

Busy Weekend

Lake Monroe will be hosting a pair of LMSA races

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**BATTLE AT CAMP MONROE**

A living history day commemorating the battle on the shore of Lake Monroe in 1837

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## HEADLINES FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Saudi crown prince says kingdom intends to invest \$600 billion in US during call with Trump**  
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia's crown prince said Thursday the kingdom wants to invest \$600 billion in the United States over the next four years, comments that came after President Donald Trump earlier put a price tag on returning to the kingdom as his first foreign trip.  
**A bid to block Trump's cancellation of birthright citizenship is in federal court**

A federal judge in Seattle is set to hear the first arguments Thursday in a multi-state lawsuit seeking to block President Donald Trump's executive order ending the constitutional guarantee of birthright citizenship regardless of the parents' immigration status.  
**Firefighters battle to maintain the upper hand on a huge fire north of Los Angeles**  
CASTAIC, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters fought to maintain the upper hand on a huge and rapidly moving wildfire that swept through rugged mountains north of Los Angeles and resulted in more than 50,000 people being put under evacuation orders or warnings.  
**Amanda Knox gets a final shot at clearing her name of slander in Italy's top court**

ROME (AP) — Amanda Knox has a final shot at clearing her name of the last vestige of criminal wrongdoing when Italy's highest court on Thursday hears her appeal of a slander conviction for falsely accusing a Congolese bar owner in the 2007 murder of her British flatmate.  
**7 police officers wounded in San Antonio shooting**  
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Seven San Antonio police officers were shot while responding to a "suicide in progress" call and the suspect was later found dead inside an apartment after a standoff, the city's police chief said.  
**NATO chief says Russian victory over Ukraine would have a costly impact on alliance's credibility**  
BRUSSELS (AP) — NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte warned on Thursday that a Russian victory over Ukraine would undermine the dissuasive force of the world's biggest military alliance and that its credibility could cost trillions to restore.

## Peace and Justice Institute Hosts History of Hopper Academy Event



Attendees at the event.

By **Bryanna Valderrama**  
Herald Intern

This past Tuesday the Peace and Justice Institute held a community event at Hopper Academy. The purpose of this event was for an evening of reflection and conversation on the History of Hopper Academy: mapping the future through understanding our past. Hopper Academy is an important cultural and historical landmark in the City Of Sanford. It was a place

that provided education to African American children during segregation and represents the resilience and strength of Sanford's Black community. Initiated by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the National Day of Racial Healing is an annual event with the mission to advance racial healing and address systemic inequalities that divide communities. This event allows all individuals from the community to reflect, engage and even learn from meaningful conversations about race and social injustice.

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## City of Sanford celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Photo by **Bryanna Valderrama**  
Some of the attendees riding horses in the parade.

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From Jan 17-20 the city of Sanford celebrated the life and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the theme being "Men of the Movement: Charting A Path Forward." The last day of the festivities began at 10 a.m. with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.

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## Longwood City Commission Meeting Recap

By **Victoria Pera**  
Herald Intern

The bi-weekly Longwood city commission meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. this past Monday Jan. 20 at Longwood City Hall. Rabbi Jacob Rodriguez from Congregation Rebirth in Longwood opened the meeting with the invocation and then the Pledge of Allegiance followed. There was one city announcement made by the city clerk, Michelle Longo. Longo announced that the Seminole County Sheriff's Office will host an International Overdose Awareness Day event on Thursday, Jan. 30 from 6p.m. until 8p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Ave. The meeting then went on to community proclamations and recognitions. President Matt Hancock of AC Cowboys, at 275 South U.S. Hwy. 17 92, was nominated for the Businessperson of the Month Award for Jan. 2025. Hancock was nominated by city commissioner Matt Morgan.

"AC Cowboys pride themselves on carrying on the cowboy spirit in the HVAC industry with the highest level of integrity, dependability, and the positive can do it attitude they are known for," said Morgan. "Matt is community minded, donates, and provides free and reduced services to various organizations." The business owners of Baywood Center off 1604 N Ronald Reagan Blvd. received the Community Beautification Award. Baywood owners were nominated by commissioner Morgan. "I just thought the business owners did an outstanding job of trying to create more light at nighttime especially, I was really impressed with it and the new businesses being brought in that strip mall has now been booming," said Morgan. Michael Rhadco, who currently serves as the chief executive officer of Mercy Road Initiatives at Northland Church in Central FL, received the Martin Luther King Jr. Good Citizenship Award. Rhadco was nominated by city commissioner Tony Boni.

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## City of Oviedo's Proposes New Utility Rates

By **Bryanna Valderrama**  
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On Tuesday Jan 21, the Oviedo City Council held a meeting to consider adopting Resolution No. 4559-25 which will enact certain increases to the utility rates, service charges and fee schedules for the City of Oviedo utility customers. The proposed new rates would be used for four key utility components: stormwater, potable water usages, wastewater treatment and reclaimed water usage. These new rates would be necessary for the Public Works Department to maintain and operate the utilities for residents and businesses. Some of

the factors that fall within the newly proposed rates include cost for supplies, chemicals, replacement parts, utility vehicles and needed infrastructure maintenance and improvements. The projected goals of the new rates would be to make sure the City's utility infrastructure is able to perform the required services and is resilient enough to withstand climate impacts and meet demands of emergency operations. In terms of the four key utility components for stormwater the proposed new utility rates would support the funding necessary to operate and maintain the utility as it ages.

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## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

As of 3 p.m. Friday

Allegiant	\$105.64
Faro	\$31.88
Fastenal	\$75.48
HCA Healthcare	\$323.56
L3Harris	\$219.16
Lowe's	\$260.87
Lockheed Martin	\$496.40
NextEra	\$69.13
Tractor Supply	\$57.64
Toro	\$86.01

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