



### Diamond dandies

Pitching was in the spotlight as Seminole County teams returned to action after the Spring Break vacation. See Sports, page 7

### Local basketball star Cotton dies at age 44

Ruben John Cotton, 44, of Ilhabo, Portugal died Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Born January 19, 1959, he was a star basketball player at Seminole High School, Brevard Community College and the University of Central Florida before playing professionally in Portugal and remaining in the country. Survivors include wife, Christine; daughter, Sophia; son, Ruben; mother, Ruth Cotton of Sanford; grandmother, Lilly Parsons of Stuart; brothers, Reverend Arnold Cotton, Billy Cotton, Marvin Cotton, Edward Cotton, Kelvin Cotton all of Sanford; sisters, Shirley Farmer, Eloise Wilder, both of Altamonte Springs, Irenda Anderson of Sanford.



When Ruben John Cotton came home to visit his family, he sometimes held basketball clinics for the community's children.

### Seminole Smile



Norma Pardo — Administrative secretary for Winter Springs Parks and Recreation

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## Commission postpones decision on new site for supervisor of elections

By Nick Pfeiffauf  
Staff Writer

It appeared at Tuesday morning's Seminole County Commission meeting, that Option 1 for a new Supervisor of Elections facility, would pass with flying colors.

The proposal would provide a 20,000-square-foot facility for use by Supervisor of Elections Sandra Goard, her staff, and sufficient warehousing areas.

"I believe the first proposal would be the best regarding costs to the county," Goard said. "We need to have compact facilities, possibly 20,000 square feet, all at the ground level, and this one fits the bill."

The property is located at the Orlando Sanford International

Airport, and would have been offered at an annual lease of \$148,000 for a ten year period. Goard was on hand during the discussion, and indicated she firmly supported the proposal.

When asked if the airport might consider shortening the lease to five years, with additional five year options, Airport President Larry Dale stepped forward and said the reduction from ten to five was acceptable.

"We have already submitted an application for storm water work at that site," Dale said, "and included in the lease arrangement, we would also provide janitorial and maintenance of the facility, as well as other benefits."

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## Herald profiles locals serving in armed forces

By Nick Pfeiffauf  
Staff Writer

Do you have someone in service in the Iraq war theater of operations? If so, the Seminole Herald wants to hear from you.

In support of U.S. troops overseas, The Herald will publish a picture and a short bio of local men and women serving in the armed forces. If you have a friend or family member to include in this regular feature, send the newspaper a brief listing of the person's name, branch of military service, local affiliation, and other facts such as when he or she enlisted, where they were home-based, and a photograph, preferably in uniform.

One benefit is perhaps being included in prayer listings at our

various churches and remembrances in clubs, groups and organizations.

Similar to the Desert Storm conflict, friends and family members may want to form a support group to share letters or e-mails, which would not only help understanding what life on the front line is like, but may help to ease the minds of a few who may not yet have received any communications from their loved ones.

Providing there are no objections, we would share these names with local individuals who may consider starting a support group.

Let us hear from you. Our fax is 407-323-9408. You can also reach us by e-mail at

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Sanford native James Votoline gets a final farewell from his family before leaving for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pictured, from left, are his wife, Dena, and daughters Samantha, Christina, Lindsey and Jade.

## Window restoration project helps preserve history of Sanford's old post office

By Michelle Jaria  
Managing Editor

SANFORD — As work finishes up on the city's new post office, one of its predecessors has a new look of its own.

Major restoration work was recently completed on the old East First Street post office, which currently houses Sanford Main Street and a police substation. The building's 30 windows were removed, restored and replaced during a more than five-month project.

Plans for the window project began in January 2002 when the city's director of Public Works, Tom George, began measuring the windows for replacement. However, at the urging of Main Street Executive Director Mariene Frith, restoration — rather than replacement — was also considered.

"I knew that restoration would cost more than replacement of the windows, so we had

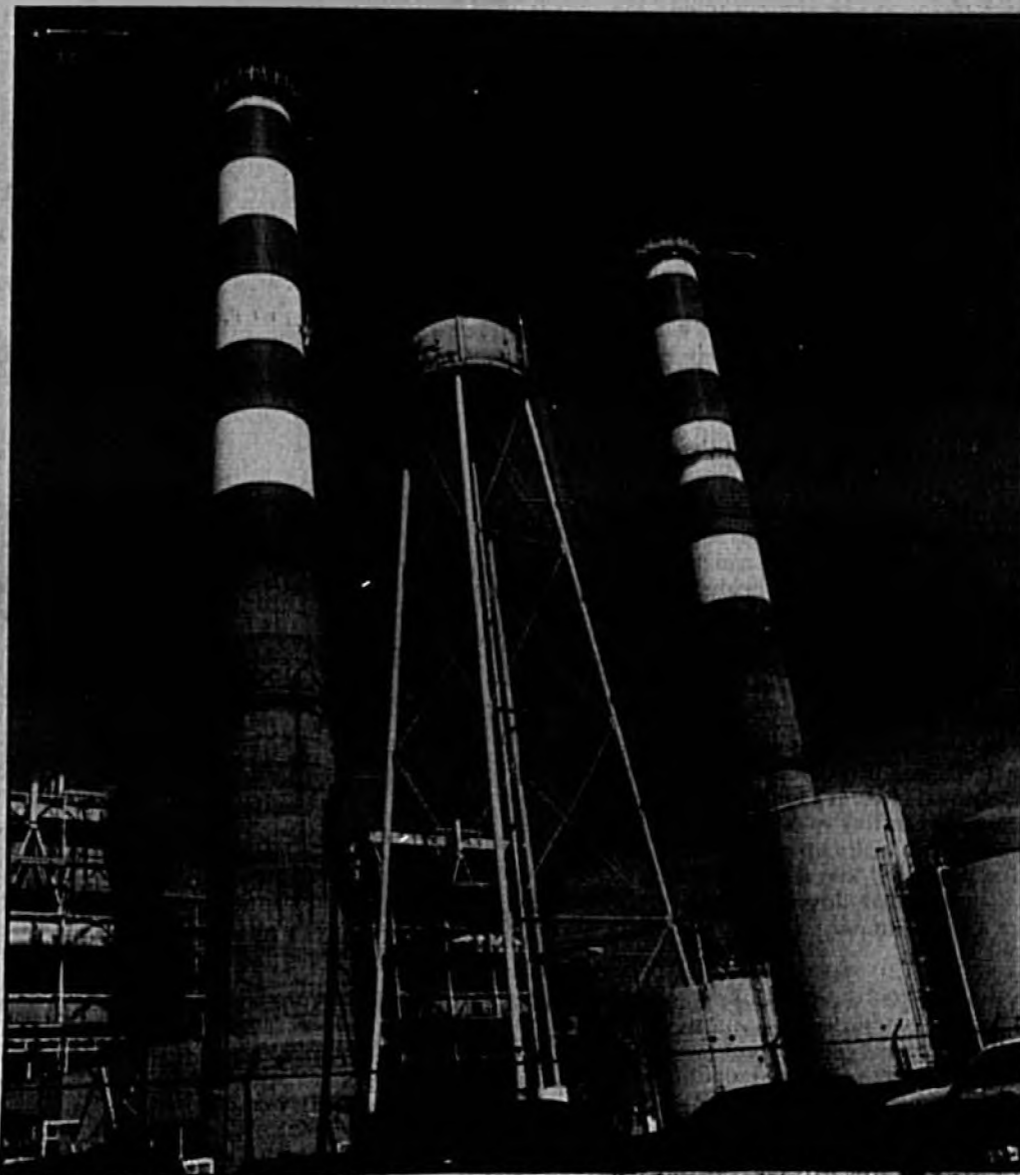
to see if there was enough money budgeted for it," Frith said. "Since the building is on the National Register of Historic Places, trying to keep the historical integrity of its architecture was a given."

The U.S. Post Office Building, located at 230 E. First St., was built in 1917 by Algemon Blair of Montgomery, Ala. The post office opened for business Aug. 1, 1918, and remained in its governmental capacity until 1962 when a new facility was built two blocks away from the site. It became the city library for Sanford and in 1975 became part of the Seminole County library system.

When it was established that enough money was budgeted to preserve the building's old windows, the city began its bid process. CCS Restoration Millwork of Sanford, owned by Chris and Leslie Stevens, won

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## Rescue from above



Rescue crews from Sanford and Seminole County were called to the Florida Power & Light power plant Tuesday to assist in a rescue atop one of the smokestacks.

### Worker stranded 350 feet off the ground

From Staff Reports

DeBARY — Rescue crews from Sanford and Seminole County were called to the Florida Power & Light power plant Tuesday to assist in a rescue atop one of the smokestacks.

Volusia County Fire and Rescue received the original call that a man was stranded inside one of the smokestacks. The man, not identified by press time but described as being in his mid 40s, was working for CDI, the company hired to help dismantle the stacks.

According to Mary Dorn, community information officer for Volusia County, the man became ill while working and could not climb down the 350-foot stack by himself. She stressed that the illness was not accident related.



A view of one of the smokestacks at the Florida Power & Light plant.

Dorn said the rescue was accomplished using a safety harness and a life-rescue rope suspended from the top of the structure. The victim was tied by harness to a firefighter Volusia County firefighter who helped the man descend the external ladder system. Rescue crews describe the man as being in stable condition.

He was transported by ambulance to Florida Hospital's Fish Memorial facility.

The smokestacks, long a landmark along the Seminole/Volusia county border, are being dismantled because a new natural gas system at the power plant has come on-line.

## McKee Construction still growing after 30 years

By Chris Bernhardt  
Herald Intern

On February 15, 1973, Bob McKee started his own construction business in Sanford, McKee Construction Company, doing small residential type work.

Thirty years later, McKee is retired, but the company he left behind continues to grow, building facilities for major businesses in the Central Florida area.

"There's only a handful (of companies) that do," Bobby Von Herbulis, president of McKee Construction, said about construction companies lasting three decades. "You have to change with the times and you have to change with the market."

Von Herbulis should have a pretty good idea of how McKee Construction became such a long-term success story. He's worked there his entire adult life. He went to work for McKee 18 years ago as a 17-year-old still in high school. He worked his way up through

the ranks, buying into the company in 1990 and taking over completely when McKee retired in 1996.

Since then the company has completed a million and a half square feet of construction and quadrupled its business volume.

They no longer do residential work, instead concentrating on commercial construction. They also created a roofing division in 1994. According to Von Herbulis the company has a projected

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McKee Construction Co. President Bobby Von Herbulis, right, and Vice President Stephen C. Esler stand in front of the business' office, located at 790 Monroe Road.





# BUSINESS

## Matt McDonald named regional Realtor of the Year

Matt McDonald, a top producing agent with Watson Realty Corporation in Longwood, was honored as Realtor of the Year by the Orlando Regional Realtor Association (ORRA), the highest honor bestowed to a member of the trade association.

The Realtor of the Year award recognizes a member of the Association who has demonstrated the highest degree of commitment and professionalism.

McDonald has risen to the pinnacle of his profession by becoming a top salesman for Watson Realty. A past recipient of the ORRA Rising Star Award, McDonald's dedication and commitment to the Association are exemplified by his volunteer duties that include helping build ORRA's Habitat for Humanity house and spearheading a ball-crop fundraiser and garage sale to raise money for the house.

McDonald also serves as an instructor at the ORRA New Member

Orientation. McDonald's past service to ORRA includes holding positions on the Liaison and Governmental Affairs Committees and serving as RPAC Chairman. He was also a Director of the Florida Association of Realtors (FAR), as well as being very active on the Legislative and Political Fundraising Committees of FAR.

McDonald was presented his crystal award at the Association's annual Showcase Awards, held at SeaWorld Orlando on Jan. 25. Other Realtors honored at the Showcase Awards included the Rising Star of the Year Tom Hankins, Realty Capital Advisors; and Affiliate Member of the Year Bruce Pitts of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

ORRA also honored Comer Taylor, Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, with the Pillar of the Community Award and veteran George "Rocky" Shearouse was honored with the Walter Rose Lifetime Award,

named after the first ORRA President in 1921. Walter Rose went on to become a state representative, and the Orlando neighborhood of Rose Isle still bears his name.

Orange County Chairman Rich Croty was recognized by ORRA for his support of the real estate industry and was the recipient of the Public Service Award, and the Orlando Sentinel was presented with the annual Media Award.

Special awards were also presented to Dick Batchelor, recipient of the Children's Champion Award, for his instrumental and ongoing work with the Change 4 Kids program; Jacob Stuart, President of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce, was honored with the Regional Community Builder Award; and Mark Street, Appraiser, was presented the Down in the Trenches Award. Yesi Ortega, ORRA Member Service Representative, was named Employee of the Year.

## Business Briefcases

### Crescent Resources leases office space in Lake Mary

Crescent Resources, developer of Crescent at Primera, located at 255 Primera Blvd. off I-4 and Lake Mary Boulevard., recently negotiated two new leases for 25,000 square feet of Class-A office space.

Ida Rood, leasing director for Crescent Resources in Orlando, negotiated both lease agreements. The new tenants, Dynamic Essentials and Sedgwick CMS, each leased 12,500 square feet of space.

Crescent Resources, LLC is a major U.S. developer of corporate office facilities, retail centers, multi-family and single-family development in the U.S. In Orlando, Crescent is developing Resource Square at Central Florida Research Park, The Crescent at Primera and New Century Park in Lake Mary.

Mary and Gateway Crossing Shopping Center in Altamonte Springs.

**Completion of Office Addition**  
McKee Construction Co. of Sanford recently completed the addition to the Seminole Family Practice building in Sanford.

**S.I. Goldman Company reaches 1 million man-hours of safety**

In January S.I. Goldman Company, Inc./Comfort Systems USA reached a safety milestone of one million man-hours with no lost-time injuries. The last injury at Goldman's was in April of 2000. The team received special recognition from its parent company and safety awards from other associations.

### Coldwell Banker announces promotions of local employees

Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, Inc. has announced that Robin Muzeka, manager of the company's Lake Mary/Heathrow office; Nancy Daniel, manager of the company's Northwest Orlando (Longwood) office; and Lois Rawson, Winter Springs office manager, have been named to the President's Council of NRT, its parent company.

This esteemed honor is bestowed on only the top 20 percent of managers nationwide within the NRT family, which includes Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, Inc. and Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT. All appointees are selected on the basis of their office's productivity, including profit, return on revenue and mortgage usage for the year 2002.

"It is truly an honor to be named to the President's Council and one that I have strived for throughout my career with Coldwell Banker," said Muzeka.

"We look forward to working with our peers to continue the growth of our company through innovative programs and initiatives," added Daniel.

"The combination of outstanding leadership, expertise and experience will make Robin, Nancy and Lois exceptional additions to the President's Council," said Rod Clark, Regional President.

President's Council members have been invited to a private luncheon at the International Business Conference taking place in San Diego, California

March 6 - 9, 2003. The keynote speaker at this year's annual meeting will be former Mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani. In addition, all members of the President's Council will accompany Bob Becker, President and CEO of NRT and Mike Good, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NRT on a trip to Banff, Canada in August.

**Local company receives contract**  
D & A Building Services, an Altamonte Springs-based company, recently received the service contract to provide janitorial and carpet cleaning for the 280,000 sq. foot, 10-story Orlando City Hall building.

**Winter Springs woman promoted**  
Erin L. Lawrenz, an associate at PR WORKS!, an Orlando-based public relations and marketing agency, has been promoted to production manager. Lawrenz began with the agency in 1989, and is now responsible for implementing, scheduling and coordinating client projects.

**Fla. Retina Institute Correction**  
Florida Retina Institute's new facility under construction in Lake Mary was erroneously identified as an outpatient surgery center. According to the institute's management, the new 4,500 square foot medical building will serve as a clinic for the treatment of vitreo-retinal diseases of the eye. Harkins Development Corporation is building the one-story building, which is schedule for completion in late 2003.

## Fioretti named Employee of the Month



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Interim City Manager Roger Dixon, right, presents the Employee of the Month certificate to Sanford Firefighter/EMT Vince Fioretti. Nominated by coworker Tim Robles, Fioretti was cited for hard work in the fire inspection office. "This year in the fire prevention division Vince has taken it upon himself to verify occupational licenses and fire inspection licenses for more than 3,200 businesses," Robles wrote. "The kind of work ethic Vince brings in daily was shown when I was out of the office for two weeks because of a motorcycle accident. Vince rolled up his sleeves and reviewed more than 20 sets of blueprints to make sure the duties within the fire prevention office continued smoothly for customers."

## Alaqua Lakes to release last home sites for sale

**Alaqua Lakes To Release Last Remaining Home Sites For Sale in Third Quarter**

Alaqua Lakes, which attracted a pre-dawn crowd when home sites went on sale in 1997, will release its last remaining home sites for sale later this year at the luxury golf course community on Markham Woods Road, south of Lake Mary Blvd. in Longwood.

Charles Ayers, project manager at Alaqua Lakes, said he expects these home sites to sell rapidly once they are made available.

"Alaqua Lakes has evolved into an exceptional community and we have seen the value of

home sites rise each year since we began presales," said Ayers. "Today, we are a fully-mature community and I don't know of a finer neighborhood in Central Florida."

Ayers said the 38 home sites to be released for sale during the third quarter is the second part of Phase 7. Twenty-eight of the home sites are waterfront, Ayers said.

In February, home sales totaled more than \$5 million and two were priced at more than \$1 million, Ayers said.

Alaqua Lakes is being developed by Taylor Woodrow Communities, which has been developing and building

lifestyle communities, quality homes, and high-rise condominiums in North America for over 65 years.

Headquartered in Bradenton, Florida, current operations include more than 60 active developments located throughout Florida, California, Arizona, Texas, and Ontario, Canada.

The company recorded revenues in excess of \$880 million in 2001, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Taylor Woodrow Developments, a United Kingdom-based, housing and development company founded in 1921.

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## Windows

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 the bid and began work in late October.  
 "When we began, we were pleased to see the good quality of the windows," Steve said. "Since the building was built by the government, it was built with the best materials. Even in those days, the government used the best of the best."  
 "The glass is three times thicker than the normal glass used for windows, and the wooden sash is thicker," he said. "The windows were unbelievably well made windows."  
 The quality of the windows meant less wood needed to be replaced, Steve said. And, even though every window was removed from its frame during the restoration, there was only a small percentage of breakage.  
 Once the windows were removed, they were taken apart, stripped and cleaned. The sashes were removed from their frames and refinished, and the brass fix-

tures were also removed and polished.  
 While working on the project, Steve and Leslie came across some unusual items. For instance, one of the back windows was covered over by steel and had a lock on it.  
 "It was probably used as a mail drop," Steve said. "It was unique. In a way, it tells the history of the building."  
 "In every building, every window is unique," he added. "And, we look at every job as a unique way of preserving history."  
 Once complete, the entire project cost about \$32,000 — an average of \$1,000 per window. Although some people have stated the windows look new, rather than restored, Steve and Leslie believe such statements are good things.  
 "That's the best compliment a person can give us," Steve said. "And, now that the windows have been restored, they can be here for another 100 years."



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
 Chris and Leslie Stevens work on restoring a window at the old post office on First Street.

## McKee

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 annual growth between 10 and 15 percent over the next several years.  
 "The biggest factor in staying in business is not that we doing everything right, but before the project is done we make sure everything is right," Von Herbulis said. "And if we mess up, we fess up and fix it."  
 Born and raised in Sanford, Von Herbulis stresses keeping the majority of his business within the local community and thus helping the local economy. Though his company does some work outside of the state, most of its business comes from around Seminole, Volusia and Orange Counties.  
 Von Herbulis also tries to maintain a working relationship with local suppliers and subcontractors, the same ones McKee Construction has used since he started with the company almost two decades ago.  
 "Sanford's been good to us and therefore we try to give back to the community," Von Herbulis said. "We believe in loyalty, not only to our customers but also suppliers and subcontractors. As we continue to grow, our suppliers and subcontractors grow with us."  
 He does his part for the community in other ways as well. Von Herbulis has served on Sanford's planning and zoning board, board of adjustments and appeals and Seminole County's contractor's licensing board. In addition he's a past president of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce and been part of three different bank boards.  
 "In my opinion, that's what makes McKee so successful, Bobby's involvement in the community," Stephen Esler, vice-president of McKee Construction, said. "We try to keep the home base covered." Esler also boasted about Von Herbulis' great relationship

with his employees. He recalled one story that occurred after the company underwent the draining task of moving into their current office back in 2000. As a means of rewarding everyone in the company for their efforts, Von Herbulis shut down business for a week and took all his employees and their spouses on a cruise to the Bahamas.  
 "Everybody is hired as an employee, but they end up as Bobby's extended family," Esler said. "It's a philosophy of how to do business where everyone shares in the happiness. (The employees) know he wouldn't ask (them to do something) if it wasn't needed and he wouldn't ask it if he couldn't do it himself."  
 The company's current office, located at 790 Monroe Road, Sanford, goes hand-in-hand with the company slogan "We structure our business to build yours." Von Herbulis had the building built by his own company and designed it not only as a working business facility but a showroom of sorts for prospective clients. The rooms include various designs and materials that the company uses in other projects. In addition the building houses The Trainers Edge, a fitness center operated by Von Herbulis' wife Debra.  
 Now that his company has reached the 30-year milestone, Von Herbulis can look back with pride on what McKee Construction has already accomplished and what it will accomplish in the future, not only for itself but the city of Sanford.  
 "It's just exciting celebrating 30 years for the company, me being here for 18 years and seeing Sanford grow," Von Herbulis said, "and knowing that we are helping build Sanford into a better community."

## Profiles

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 editor@seminoleherald.com or by phone at 407-322-2611. As always, readers are welcome to stop by and see us at 300 N. French Avenue in Sanford.  
 Today's military profile is Sgt. Maj. James Voltoline. This 39-year-old Sanford native has served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, four on active duty and 16 in the reserves.  
 He is a member of the HHD 317th Military Police Battalion headquartered in Tampa and previously has been deployed to Grenada, Desert Storm and Bosnia.  
 As a civilian, he is the operations manager of Consolidated Label in Longwood. He and his wife Dena, have four daughters: Jade, 13; Lindsey, 12; Samantha, 10; and Christina, 5.  
 Voltoline's father, Frank, is retired from The Herald, where he served in a number of capacities including general manager.

## Office

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 When Commission Chairman Daryl McLain suggested he would entertain a motion to accept the proposal, objections began to emerge from the commissioners.  
 "I'm not willing to approve, at this time, the building at the airport," said Commissioner Carlton Henley. "I believe we should look into the possibility of leasing possibly 5,005 square feet of space for warehousing."  
 Commissioner Randy Morris suggested the commission see a finalized offer in writing, from the airport. He also wanted a better disclosure of the facilities offered in Option 2, that for the third floor at the Reflections Building. The annual lease was originally listed at \$304,941, but it was

announced that the lease arrangement could be lower. Additionally, there would be renovation costs of \$125,000.  
 It was also discussed that being on the third floor might be inconvenient for citizens having to use an elevator.  
 A suggestion was advanced that the decision be held off for two weeks, pending additional information, until the April 8 commission meeting. Dale was asked if the offer would still stand. He indicated it could be but stressed that because of the time needed for receiving the required permits, the delay would rush construction to meet Goard's April 2004 deadline.  
 Regardless, the commission then voted to postpone any decision on the site selection until the next commission meeting.

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Wild About Florida will include exhibits, interactive displays, backyard habitat crafts, and presentations by Florida water and wildlife experts. Presentations will focus on native gardening, monarch butterfly tagging, native wildlife encounters, and fire management as well as

other wildlife topics. Hard-to-find butterfly plants will be available for sale.

Exhibitors will include the St. Johns River Water Management District and its Watershed Action Volunteer program, Florida Division of Forestry, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission, Sierra Club, Florida Fossil Hunters, Leu Gardens, Biosphere Consulting, Inc., Florida Defenders of Wildlife, Seminole Audubon Society, Florida Trails Association, Blanchard Park, Go Natural Native Plants, J. Everett Butterfly

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Teachers may register by calling 407-323-4450, Ext. 122. For more information, call 407-323-4450, Ext. 149, or visit the Central Florida Zoo's Web site at [www.centralfloridazoo.com](http://www.centralfloridazoo.com)

## School Notes

Rachel Zekowitz, a junior at Lake Brantley High School, was named to represent Seminole County Public Schools at the Governor's All Stars event.

Each year, the governor submits criteria that include: academic excellence, good deportment, leadership involvement, and community activism. One junior from each of the 67 districts in Florida will be honored

at an April luncheon with the Governor at the Governor's Mansion in Tallahassee.

Rachel carries a 4.421-weighted GPA and is ranked number one in her class of 777 juniors at Lake Brantley High School. She is a highly active participant in school activities and holds leadership roles in the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Debate Team,

Science Bowl Team, and Science Honorary Society.

Rachel received a \$200.00 check to defray her traveling and lodging expenses from The Foundation for Seminole Public Schools. Executive Director, Dr. Tina Calderone, presented Rachel the check at the School Board Meeting held at the Educational Support Center on March 11.

The White House honored Longwood mathematics teacher Adele Fielding during the 2002 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The ceremony was held at the White House on March 21. Fielding is among 167 teachers to be recognized for an extraordinary ability to inspire students to learn by bringing

challenging concepts to life in the classroom.

Darlene Marshall has been named to the dean's list at Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind., for the fall semester of the 2002-2003 academic school year.

She is the daughter of Chuck and Darlene Marshall of Deltona.

## Community Notes

### Motorcycle Ride

The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a motorcycle ride for the American Cancer Society, Saturday, March 29. The ride is from Lake Mary to New Smyrna Beach with a Lake Mary Police escort. Registration of \$25 per motorcycle and \$10 per passenger can be made at 9:30 a.m. the day of the ride with the ride expected from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. For additional information contact Vicky McVay at 407-620-0952.

### VIP Concert

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church will host a VIP (Victory In Praise) concert 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29.

Admission is free. The church is located at 618 E. 10th St., in Sanford.

### Over Fifty Club

The Over Fifty Club of Sanford will meet in the Sanford Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. April 8. Marge Gunster, president, reminds all members to bring items for Safehouse of Seminole. Coffee and cookies will be served. After the business meeting, Bingo will be played.

### Spring Fling Fashion Show

The Seminole County Extension Family and Community Education (FCE) volunteers invite the community to attend the annual Spring Fling Fashion Show and Luncheon. This year's theme is Easter Parade and will take place April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (with lunch at noon) at the Seminole County Extension Auditorium, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford.

Guest speaker Shana Spooner, a Pillsbury chef, will share her love of cooking and meal possibilities. Tickets \$8 and are available at the door.

To register in advance or for more information, please call 407-665-5599.

Proceeds will benefit adult and youth educational scholarships.

### Lyman High School Dedication

After several years of construction, the campus at Lyman High School, located at 865 S. C.R. 427 in Longwood, is nearing completion. A dedication ceremony for the new facilities will be held April 15, in the courtyard at the school. A town meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the auditorium and the dedication will follow at 6:30 p.m. Featured entertainment includes the award winning Lyman jazz band, drama, chorus, dance and ROTC programs. Food and beverages will be served and tours of the new facilities will be conducted. For more information, call 407-320-2050.

### Help needed

The Kiwanis Club of Sanford is looking for help to assist in the preparation of an upcoming Memorial Golf Tournament. Those interested should call Tournament Director Betsy Nein at 407-831-9991 or e-mail [CNEIN@aol.com](mailto:CNEIN@aol.com)

### Wheelchairs Available

The Independent Seniors Program makes electric wheelchairs available to qualifying senior citizens age 65 and older and other individuals permanently disabled. The wheelchairs are provided, with no out-of-pocket cost, to those who cannot walk or self propel a manual wheelchair, can walk only 10 feet or less and are at risk of falling, or those who meet the additional guidelines of the program.

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## Obituaries

**KATHALINE L. WATSON**  
Kathaline L. Watson, 52, of West 5th Street, Sanford, died Sunday, March 23, 2003, in Central Florida Regional Hospital.

Born Dec. 9, 1950, in Sanford, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Rescue Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, Shelton Watson of Sanford; one daughter, Wendy S. Watson of Sanford; two brothers, Charlie Frank and Larry Lawrence, both of Sanford; five sisters, Mary Joe Smith, Alfreda Mae Lawson, and Helen Lawrence, all of Sanford, and Francis Scott and Phyllis Scott, both of Lake Monroe; and one grandchild, Antoine Murkey of Sanford.

Funeral service is 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in Rescue Church of God. Viewing is 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday in Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary Inc. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary Inc., of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**MIGNONETTE WOODHAM WILLIAMS**

Mignonette Woodham Williams, 79, of Sanford, died on Sunday, March 23, 2003, at the Swain County Hospital. A Florida resident, she spent the summers in Bryson City, where she died.

Survivors include daughter Karen Ledford and; son-in-law

Vernon Ledford; grandson Travis William Speer.

A funeral service for Mrs. Williams will be held on Thursday, March 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the Gramkow Funeral Home in Sanford with Rev. Ray Daniel officiating. A burial will follow at the Oaklawn Park Cemetery in Lake Mary. The family will receive friends at the funeral home prior to the service.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**NORRIS ALBERT WILLITTS JR.**

Norris Albert Willitts, Jr., 68, Kumquat Court, Orange City, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City. He was born Jan. 21, 1935 in Delanco, N.J. He was retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, DeBary; American Softball Assn. Umpire, American Legion, and Florida High School Athletic Association.

Survivors include wife, Rosemarie; sons, Terrance, Deltona, Sean, DeBary, Norris II, Nashville, Tenn., Kenneth, Lawler, Iowa; daughters, Donna Oliver, Spottsville, Va., Kathy Dunivan, Mineral, Va.; mother, Clara, Burlington, N.J.; brothers, Clark,

Jacksonville, Ill., John and Earl, both of Brown Mills, N.J., Roy, Bunnell; sister, Nancy Slater, DelRan, N.M.; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Fourtowns Cremation, Inc., Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

**SAUL YOUNGBLOOD**

Saul Youngblood, 86, of West 15th Street, Sanford, died Friday, March 21, 2003, in Central Florida Regional Hospital.

Born April 28, 1916, in McBean, Ga., he was an upholster. He was a member Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Youngblood of Sanford; two sons, John Elzy and Charles H. Smith Jr., Youngblood, both of Sanford; five daughters, Linda Medlock, Caroline Smith and Minnie Allen, all of Sanford, and Otha Eady and Shandra Smith, both of Orlando; 27 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral service is 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Viewing is 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, in Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary Inc.

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

### Wekiva River Players to present 'My Fair Lady'

Central Florida theater-goers will have a treat in store beginning March 28.

"My Fair Lady," billed as the "World's Greatest Musical," will be at the Helen Stairs Theatre in downtown Sanford, running for three weekends through April 13.

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Tickets are \$15 and \$12 and can be purchased by calling the Helen Stairs Box Office at 407-321-8111.

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