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Motorists in Pasco won't pay extra at pump

By B.C. Manion
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Motorists buying gas in Pasco County won't be faced with an extra nickel-a-gallon tax after a divided Pasco County Commission rejected the proposed increase.

Raising the tax would have required four votes, but during a four-plus-hour

public hearing, it became clear that the 5-cent hike lacked the votes to pass.

Chairman Ted Schrader and members Kathryn Starkey and Pat Mulieri supported the additional tax, but commissioners Jack Mariano and Henry Wilson were opposed. The increase needed four votes to pass.

Efforts to compromise by reducing the tax also failed to gain support by Mariano or Wilson.

Instead, the commission decided to shift money out of other gas tax revenues to cover road and bridge maintenance costs. Those funds were intended for road construction projects that now will be built later or removed from the county's long-range capital improvement plan. Commissioners are expected to weigh in

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This barber prefers straight razors, clippers over perms

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Pamela DeHaven didn't set out to become a female barber. But after doing thousands of haircuts and giving straight-razor shaves, the 51-year-old can't picture herself in any other role.

Initially, she thought she'd be a cosmetologist, a more traditional path for a woman. But a trip to the emergency room changed that plan.

"When I was going to (cosmetology) school, I had an allergic reaction to a perm," DeHaven said. "It closed up my airways. I was heartbroken. I didn't know what I was going to do because I'd been cutting hair since I was 14 years old."

But the emergency room doctor had a suggestion: Become a barber, adding, "I don't know a barber that does perms."

So DeHaven started barber school. However, it wasn't the easiest road to take.

"It wasn't something women did back then," she said. "It was difficult because the guys all made fun of me."

They told her she was going into the wrong field and wouldn't be able to make a living.

But she persisted.

"I didn't have a choice. I wanted to do hair but I didn't want to do chemicals,"



Pamela DeHaven didn't set out to become a female barber, but enjoys being able to express her artistic creativity with clippers. Here DeHaven is giving customer Chris Berger a haircut. It's his first visit to DeHaven's shop, and she's determined it won't be his last. (Photos by B.C. Manion)

DeHaven said. "You have to believe in yourself. So, I just kept on going."

DeHaven would find jobs at barber shops on military bases in Nebraska and Alaska before coming to Tampa in the 1990s to work at MacDill Air Force Base. There she would do as many as 40 haircuts a day, at prices as low as \$5 each.

When she went to work for private

shops in Brandon, Apollo Beach and Land O' Lakes, DeHaven was able to be more artistic and make better money, too. Then she opened Tops N Taper Barber Shop at 1907 Collier Parkway in Lutz.

At the moment, DeHaven is her shop's only full-time barber. There's also a part-

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Comics publisher finds magic in Wesley Chapel writer

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When the last book in J.K. Rowling's bestselling series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," was released in 2007, Jason De La Torre was in line ready for his copy.

But once he finished the book, the Wesley Chapel resident realized a troubling fact: There was now a magical void in the world of literature.

So using his own money, De La Torre created "Star Mage," an enchanting story told in comic book form that takes a young wizard out into space. He wrote the story, hired an artist to ink it. And then shopped it around to all the major comic book publishers.

And De La Torre's work has paid off. Last week he signed a deal with IDW Publishing in San Diego that will put his story on the shelves of bookstores all over the country next April.

"I grew up reading comics, and I've always had a love for them," De La Torre said. "At one point, in 2011, I just started wondering what goes into being a comic book writer. I knew I couldn't draw worth a lick, but I knew I could come up with an interesting story."

"Star Mage" centers around Darien Connors, a 14-year-old boy who discovers he has magical abilities. That discovery, however, pulls him into a war that involves not only his family, but the entire galaxy as well.

"You don't want to be a cheap rip-off of

Harry Potter," De La Torre said. "You definitely have to be sure the ideas you're going with are original. That is what I try to do, come up with the most original story I could, but keeping some of the familiarity with what I love and what is successful out there, too."

Darien's skills do have a much different explanation. It is part of a practice known as Kishpu, and he's not the only one that can do it. He quickly teams up with three young friends — Anthaar, Tirwa and Unura — and soon find themselves in battle with a hated enemy, Orasmas Xul Sarrum.

"Star Mage" has all the elements young comic book readers are looking for, while developing a story that will give them

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Big hair leads to big dreams in Las Vegas for artistic family

By Michael Hinman
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The 1960s may have been the era of big hair, but one local stylist team is ready to bring it into the 21st century.

And that team is family — like father and daughter family.

Ben De Cordova and his daughter Portia will be on their way to Las Vegas in October to compete in the Battle of the Strands. The career hairstylist and the young up-and-coming makeup artist will join another daughter, Chris, to compete against some of the best artists in this hemisphere.

And all of them will vie for more than \$100,000 in prizes.

"It's in the avant-garde realm, but it goes a little bit beyond that," Ben De Cordova

said. "All of this takes you out of your element, out of your comfort zone, and more into a different artist mode. You have to be ready for anything."

De Cordova comes from a long line of those involved in hair. In fact, he's fourth generation, and many of his siblings and relatives are also involved in the industry.

"We were all raised doing hair," he said, noting that his mother was a hairstylist. "There were a lot of things that were instilled in us from the beginning of our lives."

De Cordova has been doing hair for more than 30 years, originally working with famous names in Hollywood, by his account, and then moving to Florida nearly two decades ago.

Right now, De Cordova can be found at Hair, a salon located on North Dale Mabry Highway near the intersection of Van Dyke Road. But soon, he hopes to open a new salon, which he'll call Art of Hair by De Cordova. And he'll hopefully enlist the help of his 22-year-old daughter, Portia, as well.

"Everyone would love to pick up a huge job, but I'm not reaching for that right away," Portia De Cordova said. "I want as much schooling and as many different opportunities as I can find to help build my resume. Once I do that, then I know I'm ready to go after those huge jobs."

Winning the Battle of the Strands would be a great addition to anyone's resume, she said. And they'll have to do it by working quickly, strongly, and creatively.

The De Cordovas earned the spot in the Las Vegas competition by winning a qualifying round in Orlando in June. Using a wire framework, they were able to create hair that resembled waves of an ocean, and



Ben De Cordova, left, and daughter Portia De Cordova are taking their hairstyling and makeup talents on the road to Las Vegas, with a chance to win up to \$100,000 in prizes. (Photo by Michael Hinman)



Portia De Cordova and her father Ben De Cordova pose with their winning hair design during a June competition in Orlando. (Photo courtesy of Portia De Cordova)

even the mast of a ship. It took the both of them to place the work of art on top of their model's head, and both held their breath as the model moved slowly down the runway.

Chances are, they will have to create something similar in Las Vegas. But with so much prize money and prestige at stake, there's no telling what the judges will ask for once they arrive.

"You are working with a bunch of talented people," Portia De Cordova said. "These are not the average hairdressers. These are not your average makeup artists or wardrobe creators, either. This is a completely new level."

Competing teams will come from New York, California, Panama, Puerto Rico and more. They will face judges that include the editor-in-chief of the beauty magazine American Salon, Kelley Donahue, as well as popular YouTube stylist Kandee Johnson, who has racked up nearly 200 million page views in her time online.

"It's not just building something," Ben De Cordova said, "it's creating something. You have to make it stand out. You have to make it form something extraordinary. You have to make a big difference."

To follow the De Cordovas' journey to and at the Battle of the Strands in Las Vegas, visit them at www.SalonDeCordova.com.

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Passing the baton to my future daughter-in-law

By Diane Kortus
Publisher



When my son Andy announced his engagement recently, I had flashbacks to his childhood at the same time I was offering congratulations and best wishes.

When Andy was born 25 years ago, I believed no one could ever love him as much as I did. From the time he was an adorable tow-headed baby to a defiant teenager to an honorable man, I have loved Andy unconditionally. In good times and bad, no matter how angry I got when he tormented his little sister or did not call to tell me when he'd be home, and I'd stay up worrying.

But now another woman loves my son in a way I never can — as his future wife. And I find that a bit humbling, knowing there is someone else with whom Andy shares his deepest thoughts and emotions.

But I am getting ahead of myself. Let me first tell you the love story of Andy Mathes and Erin Morgan.

A Lake Wobegon reference stopped Andy last October as he passed by a table full of teachers in a bar in Yuma, Ariz. A first lieutenant in the U.S. Marines, Andy was out west conducting training. Erin was in Yuma as a second-year middle school teacher. The two met when Andy overheard Erin and her friends talking about Garrison Keillor and the "Prairie Home Companion" radio show.

I'm from Minnesota and my children grew up listening to Garrison most Saturday evenings. By the time they were in kindergarten they knew all about Lake

Wobegon, the town where "all the women are strong, all the men are good looking and all the children are above average."

Growing up, Andy spent summers with his Minnesota relatives, and although a Florida native, I've always thought he was a Midwesterner at heart. As it turned out, Erin is from Appleton, Wis., and is a graduate of St. Mary's University in Winona, Minn. With that Minnesota connection, Andy and Erin had enough in common to begin dating.

Andy called me after meeting Erin and told me he had that instinctive feeling that "she was the one." While I loved that Erin had good Midwestern values and was of the same Catholic faith, I was not as sure as my idealistic son that he had truly met his future wife.

Of course, Andy proved me wrong. After three weeks in Yuma, Andy went back to his platoon in Camp Lejeune, N.C., and he and Erin continued to talk every day. They met next in the Twin Cities over New Year's, when Andy conjured up a plan to visit his grandparents after spending Christmas in Land O' Lakes with me and his sister, Rachel.

Andy rendezvoused with Erin in St. Paul, who got away from her family in Appleton to meet up with Andy in the snow.

And that's how it came to be that my father and stepmother met Erin before I did, along with my many sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews.

Two months later, Rachel and I finally met Erin. We planned a weekend where we could all meet, and Andy could show Erin the Naval Academy in Annapolis where he had graduated. Not only was Erin charming, but she and Rachel also seemed to



Andy Mathes, son of Publisher Diane Kortus, and Erin Morgan became engaged in Savannah, Ga., over Labor Day weekend.

have an instant, sisterly connection. I began to think that maybe Andy's premonition was right.

I wasn't surprised this spring when Erin decided to apply for teaching positions in school districts close to Camp Lejeune, and was proud when she quickly got a job teaching fourth grade. She joined Andy in North Carolina this summer.

Andy and Erin's engagement is clouded with both joy and uncertainty. Andy leaves this week for training in southern California before he deploys to Afghanistan this fall. There he will be part of a team of Marines advising the Afghan National Army.

When Andy returns next July, he and Erin will finalize their wedding plans, a celebration that will likely be in Appleton in November, in the church where Erin grew up.

While of course I worry about my son's deployment, I am comforted knowing he is loved by a wonderful young woman who shares his dreams, and will be waiting for him when he returns home.

And that is truly all any mother wants. To pass the baton on to another woman who will embrace her son in love and share a future of happiness with him.

Swiftmud promotes Robert Beltran to executive director

The Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

Robert Beltran has been promoted to executive director of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, more commonly known as Swiftmud.

Beltran replaces Blake Guillory, who will take on the executive director role at the South Florida Water Management District.

"The board is confident in Robert's abilities to lead this organization as we continue to focus on our core mission of managing water and related natural resources throughout our 16-county region," said Carlos Beruff, Swiftmud's governing board chairman, in a statement.

Beltran moves up from the assistant executive director position, which he has held since March 2012. There he oversaw several divisions including regulation, resource management, operations, maintenance and construction. Beltran also led the solutions team for the Central Florida Water Initiative, a multi-jurisdictional effort to ensure an adequate water supply in a five-county region.

Beltran is a professional engineer with nearly two decades of experience in helping clients design and permit services for their water and wastewater needs. He has worked throughout Florida helping municipalities and private companies on water-related initiatives including stormwater, wastewater, reclaimed water, drinking water and alternative water supply projects.

Beltran holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in environmental engineering from Tulane University in New Orleans. He is a member of various professional associations, and is a past president of the Florida Engineering Society's Ridge chapter.

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Center approved for new program

The American Osteopathic Association has approved Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point for an internal medicine residency program. The first group of residents will start next July. This is the hospital's first step in developing graduate medical education residency programs, and a logical progression as Bayonet Point continues to expand its tertiary and specialty programs.

Infant care course

The obstetrics program at Medical Center of Trinity is offering an infant care class to provide parents with the knowledge and skills to make their transition into parenting smooth and comfortable. This is a six-hour course consisting of two classes over two consecutive Thursdays. The next course will begin on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$40. The center is at 9330 SR 54 in Trinity. For information and reservations, call (727) 834-5630.

Lymphedema support group

The Medical Center of Trinity is hosting a lymphedema support group meeting on Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. Lymphedema is a persistent swelling, usually affecting an arm or leg, that sometimes occurs as a side effect of cancer treatment. The center is at 9330 SR 54 in Trinity. Seating is limited. For reservations, call (727) 834-5630.

Food addicts program

Florida Hospital Tampa is offering the "Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous" program every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Camelot A room at 3100 E. Fletcher Ave. The program is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. For information, visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Huntington's Disease support

The Medical Center of Trinity will host a monthly support group for anyone whose life is affected by Huntington's disease. The next meeting is Sept. 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the center, 9330 SR 54, Trinity. For information, call (727) 834-5630.

Man-to-Man group

Florida Cancer Affiliates will host a Man-to-Man prostate cancer support group on Sept. 19 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at its New

Port Richey center, 5500 Little Road.

Those interested in joining or learning more about the group can call (727) 372-9159.

Breast cancer support

Florida Cancer Affiliates will host a breast cancer support group meeting at its New Port Richey center, 5500 Little Road, on Sept. 19 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining and learning about this group can call the center at (727) 372-9159.

Free hearing aid batteries

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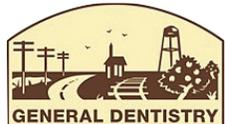
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This year's event is set for Sept. 21.

Dancers are:

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- Suzanne Beauchaine from The Laker/Lutz News
- David and Aggie Gainer from DigitalBrainz
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Burdine appointed IT admin at Lennar

Jamie Burdine has been appointed the information technologies site administrator for Lennar's central Florida division.

A graduate of St. Petersburg College with more than 18 years experience in website management, Burdine will have an important



Jamie Burdine

job with the homebuilder, according to its division president.

"As more and more homebuyers learn to gather information on the Web, the Internet has grown into one of the most important tools available to homebuilders," said Mark Metheny, president of Lennar's Central Florida division, in a release.

That division currently builds home in more than 22 communities in the Tampa Bay region and 25 communities in the Orlando area.

Business Expo, slated for Nov. 14 at the Hampton Inn, 13215 US 301, Dade City.

Area residents and visitors are welcome to experience what Dade City and area small businesses have to offer as the holiday shopping season begins. There is no charge to the public to attend the event, which features an array of local merchants, service providers, retailers and agencies vital to the small business community.

Small businesses wishing to apply can do so at the chamber office, 14112 Eighth St., Dade City, or email mflord@dadecitychamber.org.

LENNAR HOMES READIES 260 HOMES

With the housing market growing once

again, Lennar Homes announced it will have 262 new move-in-ready homes completed by October throughout the Tampa Bay region.

These homes are being built in Pasco, Hillsborough and Polk counties, and are priced from \$130,000 to \$300,000.

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The International Association of Administrative Professionals' City Center chapter will meet Sept. 19 beginning at noon at The Tampa Club, 101 E. Kennedy Blvd., in downtown Tampa. The topic will be identity theft, fraud and scams.

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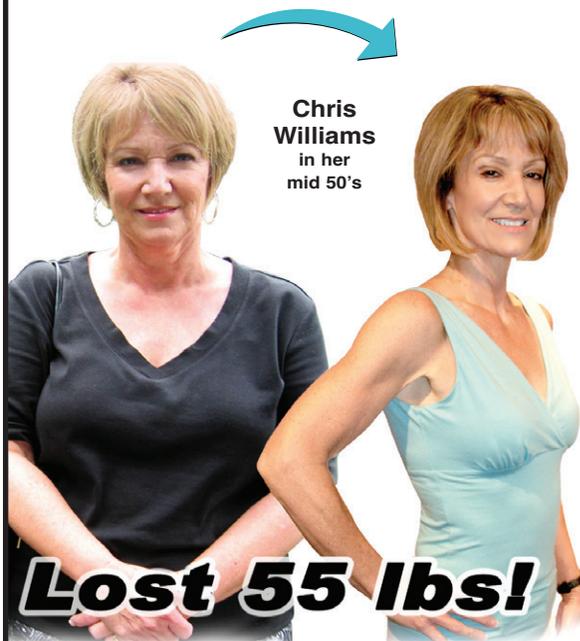
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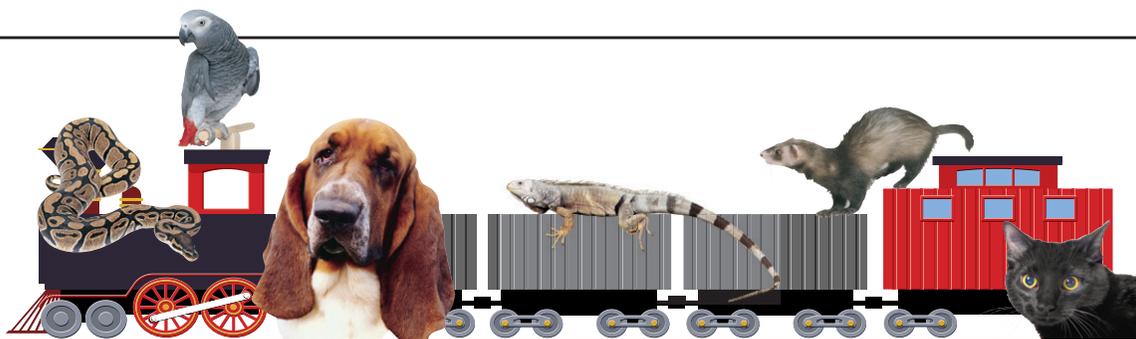


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Who's who

Meet
Jennifer Roller, M.D.



Dr. Jennifer Roller Joins FMC as First Woman Ob/Gyn

Jennifer Roller, M.D., is the first woman physician to practice obstetrics and gynecology at Florida Medical Clinic, recently joining Dr. Gerard Jackson and Dr. Santo Paniello in their Wesley Chapel office.

Having a woman physician on board balances out the practice and will allow it to grow more quickly, said Dr. Roller.

"Some women are just more comfortable talking to a woman doctor because we deal with some very sensitive, private matters," said Dr. Roller.

It's this personal nature of her specialty that drew Dr. Roller to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology.

"I love that we follow our patients through their entire lives and build long lasting relationships with our patients," said Dr. Roller. "We are with a patient during some of the most meaningful and important times of her life —the birth of their children, menopause and often serious illnesses."

Dr. Roller also loves obstetrics and gynecology because of its surgical aspect. "Many people don't realize how much surgery we do — cesarean sections, hysterectomies and tubal ligation are some of the most common surgeries performed."

When Dr. Roller joined FMC last spring, she brought with her many patients she had been seeing at her practice in Zephyrhills that was affiliated Florida Hospital Zephyrhills. She worked in Zephyrhills from 2010-2013 until that practice closed and she joined FMC in April. Before moving to Florida, she was in private practice for three

years in Brunswick, Georgia.

Dr. Roller grew up in Englewood, Tennessee, a small town midway between Chattanooga and Knoxville. She is one of the first people in her family to graduate from college.

She knew by the time she was in the third grade that she wanted to be a doctor. She was greatly influenced by her family pediatrician, who was also the mother of a friend who died from a heart defect when he was a young boy.

"At first I wanted to be a pediatrician like my mentor, but while I love children dearly, I didn't want to be their doctor when they were sick," said Dr. Roller.

After her experience in private practice, Dr. Roller values the front and back office support she gets today working as a physician for Florida Medical Clinic.

"It takes a huge load off my back not to worry about billing, insurance, the physical building and computers," said Dr. Roller. "FMC has a great support system to get us what we need so that we can focus on what we do best — taking care of our patients."

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Dr. Roller and her colleagues at the clinic divide their care between 60 percent obstetrics and 40 percent gynecology. They deliver their babies and do almost all of their surgery at Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel.

"We work as a team and support our patients 24/7," said Dr. Roller. Our OB patients see all of our doctors, so when it's time to deliver their baby, the mother will know the doctor who is there for the delivery."

So far this year, The three FMC doctors have delivered 38 babies at the Wesley Chapel hospital. And many more are on the way, with 47 babies alone due to arrive in December.

In gynecological area, Dr. Roller and her colleagues emphasize minimally invasive medical treatments. "We practice very individualized care, especially when it comes to menopause, because every woman is different with different symptoms and lifestyles."



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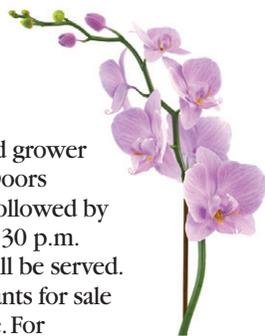
Florida Hospital Zephyrhills will host its eighth annual Sister Stroll event at 5 p.m. on Sept. 26. The event honors those who have fought the breast cancer battle, such as a sister, a mother, a grandmother, an aunt, a daughter or a friend. The event will be held in front of the hospital, at 7050 Gall Blvd., in Zephyrhills. Following the walk there will be moment of silence at sunset.

FREE BONSAI TREE DEMOS

Eve's Garden Gifts in Land O' Lakes will host free bonsai tree demonstrations every Saturday in September from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The emphasis will be on correct location, container, trimming, potting, and shaping to keep the tree healthy. Participants can bring their own bonsai tree for demonstration and advice. Eve's is at 5602 Land O' Lakes Blvd. For information, call (813) 996-5012, or visit the store's website at www.evesgardengifts.com.

TAMPA ORCHID SOCIETY

The Tampa Bay Orchid Society will meet on Sept. 19 at Christ the King Church, McLaughlin Center, 821 S. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa. The guest speaker is Ruben Saulea, internationally renowned orchid grower and hybridizer. Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. There will be plants for sale and a plant raffle. For information, call (813) 839-4959, or go to tinyurl.com/pdj68kt.



SHRED-A-THON

Ameriprise Financial Advisor Cheryl Burbano will sponsor a "shred-a-thon" on Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at her office, 28943 SR 54, Wesley Chapel, across the street from Saddlebrook. The event will kick off an annual food drive to benefit Feeding America Tampa Bay-Suncoast Branch. Participants should bring paper materials to shred, as well as a nonperishable food item to donate. For information, call (813) 994-1190.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO

MOSI will host an Environmental Expo on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. featuring a variety of vendors, the artist behind Recyclosaurus Rex, activities, games and contests. A time capsule buried and sealed on Sept. 21, 1993 also will be opened to reveal how technology has advanced in the world of recycled materials. The event is free with MOSI admission, and free for members. MOSI is at 4801 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa.

CHILI'S GIVEBACK EVENT

The New Tampa Chili's, 17643 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., will donate 10 percent of sales on Sept. 23 to the New Tampa Junior's Women's Club, who in turn will use the proceeds to donate funds to a local Alzheimer's charity. Those attending must bring the flyer found at tinyurl.com/ok3b3j8. The women's club will be at the Chili's event at 7 p.m. for those who would like more information about the club.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club will meet on Sept. 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. Newcomers are welcome and membership applications will be accepted. For information, call Cathy at (813) 961-7038.

POW WOW IN ODESSA

The 8th Annual Fall Odessa Pow Wow is Sept. 20-22 at Starkey Ranch on SR 54. Gates open each day at 10 a.m. There will be an Indian auction on Sept. 21 at noon giving visitors a chance to purchase something original made by one of the vendors. Learn how tribes lived, and enjoy native dancing and singing. Food will be available. Admission is \$4 per person. Children younger than 12 are free. For information, email spirit_wonders@yahoo.com.



WOMEN AND MONEY LUNCH

Cooper Financial Services in Land O' Lakes will host a Women and Money Networking Lunch on Sept. 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Rasmussen College-East Pasco Campus, 18600 Fernview St., Land O' Lakes. For information, email Chris Cooper at chrismm4u@gmail.com, or call (813) 996-6100.

BROWNING AT REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Republican Club of Central Pasco will feature Pasco County Schools superintendent Kurt Browning at its next meeting, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Copperstone Executive Suites, 3632 Land O' Lakes Blvd., Land O' Lakes. Browning will appear with Amelia Van Larsen, the assistant superintendent for student achievement, and discuss the Common Core State Standards. They will also answer questions about its implementation. For more information, call Steve Graves at (813) 996-3011.

SUPER BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Bright House 2013 Super Boat National Championship is Sept. 27-29 in downtown Clearwater. Boats will race at speeds up to 180 mph in the Gulf of Mexico. Races start from Pier 60. Nearby Coachmen Park will host a block party, seafood festival and live entertainment. Spectators can see the boats and teams up close and get autographs at the park. For details, visit clearwatersuperboat.com.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

MOSI's education department is offering a night out for parents on Sept. 27 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The museum's staff will care for and entertain children with age-appropriate video games, museum treasure hunts, creative play and more. Kids will dine on pizza and drinks. This event is for children ages 5 and older. Program fee is \$25 per child. Advance registration is required. For information, call (813) 987-6000.

BARBECUE AND YARD SALE

Sonrise Worship Center in Lutz will have a yard sale with a barbecue on Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A barbecue lunch can be purchased for \$7. All proceeds will benefit the church's men's ministry, "The Rock." Sonrise is at 18310 US 41, just south of Sunset Lane and McDonald's. For information, call Jim Marquiss at (813) 928-9539 or call the church office at (813) 388-6435.

GREYHOUND DOGS

Greyhound Rescue and Adoptions of Tampa Bay will have a meet and greet

with greyhounds and their adoptive or foster parents Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Port Richey Petco, 9638 US 19 North, Port Richey. For information, call (813) 971-4732, or visit greatgreyhound.org.

HONEY TASTING AT USF

The University of South Florida Botanical Gardens is hosting a Taste of Honey fundraiser on Sept. 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors can taste more than 100 honeys from all over the world and participate in beekeeping workshops. There will be honey-inspired food, door prizes and live music. Tickets are \$20 each. All proceeds benefit the beekeeping program at the gardens. For information, visit gardens.usf.edu.

PAGEANT PREP CLASS

There will be a beauty pageant prep class to get young ladies ready for the upcoming pageant season on Sept. 29 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Dance & Gymnastics Academy of Tampa, 23633 Venezia Drive, Land O' Lakes. For information, visit pageantwithapurpose.com.

JAZZ QUARTET IN YBOR

The Tampa Jazz Club is presenting The Michael Ross Quartet on Sept. 29 at 3 p.m. at the HCC/Ybor Mainstage Theatre, at the corner of Palm Avenue and 14th Street, Ybor City. Tickets are \$10 for students and complimentary for Hillsborough Community College staff and students. For information on club member tickets, or tickets at the door, call Keith Arsenault at (813) 253-7695.

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ADOPT A DOG FOR \$1

Pasco County Animal Services is offering "Dollar Dog Days of Summer" through Sept. 28. Select dogs are waiting for a home for a \$1 adoption fee, plus a license fee of \$10. The dogs have been vetted, microchipped, and spayed or neutered. Animals are available at 19640 Dogpatch Lane in Land O' Lakes. For information, call (813) 929-1212.

TOP SHOT COMPETITION

SuperGroup Tampa is hosting "Tampa's Top Shot," a competition to benefit a local fallen officer's family, at Shooters World, 116 E. Fletcher Ave., Tampa. Qualifying dates are Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15 and Oct. 22 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The final shoot-out is Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. Those interested must buy a \$100 ticket to shoot and qualify, and those tickets are limited. For information, call James Harris at (813) 352-7332, or email james@truckrepairtampa.com.

OUTDOOR ART SALE

The East Hillsborough Art Guild's annual outdoor art sale is on Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Cottage, 1308 S. Collins St., Plant City. There also will be food and baked goods for sale. Admission is free. The guild is seeking exhibitors for the sale, with booth space available for \$10. For information, go to tinyurl.com/k5npd3v, email ehag2010@gmail.com, or call (813) 757-6356.

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MOSI pass holders will be admitted free to the Florida Aquarium and the Lowry Park Zoo throughout September. MOSI members must present valid membership documentation along with a photo ID for admission into the zoo. Some restrictions may apply. To confirm offer before a scheduled visit, call MOSI at (813) 987-6000, the aquarium at (813) 273-4000, or the zoo at (813) 935-8552.

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PASCO PET FEST

Florida Estates Winery and Doggie Cakes will host the Pasco Pet Fest on Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Winery, 25241 SR 52, Land O' Lakes. The event includes wine tasting, music, food, vendors and adoptable pets. Proceeds will benefit Pit Bull Happenings, a local nonprofit dog rescue group. Wine tasting is \$15 per person. For information, visit pascopetfest.com.

KEYSTONE SEEKING CRAFTERS

Keystone United Methodist Church is looking for vendors for its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Oct. 12. The fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering a variety of crafts, plants, home-baked goods, and gift baskets. Breakfast and lunch will also be offered. Outdoor booth space is \$30. For an application or information, email kumccraftfair@tampabay.rr.com, or call the church office at (813) 920-5153. Keystone is at 16301 Race Track Road, Odessa.



WOMEN'S CLUB NEEDS VENDORS

The Lexington Oaks Women's Club is looking for vendors and sellers to participate in its annual communitywide yard sale fundraising event at the Lexington Oaks Community Center, 26304 Lexington Oaks Blvd., Wesley Chapel, on Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spaces are available for \$15. For applications and information, call Mary at (813) 746-1405.



A patriotic remembrance

Members of the GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club were out early on Sept. 11 waving flags in remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. They also joined forces with the GFWC Little Women of Lutz and the Lutz Patriots in front of the Old Lutz Schoolhouse in another demonstration of support. (Photo courtesy of Pat Serio)

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After graduating, the couple did a one-year internship at the Hillsborough County Dental Research Clinic. Their love of water sports and the abundant lakes and waterways of Florida made it an easy decision for them to settle down and raise a family here in Florida.

Robin and Debbie opened their practice in Land O'Lakes in 1991 as Hawley Dental and are currently accepting new patients. "We are prepared to handle all of your family's dental needs, regardless of age," says Debbie.

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Hawley Dental concentrates on personalized care and its staff strives to get to know patients as people. "Because of our personal treatment, there are many families who have been coming to see us for their dental care for over 20 years from all over the state of Florida," said Debbie.

Robin and Debbie have two daughters, ages 17 and 19. The family spends many weekends water skiing and participating in other sports. The Hawleys are actively involved in the community helping local sports teams and sponsoring events with the Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce. Debbie served a term as the honorary mayor of Land O'Lakes through the chamber.

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Robin and Debbie Hawley, a husband and wife dental team, have practiced dentistry in Lutz/Land O'Lakes for more than 25 years.

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Can you find a killer in this group? You'll need your detective skills for the upcoming Women-n-Charge tea Sept. 28, taking place at the Groves Golf & Country Club. (Photo courtesy of Amanda Wright)

Tea, murder highlight women's fundraiser

By Michael Hinman
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The ladies of Women-n-Charge want to take you on a cruise, but this is one with a twist.

Someone has been murdered, and it will be up to those booking passage to figure to whom among the Red Feather Ladies did it. And it's all done with some of the best teas available in the area.

It's part of the annual fundraiser for the professional women group taking place Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Groves Golf & Country Club, 7924 Melogold Circle in Land O' Lakes. For the second straight year, Women-n-Charge will entertain at its annual tea party with a murder mystery. In fact, this voyage — set on the S.S. Titanica — is a direct sequel of last year's event.

"This is all a spoof that centers on a group of wealthy ladies, known as the Red Feather Ladies Investment Club," said Anne Childers, a member of Women-n-Charge's board of directors, and one of the organizers of the event. "There was this roving Romeo who was dating all of them under the radar under different names. He fleeced every one of them, and took their money and their morale. So one of the ladies shot him dead."

That murder was solved last year. And now the Red Feather Ladies want to earn their money back, so they embark on this cruise that features an appearance from financial guru B.S. Sutton. Except, Sutton is no stranger to these ladies, and it isn't long before he ends up dead, too.

Last year's murder mystery tea, with many of the Women-n-Charge members in the cast, raised more than \$4,000, which allowed the group to pay its annual

expenses, and still have enough left over to fund two \$1,000 scholarships to local businesswomen.

"We do it so they can further enrich the community," Childers said. "They can use it for education, or for their business. Whatever will help them grow even stronger."

Professional women apply for the scholarships in advance, and there are no requirements for membership with Women-n-Charge.

The mystery teas are a huge departure from how Women-n-Charge raised money when Childers first joined in 2005. Then it was a business expo, with the group earning money from booth rentals. But the economic recession changed that, and the tea parties were born.

First, the parties celebrated themes like fashion. But last year, the decision was made to go murder mystery, and it was a smashing success.

There is room for about 120 guests, and everyone is encouraged to wear a hat and dress as if they're attending an old-fashioned summer tea. Tickets are \$15 for individuals, and \$25 for two.

Table sponsorships are also available, starting at \$59. That package allows the sponsor to decorate the table, provide their own settings, and even their own tea. Women-n-Charge will provide the linen, cream, sugar and lemon.

"It's hard work for those of us on the board, but in the end, it's just a lot of fun," Childers said. "Watching everyone enjoy it and try to figure out who did it makes it all worth it."

For more information on the event, call Anne Childers at (813) 948-7484, or visit women-n-charge.com.



That's how we roll

Nguyen Truong, an employee of Pet City on Collier Parkway, hands a hamster to Natalie Iglesias, 13, of Lutz. The hamster would later race against other fellow rodents during Pet City's open house Sept. 14. (Photo by Michael Hinman)

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Barbers develop their own techniques over time, said Pamela DeHaven, who just opened Tops N Taper Barber Shop at 1907 Collier Parkway in Lutz. Here is a closer look at some of Pamela DeHaven's handiwork.

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time cosmetologist, who also adds some barbering services as well.

She's looking for a full-time barber, who specializes in fades. Future plans call for adding someone to do manicures and pedicures for men, and a masseuse.

The shop specializes for services for men and boys, DeHaven said. "There won't be any chemicals or perms."

Chris Berger, a 35-year-old Land O' Lakes resident, recently gave the shop a try.

"I like the fact that you come from a military background," Berger told DeHaven. "A military haircut, that's what I'm working for."

Afterward, taking a look at DeHaven's handiwork, he was pleased with the results. "I'll be back."

Berger is not the only one who gives DeHaven high marks. A couple of customers followed her to her new shop.

Land O' Lakes resident Harry Cooper, 70, said he prefers having a woman give him his haircuts.

"I used my wife's hairdressers for years," Cooper said. "They'd just come to the house. Then, I came across Pam. I've been dedicated to her for eight years."

"She's very good at what she does," he said, adding he likes her personality, too. "The older guys, they line up for her."

Jim Hoskins, another regular, has been seeing DeHaven for haircuts for four years.

"In my case, there's not much to work with," said Hoskins, who was poking fun at himself, despite having a healthy head of hair.

Apparently, Hoskins likes DeHaven's style because he keeps coming back.

"She does a wonderful job on your hair," Hoskins said.

Fasano: Pasco losing \$200K in auto tag fees

By B.C. Manion
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Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano is asking Pasco County's auto dealers to keep title and tag fees for the vehicles they sell in Pasco County.

He's asking motorcycle, recreational vehicle and boat dealers to do the same.

Fasano sent a letter to more than 100 car dealerships alerting them to the fact that many third-party vendors are collecting fees for auto title and registration fees and sending them to another county. The tax collector estimates his office is losing at least \$200,000 a year in potential revenues because of the third-party transactions.

Fasano discovered this was happening when he was reviewing the revenue streams for his office soon after his appointment to it, and didn't see much coming in from car dealerships.

That didn't make sense to him.

It turns out that third-party vendors are paying the registration and title fees in other counties.

"The dealers are not aware of this,"

Fasano said, noting they sell cars and have someone else handle the title and registration paperwork.

At \$6.75 a vehicle, the fees add up. Fasano said he talked to one vendor who represents a number of dealers who was sending between \$5,000 and \$8,000 each month to Hillsborough County.

Fasano estimates that Pasco County is losing at least \$200,000 a year in revenues because of the third-party transactions.

"Hillsborough County's tax collector has been very generous to say, 'We want to return those fees to you,'" Fasano said, noting his staff is working on obtaining an inter-local agreement with Hillsborough County.

Fasano said he heard there was a considerable amount of revenue going to Palm Beach County and tried to work out the same deal there, but that tax collector would agree to return just 50 percent of the fees.

Fasano rejected that offer.

Instead, he decided to appeal directly to car dealers, boat dealers, motorcycle dealers and RV dealers to ask them to be sure their vendors are paying these fees in Pasco County.

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on which roads will be removed from that list before taking their second and final vote on the county's budget.

The vote to reject the additional gas tax followed extensive public comment, with more than 30 speakers weighing in on the issue.

The testimony broke down into two basic arguments.

Those who favored the tax said the county needs to address deteriorating road conditions. They called the gas tax an investment that would help support the county's quest to attract more jobs. They said better roads would improve the quality of life and would help give residents the option to stay in Pasco to work, instead of commuting elsewhere.

Those opposed to the tax said that it unfairly burdens those who can least afford it, including single moms driving children to school, middle-aged people looking for jobs, and elderly people heading to medical appointments.

They also argued the government needs to find ways to live within its budget, instead of making taxpayers foot the bill.

"A lot of people are really hurting," said Denis Murray of Zephyrhills. "There's a lot of retired people living here. There's a lot

of unemployed people living here. You're going to hit them right in the pocket-book."

Barbara Wilhite, an attorney who represented T. Rowe Price, which plans to build an office campus in Pasco, said that having quality infrastructure was a critical issue in attracting the company. She urged commissioners to remain committed to their vision to move the county forward.

"Your leadership is being tested tonight," she said.

"I think you're foolish if you turn this down," Mulieri told her colleagues.

But Wilson said he observed those speaking in favor of the tax "make a lot of money," while those who spoke against it, don't.

The 5-cent-a-gallon gas tax, which would not have applied to diesel fuel, would have generated \$8.1 million a year in revenues, according to county estimates.

While commissioners rejected the gas tax, they unanimously supported a property tax rate increase. Based on the new tax rate, the owner of a \$100,000 house, assuming a \$50,000 homestead exemption, will pay \$33 more a year in property taxes.

Commissioners are scheduled to their final vote on the county's proposed budget at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 at 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey.

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something completely new, De La Torre said.

De La Torre was born and raised in Tampa, and moved to Wesley Chapel with his wife Rita in 2007. During the day he's a tech guy with a healthcare company. His evenings, however, are spent writing the first six issues of "Star Mage," which IDW will release as a limited series in the spring.

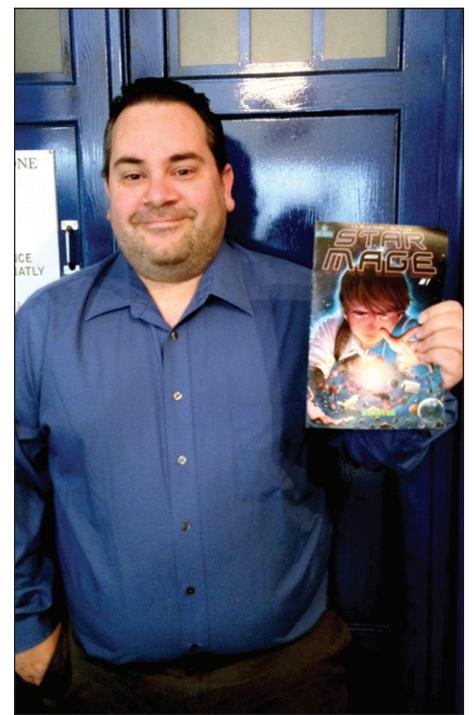
If all goes well, and sales are strong, it could lead to a regular monthly series for "Star Mage" by the end of next year.

Each comic issue takes about 90 days to create from start to finish, with most of that time devoted to the art. Ray Dillon inked the first issue, previously making a name for himself with projects based on Peter Pan and the HBO series "Game of Thrones." Franco Cespedes takes over after that, continuing a world where science-fiction and magical fantasy collide.

IDW is a newer company, founded in 1999, but it already is the nation's sixth-largest publisher for many popular franchises like "My Little Pony," "True Blood," "Star Trek" and "Transformers." IDW has even had some of its comics optioned for films by studios like Paramount Pictures and Dimension Films.

With comic book adaptations making billions of dollars at the box office, De La Torre said he can't help but dream of seeing "Star Mage" on the silver screen.

"If there was a movie, I definitely would want them to respect the original material," De La Torre said. "But I understand that comics and the actual movie business are



The next Harry Potter could come right from Pasco County. Writer Jason De La Torre has signed a deal to publish his comic book series 'Star Mage' with the nation's sixth-largest distributor. (Photo courtesy of Jason De La Torre)

two different things, they have to appeal to a much broader audience. That is a part of life."

And that life could change for De La Torre pretty quickly if "Star Mage" becomes a success. It could mean full-time devotion to writing, and possibly even adapting some of his other independently published novels to the comic form as well.

"I can guarantee you, I will be taking pictures the minute my comic book shows up on the shelf," De La Torre said. "I have a lot of ideas I'm ready to work on, and I'll always be focused on things that I would enjoy, and maybe others will enjoy as well."

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PEDC honors Shops at Wiregrass, Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel

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One hosts community events, supports charity causes and offers a wide selection of shopping and eating choices.

Another created 600 new jobs during its first year of operation and offers leading-edge health care.

Both — The Shops at Wiregrass and Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel — are among eight recipients of honor during the Pasco Economic Development Council's 27th annual Industry of the Year awards celebration.

The Shops at Wiregrass received this year's Special Recognition Award, while Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel received the council's Special Contribution Award.

"It is such an honor to be recognized by the PEDC for our continuous efforts and dedication to establish The Shops at Wiregrass as an effective and successful centerpiece to our local community as well as Pasco County," Greg Lenners, general manager for the shopping center, said in a release.

"The Shops at Wiregrass have had a

major impact on the growth of the Wesley Chapel area," Skip Miller, senior vice president of SunTrust Bank and chair of the Pasco EDC Banquet Award Committee, said in a release. "It has become a gathering place for Pasco County and the Tampa Bay region and has served as a catalyst for continued growth in the area."

Hospital officials were delighted by their recognition, too.

"Of course we're humbled, but very excited to be chosen," said Tracy Clouser, director of marketing for Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel. "The community has really embraced us, and we're really excited being part and really affecting the health and wellness of the people who live here."

The shopping mall and hospital received their awards on Sept. 4 at a banquet and trade show that drew more than 600 people to Wesley Chapel's Saddlebrook Resort Tampa.

The trade show, which preceded the banquet, attracted 48 companies and organizations from across Tampa Bay.

Other 2013 Industry Award winners were:



The Shops at Wiregrass earned the Special Recognition Award by the Pasco Economic Development Council. (File photo)

- Technology Award: Caresync, a Wesley Chapel company that can aggregate all of a patient's data into a single record

- Service/Distribution, Category 1: GoIn' Postal Franchise Corp., a franchise shipping service in Zephyrhills

- Service/Distribution, Category 2: Meares Plumbing, a commercial and residential plumbing business based in Hudson

- Manufacturer of the Year, Category 1: Sign-A-Rama of New Tampa, a sign company in Wesley Chapel

- Manufacturer of the Year, Category 2: Adams Arms Inc., a firearms manufacturing company in Odessa

- New Business Award: J.T.D. Enterprises Inc., a flagpole company in Lutz.

Those attending the event also heard an

update on Pasco County's economic development progress.

Trey Starkey, chairman of the economic development's board, reported that 583 new jobs had been created in Pasco County, according to a news release issued by the PEDC.

The organization also helped in efforts to achieve \$40.2 million capital investment, 287,000 square feet occupied and \$22.5 million in annual payroll, Starkey said.

The economic development seeks nominations each year for companies that exhibit exemplary growth in technology, innovation, job creation, capital investment and community service.

An awards committee then interviews the nominees to select the winners.

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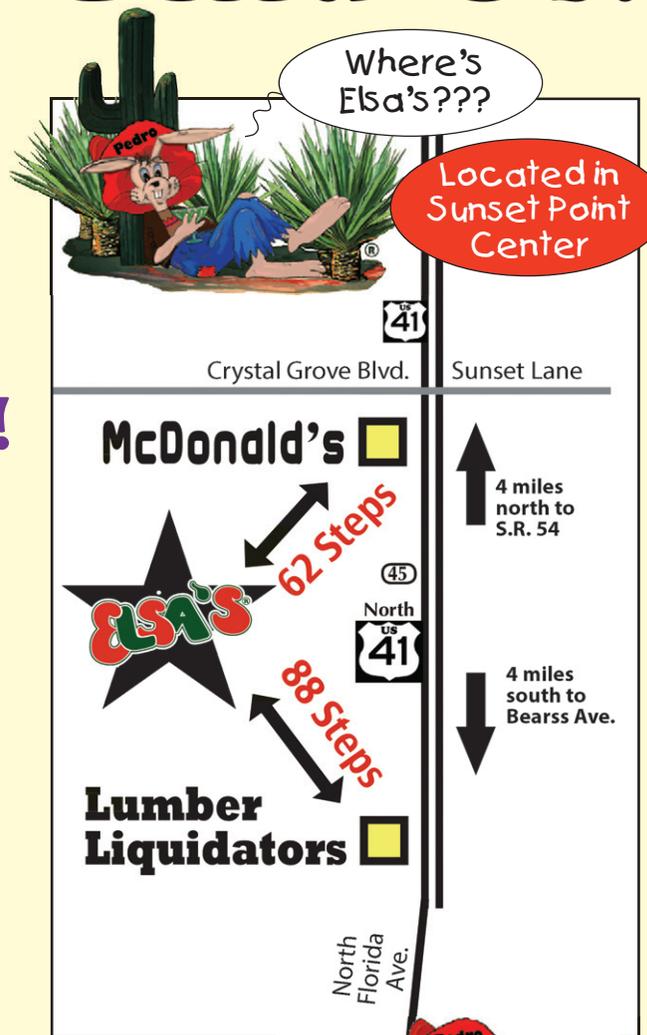
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Butterflies soar, and spirits do, too

By B.C. Manion
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Some sat in wheelchairs. Others stood with walkers. Some had canes.

But this crowd of senior citizens cheered like school children when the flock of 50-plus butterflies flew freely into a new garden at Connerton Assisted Care.

The butterfly release was timed to celebrate the grand opening of a new garden at the assisted care center, located at 21021 Betel Palm Lane in Land O' Lakes. The event was mostly a joyous occasion, marked by the flight of the butterflies and residents enjoying slices from a big decorated cake.

But the event had a sense of solemnity, too, as Jen Chianella of Gulfside Regional Hospice read names of former Connerton residents who have passed away during a moment of remembrance.

Gulfside and Connerton joined together to provide the garden for residents.

"We felt it was a nice way to honor those that have passed at Connerton Court," Chianella said. "The garden came about as a way to honor those who have passed and a nice way to have a reflection area."

Karen Birbeck, life enrichment director at Connerton, said the Monarch butterflies were donated by Gulfside and were grown from caterpillar state at the assisted care center.

"We literally started from scratch and raised them here," Birbeck said.

Dolores Allende, 83, helped feed the caterpillars. Initially, they weren't much to look at, she said. "They looked like worms."

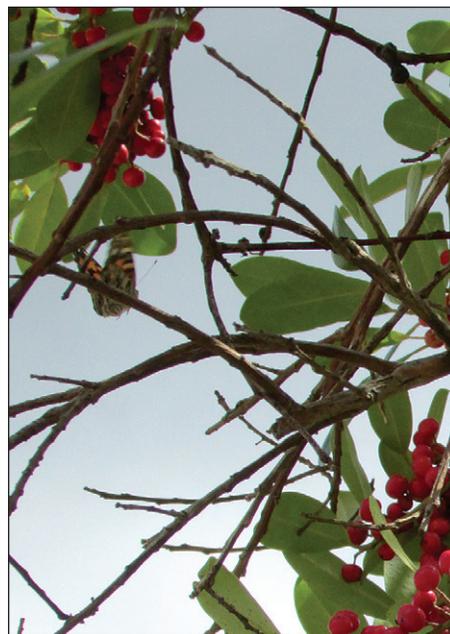
Watching them transform into butterflies was magical, however.

"It was exciting. After they opened their wings, they flapped," said Allende, who lived in the Orlando area before moving to Connerton.

The garden has butterfly host and nec-



Here's a look at the mesh enclosure that held the butterflies from the time they were tiny caterpillars until the day of their release. They wasted no time claiming their freedom. (Photos by B.C. Manion)



A butterfly lights on a branch after soaring out of a net enclosure during a butterfly release at Connerton Assisted Care facility in Land O' Lakes. The ceremony was held to remember the residents who have passed away, and to celebrate the grand opening of the center's new garden.



The passion vine is a great plant for butterflies.

tar plants, said Birbeck, who did most of the planting. She did get some help from Felix Blais, a 95-year-old who lives at Connerton.

Blais said he enjoyed helping.

"It was nothing," he said. "I was a hard worker all of my life. It was a pleasure to work again."

Besides the passion vine, the garden has Allamanda, and other flowering plants and herbs.

The herbs are in waist-high planters, chosen because they allow people in wheelchairs to wheel right up to them and get a close view of nature.

"I have rosemary and peppermint, spearmint, chives. I have oregano and sage," Birbeck said.

She wants residents to have the chance to smell the fragrance of the plants, and she hopes the kitchen staff will be able to use some of the herbs in future meals at the center.

Birbeck said her dad Al Birbeck, a Zephyrhills retiree, helped by building the trellis for the passion vine and built bird feeders, too.

Chianella thinks having the garden will provide balm for residents who want a place to grieve losses, to reflect and meditate.

"Because our residents, they don't have the opportunity to always go to the cemetery," Birbeck said. "A lot of people really need a spot to grieve, where it's pretty and it's therapeutic."

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All hands on deck: Swimmers scramble to compete at elite level

By Michael Murillo

The Laker/Lutz News Correspondent

When Brian Vaile took over as coach of the boys swim team at Land O' Lakes High School this year, he saw a lot of things he liked: A dual-meet winning streak spanning more than a decade, a few very talented athletes, and an interest in maintaining a strong program.

But it was the one thing that was missing that worried him: Swimmers. As in, not enough swimmers to field a competitive team.

"Unfortunately, you could win first place in every event and still lose the meet," said

Vaile, who has more than 15 years experience as a swim coach. In high school swimming, teams need more than just the fastest athlete in the pool. They need enough competitors to challenge for the second- and third-place spots and collect those points as well.

Otherwise, a team could win individual competitions but still lose the overall contest if their opponent takes the points associated with the other places. And with-

out enough swimmers to challenge for those spots, Vaile knew his team would face a lot of disappointment no matter how fast they swam: The school's win streak would evaporate and be replaced with a season of frustration.

With just seven experienced swimmers on the roster — and needing to increase those numbers quickly — Vaile called upon his team to recruit others to join the cause. And the team responded; the Land O' Lakes boys swim team now has 12 members.

While Vaile would have liked 16 swimmers, the Gators have enough to compete in their meets. And he feels good about where the team is headed this season.

"I'm a science teacher. I look at it like an atom: We have a really good nucleus," he said. "You've got seven strong swimmers who can swim almost any stroke or event you ask them to." And with the added depth, they can work toward keeping their winning streak intact.

That streak is important to the team, but it's a source of family pride for Cam Hilgenberg.

The senior has been with the team since

his freshman year, but he's not the first of his family to swim for Land O' Lakes. His brother Craig was on the team when its dual-match streak began back in 2000. Another brother, Curt, kept it going after him. His mother, Robin, even coaches the girls swim team.

So a lack of numbers that threatened the Gators' winning ways had Hilgenberg worried.

"At the end of last year we weren't sure what was going to happen," he said. "Even at the beginning of this year, until the week before (the first meet), I was still pretty nervous." Hilgenberg is the youngest of his siblings to compete for the Gators.

"I'm the last Hilgenberg," he said. "I'm just trying not to blow the winning streak."

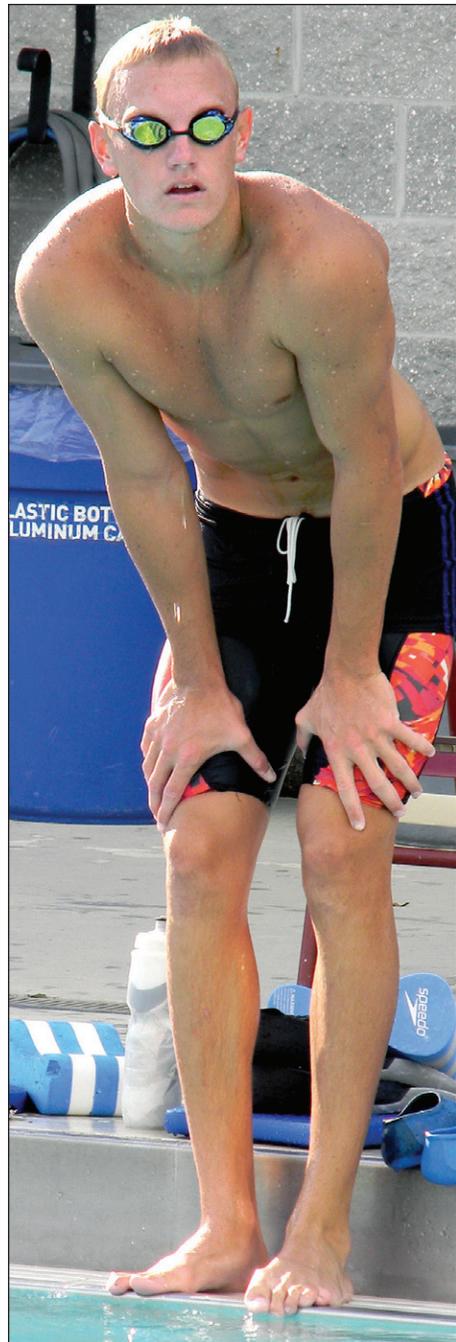
As one of the team's leaders and top swimmers, Hilgenberg did his part to boost their numbers: A member of the school's baseball team, he recruited one of the pitchers to compete in the pool as well. And along with the other experienced swimmers, he helps guide and advise the new members, working on techniques and providing pep talks when necessary.

That work has paid off. The team has won all their meets so far, and the members have confidence as they complete the schedule.

"I think if we keep on the same path as we're on right now, I think we'll do pretty well," Hilgenberg said.

Vaile wants to prepare the swimmers for conference, district and state competitions, but he still has an eye on the dual-meet schedule. He said they've defeated some quality opponents and still have challenges on the schedule, but he feels confident the streak won't end under his first season as coach.

"I think it's safe for the rest of this year," he said.



Cam Hilgenberg is part of a small family dynasty that has played a key role in the Land O' Lakes swim team's dual-meet streak dating back to 2000. He had to recruit some new swimmers to make sure that streak remained intact this season. (Photos by Michael Hinman)



The Gators have 12 members, not exactly the 16 Coach Brian Vaile prefers. But so far, the team continues to win dual meets.

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Chancey Road Christian Church golf tourney

The Chancey Road Christian Church will host a golf tournament fundraiser Sept. 28 with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at the Silverado Golf & Country Club, 36841 Clubhouse Drive, Zephyrhills.

The format is a four-player scramble with an entry fee of \$50 per person. That includes golf, doughnuts and coffee, lunch, and a donation to the church's outreach ministries.

There is also an optional \$10 prize pack that includes entry into the closest-to-the-pin contest, putting contest, and other smaller competitions at the event.

The tournament is limited to the first 120 players that sign up.

For more information, call (813) 788-4881, or email fram3as@yahoo.com. Also visit the church's website at chanceyroadchristianchurch.org.

Clerks for a Cure scramble

The Clerks for a Cure golf scramble will take place Oct. 5 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start at Meadow Oaks Golf & Country Club, 13125 Fairwinds Road, Hudson.

Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Entry fee is \$40 per person, and includes green fees and cart, range balls, a barbecue dinner, door prizes and more.

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For more information, call Manny Long at (813) 727-6666, or (727) 847-2411, ext. 8233.

Soccer league registration

The Greater Tampa Bay Football Club is hosting a fall and winter soccer registration online for players ages 4 through 19.

Practice begins at the end of September or early October with game days running between Oct. 19 and Feb. 22.

Games will be played at the Land O' Lakes Recreational Complex, 3032 Collier Parkway. Fees range between \$89 and \$159, and uniforms may be extra.

To register, go to www.gtbfc.com and click on "register." For more information, visit the website, call Mike Pearson at (813) 748-2060, or email him at mpear3118@msn.com.

Zephyrhills '80s-style mud run

Hidden Creek in Zephyrhills has organized another 5-kilometer mud run event, this time with the theme of the 1980s, for Saturday, Sept. 21 at 3:30 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the local ROTC, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, who will help out at the race.

Along with the '80s-style 5k mud run, there will be uphill slide climbs, slides and log crossing. After the run, music bands Hired

Guns, the Ryman Fillmore Band and No Name Band will perform live. There also will be dancing, music and volleyball.

Each participant receives one free beer or water, a free T-shirt, a custom finisher's medal and free entry into the after party.

The cost for registration starts at \$45, and goes up to \$90 the day of the event.

To register online, visit www.hidden-creekrecrepark.com.

The event is free for spectators, but there is a \$10 parking fee.

For more information, call (813) 714-2528.

FAPA golf tournament

The Pasco County Foster Adoptive Parent Association is hosting its annual Fore Families golf tournament on Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Lansbrook Golf and Country Club in Palm Harbor.

The cost is \$90 for each player, or \$320 for a foursome. All players must be 16 years or older.

Registration includes a box lunch, 18 holes of golf with shared cart, prizes and a special awards dinner following play. Team prizes will also be awarded for players finishing first, second, third and "last but not least."

All players in the tournament are automatically entered in the Hole-in-One contest to win cash or a new car.

Non-players also can attend the dinner buffet for \$20 per person.

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For more information, call (850) 212-5396, or visit tinyurl.com/l4lt93h.

Senior Slo Pitch registration

The Slo Pitch Softball League, geared toward players older than 60, will host registration Sept. 20 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex, 3932 Collier Parkway in Land O' Lakes.

Registration will continue every Friday thereafter at the same time.

Teams will be balanced, and will play Friday mornings at the community center.

For more information, call Walt Bockmiller at (813) 527-8211.

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Academy at the Lakes volleyball coach Brian Gonzales rallies his young team during last weekend's tournament at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School. The Wildcats have welcomed four eighth-graders to the team this year, a chance for them to build for the future. (Photo by Michael Hinman)

Eighth-graders anchor Academy volleyball

By Michael Murillo
The Laker/Lutz News Correspondent

Most people expect to see teams full of seniors in varsity sports. Sometimes there are a number of talented juniors, and maybe even a sophomore or two. Once in a while, a special freshman might make his or her way onto the roster.

But even at a private school, you probably wouldn't expect to find eighth graders. And at Academy at the Lakes, there isn't a single eighth-grader on their varsity volleyball team. There are actually five of them. And four are starters.

But if opponents think they can take the young team for granted, the Wildcats say that would be a big mistake.

"I hope they don't underestimate us," said Julia Mollick, one of the starting eighth-graders on the volleyball team. "If we didn't have some of them (young players), we wouldn't have the team we have today. We're a lot better with them."

The older players have embraced the addition of their young teammates, Mollick said, offering advice and support as they prepare to face juniors and seniors from other schools.

While starting young talent has been good for team chemistry, it's not a decision the coach made easily. Brian Gonzales, now in his second season with the team, had to really think about front-loading his varsity squad with eighth-graders.

"I went back and forth a little bit," said Gonzales, who has nearly a decade of volleyball coaching experience. "I didn't want to put that much pressure on them. I wanted to make sure they could handle that,

being as young as they are."

But after going through school-wide try-outs, those players emerged as the best options for the team, and he didn't want them to be held back due to their age.

The need for experience also played a role in his decision, Gonzales said. While the girls could have participated as junior varsity players, the level of competition is very different and he didn't think it would prepare them for high school-level opponents.

So far, he believes the girls have adjusted well to being varsity players, and meshed well as a motivated team. Mollick, who only started playing volleyball a couple of years ago, supports that belief with a real passion for her chosen sport.

"When you're up in the air and you're hitting that ball, I love it," she said. "When I'm playing, my mind is clear."

While Academy at the Lakes has had an up-and-down start to the season — they started at 3-6 after playing some big schools — Gonzales also has an eye toward the future when it comes to his team. With growing experience and years of eligibility left for his young athletes, he sees successful seasons in the future for the academy's volleyball program.

"Two or three years down the road we can really have something there if we keep them all together," he said.

Mollick agrees. She's enjoying her time on the varsity team this year, but she knows the team could be something special if the young players grow and compete together in the future.

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But these impressive credentials and personal accomplishments are not what makes Shihan Steve the most proud. Rather, it is the quality of blackbelts his school is producing and the contributions those students make to the community. "Most of my blackbelts are 'A' students," Shihan Steve says. "But many of them didn't start that way."

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There have been many changes in the 13 years since Shihan Steve opened his first academy. Many martial arts schools have come and gone. Things at his school have changed too — including the school's name, its colors, logos, uniforms and staff.

"My curriculum also has evolved," Shihan Steve says. "But I am very proud that the one thing that has never changed is my vision and mission."

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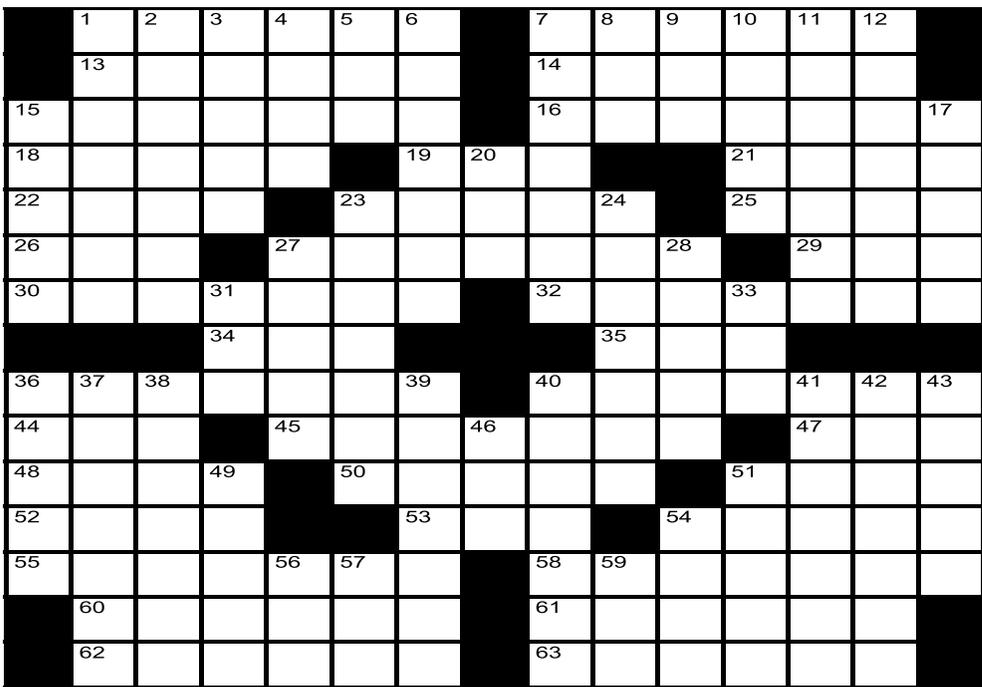
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- 16. Highest legislative councils
- 18. Come to mind
- 19. Dracula, at times
- 21. "Scream" star Campbell
- 22. Locale
- 23. Salk's conquest
- 25. Alum
- 26. Athletic supporter? (golf)
- 27. Social visitors
- 29. Absorbed, as a cost
- 30. Behind in payments

- 32. Snake in the grass
- 34. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
- 35. "___ bad!"
- 36. Involving the stomach
- 40. Separate from a larger group (2 wds)
- 44. On, as a lamp
- 45. Either end of square sail support
- 47. Biochemistry abbr.
- 48. Andy's radio partner
- 50. Bats
- 51. Carpentry tool
- 52. Pivot
- 53. Lent's start, e.g.: Abbr.
- 54. "Taras Bulba" author
- 55. Colonized

- 58. Spanish-speaking community
- 60. "Citizen Kane" actor
- 61. Puts in a straight line
- 62. Harmonized
- 63. Peace of mind

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- 1. More frightening
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- 37. Drifting
- 38. In a resolute manner
- 39. Filled to capacity
- 40. Ridge deposited along a shore by waves
- 41. Ancestry
- 42. Release
- 43. Asian weight units
- 46. ___-eyed
- 49. ___ Hall University in NJ
- 51. Do without
- 54. Film crew member
- 56. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
- 57. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 59. A pint, maybe

CRYPTOQUIZ

Each of the following cryptograms is a clue to the identity of a popular TV host. Using the hints B=A and I=R, decipher the clues to name the host.

- 1. BLKIGOBM GR CF
- 2. IBRG C
- 3. HFBRGBPCIW 2000
- 4. OCLLKIOGBFW
- 5. EFPGLBPK IKXKMHK

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