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Region has frigid wake-up call

By Kathy Steele

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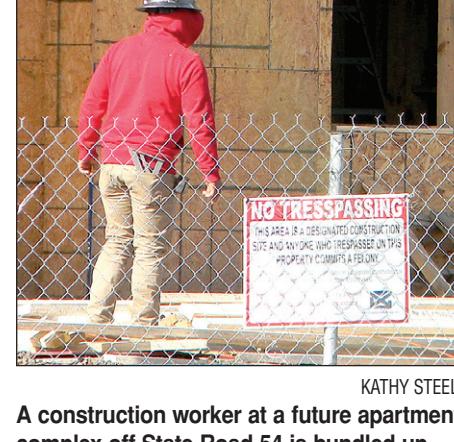
The new year brought the first blast of winter to Pasco County, and to the Tampa Bay region.

Freeze warnings and wind chill advisories rained down daily from the National Weather Service, as frigid air dipped into north and central Florida, and stayed for days.

For the first time in decades, Tallahassee had measurable snowfall.

Here in Tampa Bay, snow was a no-show, but temperatures plunged into the low 30s and upper 20s.

The unexpected weather meant many area residents turned on the heat in their



KATHY STEELE
A construction worker at a future apartment complex off State Road 54 is bundled up against the cold weather.

homes for the first time, and pulled out those rarely used sweaters and jackets.

Construction workers went to work wearing coats; nurseries were forced to cover cold-sensitive plants.

The hard freezes also put Pasco County, social service agencies, farmers, and wildlife officials on alert.

The county opened cold-weather emergency shelters for five nights in west and east Pasco, from Jan. 2 through Jan. 6.

In east Pasco, Restored Hope in Dade City, Samaritan Project of Zephyrhills, and Helping Rock, also in Zephyrhills, helped families and individuals to find shelters and resources for food and warm clothing.

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New Christian academy scheduled to open this fall

By B.C. Manion

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The North Tampa Christian Academy, now under construction, is scheduled to open this fall.

School officials expect it to open with 250 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, said Dawn McLendon, marketing and enrollment director. It also expects between more than 100 in its early childhood program, which will serve students beginning at age 2.

The school, being built at 5619 E. County Line Road in Wesley Chapel, is a private Christian school, sponsored by the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The denomination has sponsored schools throughout the United States and across the globe.

"We're one of the largest denominationally sponsored school systems," McLendon said.

The conference has 30 schools in Florida, including one in Zephyrhills and one in Tampa.

"We don't have a traditional setup, where you think of rows of desks and 25 kids, 30 kids, 40 kids," McLendon added.

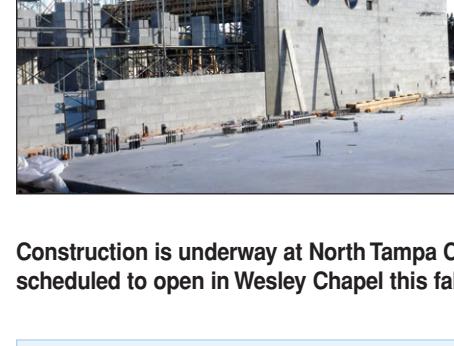
While it isn't the same, its setup is similar to the private model of a lower school, middle school and upper school, McLendon said. "It's divided by buildings (which serve specific age groups), more than grade structure," she explained.

The North Tampa Christian Academy emphasizes the "whole person" approach to education, by promoting a balanced development of the whole person - spiritually, physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally, background materials say.

Its design — both programmatically and physically — seeks to create an environment that fosters collaborative, project-based learning, with focus on service to others and real-world experience, according to information supplied by McLendon.

The learning environment is designed to encourage an appreciation of beauty and the natural environment, and will incorporate strong connections between indoor and outdoor areas — including learning terraces, gardens, shaded reading areas, nature

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COURTESY OF NORTH TAMPA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Construction is underway at North Tampa Christian Academy, a new private school that is scheduled to open in Wesley Chapel this fall.

North Tampa Christian Academy

North Tampa Christian Academy, now under construction at 5619 E. County Line Road in Wesley Chapel, is scheduled to open this fall.

Here are some facts about the school:

- It will serve children from age 2 through grade 12.
- Its curriculum is based on the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist Educational Standards, the Common Core Curriculum, and the Next Generation Science. There is an emphasis on project-based learning, competency-based grading and real-world teaching.
- Students do not need to be of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination to attend the school.
- Tuition ranges from \$11,900 to \$15,900 per year, based on the student's grade level. Scholarships may be available through the Step-Up Scholarship and the McKay Scholarship programs, and families can work with the school leadership team to assess the family's financial scholarship needs.

For information, visit the school's website, NorthTampaChristian.org, attend an upcoming information session, contact the school through email admissions@northtampachristian.org, or call (813) 591-0309.

Ballantrae Village is adding more shops

By Kathy Steele

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Taco Bell is the newest tenant at the Shoppes of Ballantrae Village.

The Mexican fast-food restaurant joins DQ Grill & Chill and Circle K in a retail shopping plaza that is almost fully constructed, off State Road 54 in Land O' Lakes.

Within 30 days, Dunkin' Donuts is expected to open in a spot between Taco Bell and DQ Grill & Chill.

In March, more shops, a spa, a dental office and a Japanese restaurant will open, said David McComas, chief executive officer of European Equities Corporation. His firm is handling tenant negotiations for the plaza.

The list of tenants includes Domino's Pizza, T-Mobile and Hungry Greek.

Dentist Lisa Brooks also will occupy one suite, and Casablanca Spa will be in another.

"It will be nice. It will create some balance," McComas said. "I think it will have a lot of curb appeal. Everything is coming out tastefully."

The current list of shops and restaurants aren't all that will open.

Three additional parcels are currently



KATHY STEELE
Taco Bell is open for business at the Shoppes of Ballantrae Village. The fast-food restaurant joins Circle K and DQ Grill & Chill.

under negotiations, McComas said. And, another outparcel on the opposite side of Aprile Drive, across from Taco Bell, likely will have a day care center, he said.

One access point into the plaza is at Aprile Drive, a new road that intersects with

State Road 54, by the Taco Bell on the eastern boundary. Entry also onto Aprile Drive and the plaza can be made at the entrance into Ballantrae subdivision, farther west at

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Keystone Park slated for upgrades

By Kevin Weiss

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Major upgrades are on tap for the Keystone Park & Recreation Center in Odessa.

A renovated community center, expanded playground, resurfaced tennis courts and the creation of a walking trail with exercise stations are some of the higher priorities for a \$2.5 million improvement project.

Additional parking, along with drainage and lighting improvements, are also expected from the project, which is funded through Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation's Capital Improvement Program.

The entire scope of the project will be finalized after public input is received and analyzed by Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation.

An open house is set for Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m., at the Keystone Recreation Center, 17928 Gunn Highway in Odessa.

At the meeting, a short presentation will be given on the project, and parks and recreation officials will be available to answer questions.

Attendees can also fill out comment cards on park upgrades and desired requests.

From there, work will be prioritized based on the highest demand of requested changes, and maintenance and operational feasibility.

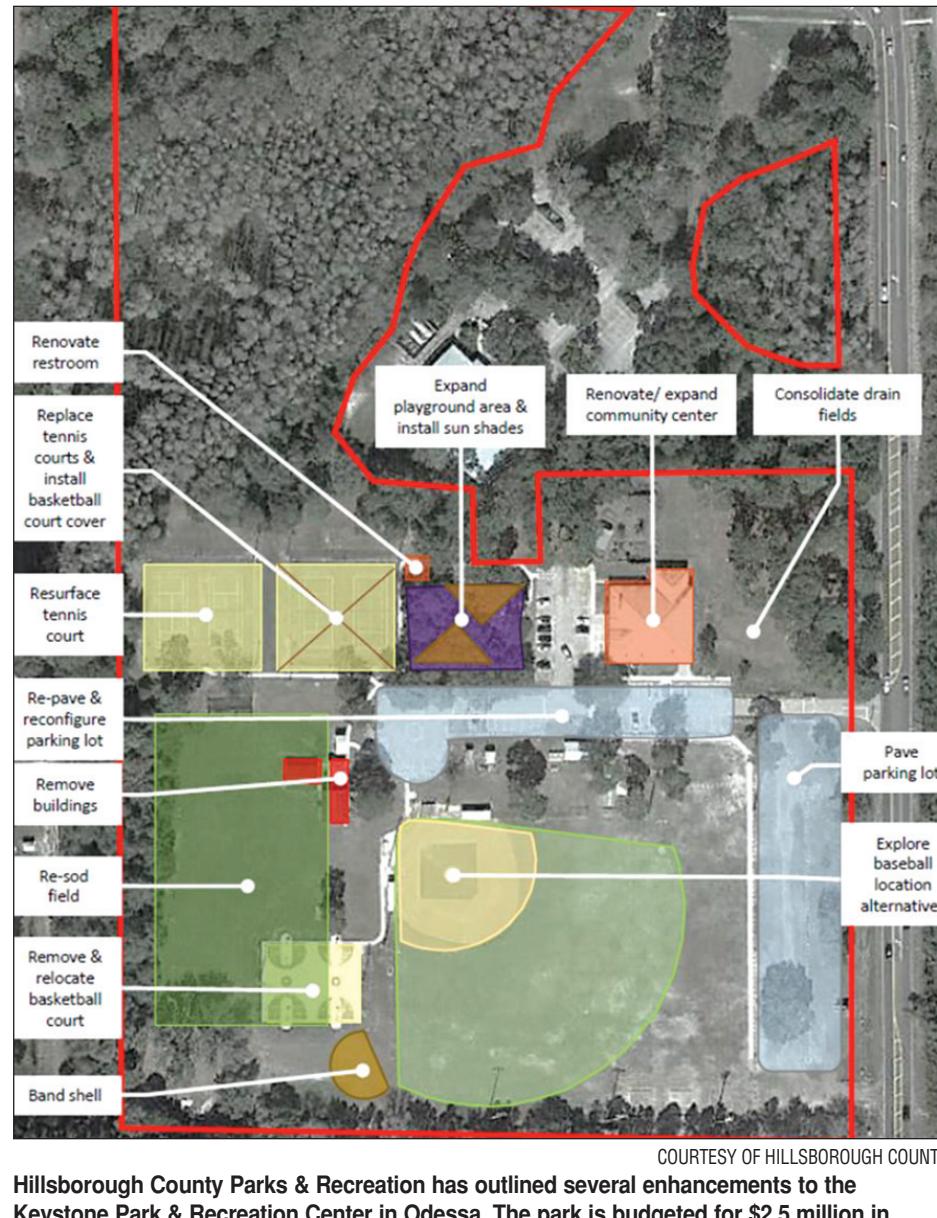
The design and permitting process is expected to begin sometime this year.

The entire project could be complete as soon as spring 2019, according to Kyla Booher, planning and development manager for the county's parks and recreation department.

Keystone Park averages about 4,500 monthly visitors.

Besides a community center, the 26-acre park features a playground, baseball field, multipurpose field, four tennis courts, two basketball courts, two picnic shelters and a park restroom building.

As part of planned upgrades, the county may look to reconfigure some of those amenities, Booher said, "so that it lends more



COURTESY OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation has outlined several enhancements to the Keystone Park & Recreation Center in Odessa. The park is budgeted for \$2.5 million in improvements this year.

towards a friendly site that is accessible."

That could include the transformation of its lone baseball field to an open field space for special events and more informal sports activities. An AAU baseball team, the Tampa Thunder, is no longer a tenant of the park.

Accommodating more after-school youth

is another general objective.

Proposals call for a new or expanded playground and a multipurpose court.

Other feasible upgrades range from new signage and security cameras, to additional water fountains, benches, picnic tables and other miscellaneous amenities.



Possible renovations and improvements to the Keystone Park & Recreation Center:

- Renovate/expand community center
- Restroom renovations
- Replace and/or resurface tennis courts
- Install basketball court cover
- Construct more paved parking lots
- Re-sod multipurpose playing field
- Remove & relocate basketball court
- Install band shell with concession
- Expand playground area and install sun shades
- Explore alternatives to the baseball field location
- Remove miscellaneous surplus buildings
- Consolidate drain fields
- Add miscellaneous amenities: new signage, water fountain, benches, picnic tables, security cameras, landscaping

Public meeting on Keystone Park improvements

WHERE: Keystone Park Community Center, 17928 Gunn Highway, Odessa

WHEN: Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

DETAILS: The park and community center are slated for upgrades beginning in late 2018. The scope and specific type of the improvements won't be decided until after residents have had an opportunity to give their opinions.

INFO: Hillsborough County Citizen Engagement at (813) 272-5272.

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By CHERYL MICHEL
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DEVELOPMENT HEARING

The Pasco County Development Review Committee will have a public hearing regarding a potential 7-Eleven on Mansfield Boulevard, at the junction of County Line Road in Wesley Chapel, Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m., at 37918 Meridian Ave., in Dade City. The meeting will take place on the second floor of the historic courthouse. For information, call Earle McDonald or Sheila Diaz at (813) 991-5016.

KEYSTONE PARK MEETING

The public is invited to give input on improvements at the Keystone Park & Recreation Center at a meeting Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m., at Keystone Park Community Center, 19729 Gunn Highway. A short presentation will be given on the project, and Hillsborough County's park and recreation officials will answer questions. Possible additions and upgrades include a renovated community center, expanded playground, resurfaced tennis courts, and the creation of a walking trail with exercise stations. The park's drainage, parking and lighting also would be improved.

FRAUD PREVENTION

The Land O' Lakes Library, 2818 Collier Parkway, will offer a discussion on senior fraud prevention Jan. 11 from 10:15 a.m. to noon. For information, call (813) 929-1214.

HAMILTONS SINGALONG

The Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave., in Carrollwood, will present "Hamiltons: An American Singalong" Jan. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., for ages 10 and older. Instrumentals will be played, the lyrics will be projected, and participants are encouraged to wear costumes. For information, call (813) 273-3652.

BOOK BAZAAR

The Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St., in Dade City, will have a used book bazaar Jan. 12 and Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All genres will be available. There are usually DVDs, too. Proceeds help fund programming for all ages at the library. For information, call (352) 567-3576.

LUTZ SENIOR CENTER

The Lutz Senior Center, 112 First Ave., N.W., will host an "I Have a Dream" celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. For information, call (813) 264-3804.

STRING ART

The Zephyrhills Public Library, 5347 Eighth St., will offer a craft makers session Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. Patterns will be provided for participants to create string art, using wood, string, nails and elbow grease. Bring a hammer if available. Class is limited to 15 participants. Registration is required by calling (813) 780-0064.

PIZZA & PJ SHABBAT

Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road in Tampa, will host Pizza & PJ Shabbat Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. There will be a pizza dinner, a short musical service and ice cream for dessert. Cost is \$5 per person, or \$25 family maximum. Children age 3 and younger are free. To RSVP by Jan. 10, email frontoffice@kolami.org. Also, there will be a free Kiddush luncheon Jan. 13. Non-members are asked to RSVP by calling (813) 962-6338.

CLASSIC '80S MOVIES

Tampa Theatre, 711 N. Franklin St., in downtown Tampa, will kick off its "Retro/Rewind Mashup of Totally '80s Classic Movies" with the showing of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" Jan. 12 at 4 p.m., and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for theater members. For information and a list of upcoming shows, visit TampaTheatre.org.



Farm & produce fest

New Port Richey FarmNet will have its annual New Year's Farm & Produce Festival Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the West Pasco Habitat for Humanity Farm and Market, 4131 Madison St., in New Port Richey. There will be cool-weather produce, local honey and homemade preserves, bedding plants, gardening materials and more. Promotional T-shirts for local agriculture projects, and published booklets about loquats and okra will also be available. Tours of the gardens will be offered, as well as a program on the urban agriculture project at noon. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted, with 100 percent going to FarmNet programming.

Farmers market

The San Antonio Farmers Market will be Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at City Park, 12202 Main St., in San Antonio. There will be fresh produce, plants and herbs, honey, jams, jewelry, wine, yard art and more. The market takes place the second Saturday of each month.

Fresh market

The Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa, will host an outdoor fresh market organized by Tampa Bay Markets Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. For information, visit TampaBayMarkets.com.

MEET-AND-GREET

Zephyrhills resident David TK Hayes, who is running for Florida state representative in District 38, will host a meet-and-greet Jan. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Alice Hall, 38116 Fifth St., in Zephyrhills. Snacks and drinks will be available. There will be short talks, and a question-and-answer session. For information, visit TKForFlorida.com.

FAMILY SCIENCE CIRCUS

The Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa, will present "Franzini Family Science Circus" performances through Jan. 12 at 10:30 a.m. Professor Franzini and Lippo the Clown will use circus props, juggling, magic and more to turn their circus show into a science lesson. Admission is \$7 for members, \$8 general admission, \$28 for a family four-pack, and free for children ages 4 and younger. A ticket is still required for younger children. For information, call (813) 922-8167.

BOARD GAMES

The Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St., in Dade City, will offer board games for the whole family to play Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with prizes for all participants. For information, call (352) 567-3576.

MAKE A WOOD TRIVET

The Land O' Lakes Library, 2818 Collier Parkway, will offer a woodworking class Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, for ages 16 and older. The project will be an expandable wood trivet. A proper dress code and signed liability waiver are required. To register, call (813) 929-1214.

PADDINGTON STORYTIME

Barnes & Noble, at The Shops at Wiregrass, will offer a Paddington storytime Jan. 13 at 11 a.m., to celebrate the classic tale, in theaters now, that has been around for more than 50 years. For information, call (813) 907-7739.

ISRAEL PRESENTATIONS

Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road in Tampa, will present a series of classes on "Israel: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." The upcoming classes are Jan. 17 (Political

choir from St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church will present "Music at the Monastery" Jan. 14 at 2 p.m., at Holy Name Monastery, 12138 Wickers Road in St. Leo. There will be refreshments after the performance. Donations are welcome.

AUTISM FUNDRAISER

Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae Association and Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church will sponsor an Autism Speaks fundraiser Jan. 14, at Tims Church, 601 Sunset Lane in Lutz. There will be a line-dancing lesson at 6 p.m., followed by a dance party. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$10, with all proceeds to benefit Autism Speaks. For information, visit TimsChurch.org.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Zephyrhills Area Amateur Radio Club will meet Jan. 15 at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 5855 16th St., in Zephyrhills. There will be a business meeting at 6 p.m., followed by a coffee break and a discussion or presentation at 7 p.m. For information, call Gerald Hewitt at (813) 780-1980.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The East Pasco Democratic Club will meet Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m., at Omari's Grill at Scotland Yards Golf Club, 9424 U.S. 301 in Dade City. The guest speaker will be Ryan Torrens, candidate for Florida state attorney general. An optional dinner will be served at 5 p.m. For information, call (813) 586-3093.

SPOKEN-WORD EVENT

Saint Leo University will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan. 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with "A Day On, Not Off," a spoken-word event featuring Oveous. Topics will include the civil rights movement, poverty, hunger and homelessness. After the performance, there will be a candlelight vigil. Admission is free. Saint Leo is at 33701 State Road 52 in St. Leo. For information or special accommodations, email Krystal Sanchez at krystal.sanchez@saintleo.edu.

GENEALOGY SEMINAR

The West Pasco County Genealogical Society will host a genealogy seminar Jan. 17 from noon to 2 p.m., at the CARES/Rao Musunuru MD Conference Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway in Hudson.

Participants can learn about geo-browsers, digital information gathering programs and virtual notebook apps. Admission is \$5. To register, call (727) 271-0770, or email debbehagener@yahoo.com. After the lecture, there will be a brief society member business meeting.

PETER PAN AUDITIONS

Arts in Motion will host auditions for its spring production of "Peter Pan." A pre-casting rehearsal and parent meeting will be Jan. 18 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Auditions will be by appointment only Jan. 19 and Jan. 20, at Zephyrhills Alliance Church, 6251 Fort King Road. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Performances are set for May 11 to May 13. For information, call (352) 834-1246, or visit ArtsInMotionPasco.org, for registration forms.

VENDORS WANTED

Regal Railways' Toy Train, Collectible and Hobby Show & Sale, scheduled for Feb. 17, is looking for vendors. Any train memorabilia, trains, tracks, accessories, baseball, crafts, comic books, coins, antiques, die-cast cars and other hobby or collectible-related items are welcome. Six-foot tables are \$20, or two tables for \$30. The event will take place at the New Lake Civic Association in New Port Richey. For information, call (727) 244-1341, or visit RegalRailways.com.

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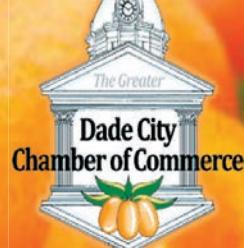
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Human trafficking happens everywhere, including Pasco

By Kevin Weiss

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Elected officials, law enforcement and other stakeholders in Pasco County have teamed up this month to shed light on the growing issue of human trafficking.

The problem was at the forefront of a Jan. 5 press conference that featured Pasco County District 1 commissioner Ron Oakley, U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, State Rep. Danny Burgess, Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco and others.

"We're not afraid to say there's a problem," Nocco said. "There's a problem here in Pasco, there's a problem here in Tampa Bay, there's a problem in the state of Florida, there's a problem nationally, and there's a problem globally."

Nocco said it's difficult to pinpoint the exact number of victims in the county. Many human trafficking cases go unreported, he said.

That's why the sheriff is urging people to be on the lookout—and report—any suspicious activity.

He noted major events — such as the NHL All-Star Game on Jan. 28 in Tampa — often times leads to an uptick in prostitution, due to the number of travelers coming into town.

"If there's a house in your community, and you see a lot of people coming in and out, see a lot of young girls and even young boys, call law enforcement," he said.

"If you're in a restaurant and see something that doesn't look right, call law enforcement."

Nocco explained sex trafficking doesn't just lurk in low-income areas, motels or adult establishments.

"Everybody thinks it's always going to be a seedy part of town; it could be a very high-class area, a high-class neighborhood, where they're smuggling young girls or young boys," Nocco explained. "This is not a crime that's about stereotypes. It's every race, color, creed, gender, ethnicity and sexual preference. Everybody can be a victim of this."

He noted that preventing more victims starts "at home" with parents informing their children about human trafficking, and the dangers it presents.

"If you create an environment where the kids are loved," Nocco said, "basically you're reducing the factors that will allow them to be victims of human trafficking. You also have to be a parent to other kids in your neighborhood, because there's going to be parents...that don't care."

Elected officials, meanwhile, are working to tackle the trafficking problem at large.

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Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco detailed the warning signs of human trafficking during a Jan. 5 press conference.

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duced legislation holding websites accountable for soliciting human trafficking, called the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017. Bilirakis said he expects it to pass sometime this month. The House also passed a Homeland Security funding bill that appropriates \$2.1 billion—an increase of nearly \$94 million—for domestic and international investigations programs, including efforts to combat human trafficking and child exploitation.

Elsewhere, the U.S. Senate introduced the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act of 2017, a bill that would help shut down

websites that knowingly provide a platform for sex trafficking. The bill has been reported out of committee and is awaiting passage.

"It's a nonpartisan issue," Bilirakis said, "and all stakeholders must work together to solve the problem."

The month of January has been declared National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, by a presidential proclamation. And, Jan. 11 is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "Wear Blue Day," a day to pledge solidarity with victims of human trafficking and raise awareness about, and work to end related crimes.

Called Blue Campaign, it is the unified voice for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's efforts to combat human trafficking.

Locally, one group is trying to do its part to find solutions.

The Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking, formed in 2014, is chaired by Liana Dean, a social worker at BayCare Behavioral Health.

The group is made up of 11 stakeholders representing different sectors of the community. The stakeholders include county government, law enforcement, behavioral health, business and service providers, the school district, faith-based community and others.

It promotes public awareness about human trafficking, creates educational pro-

gramming opportunities and advocates for strategies to aid survivors of human trafficking.

Since its formation, the commission has taken several active steps to curb human trafficking on a regional level.

It worked with the Pasco County Commission in 2016 to pass an ordinance that mandates signage to raise awareness of human trafficking be posted in the restrooms and dressing rooms of sexually oriented businesses, such as adult entertainment establishments and unlicensed massage services.

It also worked with the National Human Trafficking Hotline and WTOG-TV/CW44 to produce three public service announcements designed to educate the public about the local presence of trafficking.

The commission also has trained more than 3,000 members of the community on human trafficking through its community awareness presentations.

Jennie Sammur, who was recognized as the group's Volunteer of the Year, helps with social media and public relations strategies.

Sammur, a Tampa-based real estate agent, said awareness is "very key in correcting this horrific crime in our community."

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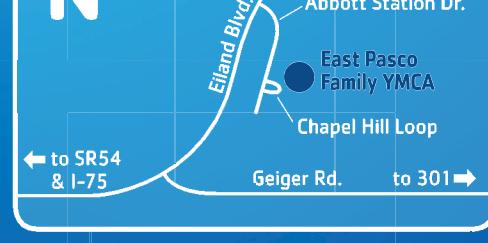
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'Shop with a Cop' benefits Pasco children

By Mary Rathman

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chased gifts for their family members and a small trinket for themselves.

The students and officers returned after shopping to have their presents wrapped by youth council members.

The program also included a pizza party, a surprise visit from Santa Claus, and a photo opportunity to commemorate the day with the officers and council members.

Pasco County Schools Superintendent Kurt Browning said, in a release, "I can't thank Mayor Hernandez and the Dade City Police Department enough for their efforts to ensure that our families in need have gifts under their trees."



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Eating bugs: That's what's trending

By Betsy Crisp
Special to The Laker/Lutz News



As one year ends and another begins, it's natural to reflect on the year that has passed and the new one that's coming.

It's that time of year when many of us make resolutions. Some resolve to improve our health by losing weight and getting fit. Others want to be more organized. Some want to simply enjoy life more. Others are determined to learn something new. There are those who seek to get a better handle on their finances by spending less and saving more. And, of course, there are always those who want to do more traveling.

Along those lines, here's a look back at some of the top food trends of 2017 and a look ahead at the top food trends predicted for 2018.

Figuring out food trends is important to both companies and researchers.

Major companies such as Whole Foods, Forbes, Specialty Foods, and even the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences take time to review and publish their predictions. Here are some of the predictions from 2017:

• "One bowl" menu items became popular in 2016 and continued to keep our interest in 2017.

• Spicy dishes and condiments continue to thrive.

- Eggs are a good source of protein and reasonably priced with a good profit margin for restaurants so, for many reasons, they have remained at the top.

- Street foods/food trucks grew in popularity and continue with a wider variety of offerings.

- Plant-based meat substitutes have gone beyond burgers and can even replicate shrimp.

- Kale became a superfood in 2016, but has lost its lead to other greens (dandelion greens, Swiss chard, carrot tops, etc.) in 2017

- The hot color in foods last year was purple.

So now, here's a look at what's predicted for 2018 by UF/IFAS state Specialists.

- Bugs are in. Insects such as mealworms and others are trending as a good and more sustainable source of protein. They are now referred to fondly as "micro-livestock." Insects (ants, beetles, cockroaches, crickets, grasshoppers, mealworms, etc.) are already a favorite in other countries (Australia, Brazil, China, Ghana, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands and Thailand).

- Backyard chickens are back. Many states, counties and cities are reviewing ordinances to allow backyard chickens, even in residential areas, so that homeowners can raise small flocks of chickens to have a convenient source of fresh eggs. Be sure to check the rules in your area before you set up a hen house in your backyard.

- The cottage food industry is expected to grow, as state lawmakers amended a law

Cricket Banana-Nut Bread

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4 medium ripe bananas
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½ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup canola oil
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1 ¾ cups whole wheat flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ cup walnuts, chopped
½ cup raisins and/or shredded coconut (optional)

Topping:

1 ½ tablespoons cinnamon sugar (optional)

Note: To make your own cinnamon sugar: Combine 1/2 cup granulated sugar and 2 tablespoons (or more) of ground cinnamon. Mix well and store in a small, air-tight jar.

Instructions:

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease a 9-inch by 5-inch loaf pan and dust with flour.

In large bowl, add bananas, eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla. Beat on medium speed until



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In another bowl, add cricket flour, whole wheat flour, baking powder and cinnamon. Mix these dry ingredients together using a whisk.

Add bowl of dry ingredients to larger bowl with wet mixture, and beat together on low speed until just blended.

Turn off the mixer and scrape down the sides with a rubber spatula to get any flour that remains into the batter, then mix the batter on medium speed for another minute.

Using the spatula, stir in the walnut pieces. Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan, and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar (optional). Bake 60 minutes to 70 minutes (or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean).

Let cool on wire rack for at least 10 minutes/you can easily handle it and remove from the pan. Cool completely before slicing.

Betsy Crisp, MS, RD/N is a professor emeritus for the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension - Family & Consumer Sciences

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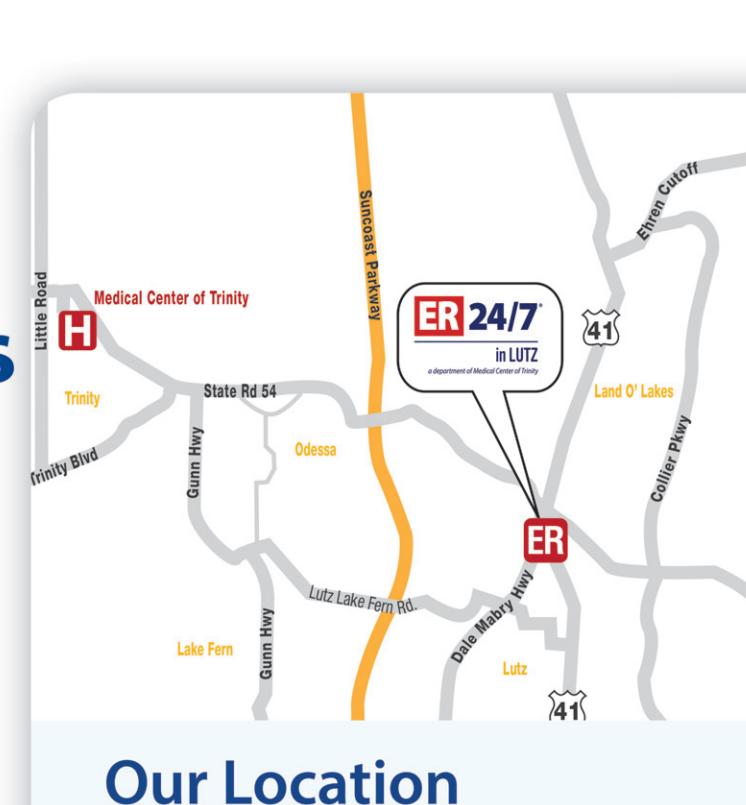
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- Lymphedema Support Group, Jan. 18 at 3 p.m.

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For information, visit TimsChurch.org.

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Hitting the road to promote better hearing

By B.C. Manion

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The Sertoma Speech & Hearing Foundation of Florida Inc., has put a van on the road to expand its ability to provide early intervention for children with hearing loss.

The organization, headquartered in New Port Richey, serves the entire state.

It added the van so it could provide pediatric hearing screenings and evaluations, as well as fitting and dispensing of hearing aids, in rural and under-served communities.

"It's part of our mission for early identification of hearing loss," said Debra Golinski, executive director of the Sertoma Foundation. "We've always tried to serve the entire state of Florida, and in order to do that more effectively, the mobile van was the answer for us," she said.

The van makes scheduled stops at day care centers across the state, to allow for screening of children who are infants through age 5, Golinski said.

If a child doesn't pass the first time, a rescreening is scheduled. If the child still doesn't pass, the parents are asked to have the child's primary care physician do a check.

"We discover there's about 20 percent



Debra Golinski



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that need further testing. Sometimes it's fluid in the ear. Sometimes it's ear wax. There are different reasons that they don't pass. That's why we have to refer back to the primary care," Golinski said.

"If they indeed need hearing aids, we have an audiologist who will come back to do the fitting and dispensing at a very reduced rate," she said.

There are clues that a child may have hearing loss, she said.

If your child isn't paying attention to you, there may be a hearing issue, Golinski said. Or, "if they don't respond to what you're talk-

ing about, if they don't respond to noises," she said.

Sometime, hearing loss isn't easy to spot, she added.

"Children adapt. We've found kids that were completely deaf in one ear, but they adapted. The family never knew."

"It's just like anything else, you learn to adapt. That's why we take the initiative to make sure they're screened," Golinski said.

The idea is to help children who need it, as soon as possible.

When children can't hear, they can be at a disadvantage in developing their vocabulary and speaking skills, she said.

By intervening early, help can be provided to help children avoid learning delays and can minimize or eliminate the need for special education, she said.

"When they hit kindergarten, our goal is that they will mainstream," Golinski said, rather than requiring special education services.

Golinski said the response to the mobile van, which was added last fall, has been tremendous.

"I've never been upstaged by a van so much in my life," she said, with a laugh.

"We've screened over 2,000 children since we started," she said, noting the van has traveled to more than a dozen counties, including Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Clay, Levy, Marion, Lake, Seminole and Brevard, among others.

"We are doing great things with one van. We'd love to have more. My vision is that we would have seven vans across the state, doing this," Golinski said.

She hopes that can be accomplished within a few years.

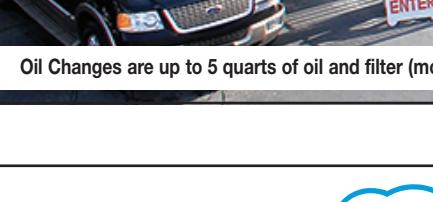
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LITERACY WEEK

Hillel Academy, Tampa's only accredited Jewish day school, will celebrate Literacy Week, Jan. 22 to Jan. 26, with book giving, book reading, noshing, snuggling and a parade.

Each of the students will get to participate in the activities:

- Jan. 22: Do a mitzvah, give a book.
- Jan. 23: Relaxation, snacking and reading in the "Starbooks" Café
- Jan. 24: Guest readers and visiting au-

thors will visit with children, including Josh Gad - the voice of Olaf in the movie "Frozen."

• Jan. 25: Students will dress as their favorite characters for the Storybook Parade.

• Jan. 26: Students will wear pajamas for snuggling and reading for a Shabbat dinner event, open to families and the public.

For information about Hillel Academy offerings, financial aid and tours, call (813) 963-2242, or email admissions@hillelacademytampa.com.

OPEN HOUSE

Land O' Lakes Christian School, 5105 School Road in Land O' Lakes, will host an open house Jan. 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For information, call the school office at (813) 995-9040.



COURTESY OF MABEL BUDZINSKI

Gem Estates residents hosted a 'breakfast for dinner' that included members of Saint Leo's girls basketball team.



Members of Saint Leo University's boys basketball team share a moment with Gem Estates residents.



COURTESY OF THE GREATER ZEPHYRHILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Nine students recognized

Students honored by The Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Month program are chosen by the teachers and administration for exemplary effort, achievement and contribution to their school, their family and community. The students that received recognition for the month of December were Ryan Simpson, The Academy of Spectrum Diversity; Steven Trevino, The Broach School (not present for ceremony); Kylie Strickland, Chester W. Taylor Elementary School; Leslie Owotoki, Heritage Academy; Darla Cant, Hope Ranch Learning Academy; Aaliyah Pacheco, Raymond B. Stewart Middle; Abigail Ray, West Zephyrhills Elementary; Madelyn Holbrook, Woodland Elementary; and, Chase Booker, Zephyrhills High. Also at the ceremony were Melonie Monson, chamber executive director; Steve Spina, Zephyrhills city manager; and, Katy Boyd, chamber ambassador chairperson.

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In West Pasco, the United Way helped families who needed shelter, and Joining Hands Mission, in Holiday, helped individuals.

They are part of Pasco's "Cold Weather Shelter Program" that provides outreach to the county's neediest residents.

The program is a coalition of area churches; nonprofit agencies, such as the United Way, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross; the Homeless Coalition of Pasco County; and social service organizations.

Pasco's Office of Emergency Management, the sheriff's office and public transportation department also provide support.

Shelters generally are opened when temperatures drop below 36 degrees, with or without wind chill, for four hours or more, according to the county's website, PascoCountyFl.net.

The shelters, which normally open by 6 p.m., are operated by nonprofits and religious organizations. Churches and area motels often help out.

Depending on fund and donation availability, shelters can provide food, drinks and blankets, according to the county's website.

Not all shelters are able to take families, but the program will find ways of providing shelter for families in need.

Kathy Hunt is the outreach director for Restored Hope, an organization she started about four years ago in Dade City.

She works with a local motel to secure rooms for homeless individuals and families. In one instance, a year ago, she helped a mother find warm shelter for three nights. She had been living in a shed, with her four children, Hunt said.

Over the past week, she monitored the phone line for her organization during the five nights of predicted freeze. A local motel provided a couple of rooms. And, she also checked on a homeless camp in the area.

"I've never seen cold that latest this long, this early," Hunt said.

The Samaritan Project, in Zephyrhills, also monitored for phone calls, helping a couple of families find shelter.

"We want people to reach out to us," said volunteer Paul Bathrick.

Eddy Reyes, founder of Helping Rock, said in total the three nonprofits in east Pasco, probably aided about 40 people who needed shelter from the cold. Helping Rock took in about eight people, he said.

Helping Rock is the only transitional housing program in east Pasco that can provide shelter services and other resources to the homeless population on a daily basis, Reyes said.

"There is a huge need," he said.

The Pasco County Health Department offered tips on staying warm during the freeze.

Officials said to stay indoors as much as possible. When venturing outside, people should dress warmly in layers of clothing.

Also, as temperatures dip below freezing, home water taps should be kept slightly open so that they drip continuously. And, pets should be brought indoors and provided warm shelter.

Fire officials worried about the potential for house fires as residents sought to stay warm.

A major risk is the improper use of space heaters, said Karl Thompson, Pasco's fire marshal and fire prevention division chief.

Residents in older homes, without central heat and air, are more likely to rely on those than people in newer homes, he said.

"I am worried as temperatures get into the 20s especially in some older, smaller homes that don't have insulation," he said. "These were built for Florida and not for the cold."

People should avoid placing space heaters "too close to curtains. They can tip over and some don't have automatic cutoff systems," Thompson said.

Christmas trees can also pose a hazard and should be disposed of, he added.

The cold weather also put farmers and wildlife officials on alert.

It's early to know how crops, such as peaches and blueberries, will fare in the

Heating safety tips

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from heating equipment
- Have a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters
- Never use your oven to heat your home
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heaters, water heaters or central heating equipment, according to local codes and manufacturer's instructions
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

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cold, but farmers are experienced in what to do, said Whitney C. Elmore, director of Pasco County Extension.

Pasco is unique in having "micro-climates" in different areas of the county, said Elmore.

For example, Dade City generally gets colder than Wesley Chapel.

"One or two degrees can make a difference," Elmore said.

In addition to farm crops, landscaping also can take a hit from the cold.

Elmore said this was the first time in about seven to eight years that the area had a cold snap this early in the year, she said.

"A lot of people have taken that as a mandate to plant more tropicals," she said. "I am concerned about that."

People should take precautions and cover sensitive plants.

But, there is a right way and a wrong way to do that.

Elmore said the coverings - often bed sheets - should never touch the plants. It's best to build a small scaffold that can hold up the coverings.

They should be removed when the sun comes up the next day, she added.

And, she cautions against using heaters to protect landscaping, including fruit trees. "This is certainly a fire hazard."

Irrigation also can be an issue.

If possible, Elmore said irrigation systems should be turned off on the coldest nights.

"If they need to irrigate, it is best early in the morning when the temperatures are warming up," she said.

But, residents should check with the county or extension agency regarding restrictions on when watering is allowed, she added.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission monitored populations of sea turtles and manatees, according to a news release from the state agency.

Sea turtles can be stunned by cold water temperatures, and float listlessly in the water or near the shore. While they might appear dead, wildlife officials said they often are still alive.

Residents can report such sightings to the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at (888) 404-3922.

Manatees also are affected by extreme cold weather, often swimming into warm-water habitats, including discharge canals of power plants and natural springs.

Wildlife officials asked that boaters watch out for manatees in shallow waters near the coast, both inland and coastal. They also should obey posted manatee speed zone signs.

For information from Restored Hope, call (352) 437-4815; for the Samaritan Project, call (813) 810-8670.

For information on the county's cold weather shelter program, visit PascoCountyFl.net.

sion the school.

A 43-acre site for the school was purchased on Aug. 17, 2015.

Prakash Nair of Fielding Nair International, a global leader in innovative school design, is the school's designer, and Wannemacher Jensen Architects is the project architect.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held Nov. 4, 2016.

Sandra Doran is head of school, Stephen Herr is associate head of school, and McLendon is marketing and enrollment director.

The school is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year, which begins this fall.

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trails and playfields.

"The design is very intentional," McLendon said, with the goal of providing students with the individual attention they need to reach their potential, while also promoting group learning.

Even the furniture is designed to honor learning styles and learning preferences of students, she said.

Planning for the school began in 2012, when the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in collaboration with Adventist Health Systems and the Florida Hospital West Florida Region, began to envi-

about 436 acres, has six villages and about 970 homes.

To the south of Ballantrae, Long Lake Ranch homes are under construction. Northward, Bexley Ranch and Asturia are adding new subdivisions, with single family homes and apartments.

And, Mystic Pointe is a new apartment complex under construction at Meadowbrook Drive.

The Ballantrae community is built on

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Community Sports

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Shuffleboard player joins '1,000 points' club

By Kevin Weiss
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Zephyrhills' Earl Ball has achieved yet another milestone in what's been a lengthy and historic shuffleboard career.

Ball, a resident of Betmar Acres, recently became just the third player to amass 1,000 career points within the Florida Shuffleboard Association (FSA) — joining Clearwater's Glen Peltier (1,364 points) and fellow Betmar resident Joan Cook (1,049 points).

To honor the feat, the FSA last month presented the 73-year-old Ball with a commemorative green jacket — reserved only for members of the 1,000 points club.

A corresponding awards ceremony was held for Ball on Dec. 17 at Betmar Acres, attracting more than 100 guests.

Besides friends and family, shuffleboard players from all across Florida and other states gathered to celebrate Ball on his rare feat.

"It was a fabulous experience to be recognized like that," said Ball, who sits with 1,020 points.

"When you're living it, you never realize what's going on around you; you never realize you're reaching a record like that, that other people just haven't made," he said.

Ball began taking shuffleboard seriously after he retired from the automotive industry in 1997.

He earned "instant pro" status by 1999. (Players can earn a pro designation by accumulating five points within a three-year period at state-sanctioned events.)

Ball has averaged about 55 points per season at the state level since then.

Shufflers earn points for finishing near the top of state-sanctioned events. A first place finish, for example, nets five points.

Joining the 1,000-point club is just the latest of Ball's many shuffleboard feats.

Ball is the current record-holder for FSA championships (115), as well as National Shuffleboard Association championships (21) and men's national points (421).

He was inducted into the FSA Hall of Fame in 2005—reserved for players who've accumulated at least 200 points.



COURTESY OF EARL BALL

Earl Ball was recognized during a Dec. 17 shuffleboard awards ceremony at Betmar Acres in Zephyrhills. Besides securing 1,000 points, Ball is the current record-holder for FSA championships (115), as well as National Shuffleboard Association championships (21) and men's national points (421).

He's since achieved Hall of Fame status at the district, national and international levels, as a player.

Shuffleboard, or floor shuffleboard, is a game in which players use cues to push weighted discs, sending them gliding down a narrow court, with the purpose of having them come to rest within a marked scoring triangle-shaped area — where different parts of the triangle are worth different points. Matches can be played in singles or doubles.

It has developed a cult following in Florida, particularly among retirees and elderly.

Ball said his shuffling success was born out of a serious commitment to the game.

For many years, the retiree would play eight hours a day, six days a week, year-round.

The countless hours of practice and playing in matches allowed him to apply all kinds of strategies and learn the sport's nuances.

"I would listen to everybody," Ball said, "and I became an expert in the rules."

Though he longer follows such a rigorous schedule, Ball acknowledged he still

plays "more than most people" — usually five or six days a week.

That includes playing in numerous events throughout Central Florida, as well as tournaments in places like Hollywood, Fort Pierce, Fort Myers, Melbourne and Leesburg.

For Ball, the game is more than just "a bunch of old people pushing discs back and forth."

Instead, he describes it as a "physical chess game."

"It takes you back to your young days of sticks and stones, and bats and balls, and everything else in the field," he said.

Personal accolades notwithstanding, Ball's greatest satisfaction comes when he teams with novice players and helps them earn their first wins.

That happened most recently on Jan. 3, when Ball teamed with Zephyrhills resident Walt Shine to win a New Year's tournament in Clearwater.

"To see how happy they are that they won — it's that kind of thing that's just really a thrill for me," said Ball.

As a youth, Ball grew up playing just about every sport competitively year-round.



Zephyrhills resident Earl Ball became the state's third shuffleboard player to amass 1,000 points.

From baseball, basketball and football, to wrestling and cross-country, Ball "always had something going on."

He also became a "near scratch" golfer as an adult.

That drive remained as Ball's grown older, but with a focus on shuffleboard.

When asked what keeps him playing regularly, Ball said: "That's what I do. I'm a competitive athlete; have been all my life. So, that's just me."

And, he doesn't plan on changing his ways anytime soon.

Ball strives to one day surpass Peltier as the state's all-time points leader.

As a means to extend his shuffleboard career — and maintain his health and wellness — Ball can regularly be found at the local YMCA lifting weights several days a week.

"I do a lot of things that people don't see to keep myself in shape to compete with other people, and hopefully that will allow me to continue the way I am," Ball said.

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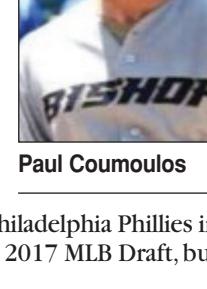
Wiregrass Ranch High product Stephanie Brower recently became a member of the University of Florida women's basketball team, as a freshman walk-on. One of the top players in Pasco County, the 6-foot forward played in 123 games for the Bulls, compiling nearly 1,500 points and more than 1,000 rebounds for her career.



Stephanie Brower

She most recently helped guide Wiregrass Ranch to 21 wins and a Class 8A regional appearance during the 2016-2017 season.

Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School product Paul Coumoulos announced his commitment to play collegiate baseball at Saint Leo University.



Paul Coumoulos

Coumoulos posted a .378 career batting average in four varsity seasons at Bishop McLaughlin, helping his team reach the Class 3A state semifinals last season.

The outfielder was later selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 40th round of the 2017 MLB Draft, but didn't sign.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT 5K RUN

Registration is ongoing for the 2018 Light Up the Night Tampa Bay 5K Run/1Mile Walk, slated for Jan. 20 at 4:30 p.m., at Pasco-Hernando State College Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch, 2727



COURTESY OF PASCO COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pictured from left, Greg Mathis, current Stewart Middle School football coach; Alan Altman, Pasco County District 1 School Board member; Gene Whitfield, Mayor of Zephyrhills; and, Norman Scheuerman, former Stewart Middle School football coach.

Seven undefeated seasons and counting!

The Stewart Middle School Bulldogs football team recently was recognized for its streak of seven straight winning seasons from 2010 to 2016 — a feat that includes 41 consecutive wins and seven conference titles.

On Dec. 15, Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield presented a proclamation to the Bulldogs football team for its lengthy win streak. Though middle school

records are difficult to find, USA Football shows only five high schools in the country have more consecutive wins, and one has the same number.

The Bulldogs had two head coaches during its seven-year undefeated run — current coach Greg Mathis (winning seasons from 2014 to 2016) and former coach Norman Scheuerman (winning seasons from 2010 to 2013).

Mansfield Blvd., in Wesley Chapel.

Cost for the 5K run is \$30; the 1-mile race walk is \$25.

The race seeks to bring awareness to the prevalence of human trafficking and educate the public of the warning signs of trafficked victims.

Sponsorships are available, and proceeds will benefit six local nonprofits dedicated to the recovery of trafficked individuals.

The family friendly event also will include live music, a Kids Zone with bounce

houses and face painting, horse-mounted police officers, food vendors, a helicopter landing, and a candlelight ceremony to conclude the event.

For information, email the race director at alyssa@eventingtampabay.com.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Registration is ongoing for the Pasco County Parks & Recreation Department's 2018 Adult Softball Spring League.

Cost to enter a team is \$475, plus an additional \$25 for a National Softball Association (NSA) sanctioning fee.

The price includes an 11-game regular season, and a single elimination tournament.

The season begins the week of Feb. 5. Coed games are played Monday evenings, while men's games are offered Tuesday through Thursday evenings. All games are played at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park (formerly the Land O' Lakes Community Center), 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd., in Land O' Lakes.

For information, call (813) 929-1229, or email A.J. Fernandez at afernandez@pasco-countyfl.net.

SPECIAL-NEEDS FISHING CLASS SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 20

Idlewild Baptist Church is hosting a fishing class for special needs Jan. 20 at 9 a.m., at its Lutz campus, 18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd.

Designed for individual needs in mind, the program teaches basic fishing skills, including casting; reeling; equipment selection; and education on conservation, environment and fishing regulations.

The class is taught by certified instructors with the opportunity to fish directly on Idlewild property with different poles and lures. Parent or guardian participation is expected.

For information, call Deana Troyer at (813) 264-8773, or email dtroyer@idlewild.org.

YOUTH TENNIS CLINICS

The Land O' Lakes Recreation Center is offering junior tennis clinics beginning the week of Jan. 22, for ages 5 to 12.

The clinics, hosted by Net Generation, a United States Tennis Association program, will focus on fundamentals, skill challenges and in-game play. Students will be taught with junior-size racquets, on a smaller court size and with a slower tennis ball. No equipment is needed to sign up.

Clinics will be taught by Karen Turman, a local United States Professional Tennis Association pro.

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COURTESY OF SHELTERBOX

These flooding victims in Malawi are carrying shelter boxes.

Local man reaches 'Hall of Fame' status with charity

By B.C. Manion

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When Mike Mira headed to the Noon Rotary Club Zephyrhills meeting nearly six years ago, he didn't know it was going to change his life.

But, when the Zephyrhills man heard the presentation from ShelterBoxUSA representatives, he knew he wanted to get involved.

The presentation came about 18 months after the earthquake in Haiti, Mira said.

ShelterBox, which is an international organization, responds to disasters around the world. Trained responders will do an assessment to see what the need is, Mira said.

"If there's a need, they'll call for shelter boxes to come in," he said.

The aid the organization sends is adaptable, based on what's needed.

Sometimes it sends sturdy green shelter boxes, which hold practical tools and utensils, to support everyday life.

Contents of the box can vary, based on the disaster that occurred and the climate where it happened.

In general, though, each box contains a family-sized tent, solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets and cooking utensils.

In other cases, it sends shelter kits. These include toolkits, ropes, fasteners and heavy-duty tarps that can be used to build a shelter, repair damaged buildings and begin to rebuild a home.

Again, the kits are customized to suit the needs of the community. Sometimes they include corrugated iron to help make resilient roofing, or even room dividers and mattresses to make warehouses habitable.

In some situations, the kits might also include solar lights, mattresses and water containers.

Sometimes, when families can't start rebuilding their homes immediately, the organization supplies large, sturdy tents that can withstand extreme weather conditions and temperatures.

When a disaster strikes, ShelterBox Response Teams travel to the area to determine what, if any kind of response is needed, Mira said.

They go by foot, boat, helicopter or even tuk-tuk to get there, according to the organization's website.

ShelterBox also makes sure the items end up in the right hands, Mira said.

"If they don't come in through customs into our hands, we don't bring them in. We want to make sure they actually go to the people who actually need them."

"That was the biggest selling point for me to get involved in the organization," said Mira, who recently was inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame.

ShelterBox's history dates back to 2000, Mira said, noting it was started by a Rotary Club.

"They wanted to help people who had lost everything," he said.

"They came up with a kit. It had a tent.



B.C. MANION

Mike Mira sits in his Zephyrhills restaurant, with a plaque and numerous \$100,000 candy bars. The candy bars signify the amount of money that Mira has raised for ShelterBoxUSA, an organization that provides help internationally to victims of disaster.



A donkey hauls a cart holding a shelter box, in Ethiopia.

Basically, a glorified camping kit," Mira said.

Over time, the organization grew into its own separate international entity, which is based in the United Kingdom.

There are 14 affiliates around the world, Mira said.

"ShelterBoxUSA is right here in Lakewood Ranch, near Sarasota," said Mira, who is a lead ambassador for the organization, and oversees the ambassadors in Florida and Georgia. He personally covers Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties.

Mira has done his part to spread the word, giving more than 100 presentations and raising more than \$100,000. For his efforts, he recently became the 23rd person inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame.

The organization also has a location in Santa Barbara, California.

While it responds to disasters in far-off parts of the world, it also responds in the



These victims of an earthquake in Nepal are carrying supplies provided by ShelterBox.



These children and a woman sit in a tent provided by ShelterBox.

United States, he said.

"After Hurricane Katrina, when federal, state and local government were all pointing the finger at each other, and 'Who's problem is this?' ShelterBox was on the ground," he said, helping families.

"Superstorm Sandy, we responded. There wasn't a need for the shelter. But, we left tons of mittens and scarves and hats."

"We tailor the kits to where they are going," Mira said.

"After the Japanese tsunami, we put a bunch of winter gloves and hats, and things like that, scarves. If it is going somewhere in Africa, we'll put extra mosquito netting."

It costs \$1,000 for each shelter box, he said. In 2017, the organization helped 160,000 people, he added.

The organization focuses solely on helping families who have lost their shelter to operate from day to day.

"When the Haiti earthquake hit, the responder from ShelterBox called headquarters and said 'Send everything we have.'

"Everything in Cornwall?"

"No, everything we have around the

world. We need it all."

"We sent 28,417 shelter boxes, and an additional 7,000 just tents," he said.

ShelterBox does not provide food.

"We work with other aid agencies. We provide the shelter. There are other agencies that provide the food, the medicine and stuff like that," Mira said.

ShelterBox is currently responding in the Caribbean following Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Bangladesh following flooding in the north and the Rohingya refugee crisis in the south, and Somaliland where people are displaced by drought. The organization is also providing aid to people displaced by conflict situations in Syria, Iraq, Cameroon, Chad and Niger.

Mira is proud of the organization's record.

"We're Charity Navigator 4-star rated, the highest rating you can get from Charity Navigator."

Anyone who would like to help can go to ShelterBoxUSA.com to donate.

"If there are any organizations who want a presentation, they can contact me," Mira said. He can be reached at (813) 469-0243.

PET PAWS

ADOPTION STOP

Pasco County Animal Services' Tail Wagon will make a stop at Pet Supplies Plus, 21703 Village Lakes Shopping Center in Land O' Lakes, Jan. 13 from noon to 2 p.m.

Also, for the rest of January, Animal Services will offer \$18 adoption fees for large dogs and adult cats. Dogs weighing less than 25 pounds, and puppies and kittens age 6 months and younger are excluded from promotions.

Pasco County residents will be responsible for the county licensing fee for adoption pets.

Pasco County Animal Services is at 19640 Dogpatch Lane in Land O' Lakes, and can be reached by calling (813) 929-1212.

OILS FOR PETS

Essential Oils will host a free class, "Essential Oils for Pets," Jan. 23 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Living Food Bakery & Café, 38201 10th Ave., in Zephyrhills.

For information, call Deanna Jacobs at (813) 479-7724.

CINDY'S PETS STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Cindy's Pets, a volunteer-run nonprofit that provides pet food to senior citizens in the Pasco County Meals on Wheels program, will host a Strawberry Festival Feb. 17

in downtown New Port Richey, at the Community Congregational Church. The festival will celebrate pets in the community.

Monthly, Cindy's Pets feeds about 400 pets, including dogs, cats and birds; delivers about 1,850 pounds of pet food to Pasco County seniors; and, purchases \$2,000 of food to feed the seniors' pets.

This annual fundraiser helps provide meals to senior's pets for an entire year.

The event will include strawberries and strawberry shortcake, a dog walk with fun obstacles for pets, a dog show, vendors, food, raffle and a kids' zone.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For information, visit CindysPets.org, or email CPStrawberryFestival@gmail.com.

SHARE YOUR PET NEWS

If you have pet news about adoptions, walks or other events for pet owners and their pets, you can let us know by sending us an email. We just need the basics: who, what, when, where and why.

The information should be submitted two weeks prior to the desired publication date. We also need a contact name and number, in case we have questions.

There is no guarantee of publication, but we consider each item we receive.

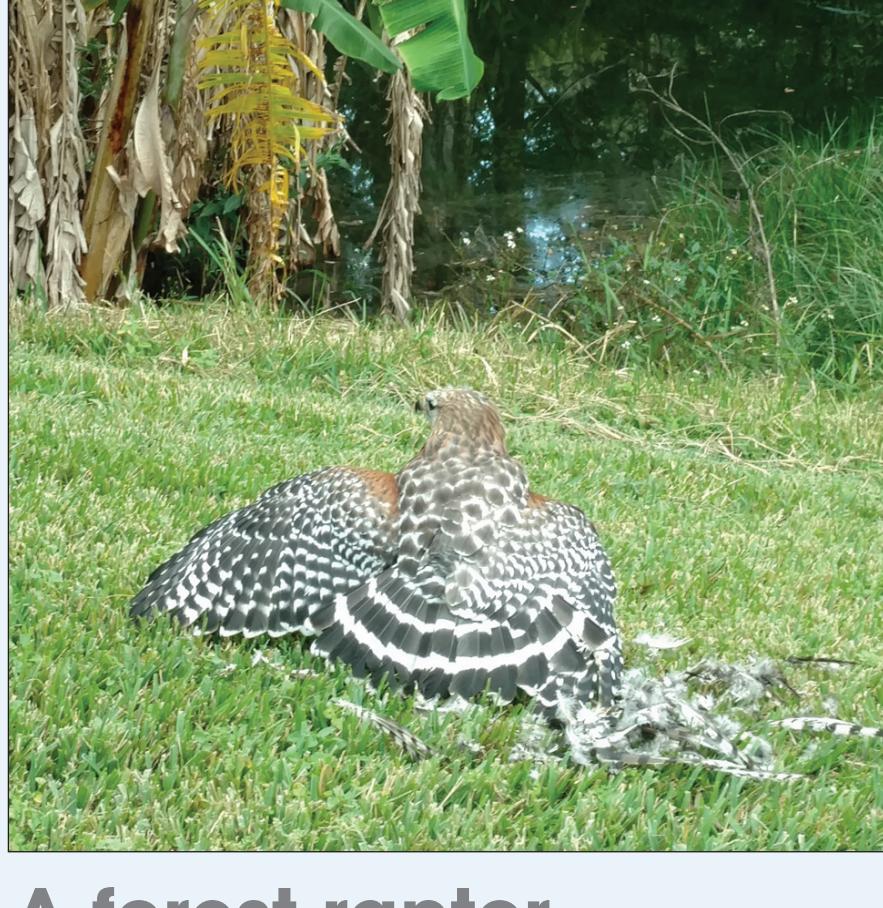
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Christmas is a senior kitty that came to the shelter just a few days before the holiday. She came in sick, but through all of the medications, she remains sweet and understanding. Christmas does have a heart murmur, cataracts and will need a check on her dental health. A follow-up with a regular veterinarian is recommended. Christmas always makes it a point to greet you at the door, and loves speaking with the staff while they are cleaning. Christmas loves to peek out of her door and watch the different goings-on of the day-to-day shelter life.



Give Sawyer a chance

Sawyer is a rambunctious, young pup that has been in the shelter since October. He walks well on a leash and knows some special tricks, like shaking paws. Sawyer is ready to go to his forever home, and is microchipped, vaccinated, neutered and is heartworm negative. A meet-and-greet is recommended with other dogs. We do not recommend a home with cats. Sawyer has done well on his assessment with children.



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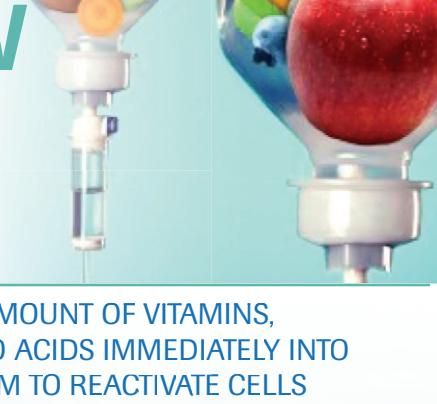
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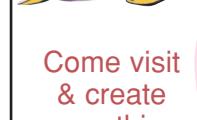
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CENTRAL PASCO CHAMBER MOVES

The Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce has moved.

As of Jan. 2, its new offices are at 1868 Highland Oaks Blvd., Suite A, in Lutz. The office is in a small business plaza adjacent to Highland Oaks Preserve, off State Road 54, west of Livingston Road.

The chamber celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2015. It is a nonprofit with a volunteer board of directors.

Members come from Land O'Lakes, Lutz, Odessa, Trinity, Shady Hills, Spring Hill and Wesley Chapel.

Chamber officials began looking for a new location for its office in 2017, after operating at 2810 Land O'Lakes Blvd., for about 15 years. The building at the former site was in need of repairs and wasn't considered large enough for a growing membership, according to chamber officials.

Except for the new address, all other contact information remains the same.

For additional information, you can call the chamber at (813) 909-2722, email office@CentralPascoChamber.com, or visit CentralPascoChamber.com.

BAKERY OPEN HOUSE

Living Food Bakery & Café will have an open house Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 38201 10th Ave., in Zephyrhills.

There will be free samples of bakery and cage items throughout the day.

Live music begins at 5 p.m.

The bakery and café is a farm-to-table experience offering breads, pastries, subs and salads. Classes in the healthy benefits of essential oils also are taught free of charge.

For information, call (813) 399-4467, or visit Facebook.com/livingfoodbakery/.

MEDICAL CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The Medical Center of Trinity will host an open house at its soon-to-open ER 24-7 on Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon, at 1430 Dale Mabry Highway, next to Walmart in Lutz.

The open house will feature tours of the emergency room and an opportunity to speak with the health care staff members.

Children can visit the teddy bear clinic and receive an ER 24-7 teddy bear that will be "examined" by ER nurses, get an X-ray and more.

Refreshments will be served.

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gency room care, but will also have telemedicine capabilities. It will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for acute care of serious illness or injury. Patients will be accepted by ambulance, and there will be on-site CT scans, ultrasounds, X-rays and laboratory services.

The facility will have national certifications through its affiliation with the Medical Center of Trinity.

For information, call (727) 834-4867.

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The EmpowerHer Conference is Saturday, Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Suncoast, 2155 Northpointe Parkway in Lutz. Cost is \$40 and includes a light lunch.

"Our conference will power your mind, body and soul to help you reach your goals in the New Year," said Taylor, owner of Samantha Taylor Fitness Studios. "We will teach you tricks, tactics and tools to feeling empowered to help you make a turn for a better lifestyle, a healthier life and a happier mindset."

In addition to Taylor, The EmpowerHer Conference is featuring five other accomplished speakers:

Laura White is a speaker, author and life skills expert who encourages, equips and empowers her audiences to make successful life changes. She will show women how to have the right mindset to help them reach their goals in her talk, "Train Your Brain."

Shannon Barker is a nutrition expert with a B.S. in Food Science & Human Nutrition. She will provide the best tips on how to adopt a healthier eating style by breaking down the basics in her talk, "Building Blocks to Eating Right."

Mike Montemurro is a hormone specialist and owner of Infinity Medical Institute. He will discuss, "The Key to Making You Feel Younger, Sexier, Stronger & Losing Weight."

Kelly Smith has been a licensed esthetician for 10 years, is a master makeup artist and an educator who taught esthetics for several years. She now uses her skills in organic beauty and skincare at Belle àme Day Spa in Lutz. Her topic is, "The Organic Skincare Revolution."

Dr. Michael Pease is a family chiropractor and owner of New Leaf



Samantha Taylor speaks at one of her conferences.

Chiropractic in Lutz. He has a strong background in functional medicine, nutrition, traditional chiropractic and extremity adjusting. He will discuss, "Is Modern Medicine Failing You?"

Samantha Taylor is a nationally known personality, business coach and devout Christian who has helped over 6,000 women naturally achieve their health and fitness goals. She operates private studios for women in Land O Lakes, Wesley Chapel, Carrollwood and Westchase. She will be inspiring women with two talks: "Your Life Altering Decision and How to Make It" and "How to Create a Map to Your Success in 2018."

"This conference is an opportunity for women to come together, support each other and carve the path to a successful year. This is the year to pivot towards success and take control of your mind, body and soul," said Taylor.

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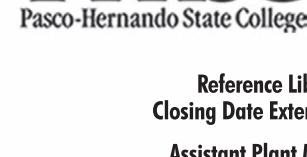
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Guest speaker will be Melinda Velez of United Way of Pasco County.

The cost is \$20 for chamber members or \$18 if preregistered. For non-members, the cost is \$25.

For information, call the chamber at (813) 909-2722, or register at PHHchamber.com/prepay-lunch/.

NORTH TAMPA LUNCHEON

The North Tampa Chamber of Commerce will have its January 2018 Momentum Thursday on Jan. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Joseph's John Knox Village, at 4100 E. Fletcher Ave., in Tampa.

Guest speaker will be Lee Bolin of the Foundation for the Civilly Disadvantaged.

For early bird registration, RSVP online with credit card or to the chamber office at Contact@NorthTampaChamber.com by 5 p.m., Jan. 10, at the discounted rate of \$20 (whether you eat or not).

After that date, the cost is \$25 (whether you eat or not), payable at the door by cash, check or credit card.

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Alliance Property Management will have a ribbon cutting Jan. 12 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at 5814 Old Pasco Road, in Wesley Chapel.

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The pre-application meeting is only an initial discussion of the proposal.

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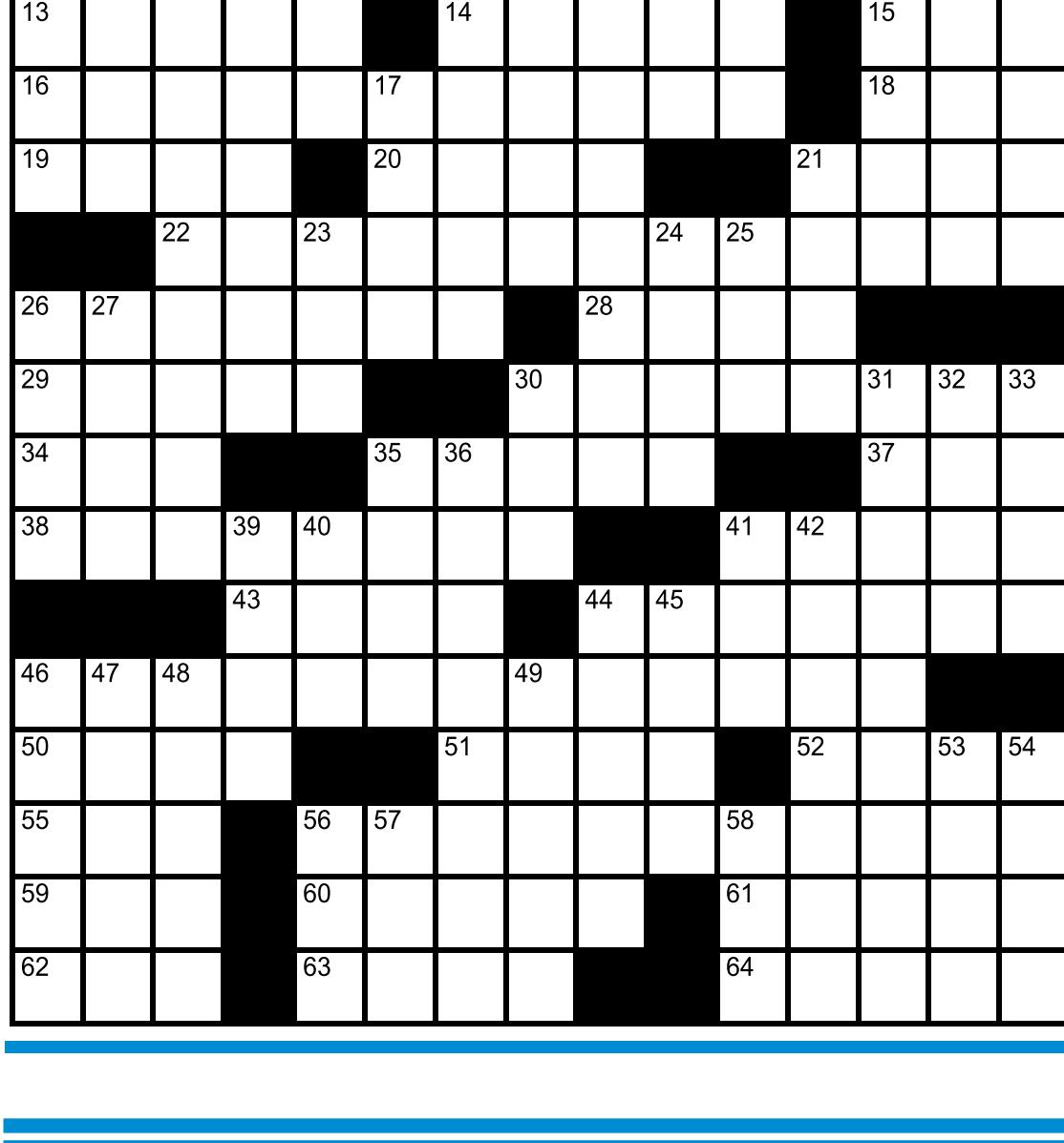
The Greater Wesley Chapel Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its monthly economic briefing for Jan. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hunter's Green Country Club, 18101 Longwater Run Drive in Tampa.

Guest speaker will be Loren Rhodes, of the Rhodes Group. He will talk about the Hyatt Place Hotel and Convention Center.

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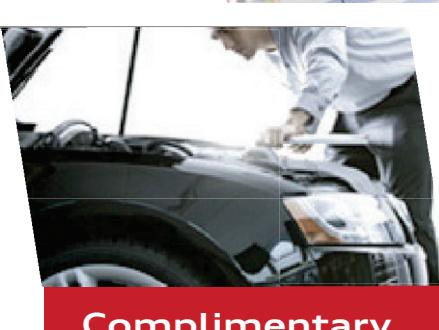


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