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'Tis plenty of holiday cheer to go around

By Brian Fernandes

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Whether you're looking for something fun for the family to do, you want to share the magic of the holidays with someone special, or you'd like to entertain out-oftown company, there are plenty of choices across The Laker/Lutz News' coverage area.

We've compiled some of your options and share them here.

ZEPHYRHILLS, SAN ANTONIO, **DADE CITY**

34th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting WHEN: Dec. 2 from noon to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Front lawn of Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd., in Zephyrhills **COST**: Free

DETAILS: The event will have the decorating and lighting of more than 50 trees, bounce houses, games, a visit from Santa, fireworks, and food trucks with refreshments.

INFO: Call Florida Hospital Zephyrhills at (813) 788-0411.

Christmas in the Park

WHEN: Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. WHERE: San Antonio City Park, 32819

Pennsylvania Ave., San Antonio

COST: Free

DETAILS: Enlarged Christmas cards will be lit and

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symphony in lights, and color

Hundreds gathered to enjoy opening night of the 10th annual Symphony in Lights at The Shops at Wiregrass, at 28211 Paseo Drive in Wesley Chapel. The free family celebration, presented by Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel, featured falling snow, performers, costumed characters, live holiday music, and the arrival of Santa Claus on the brand-new Wiregrass Express train. Radio personality Mason Dixon was the master of ceremonies for the official tree lighting ceremony, which delighted the audience with a light show synchronized to the music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. The night ended with a special opening night fireworks display, which was an obvious crowd-pleaser. The Symphony in Lights continues nightly at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., through Dec. 31, with the choreographed light and music show, as well as quest appearances.



Four-year-old Brielle Kirkman, of Land O' Lakes, sits on her father's (Nathan) shoulders, to get a better view of the stage. She wanted to see 'Late Night Brass,' a band performing holiday music. The little girl's mother, Kellie, said the family loves attending the event each year.



As the sun sets on Paseo Drive, Liz Carroll, a stilt walker with Strictly Entertainment, doles out stickers to the crowd. The Zephyrhills woman has been a stilt walker for seven years, and she's more than 7 feet tall when she's on the stilts.

Pasco sets its legislative priorities

By B.C. Manion

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The Pasco County Commission has identified a list of priorities it would like the Pasco County legislative delegation to sup-

The delegation is scheduled to have its annual public meeting on Dec. 17 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Pasco Count School Board's campus, 7227 Land O' Lakes Blvd., in Land O' Lakes. The session allows members of the public and various interest groups to address the delegation before the beginning of the 2019 Legislative Session.

Among the priority items on the Pasco County Commission's list are a redevelopment plan for Land O' Lakes, a pedestrian/bicycle overpass at the Starkey Gap Trail, widening of a segment of State Road 52 to four lanes; and improvements to the Zephyr Creek watershed.

Commissioners are seeking \$1.5 million in state money to support a Land O' Lakes

redevelopment plan. Calling U.S. 41, also known as Land O' Lakes Boulevard, "the primary spine in the

Land O' Lakes community," the county is See PRIORITIES, page 19A

New K-9 training complex breaks ground in Pasco

By Kevin Weiss

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The Pasco County Sheriff's Office soon will have a full-fledged facility dedicated to the tactical training of its K-9 units.

Ground was broken during a Nov. 15 ceremony for the Helen A. Rich K9 Complex — as part of the larger forensics research and training center project in Land O' Lakes known as FIRST, an acronym for Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security and Tactics.

Located at the intersection of Lucy Dobies Road and Central Boulevard off U.S. 41 in Land O' Lakes, the K9 Complex is scheduled to have:

- A 10,000-square-foot indoor training facility
 - A veterinary science center • A kennel for 40 dogs
- An outdoor obstacle course and agility field
- A rubble pile for search and rescue training

The K9 Complex will be completed in phases, with some features finished as soon as late 2019, according to Pasco Sheriff's Capt. Justin Ross, who is overseeing the

project. The project alone is expected to cost

about \$5 million, not including other FIRST

facilities, according to the sheriff's office. In addition to teaching standard K-9 tactics, the training grounds will be used to help develop advanced K-9 techniques in

airport security, explosives and drug detection, and search and recovery. It will also include an academia-based research component focused on the health and wellness of working and retired police

"It's kind of that synergistic partnership between researchers and practitioners, where we want them to really improve upon the use of working dogs and dog

safety," Ross explained. Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco described the forthcoming K-9 project as "special" and

"absolutely incredible."

Nocco explained: "It's really about finding ways to make us safer, make our communities safer, and it's about building a legacy for the next generation.

"One day somebody will be saved because of the training that goes on there (at the complex)," he predicted.

Besides the Pasco Sheriff's Office, the K-9 facilities will also be used by other local and regional law enforcement agencies. "We want to make sure we bring as many people as we can for the K-9s," the sheriff

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International business increasing in Pasco

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Pasco County has been making strides in the arena of international trade, and Pasco County Commissioner Kathryn Starkey provided a briefing on the topic at a recent North Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

In introducing Starkey, Hope Allen, president/CEO of the North Tampa Chamber said: "Kathryn Starkey is a huge advocate of Pasco County

"It's wonderful that Pasco now has a seat at the table, now on the global level, and it's because of her work and the work of Pasco Economic Development, making Pasco part of the conversation.

'She is involved in developing international trade, with a focus on Europe and South America," Allen said.

Starkey has a pulse on what's happening locally, and also nationally, on the international trade scene.

She is chair of the International Economic Development Task Force at the National Association of Counties (NACCO). She also was nominated by the White House and NACCO to serve on a committee that looks over trade agreements and makes recommendations. She is among four commissioners who represent the voice of local government, she said.

She's still undergoing her FBI background check, so at this point, she can participate in calls, but can't read the infor-

Starkey said her introduction to manufacturing came in 2004, when she was on the Pasco County School Board and she made a visit to a training program offered in Okaloosa public schools.

'What they had done was they interviewed their business community, and then they figured out how to start programs in their school system that taught the high school kids how to enter into that workforce when they graduated," she said.

Because of her interest, Starkey traveled to Germany five times — to see for herself and to show others how the Germans do

their system of apprenticeship training.

"It was really important to go and see how the world's premiere training program



Pasco County Commissioner Kathryn Starkey

"If you don't see it, vou can't understand it. They have the gold standard in manufacturing," she said.

"What we have done here in Pasco County, Hernando and Pinellas County, is that we've set up a training and manufacturing program based on the European model of apprenticeship training," Starkey added, referring to a program called AmSkills.

"We take high school students and we take students who have graduated, and we take adults who need retraining, and we take them through the process here and we get them very knowledgeable about manufacturing, training and jobs, and then we help them get meaningful jobs here in the community," she

Over time, Pasco County Schools also has established several career academies. It also opened Wendell Krinn Technical High School this year, on the former Ridgewood High campus.

In partnership with Marchman Technical College, Wendell Krinn provides students access to 14 different technical education programs, including auto collision/repair, biomedical sciences, commercial art, computer systems, cosmetology, culinary arts, cybersecurity, digital cinema, electricity, HVAC, marine service, robotics, and weld-

Pasco's workforce development is helping to attract international companies, Starkey said.

She also has been involved with Pasco EDC in trade missions to help local companies find foreign markets, and has helped

host events to teach local companies how to grow their business in other parts of the world.

Pasco's outreach efforts, its workforce development and its willingness to offer incentives to attract companies offering high-wage jobs has resulted in international companies setting up shop in the county.

Some of those companies include:

• TouchPoint Medical Inc., a global supplier of technology-based health care delivery systems, will bring 116 new highpaying jobs to Pasco County. Company officials plan to relocate their headquarters to prime vacant land in Land O'Lakes. They will build an approximately 125,000-squarefoot facility, including a parking lot, on the northwest corner of Suncoast Parkway and State Road 54. The site is part of the South Branch Ranch property. The facility is expected to open in late 2019.

 Mettler Toledo: Mettler Toledo opened its 270,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Northpointe Village in April. The Swissbased company is a global supplier of precision scales and services used in research, and the packaging and production of food and pharmaceuticals.

• TRU Simulation: TRU Simulation +

Training celebrated the opening of a \$30 million expansion of its Pilot Training

Center in Lutz in February 2017. The facility originally opened in a 15,000-square-foot facility at 1827 Northpointe Parkway, off State Road 54 at Suncoast Parkway.TRU Simulation has contracts with companies such as King Air,

Boeing and Cessna. Starkey noted that it's not enough to get international companies interested in Pasco, it's also important to treat them well after they arrive, and to continue to form relation-

Taking a page out of book she read about how the international community developed in North Carolina, Starkey makes it a point to take CEOs of international companies to visit assets around Tampa Bay.

It's a great way for the CEOs to get to know each other and also for them to develop a deeper understanding of Tampa Bay's strengths, Starkey said.

"I am trying to take really good care of your CEOs here, and they are spreading the word to their friends back overseas, or to their business friends, that Pasco County is a great place to do business," Starkey said. "We want them to feel very welcome."







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A "Celebration of Lights" will take place Nov. 30 through Dec. 23 at The Concourse in Shady Hills. Guests can drive through The Concourse and Safety Town, 11919 Alric Pottberg Road, Sunday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Safety Town will host vendors and Santa Claus, and there will be train rides available for \$4 per person, open Friday and Saturday nights from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost is \$10 per car. For information, email celebrationoflights@gmail.com.

GRINCHMAS FESTIVAL

The Christmas tradition of "Grinchmas" will kick off the holiday Nov. 30 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Little Springs Park, 634 N.W. Second Ave., in Crystal River. The tree lighting festival will include arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, games, inflatables, a visit from The Grinch and the Whos, and more.

YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

Zephyrhills Lady Shriners Cairo Court No. 97 will host a yard sale fundraiser on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Masonic Hall, 5950 12th St., in Zephyrhills.

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Grace Lutheran Church, 3714 W. Linebaugh Ave., in Carrollwood, will present "A Night in Bethlehem" Dec. 1 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Guests can experience village life by walking through the shops at the Marketplace, including a bakery, leatherworking, a scribe, a pottery shop and more. There also will be a Nativity story with live animals. For information, call (813) 961-8747, or visit GraceTampa.org.

COOKIE WALK & BAKE SALE

Tippecanoe Village, at the corner of Morris Bridge Road and Chancey Road in Zephyrhills, will host a Cookie Walk & Bake Sale on Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to 11 .m. There will be baked goods, jams, relishes, preserves and more. Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

LIGHTS FEST

Lights Fest Tampa will take place Dec. 1 from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Little Everglades Ranch, 17951 Hamilton Road in Dade City. Guests have a chance to ignite personalized sky lanterns and let them take flight. There also will be music and food. For information, visit TheLightsFest.com.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Tampa Premium Outlets, in Lutz, will host Christmas Movies Under the Stars, at the Under Armour entrance. Upcoming movies are "Elf" on Dec. 1, "Shrek the Halls" on Dec. 8 and "Jingle All The Way" on Dec. 15. Guests should bring camping chairs and/or blankets. There also will be retailer gift card giveaways and movie treats starting at 5 p.m.All movies will begin at 5:30 p.m., and are provided by Acme On The Go Mobile Media.

TRADITIONS ON THE GREEN

Land O'Lakes Heritage Park will be the site for the annual "Traditions on the Green Holiday Concert" Dec. 1 from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Performances will include the Land O' Lakes High School Band, Pine View Middle School Band, Pine View Dance Team, Lake Myrtle Elementary School Choir, Sanders Steam School and Denham Oaks Elementary School. There also will be a tree lighting, a Kids' Corner with Santa, cookies and warm apple cider, and a basket raffle to benefit the schools. Guests should bring lawn chairs or blankets.

BIG BAND TRIBUTE

The Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa, will present A Big Band Tribute on Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. The show will highlight the big band era from the 1930s and 1940s. Guests can wear periodspecific attire, but it is not required. There

Holiday bazaar

Country Aire Village, at the corner of State Road 54 and 23rd Street in Zephyrhills, will host a holiday bazaar Dec. 1 from 7 a.m. to noon. For information, email jdswan48617@yahoo.com.

Craft show & auction

Palm View Gardens RV Resort, 3331 Gall Blvd., in Zephyrhills, will host a craft show and Chinese auction Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the clubhouse. For information, call Wanda Bacon at (607) 738-8988.

Holiday craft fair

Forest Lake Estates in Zephyrhills will have its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the clubhouse. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 9 a.m., and lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

There will be a variety of handcrafted items, including baby afghans, booties and hats; jams and candies; Christmas decorations, ornaments, cards, trees, wreaths, florals, pottery, golf seat covers and more.

Proceeds will benefit the Neighborhood Pregnancy Center and The Thomas Promise Foundation. Forest Lakes is 2 miles from U.S. 301 on County Road 54 East. For information, call Nancy Matthews at (813) 469-1303.

also will be a complimentary swing dance lesson for ticketholders, 90 minutes prior to the show. The tribute is sponsored by AARP. Advance tickets are \$12 to \$16, and \$14 to \$18 on the day of the show. For information, call (813) 992-8167, or visit CarrollwoodCenter.org.

LUTZ ARTS & CRAFTS

The GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club will present its 39th annual Lutz Arts & Crafts Show on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Keystone Prep Campus, 18105 Gunn Highway in Odessa. There will be more than 300 vendors (indoor and outdoor), and a food court. Santa will visit on both days starting at 1 p.m.Admission is free. General school parking is \$5 and VIP parking is \$10. For information, contact Lois Cohen at (813) 528-1179 or

LutzArtsandCraftsShow@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER DAY

UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension will offer a Learn & Grow Volunteer Day on Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Pasco County Farmden & Community Garden, 15029 14th St., in Dade City. Participants can learn about gardening while weeding, harvesting, washing produce and planting. All the produce from the farm will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Bring a hat, water, gardening gloves and closed-toe shoes. No pets will be allowed. Volunteer days are the first Saturday of every month, through May 4. For information, contact Eden Santiago at (352) 518-0156 or esantiagogomez@pascocountyfl.net.

FOOD PRESERVATION

Hillsborough County Extension Service and the University Area Community Development Corporation will partner to present "Master Gardener: Food Preservation" Dec. 1 at 10 a.m., at the Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library, 13619 N. 22nd St., in Tampa. Participants can learn to make food last longer with preservation tips, such as freezing, sugaring, salting, drying, smoking, sealing and pickling. For information, call (813) 273-3652.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Congregation Beth Chavarim will celebrate Chanukah on Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m., in a member's home. Homemade potato latkes will be served. For information and reservations email familyfriendlytemple@yahoo.com.

CARROLLWOOD WINDS

The Carrollwood Cultural center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa, will host the Carrollwood Winds on Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. Holiday music will be performed under the direction of Reed Stricsek, a University of South Florida graduate and director of bands at Freedom High School. For

information and tickets, visit CarrollwoodCenter.org.

TREE LIGHTING

Florida Hospital Zephyrhills will host its 34th annual tree lighting, rain or shine, Dec. 2 on the front lawn, at 7050 Gall Blvd. The actual program begins at 5:30 p.m., with a medley of Christmas songs. Pastor Ray Pichette will deliver a special Christmas message, and there will be fireworks after the program and lighting of the Circle of Trees. There also will be bounce houses, and Santa will arrive at 3 p.m. Food will be available from 3:30~p.m. to 7:15~p.m. Guests should bring blankets or chairs, as seating is limited. For information, call (813) 783-6192.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The Founders Garden Club of San Antonio will host "Christmas in the Park" Dec. 2 at 7 p.m., in San Antonio City Park, 32819 Pennsylvania Ave. There will be a lighting of the Christmas cards, and The Piney Grove Baptist Church choir and Dennis Devine & Friends. There also will be a drawing for a variety of gift baskets. Complimentary refreshments and coffee will be served. Guests can bring folding chairs and flashlights. Admission is free. For information, call Donna Swart at (352) 588-3631.

WOMAN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER

Head to Hungry Harry's Bar-B-Que in Land O'Lakes on Dec. 3 between 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., to support the GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club International Outreach program. Twenty percent of all sales, eat-in or take-out, will go to purchasing a shelter box. Each shelter box contains a tent, water purification kit, blankets, tools and other necessities to help a family survive after a disaster.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

of Padua Catholic Church will meet Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., at St. Anthony's parish center, 32848 Massachusetts Ave., in San Antonio. There will be a short business meeting followed by a Brown Bag Auction for local charity. There also will be appetizers. For information on the club, visit SAOPCCFl.org, or call (352) 588-3081.

GARDEN CLUB

The Land O' Lakes Garden Club will meet Dec. 4 at 10:30 a.m., at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd., for its annual Christmas celebration luncheon. Bring a potted plant for a plant exchange. For information, visit Facebook.com/lolgcfl/.

AUTHOR BOOK FAIR

The Zephyrhills Public Library, 5339 Eighth St., will host a Local Authors Book Fair on Dec. 4 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the

Community Room. Authors will meet and chat with those in attendance, and have their books displayed and for sale. Book genres will include fiction, biographies, poetry, animals, history and more. For information, call (813) 782-0877.

BUGS IN THE GARDEN

UF/IFAS Extension Service will offer "Bugs in the Garden" Dec. 5 at 2 p.m., at Pasco County Farmden & Community Garden, 15029 14th St., in Dade City. There will be an optional tour of the Farmden after the class, for an interactive insect safari. Admission is free, but registration is required at Eventbrite.com. For information, contact Eden Santiago at (352) 521-1255 or esantiagogomez@pascocountyfl.net.

HOUR OF CODING The Arthenia L. Joyner University Area

Community Library, 13619 N. 22nd St., in Tampa, will offer "Hour of Code: CodeCombat" Dec. 5 at 4 p.m., for ages 10 and older. Participants can escape a gaming dungeon using the programming language of Python. Limited to 13 participants. Registration is required by calling (813) 273-3652.

FARMERS MARKET

The San Antonio Farmers Market will take place Dec. 8 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, baked goods, yard art and more.

PANCAKES, PJS & PUTT-PUTT

Family Friendly Tampa Bay and MOSI will sponsor "Pancakes, PJs & Putt-Putt" on Dec. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at Plantation Palms Golf Club, 23253 Plantation Palms Blvd., in Land O' Lakes. There will be a pancake breakfast, arts and crafts, golf activities, photos with special holiday characters, giveaways and more. Guests should dress in their favorite pajamas. The cost is \$10 for adults, age 13 and older; \$8 for ages 4 to 12; and free for kids age 3 and older. For tickets, visit bit.ly/Pancakebreakfast, or call (813) 331-

CHRISTMAS LANE

Christmas Lane, in the Charlie Grimes Ag Building at Plant City's Florida Strawberry Festival grounds, will be open to Dec. 24, every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event will feature Christmas displays, food, carnival rides, a Kid Zone, letters to Santa, face painting, ornaments, live entertainment, and more. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for photos every night. The event is wheelchair accessible. No pets. Only service animals will be allowed in, and must be wearing their service items. Parking is free. Tickets are \$5 plus tax for ages 13 and older; \$3 plus tax for ages 4 to 12; and free for ages 3 and younger. Rides are a separate cost. For information, visit ChristmasLane.com.

WINTER'S WONDERLAND

The Clearwater Marine Aquarium presents "Winter's Wonderland" now through Jan. 6. There will be lights and decorations, holiday-themed habitats, a Kids' Fun Zone to learn about penguins and polar bears, Santa and his elves, and more. The event will be closed Christmas Day. For information, visit SeeWinter.com.

TAX PREP

The United Way of Pasco County Prosperity Campaign is looking for volunteers to help provide free tax return preparation service. Volunteers will get full, comprehensive IRS training and become certified to prepare basic returns. No tax experience is necessary. The program also needs greeters, site volunteer schedulers, and technology/computer setup assistance at various sites. For information, visit UnitedWayPasco.org, and click on the Volunteer tab.

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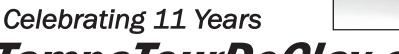


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What's Cookin



If you're having a holiday party, these recipes may help



By Betsy Crisp

Special to The Laker/Lutz News

Planning to entertain for the holidays?

Whether you're planning a small gathering with "finger foods" or a full meal,

these ideas may help you get started. Hors d'oeuvres — which literally means

"apart from the main work/meal" — can be a great way to feed your guests during a cocktail hour, or, can take the place of a meal.

In the United States, we often refer to these foods as "appetizers." They are small bites of food items meant to be eaten mostly by hand and typically served before the main

There's another French word — Canape that refers to a particular type of hors d'oeuvre.

This one-bite treat, which is small and

decorated, and usually salty or spicy, also is meant to be eaten with the fingers.

Canapes are usually constructed on a base or "couch" of bread and cut into fancy shapes, and then decorated (piped frosting or cream cheese and garnished).

When it comes to sweets, there are tiny decorated cakes called petits fours ("small ovens"). These date back to the 18th century when these were made in a small oven, next to the oven, to use the heat that was still present as the main oven cooled down.

Petit fours can be savory or dry.

Any of these following recipes can help you make your entertaining elegant and memorable.

Bon Appetit — which means, enjoy your meal.

Happy Holidays, too.

Betsy Crisp is a Professor Emeritus, UF/IFAS Extension - Family & Consumer

Pretty Little Petits Fours

1 pre-prepared pound cake (make one in advance or pick one up from the grocery

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to eat.

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away.

2 pounds confectioners' sugar 2/3 cup plus 2 Tablespoons water 2 teaspoons orange extract

6 Tablespoons butter, softened

2 Tablespoons solid shortening

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 3 cups confectioners' sugar

3 Tablespoons to 4 Tablespoons milk Food coloring (gel, liquid, or paste)

Cut cake into 1 1/4-inch squares. Place cake cubes 1/2-inch apart on a rack in a

Cheese-Stuffed Mushrooms Ingredients:

16 medium/bite-sized fresh mushrooms

1/4-cup shredded Swiss cheese, shredded 1 Tablespoon Parmesan, grated

2 Tablespoons seasoned bread crumbs

2 Tablespoons butter, melted

¼-teaspoon minced garlic

1/8 teaspoon salt

Italian seasoning (or dried oregano) to taste Butter-flavored cooking spray

Directions:

In a small bowl, combine cheeses, bread crumbs, 2 Tablespoons butter, garlic and salt;

Rinse, wipe clean, and remove stems from

Place mushroom caps, hollow side down, on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Broil 4 inches from the heat for 4 minutes to 5 minutes, or just until tender.

Turn over; stuff caps with cheese mixture and sprinkle lightly with Italian seasoning (to taste). Spray tops lightly with cooking spray.

Broil 2 minutes to 3 minutes longer or until lightly browned and heated through.

Pepperoni Cheese-Bread Ingredients:

1 loaf (1 pound) French bread

Yield: 16 appetizers

Yield: 2 1/2-dozen

3 Tablespoons butter, melted

15-inch x 10-inch x 1-inch pan.

Glaze: In a large bowl, combine glaze ingredients and beat on low speed just until blended

then on high until smooth. Apply glaze evenly

over tops and sides of cake squares, allowing

Frosting: In a small bowl, cream the butter,

shortening and vanilla. Beat in confectioners'

excess to drip off. Let dry. Repeat if necessary to

thoroughly coat squares and let dry completely.

sugar and enough milk to achieve desired con-

sistency. Makes approximately 3 cups of frosting.

Decorating: Cut a small hole in the corner of

Using a No. 104 tip, fill with pink frosting; pipe a

round tip into another pastry or plastic bag; fill

with green frosting. Pipe a leaf under each

rose (change colors according to occasion)

a pastry or zip-top plastic bag to decorate.

rosebud on each petit four. Insert a No. 3

1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) part-skim mozzarella cheese, shredded

3 ounces sliced mini-pepperoni

3 Tablespoons finely diced green pepper (optional)

3 Tablespoons minced fresh parsley **Directions:**

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Cut loaf of bread in half width-wise and cut into 1-inch slices.

Brush butter on both sides of each slice. Sprinkle each slice with shredded cheese. Top with pepperoni, green pepper, and parsley (in that order)

Place on an ungreased baking sheet and bake for 12 minutes to 15 minutes, or until cheese is melted.



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Cardel Homes Introduces The Enclave At Lake Padgett

here are more lakes in Land O' Lakes than anywhere else in Pasco County. And, of its dozens of lakes, none is more desirable than Lake Padgett, a spring-fed, 200-acre lake that is the largest in central

Lake Padgett has been home to beautiful waterfront homes for over 50 years, where residents enjoy boating, water skiing and long views of cypress-lined shores, and stunning sunrises and sunsets.

There are only a handful of homesites remaining on Lake Padgett, which is why Cardel Homes is so excited to be introducing the Enclave At Lake Padgett.

"It's almost unheard of to find new home construction on Lake Padgett," said Brian Phillips, vice president of sales and marketing at Cardel Homes. "We're thrilled to be offering eight beautiful lots directly on the Lagoon, all that are large in size."

The Enclave At Lake Padgett is a secluded, gated community of just 18 homesites, with easy access off Land O' Lakes Boulevard (U.S. 41). All of Cardel's homes will back up to a natural lagoon that flows into Lake Padgett.

"All of our homesites can be permitted for docks that are large enough for fishing, waterski and pontoon boats," said Phillips. "Plus, none of our docks are shared between homeowners."

Homes in the Enclave At Lake Padgett must be a minimum 3,000 square feet, and Cardel's floor plans are as large as 4,260 square feet.

For families looking for a new home,



Cardel has an inventory home that is available now — the elegant one-story St. Lucia, which has 3,336 square feet and offers four bedrooms, three baths and a three-car garage.

"Our St. Lucia model has an open floor plan that is very attractive to families of all sizes," said Phillips.

This one-story beauty features 12foot ceilings, a den off the entry, formal dining room with coffered ceiling, expansive great room, huge bonus room, and a master suite with a sitting area and private lanai at the back of the house. Interior features are fabulous, and include white cabinetry, quartz countertops, wood-plank tile throughout, and tray ceilings in the foyer, bonus room and master bedroom.

The home is on a wooded lot and has a large front porch, and covered lanai in the back. An oversized dock is just steps away from the backyard, and is perfect to dock a boat and enjoy the natural backyard setting.

"This home is ideal for the family wanting to move up to an exclusive, private community with no CDD," said Phillips.

"It's the best of both worlds — enjoying all the recreation that Lake Padgett offers, without the boat noise and traffic directly in your backyard. If you want to start the new year in a beautiful new home, this is one of the best waterfront values in all of Tampa Bay," he adds.

The St. Lucia inventory home, including its waterfront dock, is listed at just \$650,000.

If you prefer to choose your homesite and select a floor plan, colors and finishes, Cardel is currently offering buyers up to \$50,000 off in its design center, for homes contracted before the end of the year. A Cardel home in the Enclave begins at \$494,900.

Many families want to live in Land O' Lakes because of its excellent schools. The Enclave is assigned to toprated Sunlake High, Charles Rushe Middle and Lake Myrtle Elementary.

For families wanting to build in Hillsborough County, Cardel is introHOMES

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ducing a new community in Lutz, located close to USF and I-275.

Oakwood Reserve offers 1-acre homesites on Clement Road — a quiet, rural street tucked between Hannah Road and Livingston Avenue. Like the Enclave at Lake Padgett, only eight homesites are available.

Cardel also builds homes in Bexley, a master-planned community in Land O' Lakes, along the State Road 54 corridor, next to the Suncoast Parkway.

'Cardel Homes is one of few national builders to offers buyers communities of all sizes and price points — from move-up developments like Bexley that offer many desirable family amenities, to those like the Enclave At Lake Padgett and Oakwood Reserve, which offer larger lots, more privacy and high-end custom features," said Phillips.

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ICI Model Home Now For Sale in Asturia

ne of Tampa's most preeminent builders, ICI Homes, is selling its model home in Asturia in central Pasco County.

"Our Serena model has top-ofthe-line upgrades and is a tremendous value for families looking to move this year," said Sales Manager Leah Turner.

The one-story Serena is built on a beautiful conservation lot and is loaded with elegant upgrades. At 2,217 square feet, it has four bedrooms, three baths and a two-car

Its unique grand foyer pulls you through the house with 12-foot ceilings, and its large kitchen and great room gracefully flow onto a covered lanai that stretches along the back of the home. This exclusive model

home is currently priced at \$515,775. "This home never feels crowded, whether you're relaxing with family, playing with the kids or entertaining friends," said Turner.

ICI Homes will soon have two, one-story inventory homes in Asturia. The Arden and Oakland plans range from 2,115 to 2,402 square feet, and have four bedrooms, three baths and two-car garages. Inventory homes, including the lot, currently begin at \$392,376.

'We are ready to move quickly on all of our inventory homes, and will do everything we can to get a family settled as soon as possible," said Ron Ferguson, division manager of the company's West Florida Division.

ASTURIA PHASE III

As Asturia enters its third phase, ICI Homes is excited to be introducing a new model in early 2019. The one-story Costa Mesa is under construction now.

'We've had tremendous success since we began building in Asturia in late 2017, and many families are looking forward to this next phase, and our pristine conservation and water lots," said Ferguson.



ICI Homes has available 22 homesites on 55-foot lots, and another 16 sites on 65-foot lots. Homes in the third phase will begin in the low \$300,000s.

We're very pleased to be offering families new homes in this midpoint range, which come with all the quality features, designs and construction methods that ICI Homes is known for," said Ferguson. "Buyers are excited to get into a prestigious ICI Home at this attractive price

BEXLEY CLOSE-OUT

This is the last chance to buy an ICI Home in Bexley, a masterplanned community in Land O' Lakes along the State Road 54 corridor, being developed by Newland Communities.

"We have three remaining homesites in Bexley, and all have been permitted and will be ready for sale in the second quarter of 2019," said

ICI is building its most popular family homes for its Bexley inventory — the one-story Costa Mesa and

The Costa Mesa is 2,565 square feet, and features four bedrooms, three baths and a three-car garage. The slightly smaller Egret VII is 2,512 square feet, and features four bedrooms, three baths and a two-car garage. Both are very open plans with lots of windows and natural lighting.

BUILD ON YOUR OWN LOT

With so much land available in Pasco, many families want to build a new home on land they already own. ICI Homes is one of the few semi-custom builders to offer a "Build On Your Lot" program.

'Many buyers with their own lot enjoy working with ICI Homes because they can easily customize our floor plans, and walk through our models to get a real feel for what their new home will be like," said Sales Manager Turner.

"Plus, we're more affordable than other custom builders, who may only build four or five houses a year. There is tremendous savings working with a builder like ICI Homes, because the discounts we receive for our quantity is passed along to our 'on your lot' buyers," Turner contin-

ICI Homes has built hundreds of custom "on your lot" homes, rang-

Serena Named Best Floor Plan

The Serena floor plan by ICI Homes was recognized earlier this month as the best floor plan for homes between 2,000 and 2,999 square feet by the Tampa Bay Builders Association

The award was received at the annual Awards of Excellence dinner hosted by the Sales & Marketing Council of the TBBA.

"It is an honor to be recognized in one of the most competitive categories" said Leah Turner, ICI Homes sales manager. "The Serena is one of our most popular and versatile plans, and is available in Pasco County exclusively in Asturia."

ing from palatial estates on the St John's River, to one-of-a-kind homes in private communities and rural areas. Since it was established in 1980, the company has built over 4,000 single-family homes in Florida and the Tampa area, and has earned several prestigious awards for design and innovation.

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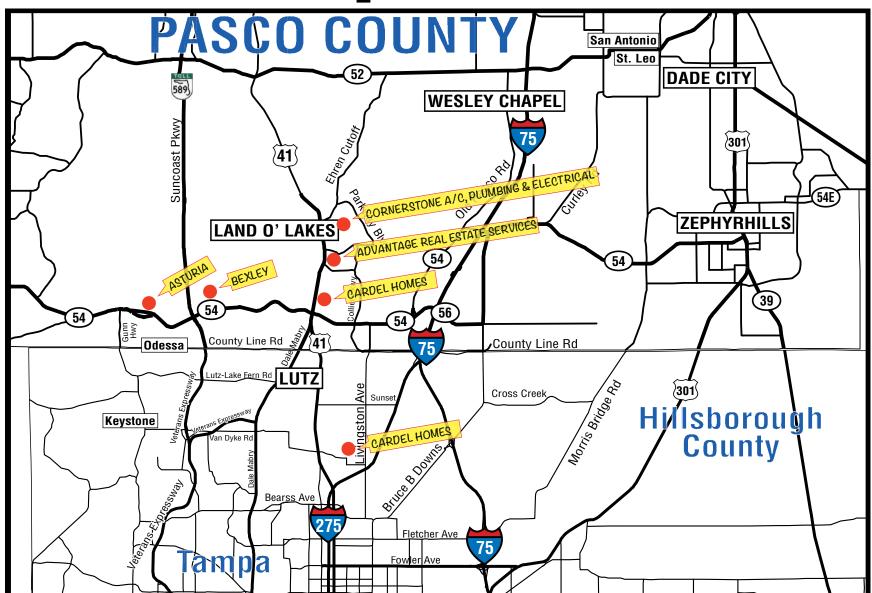






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The new, gated 55-plus community in Pasco County is being built on Sunlake Boulevard and Tower Road in Land O'Lakes within Bexley, a national award-winning masterplanned community.

Del Webb at Bexley was designed with today's 55-and-over homebuyer in mind.

"We feel the Tampa area is underserved for baby boomers looking to live in a place that is designed specifically for them," said Sean Strickler, PulteGroup division president for the west Florida region. "At Del Webb at Bexley, they can live near their children and grandchildren, but in a low maintenance, gated community that caters to their lifestyle.'

"Del Webb is the leading builder of active adult communities and we're excited to partner with them in Bexley," added Pam Parisi, vice president of marketing for Newland Communities, the developer of Bexley. "We know Del Webb at Bexley is going to be a neighborhood where residents feel like family and make lifelong friendships. It's an excellent complement to the existing Bexley community."

Del Webb at Bexley will offer 850 single-family homes priced starting in the low \$200,000s. Floor plans will range from the efficiency of the onestory, two-bedroom Steel Creek to the spaciousness of the two-story, four-bedroom, four-bath Pinnacle

The heart of the community will be a 17,000-square-foot, multimillion-dollar clubhouse. It features a large social room; café offering snacks, beer, coffee and wine; fitness area; and resort-style community pool.

Other amenities include a dog park, community garden, pickle ball and tennis courts, and recreational activities planned by a full-time lifestyle director.

Prospective buyers can view a virtual tour of the clubhouse online at BexleyFlorida.com/homes/delwebb.

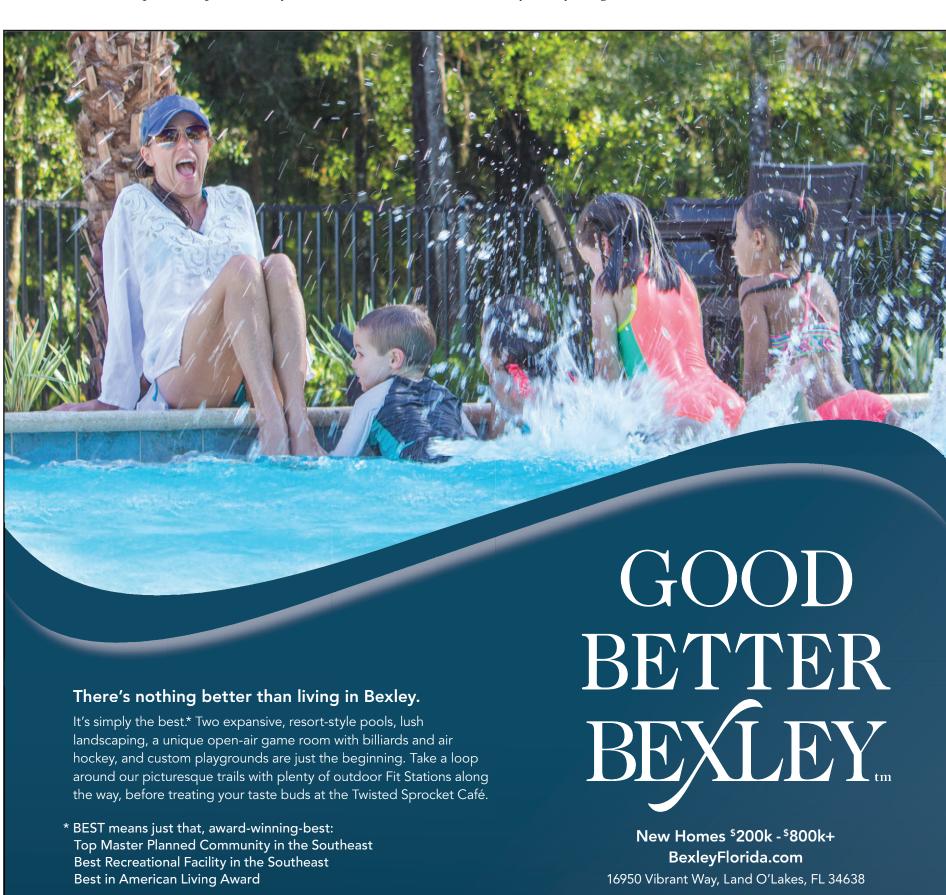
Residents will also be able to enjoy a lakefront club and café and purchase additional access to Bexley's many all-ages amenities including 10 miles of multi-use Avid Trails™, parks and play areas, soccer field, dog park, two resort-style pools, bike park and a robust schedule of social events.

Del Webb is one of the largest builders within Bexley, a 1,825-acre master-planned community developed by Newland Communities approximately 20 miles northwest of downtown Tampa.

The community is the first by Del Webb to be built from the ground up in the Tampa Bay area since

Pre-sales of homes at Del Webb at Bexley have already begun and six furnished model homes are expected to open in early 2019.

To learn more and sign up for the Del Webb at Bexley VIP Interest List visit BexleyFlorida.com/homes/delwebb, or call (866) 230-6089.





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ou watch expectantly as your builder constructs your home. And, since you're the very first person to live in a newly constructed home, many builders allow you to put your very own stamp on it by selecting the finishes, cabinets and flooring that you want.

The third annual Holiday Festival is being hosted at Asturia — a master-planned community in Odessa — on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is free and open to the public

to the public.

Youngsters will enjoy a candy cane express train, face-painting elf, balloon-artist elf, holiday carnival games, meet-and-greet surprise holiday characters, holiday treats and, of course, sitting on Santa's lap and telling him what they want for Christmas.

And, when Holiday Festival guests are done playing, kids and their parents can tour Asturia's beautifully decorated model homes.

Ashton Woods Homes, David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes and Ryan Homes are Asturia's exclusive builders. Model homes are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m.

Asturia builders provide a wide range of home sizes and architectural styles. Pricing begins in the mid \$200,000s, and goes to over \$600,000. A variety of product types and home configurations attract empty-nesters, first-time homebuyers, singles, young families, families with school-aged children and even multi-generational families.

THIRD PHASE OPENS

It's been only three years since Asturia began selling homes, and already the award-winning development has moved into its third phase. More than 250 homes



have been sold out of 550 planned for the community.

"Our builders have been very successful, and the demand for more homesites has driven the opening of our Phase III," said Creighton Call, projector director for Hines, the community's developer.

With Phase III comes the addition of Asturia's fourth builder, Ryan Homes, which is building 108 townhomes close to the community's Amenity Center and entrance. These affordable homes have two-car garages located in the rear and are accessed by private alleys, which leaves the front of the home open for welcoming porches, sidewalks and landscaping.

Upscale semi-custom builders, David Weekley Homes and ICI Homes, are building new single-family models on 55-foot and 65-foot homesites in Phase III. ICI has two new models planned, which will open in the second quarter of 2019.

"After Phase III is completed, there will be just 40 home sites remaining," said Call. "People are moving to Asturia ahead of plan because of our attention to detail, the quality of life we've created, the excellent schools that our children attend and our convenient location to all of Tampa Bay."

Asturia is designed as a walkable community with winding streets that connect to neighborhood parks, trails

and recreational areas. Most homes are easy walking or biking distance to the Amenity Center, which includes a resort-style pool, a fully equipped state-of-the-art fitness center, and a contemporary clubhouse for community and family celebrations.

Every street has a mixture of homes by different builders with varying elevations that give neighborhoods a unique feel. "There are no cookie-cutter streets in Asturia. Our premier builders offer an assortment of architectural styles and customizations. We take great care in beautifully landscaping the curvilinear streets and common walkable areas," said Call.

Asturia is a kid-friendly, family oriented lifestyle surrounded by miles of multi-use trails, interspersed with playgrounds, dog parks and pocket parks. The community has wide, meadow-like spaces, lovely ponds, thick stands of cypress and hardwood trees, and large tracts of scenic wetlands.

ABOUTASTURIA

What makes Asturia stand out from other new home developments in the area is its smaller size. Other nearby planned communities are planning for between 3,000 to over 5,000 homes and are looking at several years of construction.

Asturia is located in the high-demand State Road 54 corridor in Pasco County. The community's central location is just five minutes from the Suncoast Parkway, and also provides close proximity to U.S. 41, U.S. 19 and I-75. Its master plan incorporates retail, office, multifamily and a mixture of single-family residential offerings.

More information can be obtained by visiting Asturia's model homes, registering at the community's website, AsturiaFlorida.com, or by calling (813) 227-4148.





16 Beautiful Ashton Woods Homes Ready For Your Family

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shton Woods is in its final sales phase at Asturia, with 85 percent of homesites sold since the community opened two years ago.

"We've had tremendous success

in Asturia, selling over 100 single-family homes in this much-desired community," said Marketing Manager Kristin Wilson. "We have under 30 homes available for sale, and expect all to be completed by the end of the year."

Because most families want to move into their new home as soon as possible, Ashton Woods received permits from Pasco County for all of its remaining Asturia homesites.

"This saves our buyers up to three

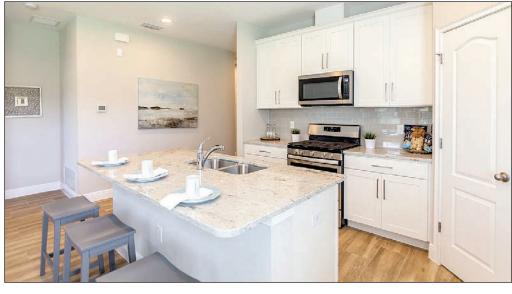
months in the building process," said Kathy Midkiff, Ashton Woods' community sales manager in Asturia.

"Our designers have put together beautiful combinations of flooring, countertops, design features and colors that will excite the vast majority of buyers," she said. "Plus, we have a great combination of homes

that convert flex space to extra bedrooms, add bonus rooms and extra baths, and have great outdoor living areas with front porches and extended lanais."

INVENTORY HOMES

Ashton Woods offers traditional one- and two-story homes in its Traditional home series. All feature open floor plans, large living areas, beautiful master suites, high-end finishes and lots of storage. Homes have two-car garages, and many back up to private conservation homesites.





SPACIOUS CLASSIC SERIES

Five traditional, inventory homes are ready in the Classic series, including two, one-story homes. The versatile Odessa plan has three bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths in 2,243 square feet. The larger Naples plan offers four bedrooms, three baths in 2,321 square feet.

Also ready now are three, twostory homes with two-car garages, including the Ferrara model home at 2,890 square feet with its four bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths. The Milan is 2,722 square feet with four bedrooms and two-and-a-half



baths. The largest home Ashton Woods builds in Asturia is the 3,365-square-foot Athens, which boasts four bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths.

AFFORDABLE HERITAGE SERIES

Many first-time homebuyers and downsizing families choose the Heritage Series. Ashton Woods has two move-in ready, one-story homes available in these well-designed floor plans — the Truman at 1,961 square feet with four bedrooms and two baths; and the slightly smaller

Adams plan at 1,829 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths.

EVERGREEN AND GROVE SERIES

Ashton Woods is the only builder in Asturia offering single-family homes with garages at the rear of the house. There are five, quick move-in homes available in these series, all conveniently located close to Asturia's Amenity Center.

There are three Arlington plans at 2,003 square feet, and also four Ortega plans at 2,189 square feet. These homes

begin at \$269,000.

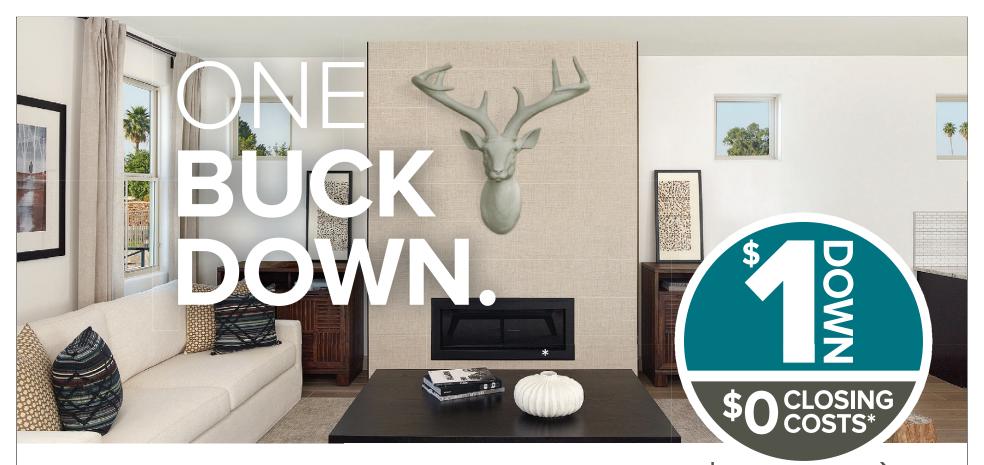
GREAT SCHOOLS

"For families with children, Asturia is a very popular community because it is zoned for some of the best schools in Pasco County — J.W. Mitchell High, Seven Springs Middle and Odessa Elementary," said Midkiff.

Asturia buyers prefer the community's smaller size of just 550 homes, compared to thousands of homes being built in neighboring developments. Plus, they appreciate that construction will not be ongoing for several years.

Ashton Woods was named the 2017 Builder of the Year by Builder and Developer Magazine and, for the fourth consecutive year, has been ranked among the top three for Most Trusted Builders in America.

For more information, go to AshtonWoods.com/tampa/Asturia. You can also call the sales center at (813) 446-8362.



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"We expanded into electrical and plumbing several years ago because our customers kept asking if we could help them with other home services," said Dana Spears, founder and president of the company. "They trusted us and were comfortable having us in their homes, and we wanted to accommodate them."

Today Cornerstone Pros is the only residential HVAC company in central Pasco to offer homeowners one-stop shopping and service for air conditioning, heating, plumbing and electrical services.

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the work to meet the industry's highest standards."

3. Cornerstone warrantees all of its work, and the company's satisfaction guaranteed policy applies to every job.

"We have a dedicated team of experienced technicians who follow up on any warranty problem. There is no charge for this service, and the tech keep coming back until the problem is 100 percent resolved," ex-

4. Cornerstone maintains a customer database of all work completed on your home, similar to the historical data your automotive dealership maintains on your vehi-

"Our database is continually updated, so we always know what and when a service was completed, and what parts were ordered," said Spears. "Having the history of your home's maintenance for A/C, electrical and plumbing all at one place is a tremendous convenience for homeowners, especially for those who do not keep detailed records and files."

5. Preventative maintenance is essential to keep your home's systems in proper working order so they don't stop working when you need them most — such as the hottest day of the year, or when you have visitors staying with you.

"We have very affordable residential maintenance packages, which range from \$15/month for one service area, to just \$24/month for all three — HVAC, electrical and plumbing," said Spears.

6. Customers with maintenance agreements are preferred customers, which means they get service first at a discounted price.

"When you have an emergency at your home, you are a priority client

and we send a technician to your home first," said Spears.

7. Cornerstone recently opened a 6,000 square-foot warehouse so that techs have everything they need when they go on a service call.

"Every morning our vans are fully stocked with everything our technicians which means on most calls, we will be able to solve a customer's problem on the first visit," said Spears.

In addition to air conditioning, electrical and plumbing services, Cornerstone also provides customers with portable and whole-house generators, and is one of largest Generac distributors in the region.

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INTEREST 18-Month Financing

Using facial recognition tool to help reunite lost pets

By Brian Fernandes

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For many pet owners, their pets aren't just furry companions — they're full-fledged members of the family.

So, when a dog or cat goes astray, the experience can be overwhelming.

Now, however, a new tool may improve the odds of reuniting owners with their lost

John Polimeno launched the app, Finding Rover, in 2013, to help locate lost dogs and cats through facial recognition.

And, Pasco County Animal Services (PCAS), just like Citrus and Manatee County, has begun using the program.

"It's a wonderful partnership we have with them," said Rachel Stever, education and outreach coordinator at Animal Services. "It's absolutely revolutionary."

Animal Services, which serves all of Pasco County, operates out of an office located in Land O'Lakes.

Animal Services coordinates with independent animal shelters in the county, and these organizations can now be more beneficial to one another with Finding Rover.

Pet owners can register their dog or cat on Finding Rover online, via Facebook or di-

rectly from the app.

To register, owners upload a mugshot of their pet onto the program, where the picture is carefully scanned. The scan picks up on certain facial features unique to the animal, such as a birth mark, scars or eye color.

Additional information can then be

added to the app's profile detailing the specifics, especially if the animal has a microchip implant number, which Stever said is most helpful.

Every stray that is brought into Animal

Services is scanned for a microchip. A microchip can pull up a profile on the pet's name, address and veterinarian, which can help to track the owner.

Unfortunately, not all dogs and cats brought into shelters have a microchip, so this is where Finding Rover can step in.

Once Animal Services takes in a stray, they post their own profile of the animal, including a picture.

When an owner alerts the app that their pet is missing, the mugshot on profile begins to do a search with profiles at Animal Services and any other shelters who partner with Finding Rover.

If an exact match is found, the app will give the location of the shelter.

If the app is not certain, a GPS will show



BRIAN FERNAND

Rachel Stever, of Pasco County Animal Services, holds a furry new friend. With a program like Finding Rover, Stever hopes this kitty, along with other strays, will be reunited with their owners.

the shelters within proximity that have potential look-alikes.

"The great thing with Finding Rover is it automatically updates their side of the system," Stever explained. "They're getting the same pictures, the same updates that we do all day."

What's more, those who find a lost pet can quickly download the app, take a snapshot of the animal and potentially trace the owner as well.

owner as well.

This is reassuring for Stever and her colleagues as they've seen an increase in strays

Stever stated that an estimated 6,400 animals have come to the shelter this past year, an uptick by almost 1,100 from last year.

Under Animal Services' policy, animals with a microchip can be put up for adoption if not claimed within 72 hours of admittance, while those without a microchip are put up after 48 hours.

Finding Rover also assists in an adoption process, as potential owners can scroll through pictures of dogs and cats at nearby shelters.

Although Stever said the goal is to find a good home for these animals, nothing beats reconnecting pets with their true owners.

"I've seen people that are reunited after a couple of days, and it's just as emotional as when they've been separated for months," Stever said.

The app also is a testament that no matter how similar two animals may look, they each have qualities which make them unique and special.

Making a case for higher learning

Bv Brian Fernandes

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Dr. Jeffrey Senese, the president of Saint Leo University, talked about the role and importance of higher education in today's society during a breakfast meeting of the North Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce.

The leader of one of the nation's largest Catholic universities tackled what he called public misperceptions regarding the words "liberal arts."

"They're 'bad' words today," Senese said, noting that the word "liberal" has a political connotation and the word "arts" has the stigma of unemployment attached to it.

Senese contends that those notions aren't true.

"Math and sciences are liberal arts,"

Senese said, and so is the study of "universal principles."

Indeed, the state requires that a large

portion of an academic degree be focused on the liberal arts, "so when people leave the university, they have this broad skillset in addition to their major," Senese said. The image of higher education also has

declined, the Saint Leo president acknowledged, noting that 61 percent of the population doesn't like the direction in which it is heading.

Reasons contributing to that include the

media's portrayal of institutions and the hyperpolitical partisan environment in which we live, he said.

The private college president also addressed the concern about rising tuition.

Some costs result from meeting campus regulations, and also from the expense of hiring personnel who can meet students' expectations and needs, he said.

Academia itself is also at fault for its image because learning institutions do a poor job of communicating and justifying the benefits of a higher education, Senese said.

Professors allowing their political views to influence their teaching and employers' dissatisfaction by the inability of recent graduates to perform well in the workplace also contribute to negative views, he said.

To help change that, Senese implored

business owners and employers in the audience to play an active role on advisory boards to ensure that students graduate with the necessary skills.

"If you're not getting what you need,

speak up and help us," Senese said.

He also addressed the perception that

online courses are not up-to-par with the



RIAN FERNAN

Saint Leo University President Dr. Jeffrey Senese speaks about the importance of a college education during a Nov. 6 breakfast meeting at Pasco-Hernando State College's Porter Campus.

traditional classroom setting.
Online courses, he explained are provid-

ed as a matter of convenience for students, especially older ones, who are bound by their job and family life.

"A lot of online students would love to take in-class [courses] if they could," the college president said.

Despite criticisms of higher education, Senese noted that an academic degree has definite benefits.

The unemployment rate is much lower for those with a bachelor's degree, he said. Liberal arts graduates also tend to have a

30 percent to 100 percent chance of being in a leadership role, and they are 22 percent to 66 percent more likely to contribute back to their society in a charitable way, he said.

And, on a personal level, those with degrees tend to have longer marriages and better family lives, he added.

Senese was named the university's 10th

president in July. He had been serving as acting president since April, after William J. Lennox Jr., stepped down from the role.

Senese's remarks came during the chamber's monthly business breakfast meeting on Nov. 6, at Pasco-Hernando State College's Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch in Wesley Chapel.

Senese is a Pennsylvania State University

graduate with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He also has a master's degree in criminology at Indiana State University and has a Ph.D. in criminal justice/research methods/statistics from Michigan State University.





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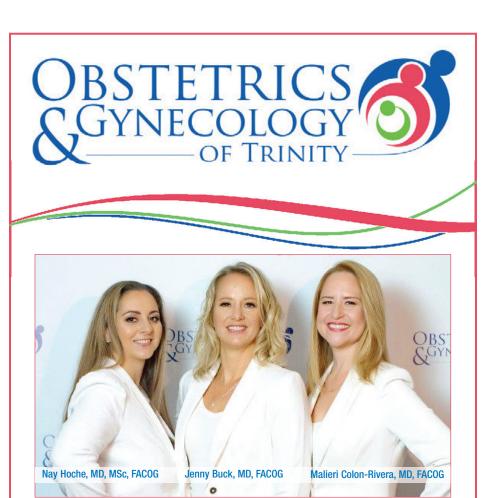
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More than 1,000 volunteers from several Florida Hospital locations gave back to more than 20 nonprofits across the state.

Some of the local initiatives in the Tampa Bay area included:

- Food Donations for Atonement Lutheran Church: Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel staff and leadership sorted and packed food at the church.
- Feed Our Children: Florida Hospital Tampa employees collected food donations for the Feed Our Children Ministry to help hungry members of the community.
- Food Drive for The Shepherd Center: Florida Hospital North Pinellas employees collected green beans for the center, and donated about 1,000 cans.
- Thanksgiving Baskets: Florida Hospital North Pinellas employees put together baskets of Thanksgiving goods to be shared with their own colleagues in need.

PREPARED CHILDBIRTH

St. Joseph's Hospital-North, 4211 Van Dyke Road in Lutz, will offer a prepared childbirth class Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Garden Classroom A.

Expectant mothers can learn to become active participants in childbirth. Topics will include breathing techniques, coping strategies, comfort measures, medications, and postpartum adjustment.

Breast-feeding is not taught in this class. The cost is \$50, which includes light snacks and registration.

For information, call (813) 443-2046.

FREE YOGA CLASSES

Sun Yoga, 19026 Geraci Road in Lutz, will offer free yoga classes (all-levels Hatha yoga) on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.

information. email sunyogatampa@gmail.com.

BREAST HEALTH SERIES

Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel will offer "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words," as part of its Breast Health Series, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m., at Inspiration Place, Wellness Plaza, third floor.

Dr. Nicole Figueredo, breast surgery, will discuss the current technology, guidelines, and interpretation of mammograms for breast cancer screening.

Reservations are required by calling (813) 929-5432, visiting FHWesleyChapel.org/events.

DENTAL DAY

Premier Community Healthcare will offer free dental services for migrant seasonal agricultural workers on Dec. 3 from 3 p.m. to 7

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For information, email Zenaida Amador at zamador@hcnetwork.org.

HIP REPLACEMENT

St. Joseph's Hospital-North, 4211 Van Dyke Road in Lutz, will offer a Total Joint Replacement Lecture on Dec. 3, Dec. 19 and Dec. 17 at 10 a.m., in the Nursing Administration Classroom.

Participants can increase their knowledge of total joint replacement, prepare for surgery and become familiar with the recovery process.

Based on the requirement of the physician and availability, pre-op testing could be done the same day.

Admission is free. Registration is required by calling (813) 443-2046.

HEART DISEASE LECTURE

Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel will present "Listen to Your Heart" Dec. 4 at noon, in the fourth-floor classroom.

Dr. Binu Jacob, board certified cardiovascular disease and clinical cardiac electrophysiology, will discuss the signs, symptoms and treatment options for heart

A light lunch will be provided.

Reservations are required by calling (813) 929-5432.

SMOKING CESSATION

The Medical Center of Trinity, 9330 State Road 54, will offer the Tools to Quit Smoking Cessation Class on Dec. 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., in Conference Room C.

The seminar provides participants with tools to quit the use of tobacco.

Participants can set a quit date, make a plan, and work through simple steps to quit. Optional free nicotine replacement therapy, including patches, lozenges or gum, will be provided.

The program is sponsored by the Gulfcoast North Area Health Education

Reservations are required by calling (813) 929-1000 or by emailing sthompson@gnahec.org.

HIP REPLACEMENT

Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd., will present a lecture on robotic technology for hip replacement on Dec. 5 at noon, in the Cypress Conference Room.

Dr. Trey Alexander, board-certified orthopedic surgeon, will discuss the use of robotic-arm assisted technology to remove diseased bone, preserve what is healthy, and position the hip implant based on a person's

A light lunch will be provided.

Reservations are required by calling (877) 534-3108.

GULFSIDE FASHION SHOW

The second annual Charity Fashion Show to benefit Gulfside Hospice will take place on Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Heritage Springs Golf & Country Club in

Fashions will be presented by Dillard's of The Shops at Wiregrass, and Deiah Riley from ABC Action News will return as the event's emcee.

For information and tickets, visit GHPPC.org, or call (727) 845-5707.

ACCESS RAISES MONEY FOR MARINES

Access Health Care Physicians hosted a fundraiser at the Silverthorn Country Club to benefit Marine Corps League Spring Hill Detachment No. 708.

The detachment provides U.S. Marine veterans and other U.S. veterans with comfort, support and dignity of life.

The event included a silent auction, raffles and dancing.

The guest speakers included Maj. Gen. James "Hammer" Hartsell and Dr. Jaime Torres, an Access Health Care physician and

A total of \$34,444 was raised for the Marine Corps detachment.

SUNRISE OF PASCO GIVING PROGRAM

Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic and Sexual Violence Center's Holiday Giving Program has begun.

This is the seventh year Sunrise is accepting gift cards, through Dec. 7, for its participants to buy gifts and dinner for their children that might not otherwise have anything for the holiday season.

All gifts received by Sunrise are appreciated, whether it is a gift card or a food basket.

Some local stores and retailer gift cards that would help are: Target, TJ Maxx, Ross, Walmart, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Beall's Outlet, Save-a-Lot, Family Dollar, Publix, Winn Dixie, Payless Shoes, Big Lots, Walgreens, CVS and Visa. Gas cards are also accepted, but some of the ladies at Sunrise do not have a vehicle.

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Hillel Academy staff, students and families collected school supplies for students attending Panama City's Holy Nativity Episcopal School, which was devastated due to the impact of Hurricane Michael.

Among items collected are basic supplies, such as pencils, glue, highlighters and crayons; spiral notebooks; composition books; index cards and all kinds of paper; and art supplies and books for grades three to eight.

More unusual items included science, earth and space materials for middle school; individual white boards for students; bulletin boards, picnic tables; benches; projectors; shade tents; folding tables and chairs; and, carpet squares for students for sitting.

Hillel will send the supplies to Holy Nativity by the end of November.

Each month, Hillel Academy collects goods for a different charity or group in need as part of its Tzedakah (Charity) Project and Kindness of Culture philoso-

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Quail Hollow Elementary, 7050 Quail Hollow Blvd., in Wesley Chapel, will host a Curriculum Night on Nov. 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Parents can learn about the content that is being taught to students, through curricu-

lum presentations from the teachers. For information, call (813) 794-1100.



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Teacher of the Year visits Saint Leo

Joy Prescott, the 2019 Florida Teacher of the Year (center), recently spoke to the education Honor Society student members at Saint Leo University. Prescott, a fourth-grade teacher at a public charter school on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation in Glades County, was inducted into the university chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education, along with those attending the event.

MUSICAL & ART SHOW

Centennial Elementary School, 38501 Centennial Road in Dade City, will present a Holiday Musical & Art Show, "A Very Merry Grinchmas," on Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The event will include a fourth and fifth grade musical, featuring the chorus and firstgraders.

For information, call (352) 524-5000.

DONATE AN INSTRUMENT

Pop music icon Barry Manilow will bring his Manilow Music Project to the Marcia P. Hoffman School of the Arts at Ruth Eckerd Hall by donating a Yamaha piano to launch a local music instrument drive.

Anyone who donates a new or gently used musical instrument will receive two complimentary tickets, valid for preselected seat locations on a first-come, first-served basis, for Manilow's "A Very Barry Christmas" at Amalie Arena on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The designated instrument drop is at the Amalie Arena Ticket Office during regular business hours.

Collected instruments will be distributed to local students and schools in need through the outreach efforts of the Hoffman School of the Arts.

The Manilow Music Project has conducted music instrument drives all over the country to assist local schools with their music programs.

For information regarding the project, visit ManilowMusicProject.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STRUGGLING READERS

The state of Florida, in 2018, established Reading Scholarships Accounts to provide support for public school students in third grade to fifth grade who struggle with read-

Students who received a Florida State Assessment score of Level 1 in English Language Arts automatically qualify for the scholarship.

The state program provides families with access to education savings accounts, worth \$500, to pay for tuition and fees associated with part-time tutoring in reading, during the summer and after-school programs designed to improve reading and literacy skills through instructional materials and curriculum aligned to grade-level literacy standards.

Scholarships are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, please visit StepUpForStudents.org.

STUDENTS RECEIVE AP **DIPLOMAS, CERTIFICATES**

Pasco County Schools has announced that 20 students have earned the Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma, and 10 students have earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate during the 2017-2018 school year.

AP Capstone is a diploma program from the College Board based on two yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. Both courses prepare students for college and career success through the development of critical thinking, academic research, collaboration, presentation, and time management skills.

To receive the diploma, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP exams.

To receive the certificate, scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research must be achieved.

Pasco County Schools offers AP Capstone at Sunlake, Wesley Chapel, J.W. Mitchell and River Ridge high schools.



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performances will be given by the Piney Grove Baptist Church choir, and Dennis Devine and Friends. There will be a chance drawing for gift baskets, with tickets selling for \$1 each. INFO: Call Donna Swart at (352) 588-3631.

Zephyrhills Festival of Lights

WHEN: Dec. 8 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. WHERE: Historic Downtown Zephyrhills, 38537

Fifth Ave., in Zephyrhills

DETAILS: In addition to the parade, there will be refreshments, craft vendors, snapshots with Santa and a drawing for a child to win a free bicycle. INFO: Call Main Street Zephyrhills at (813) 780-

Magical Night Christmas Parade

WHEN: Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Historic Downtown Dade City on

Seventh Street in Dade City **COST**: Free

DETAILS: Decorated floats, dancers, marching bands and Santa Claus will make their way down the parade route.

INFO: Call the Dade City Chamber of Commerce at (352) 567-3769.

Country Christmas and Vintage Market

WHEN: Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. WHERE: Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer

Museum Road in Dade City

COST: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students or those who bring a toy donation; free for those younger than age 5

DETAILS: There will be free photos with Santa from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; opportunities to purchase presents from vendors; food trucks; a petting zoo; and, live entertainment.

INFO: Call Brenda Minton at (352) 206-8889, or visit PioneerFloridaMuseum.org.

33rd Annual Country Christmas Stroll

WHEN: Dec. 8 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. WHERE: Downtown Dade City, Seventh Street and Meridian Avenue in Dade City **COST:** Free

DETAILS: Local restaurants and shops will be open, and there will be vendors selling items. There also will be musical performances, cookie samples and a visit from Santa.

INFO: Call the Dade City Merchant's Association at (352) 424-0601.

Dade City Symphony: 'Tis the Season to be Jolly' WHEN: Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Pasco Middle School Auditorium, 13925

14th St., in Dade City

COST: Free

DETAILS: The Dade City Symphony Orchestra and vocalist Jennifer Regal Ferguson will perform. INFO: Call the Dade City Chamber of Commerce at (352) 567-3769, or visit DadeCitySymphony.com.

Church Street Christmas

WHEN: Dec. 21, Dec. 22 and Dec. 23, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m

WHERE: Church Avenue in Dade City (the avenue will be closed starting at 6 p.m.)

COST: Free admission and free parking **DETAILS: Stroll along Church Avenue to see dec**orated homes and Christmas cards, with nightly entertainment by area church groups and musicians. Guests can park at First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church or First Presbyterian Church, all on Church Avenue.

INFO: Visit ChurchStreetChristmas.org

WESLEY CHAPEL

Symphony in Lights

WHEN: Through Dec. 31, on the hour, from 6 p.m.

WHERE: The Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Drive in Wesley Chapel

COST: Free

DETAILS: The event features a giant Christmas tree with holiday lights synchronized to music,

along with special guest performances. INFO: Call (813) 994-4010.

Avalon Aglow

WHEN: Dec. 13 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. WHERE: Avalon Park West Community Center, 5227 Autumn Ridge Drive, in Wesley Chapel

DETAILS: Take pictures with Santa under a large Christmas tree, enjoy a bounce house, and fireworks. Vendors will offer food and hot chocolate. INFO: Call Avalon Park West at (813) 783-1515.

LAND O' LAKES AND LUTZ

22nd Annual Christmas at the Old Lutz School

WHEN: Dec. 6, Dec. 8, Dec. 11, Dec. 13, Dec. 15, Dec. 16, Dec. 18, Dec. 20, Dec. 21, Dec. 22 and Dec. 26, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Old Lutz School, 18819 U.S. 41 in Lutz **COST:** Free

DETAILS: Guests can enjoy nightly entertainment inside the historic school, which will be dressed up for the holidays, and have trains and refreshments. Children also can enjoy breakfast with Santa on Dec. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets for that event are \$4 each.

INFO: Contact Stephanie Ensor at (813) 244-2256 or Info@OldLutzSchool.com.

This Christmas, This Peace

WHEN: Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Idlewild Baptist Church, 18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd.. in Lutz

COST: Tickets for reserved seating are \$10, \$15 and \$20

DETAILS: The church will offer live performances with a choir, orchestra and nativity scene. INFO: Call Idlewild Baptist Church at (813) 264-8707, or visit Idlewild.org

Beyond the Noise

WHEN: Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Keystone Community Church, 21010

State Road 54 in Lutz

COST: Free

DETAILS: The church's choir and drama team will put on a cantata, conveying Christmas through the eyes of a young girl.

INFO: Call Keystone Community Church at (813) 948-4522, or visit KeystoneCommunityChurch.org.

Traditions on the Green Holiday Concert

WHEN: Dec. 1 from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. WHERE: Land O'Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd., in Land O' Lakes

DETAILS: Live performances from local school bands and choirs, a tree lighting ceremony and refreshments served.

INFO: Call Land O' Lakes Heritage Park at (813) 929-1229.

A Journey Through Bethlehem

WHEN: Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Harvester United Methodist Church, 2432 Collier Parkway in Land O' Lakes

COST: Children asked to bring a canned good item for admission

DETAILS: Harvester United takes kindergarten through fifth-graders on a tour that's 2,000 years back in time, to experience the food and drinks, marketplaces, shepherds and the birth of baby

INFO: Call Harvester United at (813) 948-2311.

Pancakes, PJ's and Putt-Putt

WHEN: Dec. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. WHERE: Plantation Palms Golf Club, 23253 Plantation Palms Blvd., in Land O'Lakes COST: Tickets are \$10 for those age 13 and older; \$8 for ages 4 to 12; free for ages 3 and younger.

DETAILS: Enjoy a pancake breakfast while in your pajamas, indulge in arts and crafts as well as golf activities, and take snapshots with holiday characters.

INFO: To purchase tickets, call (813) 331-5579.

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The Helen A. Rich K9 Complex will be located at the intersection of Lucy Dobies Road and Central Boulevard, off U.S. 41 in Land O' Lakes. The project is part of the larger forensics research and training center campus known as FIRST, an acronym for Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security and Tactics.

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said.

The K9 Complex is named after Wrigley gum heiress and Odessa resident Helen Rich, who donated more than \$480,000 toward the construction of the project, according to the sheriff's office.

In a brief statement at the ceremony, Rich said the gift was a "no-brainer" because the project goes to support both dogs and law enforcement.

to. That's it," the 70-year-old Rich said, of the Ground was broken in September on

Why did I do it? Because God told me

the entire FIRST campus. A resource for universities, forensic scientists and law enforcement in the entire state, FIRST will serve as an aid to improve crime scene operations and investigations in the realm of homicides, missing persons cases and so on.

At its build out, the multiple-building forensics research center campus will have a laboratory, classrooms, a morgue and evidence storage space, where work will be done in the fields of legal medicine, forensic intelligence, aviation reconstruction and cyber forensics.

There's also potential for training in the use of robotics, drones and data processing in the arena of public safety and workforce training, among other fields.

The FIRST campus received \$4.3 million in state funds this year. It is expected to also be complete in late 2019.

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seeking the state's help in coming up with a plan to spur new uses along the road, according to a pamphlet outlining commissioners' priorities.

The federal highway is a major northsouth connector within the region, linking Brooksville in Hernando County to employment centers in Hillsborough County, the county says, in a document outlining its priorities for consideration by the Pasco County legislative delegation, which will be meeting in December.

"This highly travelled route is marked by a suburban development pattern, which has immense untapped potential for creating new jobs and transit-supportive communities," the document adds.

To that end, the county is seeking state assistance to study the area's redevelopment potential, identify opportunities for land assembly and encourage catalysts that could result in local employment centers that are served by multiple transportation options.

If completed, the redevelopment plan

- Identify large-scale redevelopment implementation strategies
- Include an area-level evaluation of land assembly

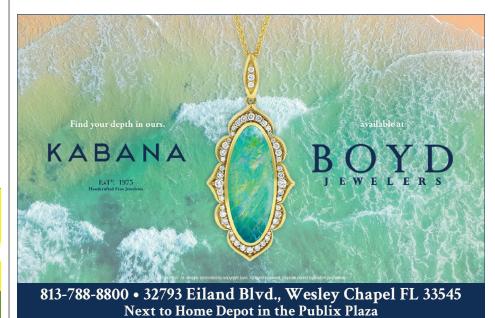
- Include conceptual design layouts for identified prime catalyst site, such as Transit Centers or Transit-Oriented Developments and their associate development programs · Provide evaluations of needed regulato-
- ry changes, incentives and other needed mechanisms to facilitate implementation. The priority list also identifies the need

for a bicycle/pedestrian overpass at the Starkey Trail (Starkey Gap) trail at State Road 54. That project, estimated at \$4 million, would provide a safe, grade-separated crossing, across the six-lane highway.

The last unfinished segment of the trail, south of State Road 54, is expected to be completed in the summer of 2019. It is part of the statewide Coast to Coast Trail network.

Another priority — which carries a price tag of \$73.9 million — requests to widen State Road 52, from U.S. 41 to Bellamy Brothers Boulevard. The design is completed and the right of way for the project is partially funded. The project needs an additional \$9.7 million to acquire the additional right of way needed for the project. The estimated construction cost is \$64.2 million, which is not funded.

The Zephyr Creek watershed project, estimated at a cost of \$5.1 million, seeks to alleviate flooding. The improvements would reduce expected flood levels, which would result in reclassifying 59 structures as lying above the FEMA floodplain.



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Local youth barefoot water-skier is a rising star

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n the extreme sport of barefoot water-skiing, one of the world's topranked juniors can regularly be seen perfecting his craft on the steady waters of East Lake Padgett.

Twelve-year-old Brett Swanbom is a Land O' Lakes resident and seventh-grader at Pine View Middle School. He also happens to be a two-time national junior champion and the world's ninth-ranked junior barefoot water skier, according to the World Barefoot Council's latest published rankings.

Since he took up the craft three years ago, Swanbom has collected countless trophies, individual medals and other honors for his assortment of tricks, jumps and slaloms on the water.

His latest career highlight is his greatest. That's when he was one of just six youths selected to the 2018 U.S. Junior Barefoot Water Ski Team. In August, the group topped 11 other countries to win overall gold at the 2018 Barefoot Water Ski World Championships, at Dream Lake in Napanee, Ontario, Canada.

Until recently, Swanbom's biggest goal was to make the 2020 U.S. junior team. So, when he was selected to the national team two years earlier than expected, it came as a very pleasant — and shocking — surprise.

"When (my dad) first said it to me, I didn't believe it. I thought it was a joke," Swanbom said, with a chuckle.

In addition to Team USA's gold medal against the likes of New Zealand, Australia and others, Swanbom finished ninth overall as an individual boys junior at the World Games; other Americans also dominated the

"I was happy," Swanbom said, of the performance."It was kind of funny, too, because there were so many (Team USA) people that we kept falling off the podium."

And, the overall trip to Canada proved special.

Though he acknowledged it felt strange to spend a week away from family, the elite barefooter enjoyed soaking up time with his fellow Team USA teammates. He also made new friends from other nations, swapping articles of country-themed World Games gear with one another.

Swanbom also remembers plenty of playful nationalism throughout the trip.

He recalled one such comical experience of first arriving to the team's hotel in Ontario: "So, we had a minivan, and we just pulled into the hotel and we blasted 'Proud to be an American,' and everyone's looking at us because they're from Canada."

The World Games wasn't the only major success for Swanbom this season.

He also claimed a national title at the 41st annual Footin.com Barefoot Water Ski National Championship, held in July at Lake Grew in Polk City. In the boys B division (12 & under), Swanbom swept titles in slalom (12.00 points), tricks (2,580 points), jumping (32 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points).

His next task: Build upon those numbers in time for the 2020 World Games in Sydney, Australia. By then, Swanbom said he'd like to tally somewhere around 16 points in slalom, 4,000 to 5,000 points in tricks, and around 50 feet in jumps.

To achieve those marks, Swanbom is working to refine high-scoring maneuvers like toe holds, reverse turns and more. He practices many of his new moves on dry land before hitting the lake several times per week. "We try to go out every day," he

The elite barefooter also plays other sports, such as flag football and basketball.

But, he's more drawn to barefooting because he likes "always having a new challenge and learning a new thing." He explained: "Like a lot of kids want to play (sports like) baseball and master everything, and it's easy for them, but this one takes until like you're 20 (years old) to get everything done."

Barefooting is evidently challenging, as it requires a combination of balance, technique and strength.

It also requires a rare brand of toughness bracing for water falls at high rates of speed.

"You gotta be tough to take the falls," Swanbom said. "A lot of the falls hurt, and I've seen some people, they quit because of the falls, they just can't take 'em."

Swanbom's affinity for the sport can be traced to his father, Bob Swanbom, a former professional show skier on the Wisconsinbased Tommy Bartlett water-ski team back in the 1970s and 1980s.



Twelve-year-old Brett Swanbom attempts to master barefooting tricks to improve his standings with the World Barefoot Council's rankings.

What is barefoot water-skiing?

Barefoot skiing, also referred to as "barefooting," is water-skiing behind a motorboat without the use of water skis. It requires skiers to travel at higher speeds than conventional water-skiing (30 mph to 45 mph); the necessary speed required to keep the skier upright varies by the weight of the barefooter.

There are three events in traditional barefooting

- Tricks: The skier has two passes of 15 seconds to complete as many different tricks as possible. All tricks have specific point values depending on difficulty. The skier also is awarded points for the start trick they performed to get up.
- Slalom: The skier has two passes of 15 seconds to cross the wake as many times as possible. The skier can cross the wake forward or backward, and on two
- Jump: The skier travels over a small, fiberglass jump ramp. They have three jumps, and the longest one successfully landed counts.

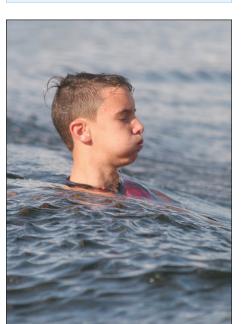








Brett Swanbom kicks up a spray as he begins practicing various tricks while recently barefooting across Lake Padgett.



Between runs, Brett Swanbom takes a breather while treading water in Lake Padgett.

Nowadays, the elder Swanbom will post videos of his son's barefooting skills on Facebook, where some of his old ski friends will remark that Brett may someday surpass

The father proudly pointed out it's already happened.

"He's way better than I ever was. He's way excelled past me," Bob Swanbom said.

The father added, "I was pretty good in my time, but everything's advanced so much....Seeing him come up, he's more of a natural at it."

Interestingly, Brett Swanbom isn't the first big name in the sport to come from Land O'Lakes. The Lake Padgett community is also home to Don Mixon Sr., and Don Mixon Jr. — both regarded as pioneers in the sport. Mixon Sr., is the past president of American Barefoot Waterskiing Association and a former coach of the United States Barefoot Team. Mixon Jr., is a former barefoot professional, winning the 1994 World Barefoot Championship in Sydney, Australia.



Brett Swanbom, 12, of Land O' Lakes, is a rising superstar in the world of barefoot skiing, and he's got the medals, plaques and trophies to prove it.



Hanging on to a line from the boat's tower, Brett Swanbom endures the spray from barefooting in the stern of his father's boat.



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Spend a little time 'off the grid' — and recharge



Worth

Karen Haymon Long Special to The Laker/Lutz News

oing off the grid can be thera-So can browsing through antique and home decor stores, boutiques, and wine and cheese shops.

Or so I tell myself when I decide to head to stretches of two roads with shops I like that are close to each other in Largo, Clearwater and Belleair Bluffs, in an area north of West Bay Drive in Pinellas County.

I turn off my cellphone, so I can shop totally uninterrupted, something I rarely do on an ordinary day.

Sometimes, I take along my lunch and eat in the car between stops.

Other times, I treat myself at Wildflower Cafe, a pretty "ladies who lunch" spot, or a diner called Greek Islands, both close to the Largo shops.

My favorite shop along Clearwater-Largo Road is The French Nest Marketplace. It's owned by Julianne Marie Bourdreaux, a friendly woman who offers classes on milk paint furniture painting. She greets customers with a lilting "bonne journee" and an offer of hot tea in a flowered china cup.

She sells antiques and new home decor, holiday gifts, charming greeting cards, lamps and an array of French linens, tableware, soaps and signs. Outside, in what she calls her rustic garden, you can find a revolving selection of recycled garden statuary and planters.

I can't go there without buying something: an antique whiskey decanter or a first-edition "Treasure Island," with illustrations by N.C. Wyeth. And, always, I pick up some greeting cards by artist Vicki Sawyer, whose whimsical birds, sheep and rabbits never fail to make me smile.

On the same street, but with very different inventory, Oddities and Antiques sells everything from concrete moon faces to an assortment of old dolls hanging from the ceiling - some with fish hooks dangling from their foreheads and stomachs. It has crucifixes, old dental equipment, vintage postcards, driftwood, a boy mannequin, bones, books and old bottles.

Outside, hanging from a chain, a human skeleton, adorned with metal butterfly wings, twirls in the wind.

It's like an old museum of grab bag items thrown together. It's fascinating and a little creepy. A sign over one door even says 666 the devil's sign - and its motto, "a unique blend of unusuals." A stuffed wolf - or is it a dog? - wears a stethoscope and sits on a table behind pink and blue eyeballs and a ceramic hand. Beware: It's only open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

I also like Marcotte's Design Salvage, where I recently bought a linen tea towel with a map of Florida on it. It's too pretty to use as a towel, so I will use it as a tablecloth instead. This shop sells furniture, chalk paint, vintage lighting, architectural salvage, pillows, cabinet knobs, green glassware, barn doors, baskets, napkins, lamps, signs - many with coastal colors and themes.

Next door, Marcotte's Coastal Market is also worth a spin around. There just aren't many stores like these in our area, so it's a treat to see what they have.

Coastal Living, on the other side of Clearwater-Largo Road, sells seashells, nautical lamps and tableware, clothes, repurposed furniture and an assortment of antiques, and new gift and decor items. A few years ago, I bought a beautiful antique lamp there that has palm trees on a reverse painted shade.

Recently, I saw a lamp made from a ship's porthole there, another lamp with a crab base and a wreath of oyster shells.

For a more whimsical, eclectic experience, make your way to Pirates of Largo, which is jam- packed — inside and out —



Petal & Vine in Antique Alley, in Belleair Bluffs, is a combination florist and gift shop, with an array of home decor, baby items and more.

Tips for the trip

WHERE TO SHOP

In Largo and Clearwater:

- The French Nest Marketplace, 556 Clearwater-Largo Road, N., Largo; open
- Marcotte's Coastal Market, 607 Clearwater-Largo Road N., Largo, open daily
- Marcotte's Design Salvage, 617 Clearwater-Largo Road, N., Largo; open daily
- Coastal Living, 904 Clearwater-Largo Road, Largo; open Wednesday-Sunday
- Oddities and Antiques, 1764 Clearwater-Largo Road, N., Clearwater; open Thursday-Saturday
- Pirates of Largo, 1780 Clearwater-Largo Road, Clearwater; open Wednesday-

In Belleair Bluffs:

- Antique Alley, 596 Indian Rocks Road, N.; some shops closed Sunday and Monday
- For the Love of Boutique, 428 Indian Rocks Road, N.; closed Sunday and Monday
- Suzette's on the Rocks Boutique and Suzette's Too, 400 Indian Rocks Road, N.; closed Sunday
- Bella Vino Wine & Cheese Market/Espresso & Wine Bar, 100 Indian Rocks Road, N.; closed Sunday

Where to eat:

- Wildflower Cafe, 1465 S. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater; open for breakfast and lunch
- Greek Islands, 1501 Clearwater-Largo Road, N., Largo; open for lunch and dinner daily

with yard art, signs, glassware, framed posters, knickknacks, jewelry and a wild array of other things. A framed photo of Marilyn Monroe gazes out at an Elvis head. Across the room, sits a blue dog and, on one wall, there's a vintage Miami poster.

You never know what you will find, which is part of the fun.

Other treasures await over in Belleair Bluffs, along Indian Rocks Road, where I like to check out Antique Alley, with its cluster of shops. Down the road there are a few nice women's clothing boutiques, and a wine and cheese market called Bella Vino.

My favorite spot in Antique Alley is a combination florist and gift shop called Petal & Vine. It sells holiday and garden items, sail bags, baby gifts, jewelry, clothes, greeting cards, some food items and unusual cut flowers.

I saw some tempting Halloween decorations - a concrete pumpkin with a gold stem, a lime green pumpkin, a black cat ornament, a skeleton tea towel - on my last visit.

Down the alley, a shop called Nostalgia sells framed black-and-white old photos of



Coastal Living, a shop in Largo, specializes in coastal repurposed furniture, seashells, lamps and more.



The French Nest Marketplace feels like an inviting shop in France, where the owner offers cups of hot tea while you shop and greets you with a friendly 'bonne journee' when you arrive.



Oddities and Antiques sells everything from this wolf wearing a stethoscope to crosses and old dental equipment and spooky dolls.

Havana and the Florida Keys for \$40 each, dishes and other home goods with Cuban themes, as well as coastal items.

Mango Etc. art gallery sells artist Frida Kahlo-inspired pillow cases, artwork and dolls that are sure to please her fans, me in-

Next door, at Chloe's Home Decor, I bought a glass jar with a bird on its lid that I filled with limes. For Thanksgiving, I subbed them out for baby pumpkins.

Collum Antiques, next door to Antique Alley's much-heralded Astoria Pastry Shop, specializes in Civil War guns, swords, bowie knives, decoys and American Indian turquoise jewelry. Its owner Charles Edward Collum says he's been there 30 years and knows where everything is in his chock-ablock shop.

South from Antique Alley, on Indian Rocks Road, I enjoyed browsing through For the Love of Boutique and two other shops called Suzette's On the Rocks Boutique and Suzette's Too, owned by sisters. All three sell clothing, shoes and jewelry in tranquil settings.

Tranquility, I found, is possible if you click off your phone, take your time, and explore a part of Florida you've never been to before. For good measure, take home a Florida tea towel souvenir to remind you of your travels.

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Cuddle buddies

Bailey (a dapple) and Mater (the red one) love each other so much they do not like to be separated for long periods of time. Fourteen-year-old Bailey loves to play with tennis balls, and 6-year-old Mater is never seen without a stuffed 'baby,' the bigger the better. Both enjoy burrowing in piles of blankets, barking at squirrels and falling leaves, and being cuddled. Baily and Mater live with Nicole and Kyle Musselman, of Lutz.

Send us a picture and information on your favorite pet! Write a short paragraph about why your pet is special along with a photo and mail to: Pet of the Week, c/o The Laker, P.O. Box 479, Lutz, FL 33548 or email to mrathman@lakerlutznews.com, ATTN: Pet of the Week PLEASE NOTE: OWNERS NAME AND ADDRESS MUST BE INCLUDED

LOCAL WILDLIFE



Be careful where you step

Sharon Thompson, of Wesley Chapel, found this pigmy rattlesnake outside her front door. Pigmy rattlesnakes spend most of their time well-hidden among leaf litter and can be very hard to spot. From such hiding places, they ambush a variety of prey, including lizards, frogs, small mammals, and insects, as well as centipedes. These snakes are most often encountered crossing roads on summer evenings.



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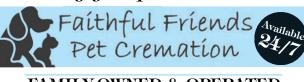
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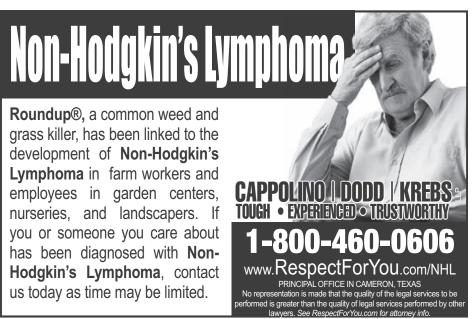
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There is no guarantee of publication, but we consider each item we receive.

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CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

The North Tampa Bay Chamber will have its 2018 annual meeting at its monthly breakfast business meeting Dec. 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., at Pasco-Hernando State College's Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch, 2727 Mansfield Blvd., in Wesley Chapel.

Cost is \$15. Please RSVP and pay in advance, as space is limited.

The breakfast will recognize the accomplishments of the chamber and its members during 2018. It also will include a look at the chamber's vision for its future and the future of the community. The ambassador of the year will be named and the chamber will thank its board members and ambassadors. The gavel also will be passed from the outgoing board chair to the incoming chair for 2019.

To find out more, visit the chamber's website, NorthTampaBayChamber.com.

LUNCH AND LEARN

The Pasco Economic Development Council Inc., has a Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Series, which is an open invitation for anyone interested in hearing more about the Pasco EDC and programs and services it offers. Bring a lunch and find out what Pasco EDC does. The next session is Dec. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Pasco EDC headquarters, 16506 Pointe Village Drive, Suite 101, in Lutz. The meeting is free. Register on the Pasco EDC website, PascoEDD.Com, and click the Events tab.

CHAMBER BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce will have a business meeting Dec. 18 from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., at The Edwinola, 14235 Edwinola Way in Dade City. The Edwinola is sponsoring the breakfast. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Anyone wishing to attend must RSVP. For more information, visit DadeCityChamber.org, or call (352) 567-3769.

PASCO ALLOWS FOOD TRUCKS

Food trucks are now allowed in Pasco County, according to a news release from the county. Pasco's new Mobile Food Operations Ordinance and required annual license ensures food trucks meet state licensing requirements and are properly prepared to sell safe food.

'We're excited to share the delicious and diverse offerings food trucks provide," Pasco County Commissioner Kathryn Starkey, said in a release. "Licensed food trucks not only enhance our festivals and events, but provide economic opportunity beyond the traditional restaurant setting."

To receive a Mobile Food Operations

Pasco County's prospects are bright

Ian Anderson, market president and publisher of the Tampa Bay Business Journal, talked about Pasco County's prospects recently during The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce November Business Breakfast at Scotland Yards, according to a chamber news release.

Anderson talked about the impact of population influx to the Tampa Bay market, as this area is growing, while many northern markets are losing population and tax base. Pasco County is especially well-poised for managed growth and development with our proximity to Tampa, the beaches, the Tampa International Airport and employment centers, according to the chamber's release.

The First National Bank of Pasco sponsored the event.

From left: Steve Hickman, president of the First National Bank of Pasco; Ian Anderson, market president & publisher of the Tampa Bay Business Journal; and John Moors, executive director of The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce.

For additional information, contact John Moors, executive director of the chamber, at jmoors@dadecitychamber.org or (352) 567-3769.

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License, applicants must provide all required State of Florida licenses prior to operating within the County. Once registered, mobile food operations may be located on nonresidential, private property with the owner's permission.

Pasco County plans to identify future county sites as well, such as parks, libraries and more.

Mobile Food Operations Licenses, which are \$100 and must be renewed annually, are available at any Pasco Central Permitting location.

To learn more about Pasco County Development Services, visit bit.ly/DevServ.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY **COMMISSION NAMES OFFICERS**

The Hillsborough County Commission has named Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller Jr., as its chairman, and Commissioner Pat Kemp as its vice chairwoman during its annual organizational meeting. Commissioner Stacy R. White will serve as chaplain, according to a news release from Hillsborough County.

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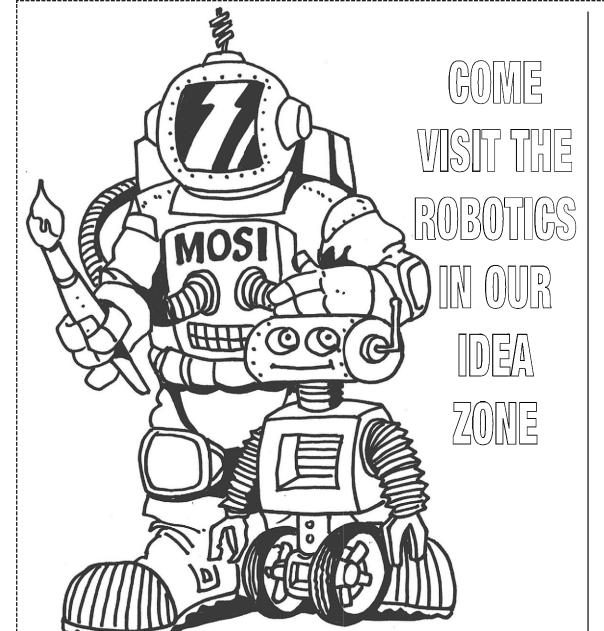
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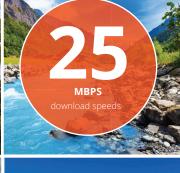
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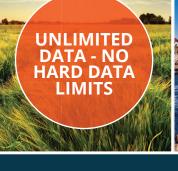
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