there, there's white capping. There's no white capping by the marina," Johnson said in October.

City staff also recommended that fishing would be restricted from Park Avenue to Sanford Avenue.

A group of boaters have started a petition to disallow fishing in the marina areas. Complaints from boat owners were the initial reasons for placing the "no fishing" signs.

Boaters were concerned with fishing line getting tangled on propellers. There were also claims, according to city staff, that fishers were being abusive to boaters.

City Manager Sherman Yehl said at Monday's work session that either way there was no ordinance attached to the "no fishing" areas, and that needed to be addressed.

City staff will work on an ordinance clearly stating where fishing is allowed on the RiverWalk.

The next City Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. on the first floor of City Hall.

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BUSINESS

Girard lands Morrison Homes project

SANFORD — Girard Environmental Services, a full-service landscaping company in Sanford, recently secured two irrigation & landscaping contracts with Morrison Homes' land resources department.

The first project is for the Lake Mary Landings townhome community — a contract worth \$428,000. It includes irrigation and landscaping construction for the community entrance, clubhouse and all community common areas. Lake Mary Landings is located between HWY 17/92 & Weldon Boulevard in Lake Mary and

will have 188 units. The other project, which is worth \$46,000, is for the Cranes Creek townhome community in Orlando. The landscaping construction contract includes irrigation and landscaping construction for all the common areas, including the main entry feature.

"It has been a very effective move to focus a portion of our business in the multi-family residential developments that are becoming more present throughout Central Florida," said Nick Boehme, director of business development of Girard

Environmental Services. "Our construction division is definitely growing because of the home building trend."

Established in 1998, Girard Environmental Services provides construction services & management services for the "green" industry and generates more than \$16 million dollars in annual revenue. Serving all Central Florida Counties, Girard Environmental Services operates a fleet of 80 vehicles and employs 170 full-time employees.

For more information, visit www.girardonline.com.

My Gym offers timely gift certificates

LAKE MARY — My Gym children's fitness center in Lake Mary will offer gift certificates for classes, memberships and birthday parties in time for holiday gift-giving, according to a Nov. 16 news release.

"Instead of traditional holiday gifts like toys, clothes or electronic gadgets, which kids sometimes lose interest in by New Year's Day, give them something that's truly unique and good for them — the gift of fitness," said John Keating, owner of My Gym in Lake Mary.

At My Gym, kids can be

kids by climbing through tunnels, learning gymnastics and playing with other families.

These fitness centers offer children ages 3 months to 13 years gymnastic, sport and activity classes and parents enjoy attending the gym regularly in a social setting that reinforces healthy routine exercise and physical activity, the release said.

At the Lake Mary location, a membership is \$50 and an 8 to 10 week class session, depending on the age of the child, is \$140 to \$180. Gift certificates are available at the

3581 Lake Emma Road location.

My Gym has a variety of physical early learning/pre gymnastics classes, birthday parties and camps offer children in a safe environment with state-of-the-art facilities and qualified professionals.

My Gym is recognized as a leading franchise in Entrepreneur Magazine's 2005 "Franchise 500" and "America's Top Global Franchise" list.

For more information, visit www.my-gym.com or call My Gym of Lake Mary directly at 407-333-8069.

Local man completes RV technician training

SANFORD — After weeks of hands-on training, Camping World RV Institute has announced that Bruce Long of Sanford has graduated, giving him the distinguished honor of being one of the nation's most advanced, well-trained RV technicians.

Long learned of Camping World RV Institute while researching the Internet according to a news release from the company. The Institute's quali-

fied staff and one-on-one instruction convinced him that it was the right place for him to expand his knowledge. Now that he has graduated, he plans on becoming RVIA certified and potentially pursuing a career in the RV industry.

Camping World RV Institute is the nation's top school for RV service and repair.

One feature of the school is its ability to give personal attention to their students, with class

sizes limited to 16 people per class. Top instructors are on-hand to pass on their knowledge of the industry and assist the students in the lab.

All those interested in attending Camping World RV Institute can either email rvi@campingworld.com or send written correspondence to: Camping World RV Institute, 134-A Beech Bend Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101 or call 1-800-356-0311.

SHS Celery Fed Beach Reunion attracts grads

By Grace M. Stinecpher
Herald Correspondent

The Seminole High School Celery Fed Beach Reunion was held Sept. 23-25 at the Oceanside Inn in Daytona Beach. Because of hurricanes, the reunion had to be cancelled in 2004 so everyone was looking forward to this one.

Another glitch almost cancelled this reunion, but it was resolved. The scheduled hotel had notified the committee just a few weeks before the reunion that it was closing, so the committee had to scurry to find another hotel. The Oceanside Inn proved to be very accommodating and was a hit with all. The reunion itself was deemed to be one of the best ever by many attendees.

I drove to Daytona Beach on Thursday, Sept. 22, in the pouring rain finding, upon arrival, that several had already checked in. I believe there were about 22 rooms of us booked that night.

I went out with a group of 12 to Boondocks for dinner while others went elsewhere. Afterwards most of us gathered in the hotel lobby and visited until late.

After a cloudy, rainy Thursday, Friday morning began a beautiful sunny weekend. After a complimentary continental breakfast, several of us spent most of the day on the pool deck, visiting, sunning and swimming. Roy (SHS-1950) and Beth Harris treated us with a lunch of crawfish stew in their spacious apartment. They were from Lake Charles, La., and were concerned all weekend as to what damage Rita was doing to their property.

Late Friday afternoon, we all gathered for hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the dining room where we

enjoyed getting reacquainted. The majority of the attendees had arrived by then, including some new faces who had never attended. Afterwards, most went out to eat. The classes of 1948 and 1949 each had their own dinners elsewhere. Following this, many of us again visited in the lobby until late.

Saturday found us again in groups on the pool deck and in the lobby where we visited, sunned, swam and ate. Some went shopping, watched ball games, played cards or other beach things.

By 7 p.m. all were decked in their Hawaiian finery for a luau in the dining room. We feasted on authentic Hawaiian fare catered by the Hawaiian Inn. The buffet meal was delicious and the room was beautifully decorated.

During the evening, door prizes were given out by the committee members, with the grand prize of a complimentary night at the hotel won by Mary Sumler Waters (1949). Winning complimentary dinners were Dick Butler (1952) and Joe Wells (1950).

The committee which consisted of Jay and Vi Jacobs, Paulette Cason White and Grace Marie Stinecpher was thanked by the group. It was explained that Jay, assisted by his wife, Vi, deserved the majority of the credit as the job all that entailed with both the reunion and hotel cancellations had to be shouldered by him as did much of the other work.

Monday morning we gathered at breakfast for the last time, reluctant to leave our long time friends. But the committee has already booked the hotel for September 22-24, 2006 so put that on your calendar.


Other classmates attend-

ing during the weekend were; Class of 1945, Chip Chapman and Bob Gut; 1945, Robert Jones, Stan Rocky, Wayne Rucker, and Kelley Smith; 1947, Walter Cook, Helen Slaughter Higginbotham, Sonny Horton and Clark Moore; 1948, Barbara Saunders Chapman, Authurene Wilson Cook, Jane Chapman Gut, Lillian Moran Keith, Maggie and Bill Ingraham, Glenn McCall, Judy Jones Moore, Frank Wilson, and Maryanne Springer Rocky; 1949, P.R. Bach, Frank Cranston, Edgar Bruce, Bill Johns, Barbra Rucker Jones, Bette Duncan Kimes, Doug Lossing, Floyd Sparkman, Rodney Wilson, Mary and Wally Tyre, Nixie Kirchoff Coleman and David Ceresoli.

For the class of 1950, Stuart Hollenbeck, Don Cain, Dorothy Knight Stapleton and Don Howard; 1951, Buddy Bass, Charles Beard, Charles Crews, Wise Hardin, Joyce Anderson Harris, Aubrey Moran, Frances Moore Sweatt, Lois Westfall and Garnett White; 1953, Sylvia Hayes Brown, Mary Ann Buker Bruce, Jack Petty, Joanne Moore Sanders, Alvin Thompson; 1954, Gerald Behrens, Ernest Canada, Sandra Dunn Parker, Freeda Colvin Koopmans, Don Colvin, Edward McCall, Jim Fox, Dickie Moss; 1955, Joe Hunt, Rebecca Cain Pelham, Claudette Waits Behrens, Fay Holloway Colvin, Gerry Spivey Cook, Addie Prevatt Forsythe, Walter Harris; 1956, Raymond Hardy, Barbara Lee Howell, Bill Petty, O'Delle Hamilton Wright, Mary Bess, Johns Brenner.

There were 80 classmates attending plus spouses and guests for a total of approximately 120. The class of 1949 had the most at 14.


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Obituaries

NAOMI LEE ALLEN
Naomi Lee Allen, 74, of Winter Park, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005 at her residence. Born in Marion, N.C. she moved to Central Florida in 1968. She was a counselor for a Methadone Clinic and a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church.

Survivors include husband, Billy Allen of Winter Park; sons, Maurice Allen of Atlanta, Ga., Dennis Allen of Greenville, S.C., Desmond Allen of Sanford and Matthew Allen of Orlando; daughter, Billie Cathy Lewis of Winter Park; sisters, Betty Brewster of Eustis, Ruth Truesdale of Prentiss, Miss., and Mary Basile of Seabring; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 29 at St. Stephens Catholic Church with Father John Blout officiating.

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

LEON ANTHONY ANNONI
Leon Anthony Annoni, 91, of Longwood, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005 in Winter Park. He was born Jan. 17, 1914 in Minneapolis, Minn. He was a retired manager and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include daughter, Jodi Ackerman; brothers, George Annoni and James Annoni; two grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

EUGENE C. CHASTAIN
Eugene C. Chastain, 89, of Sanford, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005. He was born Dec. 15, 1915 in Indianapolis, Ind. and moved to Sanford in 1980. He was an Evangelist with a Doctorate in Theology. He belonged to Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include his church family. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Oaklawn Park Cemetery. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel,

Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

ERMA JEAN COLEMAN
Erma Jean Coleman, 53, of



Coleman

Granby Avenue, Sanford, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005 at Florida Hospital, Orlando. She was born Sept. 2, 1952 in Donalds-

ville, Ga. She was a member of Spirit of Truth Ministries in Sanford.

Survivors include daughter, Tabitha Coleman of Linden, N.J.; sons, Reginald Coleman and Robert Coleman, Jr., both of Sanford; brothers, Curtis Hayes of Detroit, Elec Hayes of Fort Riley, Kan., Clarence Hayes of Columbus, Ga. and Samuel Hayes of Fort Bragg, N.C.; sisters, Joyce Hayes, Velma Hayes and Geraldine Kendrick all of Sanford, Darlene Hayes of Linden, N.J. and Sherion Wallace of Riverdale, Ga.; seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at St. James House of Prayer, 2621 Cameron Avenue in Sanford.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

AVA GAMBREL
Ava Gambrel, 75, of Winter Springs, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005 in Orlando. She was born Feb. 24, 1930 in Magnet, Ken. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include son, Darryl Weaver; sisters, Maxine Zupko and Velma Acuff; one granddaughter. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

SEAN T. GLENN
Sean T. Glenn, 38, of Marietta, Ga., died Friday, Nov. 18, 2005 at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital,



Glenn

was a graduate of Seminole High School in 1985, and a salesman for First Data Corporation of Atlanta. He moved to Sanford from Atlanta approximately five years ago.

Survivors include daughters, Shylon Glenn, Teayra Glenn and Zarya Glenn; mother of his daughters Latesia Reddicks; father, Arthur Greene of Newark, N.J.; brother, Craig E. Glenn of Arcadia, Fl.; grandmother, Jeannie Glenn of Sanford.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at New Bethel Missionary Baptist church, 618 E. 10th Street in Sanford. Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 2 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Sunrise Funeral Home Chapel.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

RUTH GRANT
The Rev. E. Ruth Grant, 89, of Longwood, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005. She was born Oct. 14, 1916 in Milton, Fla. and moved to Longwood in 1946. She was a former pastor of the First Pentecostal Church of Longwood.

Survivors include husband, J. Russell Grant; daughters, Shirley DePree of Plainfield, Ind., Sibyl Coombs of Coocoe, Patsy Powell of Rome, Ga.; sons, Fred of Manhattan Beach, Cal. and Richard of Rome, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

Viewing will be Thursday, Dec. 1 from 4:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home in Altamonte Springs. Funeral services will be Friday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Pentecostal Church in Longwood.

Memorial donations may be made to the E. Ruth Grant First Pentecostal Church Scholarship Fund, 561 Orange Ave., Longwood, 32750. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, East Altamonte Chapel, Altamonte Springs, in charge of arrangements.

was a real estate broker. Survivors include sons, Jeffery D. Lima and Kenneth J. Lima, Jr.; brother, Dennis Lima; three grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

WILLIE J. MERKERSON
Willie J. Merkerson, 67, of



Merkerson

Kings Road, Sanford, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at Vitas Hospice Inpatient Unit, Winter Park. He was born Jan. 27, 1938 in Hastings, Fla. He was a music teacher in the Seminole County Public School system for over 33 years. He was President of the Midway Water Association, and a member of National Education Association, Florida Band Master Association and the

WILLIAM KING HALL
William King Hall, 43, of Sanford, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005 at Orlando Regional Lucerne Medical Center. Born in Akron, Ohio, he moved to Sanford in 1980. He was a laborer.

Survivors include mother, Donna Bahn of Arizona; brothers, Mark Hall of Deltona and David Hall of Minnesota; sister, Cheryl Hall of Deltona.

Collison family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

KENNETH JOSEPH LIMA SR.

Kenneth Joseph Lima, Sr., 56, of Altamonte Springs, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005 in Longwood. He was born Jan. 20, 1949 in New Jersey. He

HURSH E. "Gene" TAFFER

Hurshel E. "Gene" Taffer died on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005. Gene was born in Dallas, Texas on July 2, 1921.

Gene spent his youth in Texas and Colorado, graduating from high school in Terrell, Texas in 1940. Upon graduation he entered the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Later, he served at bases around the country including stints with Fighter Squadron 62 on both the USS Midway and USS Roosevelt. He finished his 20-year Naval career as lead chief of N.A.M.I.D. at Sanford. After retirement he owned and operated his own independent insurance agency in Sanford and Orlando.

He was in the Kiwanis and a past president and founding member of the Fleet Reserve. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Sanford where he had been a Deacon and Chairman, and he had taught the men's Pioneer Sunday School Class for over 23 years. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ginny Taffer of Sanford; daughter, Barbara (Robert D.) Rosenberger and one grandson, Robert Taffer Rosenberger all of Raleigh, N.C.

Visitation for Gene will be Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service at First Baptist Church of Sanford.

Interment will be Friday, Dec. 2, 2005 at Crestlawn Cemetery in Vero Beach, Fl. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Baptist Church of Sanford Building Fund.

Please sign the guest book at www.baldwinfairchildfuneral.com. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

Florida A&M University Alumni.

Survivors include wife, Alberta P. Merkerson of Sanford; brothers, Sammie L. Tomblin of Altamonte Springs, Andrew K. Merkerson of Daytona Beach and Harry James of Danla; three grandchildren. Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at St. James A.M.E. Church, 819 Cypress Avenue. Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 2 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Sunrise Funeral Home Chapel. Sunrise Funeral Home,

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About You Salon and Day Spa owner Debra Jones poses with message therapist Rosie Barwick in the business on French Avenue.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Spa

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"We want it very relaxing," Jones said.

Although, Jones said when she is styling hair she likes to step the soothing music up a tad to a faster jazz beat.

A soft orange aroma fills the salon and awaits clients in the massage and facial room. Each small area of the salon has its own feel. A crystal chandelier reflects off the walls when the lights are dimmed for relaxation. An

antique clock hangs near the bathroom, which sits across from the pedicure station, tucked in the back of the salon.

Not only do the women at About You pamper their clients, they also educate them. Massage Therapist Rosie Barwick educates her clients, not only on the different types of massages she performs, which includes Swedish, deep tissue, sports, stone massage and reflexolo-

gy, but also tailors information to the client's own body.

Barwick said that one of the most important things about massage therapy is to know your own body. If a client is first aware of problem areas, such as tight knots in your arms or neck, they can work on those not just at the spa, but at home.

Jones, who received training in all the services the salon and spa offers, takes hair-care a step further. She

educates her clients on the way their specific hair grows and how to maintain healthy locks beyond each visit.

Jones also provides information regarding hair loss and thinning in women's hair and what they can do to help it.

About You Salon and Day Spa is located at 1908 S. French Ave., next to Dominoes Pizza.

For more information call 407-328-0199.

Brigadier general visits local DAR

SANFORD — Brigadier General (ret.) David C. Godwin, Florida Army National Guard, was guest speaker at the November luncheon meeting of Sallie Harrison Chapter, DAR, Nov. 11 at the Fellowship Hall of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary.

Regent Dr. Lois Somerville and Chaplain Mary Williams conducted the opening ritual. Carol Lynn Bevc led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Elizabeth Nichols led all in reciting The American's Creed. Members and guests then sang the first verse of The National Anthem. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner was served buffet style.

General Godwin's last active duty assignment was command of the 53rd Infantry Brigade (separate), Florida Army National Guard in Tampa. The Brigade is one of only 15 Enhanced Readiness Brigades in the country. With an authorized strength of 4,270 soldiers, the Brigade includes three infantry battalions, a field artillery battalion, a combat support battalion, a headquarters company, a light cavalry troop, an engineer company, an air defense battery and a military intelligence company.

In addressing the assembly, General Godwin paid tribute to those who have served, are now serving, and those who are now training to serve. The U.S. is currently serving in 120 countries. They are warriors with a compassionate spirit. Conquest is



Frankie and General David C. Godwin pose with DAR regent Lois Somerville at the Nov. 11 meeting of the Sallie Harrison Chapter.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

never their goal. They serve to make freedoms available. They face serious challenges and in all wars make significant contributions. Bravo Company from Sanford built or rebuilt schools and orphanages in Iraq.

They were steadfast in their belief that their country will be better because of their efforts. His concluding statement was: "May God bless America and may God bless those who serve."

Frankie Godwin, wife of General Godwin, was a guest at the meeting and shared a short video which showed the raising of two flags—those of our country and of the State of Florida. General and Mrs. Godwin now reside in Winter Springs.

Another feature of the "Military Week" program was "The Missing Man" narration by the Regent as she stood by the table set symbolically for the

missing man.

During the business session Janet May read the President General's message which stated that heartfelt thoughts and prayers continue to be with those who have been affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

She thanked Daughters everywhere for the outpouring of concern for the victims. She also made reference to several October highlights: The National American Foundation for the annual Christopher Columbus celebration in Washington, C.C. when NSDAR joined in honoring the national winner of the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest; Founders' Day at Tamassee DAR School in South Carolina; and Dedication Day at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Alabama.

Ann Howland, National

Defense Chairman for the Chapter, gave a report from the DAR publication, National Defender. She stated that the United States has about 45,000 non-U.S. citizens serving in our military. Recently at the U.S. Embassy in Rome, Italy 34 U.S. service men became American citizens at a Naturalization ceremony. The applicants — mostly sailors — came from 20 countries.

In her report she also featured information about the Buffalo Soldiers, the Tomb of the Unknown, Veterans Day, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, and military assistance by Coast Guard, Navy, Seabees, the National Guard after the recent hurricanes.

Virginia Powell, Historian, updated the chapter on books that have been approved for acceptance by the NSDAR library.

The Regent reported that plans for the Nov. 17 Naturalization Ceremony have been finalized. Sallie Harrison Chapter has assumed the sponsorship of three such ceremonies at the Sanford Civic Center during the 2005-2006 year.

Emi-Marie Trelub, age 2, was a guest at the meeting. Her papers are being submitted for membership in Fort Mellon Society, C.A.R. She proudly presented the surprise package gift, a decorative turkey, to the regent who is also her grandmother.

Chaplain Williams closed the meeting with a Thanksgiving prayer and also one for the military.

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Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

LUCILLE C. MERO

Lucille C. Mero, 97, of Lakeland, formerly of Sanford, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005 at the Crossroads Health Care Center, Lakeland. Born in Plymouth, Conn., she moved to Florida in 1926 from Brasher Falls, N.Y. She was an LPN and a Methodist.

Survivors include sons, Eugene W. of Osteen and Robert H. of Lakeland; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Evergreen Cemetery in Sanford.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Jackson of Deltona; sisters Veronica Morgan and Tamechia McFadden, both of Sanford, Cynthia Morgan of Deltona and Sylvia Morgan of West Palm Beach.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. at St. Matthew M.B. Church, 3724 Main Street, Sanford, Rev. Charles Graham officiating, Rev. Leonard L.J. Wilson, pastor. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

EUGENE FRANCIS PRESTERA

Eugene Francis Prestera, 81, of Sanford, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005 in Altamonte Springs. He was born March 10, 1924 in Bradford, Pa. He was a business broker.

Survivors include wife, Ligia M. Prestera; sons, John A. Prestera and Eugene M. Prestera; daughter, Yvette C. Alvarado; sister, Genevieve Bushnell; six grandchildren.

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

ALAYJAH T. RIVERS

Baby Girl, Alayjah T. Rivers, 4, of Sterling Court, Sanford, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005 at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women. She was born June 23, 2001 in Sanford.

Survivors include father, Albert Rivers of Orlando; mother, Cyleste N. Roberts of Sanford; maternal grandparents Joanona Cooper and Sylvester Robert of Sanford; paternal grandparents Marlena Rivers of Orlando and Sherman Franklin, Jr. of Altamonte Springs; great grandparents, Sally Rivers of Orlando and Beatrice Roberts of Sanford, Ruby Hunter of Sanford and Johnnie Slade of Orlando; sisters, Mikaila J. Debose of Sanford and Jaiden Rivers of Orlando.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at New Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

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

Alayjah

ROBERT WILLARD METZ

Robert Willard Metz, 74, of Sanford, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005 at his residence. Born in New London, Conn., he moved to Sanford from Key West in 1971. He was a Senior Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Tommie Metz of Sanford; sons, Jimmy Castro of Petus, Tex., Daniel Gonzales of Houston, Tex.; daughters, Dianna Moron of Corpus Christi, Tex., Delma Gregory of LaBelle, Fla., Dalia Myer of Columbia, Md., Debbie Robinson of Center Hill, Fla., Vicki Chase of DeBary and Tameia Leatherman of Sanford; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be Friday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery with the U.S. Navy Honor Guard.

Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

ANDREW LOUIS MORGAN

Andrew Louis Morgan, 46, of Deltona, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005 in Osteen. He was born Feb. 1, 1959 in Leesburg.

He was a farm helper and a Baptist.

Survivors include mother, Sadie M. Graham of Deltona; son, Trente Morgan of Leesburg; brothers, Willie Woods of Waycross, Ga., Robert Morgan of Altamonte Springs, John Robinson of Sanford and

Celebrate holidays old-fashioned way

SANFORD — Celebrate the holidays the "old fashioned way" at the Student Museum/Demonstration Gardens in Sanford's beautiful historic district.

Seminole County Public School's Student Museum will hold its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Museum, originally Sanford High School (1902) then Sanford Grammar School (1911-1984), is located at 301 W. Seventh Street in Sanford. We will have folk-craft demonstrators (spinning, weaving, carving, etc) Historic Rose

Garden tours, a rose sale, a blacksmith, Timucuan Village, and mulled cider.

In addition, there will be a scavenger hunt for the children, local authors' book signing, ask a master gardener, and a silent auction with proceeds to benefit the gardens. All museum exhibit rooms will be decorated for the season and admission is free.

Seminole County students and The Caroling Company will provide musical entertainment. Celebrate the holidays the Old Fashioned Way.

For more information, call 407-320-0520.

Take care of plants when weather turns cold

By Al Ferrer
Seminole County Residential Horticulturist

Many different tropical and subtropical plants are found in a typical Florida landscape. While tropical plants need to be protected from temperatures below 50 degrees F, subtropical plants can harden to withstand freezing temperatures. The ability of plants to tolerate freezing temperatures is influenced by temperature changes prior to a freeze. A gradual decrease in temperature over a relative long period of time prepares the plants to withstand cold temperatures. Plants normally tolerant to low temperatures may be injured if a sudden decrease in temperature occurs. Cold injury can occur to the entire plant or to plant parts such as buds, flowers, fruits, trunks, stems or roots. Many plant parts can adapt to tolerate cold, but fruits and roots have little ability to develop cold tolerance.

Containers: Plant roots in small containers can be frozen by low temperatures, but under the same conditions, roots of plants in the landscape will escape cold injury. Roots of plants in exposed containers can be injured by low temperatures and show no apparent damage until the plants are stressed at higher temperatures.

Soil heat: Radiating heat from soil warms the air above ground and low-growing plants will greatly benefit from this source of

heat. Soil heat is best preserved by mulches placed around plants to protect the roots. Organic mulches such as pine bark are recommended. Fertilization: Most landscape plants are fertilized two or three times a year. In Central Florida, usually one application is scheduled in March and another in September. Late fall applications should be avoided as it can promote untimely late flush of new growth. Fertilizer rates should be reduced in the fall because plant nutrient consumption declines during the colder months. Plants should receive in the fall about one third to one half the normal fertilizer rate.

Irrigation: Watering plants several hours before a freeze will protect plants because a wet soil will absorb more solar radiation than a dry soil. This heat will be released during the night thus helping to protect the roots of the plants. After a freeze, plants should be watered to provide water to the plants which may be losing water through transpiration and the water in the soil may not be available because it is frozen, this is especially true in container plants.

Coverings: Materials such as cloth sheets, quilts and plastics can be placed over plants to protect them from frost damage. Covers that extend to the ground and do not touch the plant tissues will protect plants by reducing radiant heat loss from the plants and the ground. A light bulb can

be placed under the covers to provide heat to the plants when very low temperatures are expected. The covers must be removed as temperatures rise during a sunny day. Contact between the plant tissues and the coverings, may result in cold injury.

Pruning after a freeze: Pruning should be delayed until new growth is visible. Dead leaves may be removed as soon as they have turned brown. Cold damaged to woody tissues can be best determined by examining the food conducting tissues under the bark. If scratching into the bark reveals black or brown tissues, continue the search until you find green tissues when scratched. Prune back to the live wood to

promote healthy growth of the branches.

Cold injury to palms: Remove damaged portions of leaves but keep the green, not injured portions of the leaves to maintain a high level of photosynthetic area. Spray palms with a copper containing fungicide at the recommended rate. Repeat the spray 10 days after the first treatment with the copper fungicide or another broad spectrum fungicide. Palms growing in containers should receive a fungicide soil drench to suppress possible root infecting fungi from causing root rots. A monthly soluble nutrient solution containing minor elements can be applied to help palms recover from light freeze injuries.

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Sports

Tulsa/ UCF to meet in C-USA finale

Special to the Herald

With UTEP losing at SMU on Saturday, the matchup for the inaugural Conference USA Football Championship Game has been set. The West Division champion Tulsa Golden Hurricane will meet the East Division champion UCF Golden Knights on Saturday, December 3 at the Florida Citrus Bowl. ESPN will televise the championship game live beginning at Noon EST.

The game represents a matchup of the nation's most improved team in UCF against a Tulsa squad that improved by three and a half games from its 2004 finish. Both schools enter the C-USA Championship on hot streaks. UCF has won eight of its last nine, while Tulsa has won five of six.

"We are delighted with this matchup, said Commissioner Britton Banowsky. "Both teams are playing at a high level and if the game is anything like our regular season has been, it should be exciting to the very end."

George O'Leary took over UCF last season, but while rebuilding the Golden Knights finished 9-11. UCF's nation-long losing streak stretched to 17 games on September 17. Since that time, the Golden Knights have reeled off eight victories and won the East Division with a 7-1 record. UCF is just the seventh team in NCAA history to go from winless one season to bowl-eligible the next and it has posted the second-largest single-season improvement in NCAA annals, trailing only the 1999 Hawai'i team that improved 8.5 games.

Tulsa will be going to a bowl game for the second time in head coach Steve Kragthorpe's three seasons at the helm of the Golden Hurricane. After See UCF, Page 6B

Seminole sweep

Slowpitch softball repeats double-double

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

Dynasty.

That's a word that gets tossed about somewhat liberally when talking about dominating athletic teams, especially professional teams.

But if the Seminole High School slowpitch softball team isn't a dynasty, there never has been one.

Earlier this month Coach Dave Rogers' squad finished off its second straight undefeated season and second straight sweep of both the Seminole Athletic Conference Slow Pitch Tournament and the Central Florida Orange/Seminole Slow Pitch Championship.

In 2004 the Fighting Seminoles went 19-0 and defeated Winter Springs in both the SAC Tournament and Central Florida Tournament.

This year it was Lake Brantley's turn to be the bridesmaid.

The Tribe went 15-0 during the Seminole Athletic Conference Slowpitch Softball League regular season and then coasted to the SAC Tournament title by beating Oviedo, 5-1, in the semifinals and then shutting out the Patriots, 5-0, in the Championship Game at the Carlton D. Henley Sports Complex at Lyman High School.

Lake Brantley had advanced to the final by clubbing the Bears, 13-3, in the other semifinal.

During the SAC campaign Seminole recorded seven shutouts and outscored its opponents 198-to-26 in the 17 games.

The Tribe did even better in the Central Florida Orange/Seminole Slow Pitch Championship which was held at Lake Brantley High School.

It was nearly a clean sweep for the SAC in the See Softball, Page 2B



Herald photos by Jim Wentz
Pitcher Tiffany Poors (top) finished this season with a 20-0 record with nine shutouts and only 11 earned runs allowed and had a 39 game winning streak over two seasons and Amy Joyce (bottom) led Seminole with a .813 batting average this season.

Tourney time for quintets

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

It's early holiday tournament time for local boys' basketball teams.

Crooms Academy, Lake Howell, Lake Mary, Lyman, Oviedo and Seminole will be headed for two of the bigger early season tournaments beginning tonight.

Nationally-ranked Lake Howell opens play in the Rotary Tip-Off Classic this evening (Wednesday) at Winter Park High School at 8:30 p.m. against Gateway. In the early game (7 p.m.), Jones faces Edgewater.

On Thursday, the losers of Wednesday's games will play at 5:30 p.m. followed by the host Wildcats battling Mainland at 7 p.m. and Oviedo taking on Osceola at 8:30 p.m. The Lions-Kowboys has added interest in that Oviedo coach Ed Kershner used to coach at Kissimmee.

There will be three games on Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the tournament wrapping up with four games on Saturday.

You can't beat the admission price as all you need is a can of food to be donated to needy families and organizations.

The other four teams will play a similar schedule at Lyman, which will be hosting the Greyhound Invitational today (Wednesday) through Saturday.

The event opens with Crooms challenging Lake Mary at 6 p.m., followed by host Lyman against Circle Christian at 7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Wednesday's losers will play at 4:30 p.m. followed by Vero Beach against Lake Highland Prep at 6 p.m. and Seminole against powerful Orlando Christian Prep at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, Thursday's losers again play at 4:30 p.m. with Wednesday's winners meeting at 6 p.m. and Thursday's winners squaring off at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's final day has the Seventh Place Game set for 2:30 p.m.; the Fifth Place Game set for 4 p.m.; the Third Place Game set for 5:30 p.m.; and the Championship Game set for 7 p.m.

Most teams took off over the Thanksgiving weekend, but a few teams still took to the courts and fields.

The Oviedo boys basketball team tuned up for the Winter See Preps, Page 6B

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SCC teams see holiday action

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

SANFORD — It was one of those mixed weekend for the Seminole Community College Basketball program as it took part in Classics over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Raider men struggled in their first extended road action of the season, falling twice in the St. Petersburg College Classic.

SCC faced a powerful, and undefeated, Hillsborough Community College squad from Tampa and fell hard, 80-54.

Playing without their one true 'big' man, 6-foot-8 sophomore Jerome Boyd, the Raiders just could not match up with the much bigger and stronger Hawks, who also romped on Saturday to improve to 9-0 on the season.

Freshman Freddie Williams returned to full-time action after missing most of the previous game with a shoulder injury and teamed with fellow frosh Haakim Johnson to score a co-team-high 15 points. Williams also had five rebounds and two assists and the 6-foot-7 Johnson pulled down eight rebounds.

Renaldo Bell also had a nice game with 13 points and three assists, Houston Wright added seven points and three rebounds, Stephen McMillan, who had to battle inside virtually by himself, added four points and 11 rebounds and newcomer Brett Merrill chipped in with two points and two rebounds.

On Saturday SCC played another powerful squad in the hosts Titans (6-1) and the results were nearly the same as it fell, 83-50.

Freshman Houston Wright had his biggest game so far, scoring 20 points and pulling down five rebounds, while Johnson had 18 points and 12 rebounds and McMillan four points and 10 rebounds.

The Men fell to 3-3 after the losses and were to have hosted Brevard Community College Tuesday before beginning another three-game road trip on Saturday with a trip to Bradenton to take on Manatee Community College at 7:30 p.m.

The team will then take off for nearly two weeks before heading to the Daytona Beach Community College Classic to

face Panhandle Conference powers Gulf Coast Community College (6 p.m.) and Chipola Community College (2 p.m.) on December 16 and 17.

The Raiders will play their final home game of 2005 when they host St. Petersburg College on Saturday, December 31st, starting at 2 p.m.

The Seminole Community College women had no such troubles in their two games as they improved to 7-1 on the season with wins over Cincinnati State College and Palm Beach Community College in the Seminole Community College Thanksgiving Classic at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

The Raiders, who came into the event ranked No. 13 in the nation, got off to a slow start, built a big lead, then held on to defeat Cincinnati State, which came into the tournament as the No. 23 team in the nation, 71-64.

SCC went to its 'twin towers', 6-foot-3 Aneika Henry and 6-foot-4 Lynette Jackson, to get the job done against the Lady Surge (6-2).

Jackson, who has signed with UCF for next season, dominated the game both inside and outside, hitting four jumpers, including SCC's only three-point shot of the game, and scored 35 points, while pulling down 14 rebounds and blocking close to 10 shots.

Henry wasn't bad either, scoring 13 points and pulling down seven boards.

Janice Bright had 24 points and Chaz Jastes and Gwen Edwards 11 points each for Cincinnati State.

In the opening game of the day, Jessica Taylor led a balanced attack as Palm Beach rolled over Skagit Valley College from Washington, 63-37. Hannah Wells led the Cardinals with nine points.

On Sunday, the Lady Surge bounced back with a 79-56 victory over Skagit Valley (1-2).

Edwards led the way for Cincinnati State with 28 points, while Theara Reed and Sasha Sales chipped in with 13 points each. Wells had a team-high 17 for the Cardinals.

The host Raiders again got off to a disjointed start against Palm Beach as they tried to go inside like they had against Cincinnati State, but the shots just wouldn't fall.

Jackson and Henry, along with 6-foot-1 freshman Vanessa Sanders, also got in foul trouble, so it was the SCC wings that had to step up.

And they did as Oviedo's Sis LoSauro scored a game-high 17 points and Rita Grayson and Tamara Layton dropped in 10 each as the Raiders romped to a 67-38 thumping of the Panthers.

Grayson also had eight rebounds and Layton seven boards, while Jackson, despite being saddled with four fouls, had eight points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots in 22 minutes of action.

Back-up point guard Tiffany Scott came off the bench to contribute seven points, four rebounds and two assists, while starting point guard

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Herald photo by Jim Wentz

SCC sophomore center Lynette Jackson (dark uniform) scored 43 points and pulled down 24 rebounds as the Raiders improved to 7-1 on the season with wins over Cincinnati State and Palm Beach in the SCC Thanksgiving Classic this past weekend.

Softball

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first round as Seminole blanked Apopka, 2-0; Winter Springs edged Dr. Phillips, 4-3; and the host Patriots nipped Winter Park by the same, 4-3, score.

The lone setback for the locals was a 5-1 defeat suffered by Oviedo at the hands of Colonial.

The semifinals found the fighting Seminoles whipping the Bears, 15-0, while the Patriots took care of the Grenadiers, 5-1.

Winter Springs bounced back from the loss to Seminole to finish in third place with an 11-1 thumping of Colonial.

The Championship Game ended up being a very good one, especially by slow pitch standards.

Lake Brantley was on the verge of a huge upset, taking a 2-0 lead into the top of the sixth inning.

But the 'Noles were not ready to see their streak end and rallied to tie the game at 2-

2 heading into the final inning.

The Tribe kept the momentum going with Bethany Lawrence driving in a pair of runs to give Seminole a 4-2 lead.

And just as she had done 38 times before, Tribe pitcher Tiffany Poore and her defense made the lead stand up as they kept the Patriots off the board to win 4-2.

In the tournament, Seminole outscored its three opponents 21-2 with two shutouts and in 20 games this season the Tribe outscored its foes, 219-to-28, and allowed one run or less in 15 of those victories, including nine by shutout.

The Seminole defense, led by Poore and shortstop Amanda Edelman, was phenomenal, committing just 16 errors all season and allowing only 11 earned runs.

Amy Joyce led the Tribe with a .613 average at the plate, while Sheena Ware hit .580 with nine home runs.

Poore ended this season with a 20-0 record and allowed just 11 earned runs and ended her

career with a 39-0 record over the past two seasons.

Amanda Edelman, who Lake Brantley head coach Mike Ferrell called the MVP of the league, committed only three errors all season.

Joyce, Poore, Ware and Emilee Edelman were named to the SAC All-Conference First Team all-conference, with Amanda Edelman, Allison Perkins and Norian Torres making the Second Team.

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Preps — UCF

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 Park tourney by easing past a very good First Academy squad (1-2), 62-53, Friday night in Orlando.

Jon Liranzo and Matt Stillwell tied for team honors in scoring with 15 points each, while DeAndre Williams dropped in 13 points and had a big game on defense for the Lions (2-0).

Monday night a pair of undefeated Seminole County teams won battles with a pair of unbeaten Volusia County quintets.

Summey netted a team-high 20 points to join McGrath (14), Larson (13) and Gabbard (10) in double figures as Lake Brantley improved to 2-0 on the season with a 78-63 romp over DeLand (1-1).

Orangewood Christian also improved to 2-0 on the season as Browland scored 16 points and Lockhart 12 as the Rams edged Calvary Christian (1-1), 51-42.

Oviedo's girls basketball team also picked up a nice win over the weekend as Nikki Smith had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Kelly Dwyer 10 points and six assists as the Lions (4-1) rolled over Palmetto, 58-19.

The Father Lopez girls, meanwhile, look as powerful as ever as they easily won their own tournament to improve to 5-0 on the season.

On Friday, Sanford's Jessica Pressley scored a game-high 21 points and her former All Souls teammate, Jennifer Russi, chipped in with 10 points, 10 assists and seven steals as the Green Wave routed Faith Christian, 88-23.

Father Lopez then picked up its second victory of the early season over a Seminole County Class 6A team as the Green Wave rolled past Winter Springs, 63-45.

All-Tournament pick Russi knocked down five three-pointers and scored a game-high 21 points and MVP Pressley hit four three-pointers and scored 15 points as the hosts jumped out to a 23-7 lead after the first period and never looked back.

Annie Hite led the Bears (2-2) with 16 points, while A. Lewis was also in double figures with 12 points.

On Monday, Trinity Prep (4-0) stayed perfect on the season with a 50-22 whipping of Central Florida Christian Academy. Montalvo led the way for the Saints with 21 points, but it was Shields having the big night with 12 points, 16 rebounds and 13 steals for the winner's.

Orangewood Christian (2-1) got into the 'black' on the season by outdefending Calvary Christian (0-4), 29-19, with McBath scoring 12 points and Walsh 10 points for the Rams.

Timber Creek dropped Lake Howell (3-3) to ,500 with a 56-47 triumph despite King scoring a game-high 16 points for the Silver Hawks.

In boys soccer action, Lyman improved to 2-3-1 on the season with a 4-1 victory over Lake Highland Prep (2-2-1). Bilal had two goals and an assist for the Greyhounds, which also got a goal and two assists from Cattarini.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
GREEN WAVE 63, BEARS 45

Winter Springs (2-2)
 Hite 16, A. Irwin 2, West 2, J. Irwin 6, Wilmers 3, A. Lewis 12, J. Lewis 2, Aynes 2. Totals: 18 6-7 45.

Father Lopez (3-0)
 Pressley 15, Huth 2, Harvey 6, Russi 21, Puchocki 10, Bucholz 9. Totals: 24 5-9 63.

Winter Springs 7 12 14 48
 Father Lopez 23 15 19 6 63

Three-point field goals - Winter Springs 3 (Hite 2, Wilmers), Father Lopez 10 (Russi 5, Pressley 4, Harvey). Total fouls - Winter Springs 10; Father Lopez 6. Fouled out - none. Technicals - none.

BOYS BASKETBALL
PATRIOTS 79, BULLDOGS 63

DeLand (1-1)
 Ward 12, Grubbs 2, Smith 26, Jones 2, Weeks 8, Graham 5, Mann 6, Williams 1. Totals: 16 30-51 63.

Lake Brantley (2-0)
 Moreira 9, McGrath 14, Edmonds 4, Gabbard 10, Sparrell 2, Larson 13, Summey 20, Dav 8. Totals: 28 15-19 78.

DeLand 16 14 19 28 63
 Lake Brantley 19 13 21 25 78

Three-point field goals - DeLand 1 (Grubbs); Lake Brantley 6 (Gabbard 3, Summey 2, Gabbard). Total fouls - DeLand 23; Lake Brantley 28. Fouled out - DeLand, Jones; Lake Brantley, McGrath. Technicals - Lake Brantley, Bench, McGrath, Larson.

RAMS 51, EAGLES 42

Orangewood Christian (2-0)
 Graston 1, Brulund 16, A. Lockhart 12, Stephens 8, B. Lockhart 9, Manabach 2, Jones 3. Totals: 20 10-19 51.

Calvary Christian (1-1)
 Degrom 7, Davis 4, Kruster 17, Tomlinson 6, Wimble 8. Totals: 11 20-28 42.

Orangewood 16 13 13 15 61
 Calvary 5 11 8 18 42

Three-point field goals - Orangewood Christian 3 (Brulund 3, A. Lockhart, B. Lockhart). Total fouls - Orangewood Christian 23; Calvary Christian 20. Fouled out - Orangewood Christian, Graston, Calvary Christian, Tomlinson. Technicals - none.

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 losing to bowl-bound Minnesota and Oklahoma teams to open the season. Tulsa has won seven of nine, losing league games to Houston and UTEP by a total of 10 points.

The Golden Hurricane feature senior Garrett Mills, who leads the nation's tight ends in receptions (75), receiving yards (1,075) and touchdowns (8). Tulsa also has one of the most dangerous kick returners in NCAA history in Ashlan Davis. Earlier this season, Davis tied a 31-year old NCAA record held by USC's Anthony Davis when he returned his sixth career kickoff for a touchdown.

Saturday's game will mark the first-ever meeting between the two schools. Tickets for the championship game

are available through TicketMaster by calling 407-839-3900 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Ticket prices are \$30 for lower level sideline seats and end zone tickets are \$18. Groups of 20 or more can purchase

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SCC

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 Irimar Hernandez from Oviedo, had five points, four rebounds and eight assists.

Roni Carithers was the only Palm Beach player in double figures with 10 points.

The Raiders were to have traveled to

Melbourne to face Brevard Community College on Tuesday to begin a five-game road trip over the next 10 days, including a trip to Miami this weekend to face Baltimore County Community College on Friday (2 p.m.), Monroe Community College on Saturday (2 p.m.) and a rematch with Palm Beach on Sunday (1 p.m.). The team will be in Tampa top take on Hillsborough

Community College on Thursday, December 8th at 7 p.m. before returning Sanford to play their final home game of 2005 on Saturday, December 17th at 2 p.m. against unbeaten, as of 11/21, Okaloosa-Walton Community College, the only team to have beaten SCC this season.

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