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Young robotics pioneers place second

By B.C. Manion
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While being No. 2 doesn't have quite the same cache as taking home top honors, it's not such a bad consolation prize when the contest pits creative kids from across the world.

At least, that's how Ray Carr is looking at the second-place finish his son's team achieved in the X Prize "After Earth" competition.

Sean Carr and his teammates, Ross Edwards and R.J. Walters, finished second to a team from Missouri in the competition, which drew entries from young pioneers spanning four continents. Other countries competing included Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Poland, India, Egypt, Hungary, Singapore and Oman.

The trio of local 14-year-olds would have preferred to win, of course, but they're taking a philosophical attitude. They said they had fun rising to the challenge and learned how to be better teammates.

Sean Carr, R.J. Walters and Ross Edwards placed second in the international X Prize 'After Earth' competition. (File photo)

The contest was based on the movie "After Earth," starring Will Smith and Jaden Smith. The sponsor, X Prize Foundation, uses competitions to address "the world's grand challenges," according to its website.

In this case, the teams explored ways to make Earth more sustainable and how to use robotics to investigate the potential for a new settlement for humans.

Ray Carr coached the young men, who are also members of the Trinity Dragons robotics team.

As part of the competition, the team designed and built a robot that can scoot across a surface, lift small buckets and deliver them to where they need to go, and then return to its base.

While the robot seemingly acts on its own, it actually completes its work through computer programming and infrared sen-

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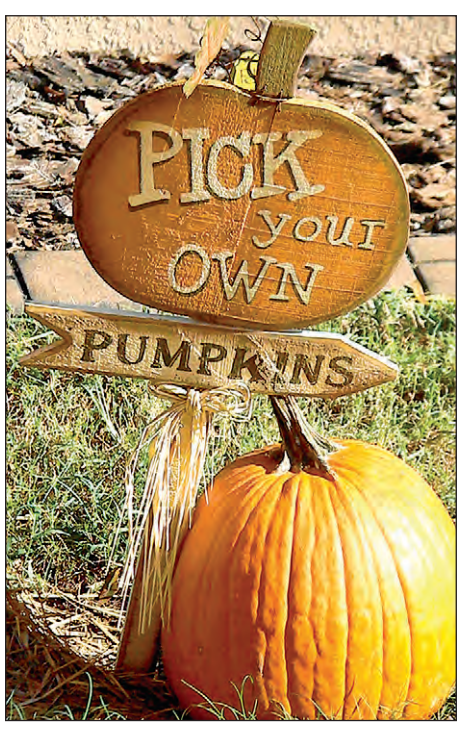

Country pumpkin

Barrett Waters, 2, of Lutz, pulls a wagon with his hand-picked pumpkin from a pumpkin patch in front of the Seal Swim School on North Dale Mabry Highway over the weekend, just in time for Halloween. (Photos by Michael Hinman)

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New sidewalks come to Dale Mabry

By Michael Hinman
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There typically aren't a lot of pedestrians making their way along North Dale Mabry Highway just south of County Line Road. But that doesn't mean there might not be someday.

Work is starting to wrap up on a sidewalk construction project along both sides of the highway between Van Dyke and County Line roads that has created delays on North Dale Mabry for weeks. It's part of an overall road-resurfacing project designed to make the drive smoother for traffic coming into — and out of — Pasco County.

"It's pretty much our policy that when we go in and resurface a road, where applicable, we'll put in sidewalks and we'll put in bike lanes where needed," said Florida Department of Transportation spokeswoman Kris Carson. "The Florida area, especially Tampa Bay, has been hit really hard with pedestrian fatalities and bicycle fatalities. This is one way to help prevent that."

The overall project costs $5 million over 3.6 miles. The sidewalks account for $590,000 of that total, while boardwalks in certain places are just under $390,000.

Although some subdivisions exist along North Dale Mabry, the primary residents along the road are actually businesses. That includes a shopping center on the corner of North Dale Mabry and Lutz Lake Fern Road.

The businesses along the route typically have their own parking, and pedestrian traffic isn't exactly encouraged. But building sidewalks might attract more people to go

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The new sidewalks and boardwalks along North Dale Mabry Highway will span nearly four miles on both sides, and should help lower pedestrian accidents in the area. (Photo by Michael Hinman)

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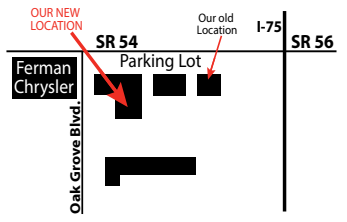

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Kids rise to challenge: Former principal gets slimed

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Dallas Jackson, the former principal at Martinez Middle School in Lutz, recently got his just desserts when two teachers poured 12 gallons of slime onto the administrator — soaking him with the sticky green Jell-O substance.

Chorus teacher Chad DeLoach and civics teacher Michael Carballo had the honors of sliming Jackson because their homerooms sold the most discount cards in a school fundraiser to generate money for covered walkways.

The school's Parent Teacher Student Association took the lead on the money-making quest by devising a card with 40 discount stickers that can be redeemed at local businesses. The goal was to raise $22,500 this year, with $10,000 going toward the covered walkway project.

Jackson, who was recently promoted to a district position outside the school, promised he would allow himself to be slimed and would give students an upside-down uniform day if they exceeded the $22,500 fundraising goal. In the upside-down uniform day, teachers and staff wore school uniforms, while kids dressed in regular attire.

Apparently, the idea of seeing the principal slimed proved motivational. The PTSA raised nearly $30,000 through the discount card sales.

Of course, it didn't hurt that the cards, which sold for $20, had a wide variety of discounts on local goods and services. There are discounts on frozen yogurt, cupcakes, pizza, hot dogs, restaurant meals, Sunday brunch, pet grooming, tutoring, car washes, golf outings, personal training and other deals.

This year's discount card was an expanded version of a fundraiser the school had last year, which they called "Pizza Palooza."

Dallas Jackson, former principal at Martinez Middle School, gets slimed in a school event to celebrate surpassing a fundraising goal at the Lutz school. (Photo courtesy of the Martinez Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association)

That promotion was so successful the pizza places said they couldn't afford to offer such deep discounts again, said PTSA president Monique Dailey.

So, the PTSA came up with a new plan. Fellow PTSA member Charmane DelBrocco suggested they expand on the theme.

In the words of Dailey: "They decided to take it and 2.0 it."

"It definitely took hard work. There was a lot of cold calling," said Dailey, crediting DelBrocco and Terri Ansel, another PTSA member, for hitting the pavement and using persistence to secure 40 discount deals.

By putting together their own discount card, the PTSA is able to direct the money to school projects and activities instead of paying a professional fundraising company, Dailey noted. Some of those companies want at least 60 percent of the proceeds.

Dailey said she's not surprised by the generosity of area businesses, but she is gratified.

"It's reassuring because we stepped out on faith that they would be there, that we would be able to fill 40 coupons," she said.

To help entice students to sell the discount cards, the PTSA offered a $250 prize to the top seller. Seventh-grader Jordyn Schramm, who sold 18 discount cards, took home that reward.

Schramm said she walked around her Lutz neighborhood, pitching the discount cards to friends and neighbors.

"All I did was put a smile on my face and ask for their help," she said.

It helped that the discount card had lots of good deals at nearby businesses, she said. "It's for all of the places around our local neighborhood."

Raising money to help the school provide more covered walkways is a good cause, Dailey said.

It's a definite need, Schramm agreed, noting on rainy days all of the school's 1,000-plus students use the same hallway.

"It's almost like human bumper-to-bumper traffic," she said.

By next year, the PTSA ladies said, they hope more kids will be able to walk under covered walkways across campus.

And, in the end, the former principal took a soaking — so students at the middle school won't have to, on those rainy days.

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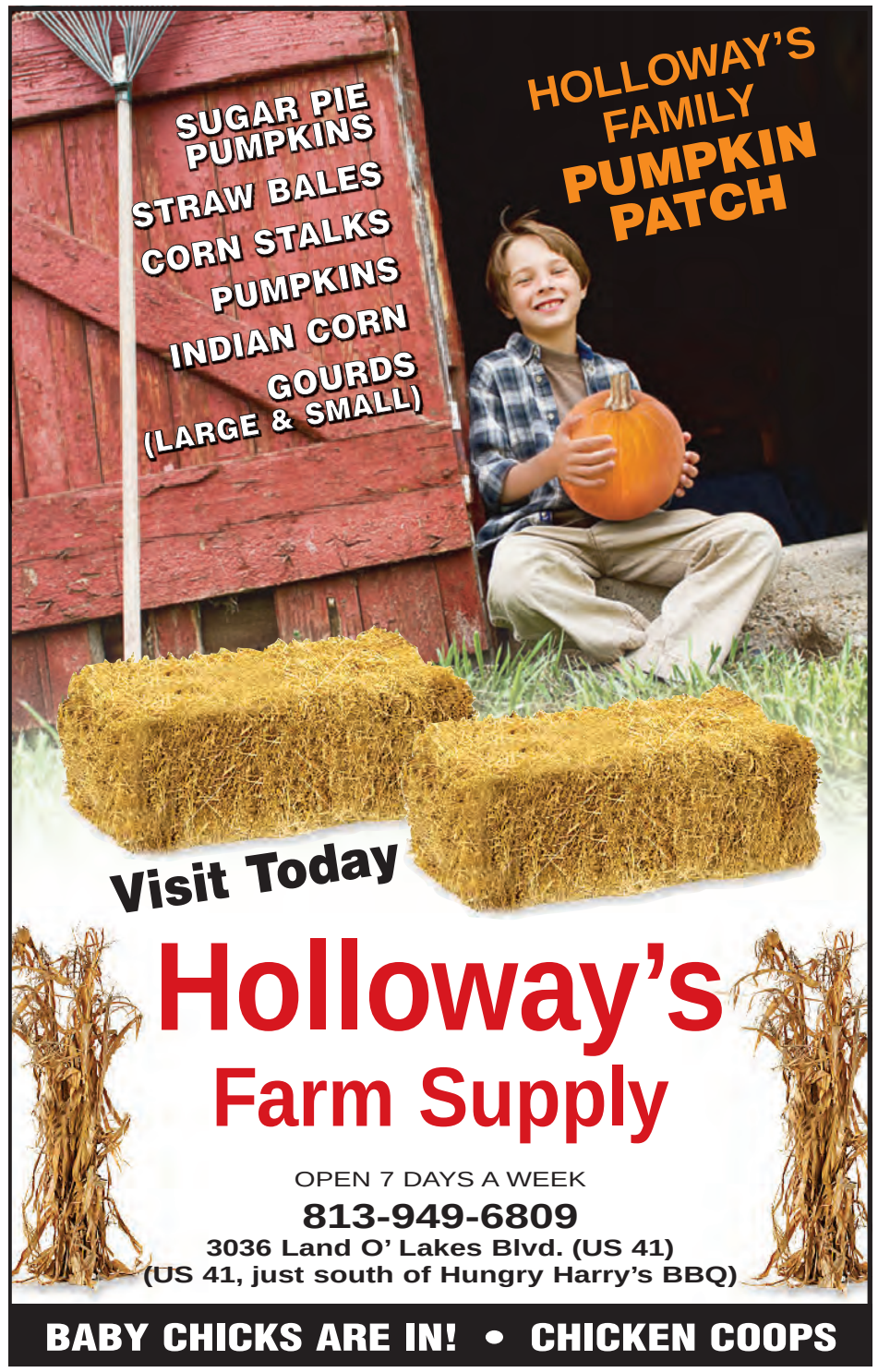

‘Li’l Abner’ brings comic strip laughs to local stage

By Sherri Lonon
The Laker/Lutz News Correspondent

Musical theater lovers are invited to take a trip back in comic strip time as a group of young performers bring the antics of Dogpatch, Ark. to life on the Pasco Middle School stage.

Arts in Motion’s production of the musical comedy “Li’l Abner” begins its run Nov. 8, featuring a cast of student performers from all over central and eastern Pasco County.

Inspired by Al Capp’s famous comic strip that was syndicated throughout the United States from 1934 to 1977, the musical comedy is focused on the lives of Li’l Abner Yokum, Daisy Mae Scragg Yokum, and other residents of the fictional mountain town of Dogpatch.

Two Pasco teens are sharing the responsibility of portraying Daisy Mae in the Arts in Motion production. Kailey Holyoke, 16, a junior at Wiregrass Ranch High School, and Melanie Kender, 17, a junior at Pasco High School, will take turns on the stage during the show’s two-week run.

Sharing a leading role can be tricky, the girls said. But, split time in the spotlight does have its perks.

‘Li’l Abner’ director Capria Pichette, left, reads through some lines with actors in the play set to premiere Nov. 8 at Pasco Middle School. (Photo courtesy of Arts in Motion)

“We help each other learn lines and get to work on teamwork skills,” Holyoke said.

“When you share a lead role, you get different perspectives,” Kender added.

Theater is a passion for both girls. Holyoke, who has been performing with Arts In Motion off and on since she was in elementary school, hopes to pursue the arts as a career.

Kender began working with the nonprofit youth community theater group in 2009, and has been involved in every production ever since. She hopes to become a linguist down the road, but says theater will remain a part of her life.

As for “Li’l Abner,” both girls say the show is a “must-see.”

“It’s fabulous,” Holyoke said. “It’s a really fun show. It’s catchy and it has really great dance numbers.”

Director Capria Pichette agrees, and points out those who attend the show not only get to enjoy live theater, but they gain an additional benefit as well.

“It’s a great way to support your local community as well as support children and the arts,” she said.

Arts in Motion provides students in kindergarten through 12th grade an opportunity to learn about the performing arts. Its mission is to make sure youngsters have access to the educational opportunities theater can provide, said the group’s president, Patti Corjay.

The nonprofit got its start back in 1995 as public schools began to cut arts funding. Since it’s geared toward theater education, Arts in Motion makes sure every child who auditions for a production receives a role, Corjay said.

If you go

Arts in Motion will present ‘Li’l Abner’ at Pasco Middle School, 37350 Florida Ave., Dade City.

Shows are at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8, Nov. 9, Nov. 15 and Nov. 16, and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 10 and Nov. 17.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for senior citizens, and $7 for students. For tickets and more information, visit ArtsInMotionPasco.com.

Donations, sponsors, ticket sales and a small fee charged for participation funds the group. Children whose families cannot afford the fees are provided with scholarships.

The next production for Arts in Motion is “High School Musical,” with auditions for the spring show set to begin in January, Corjay said.

For more information on how to join Arts in Motion, and how adults can support the mission, visit the group’s website at ArtsInMotionPasco.com. The group stages two productions each year, one in the spring and the other in the fall.

ZooBoo coloring contest winners announced

The Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

Many entries were received for this year’s ZooBoo Coloring Contest, sponsored by Tampa’s Lowry Park Zoo and The Laker/Lutz News.

The judges had some tough decisions to make, but winners each received a pair of tickets to ZooBoo Beware in Boo Orleans.

To see all the winning entries, visit the photo section of our Facebook page, located at Facebook.com/TheLakerLutzNews.

East Pasco Winners

• **Sommer Engh,** 4. A prekindergarten student at Seventh-day Adventist School, Sommer likes doing puzzles and coloring.

Land O’ Lakes Winners

• **Caleb Duell,** 6. A first-grader at Connerton Elementary School, Caleb likes to color and play video games.

• **Heather Telford,** 12. A seventh-grader at Rushe Middle School, Heather enjoys drawing in her free time.

• **Maxie Russell,** 12. A home-schooled seventh-grader in Land O’ Lakes, Maxie likes running, reading and math.

Lutz Winners

• **Meghan Meeker,** 4. A prekindergarten student at Lutz Prep School, Meghan likes crafts and playing with her babies.

• **Benjamin Robinson,** 9. A home-schooled fourth-grader in Lutz, Benjamin enjoys running, baseball and cooking.

• **Christopher Tackett,** 10. A fifth-grader at Lutz Elementary School, Christopher enjoys art, science and soccer.

Wesley Chapel Winners

• **Jenna Lewallen,** 8. A third-grader at Heritage Academy, Jenna’s interests include animals, soccer and swimming.

• **Ta’Nya Norton,** 9. A fourth-grader at New River Elementary School, Ta’Nya likes playing with toys, and creating makeup for lips in fun shapes.

• **Cameron Wehunt-Smith,** 10. A fifth-grader at Double Branch Elementary School, Cameron likes art, Legos, and Yu-Gi-Oh!

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Swamp Fest gears up, still needs volunteers

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Organizers of the Land O' Lakes Swamp Fest have a mantra: "It takes a community to make a festival."

In keeping with that theme, Swamp Fest 2013 welcomes additional volunteers to step forward and help with the variety of chores that have to be done to make any festival a success, Swamp Fest coordinator Doug Hutchinson said.

Students who are older than 16 can pitch in at the event to earn some community service hours, Hutchinson said, and any other civic-minded volunteer who wants to help out would be appreciated.

The annual festival — Friday through Sunday this year — will be in its usual place at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd.

The Land O' Lakes High School Booster Club hosts the event, which aims to bring the community together for a good time, while raising money for area schools, nonprofit organizations, community groups and area businesses.

The event generally attracts around 5,000 to 6,000 people, Hutchinson said.

Tickets purchased in advance are $15, a sizable discount from the $22 ticket price at the event, Hutchinson said. Various ticket outlets help sell the tickets and receive a portion of the proceeds, he said. Event parking is $5.

The midway is handled by W.G. Wade Shows, the same company that has participated since the festival's inception five years ago.

The midway will feature up to 25 rides. Stands will be selling food and candy, and soft drinks will be available from local groups.

The event also features a Miss and Mr. Swampfest pageant, which will be on Saturday.

Gary Means waits to sell cotton candy to folks enjoying the festivities last year at Swamp Fest, an annual event that raises money for local schools and organizations in Land O' Lakes. (File photos)

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Swamp Fest began as a fundraiser at Land O' Lakes High School, home of the Gators, and that's what inspired the festival's name. It is always on the first weekend of November.

Besides rides, games and food, the event also features live performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Anyone who would like to volunteer at the event should call Hutchinson at (813) 293-3684, or sign up on the festival's website, www.LOLSwampFest.com.

This year's Swamp Fest will feature up to 25 rides on the midway. Here's a look at the Ferris wheel at last year's event.

If you go

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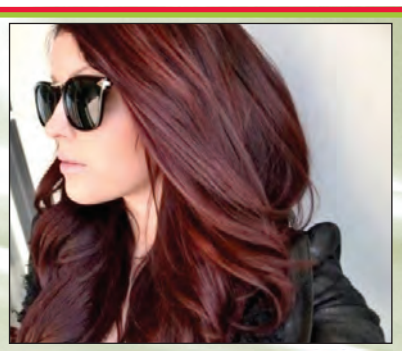

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A new charter school, set to open in Land O' Lakes in 2014, will emphasize classical education. (Image courtesy of Classical Preparatory School)

When Berean Academy closed its doors in Lutz in 2011, it left many families wondering where their children would get the classical brand of education the school offered.

It was a difficult time for families, but it spurred one parent, Anne Corcoran, to begin investigating what it would take to set up a school that would offer that style of education to any child.

Next school year, Classical Preparatory — a new charter school offering a liberal arts education — will open near State Road 52 at the edge of Land O' Lakes. It will be the first public school in Florida to offer a classical education, said Corcoran, the new school's board president.

The acquisition of the school site is nearly complete, and the school itself is in the design stage, but Corcoran is confident that classes for kindergarten through eighth-graders will begin in the fall of 2014.

The Pasco County School Board approved the charter school for five years last year, but agreed to delay opening of the school for a year to give its board more time to finalize plans.

The curriculum will emphasize writing, public speaking, character, leadership and critical and analytical thinking. It's a style of education that dates back to Plato and Socrates, Corcoran said.

"The point is training the mind," she said. "And training the mind includes the virtues of a classical education. If you can't exercise self-control, if you can't exercise responsibility and can't have respect for others or be trustworthy, you're not going to be a very good citizen."

The school will emphasize seven character traits: humility, perseverance, responsibility, respect, self-control, citizenship and trustworthiness. It is important that students learn how to think things through and learn how to make good choices, Corcoran said.

"If you don't know how to make good choices in life, then other people are going to be making choices for you," she said.

When Classical Prep opens, it is expected to have 342 lottery-selected students in kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school will add a grade each year after that until it has a senior class, Corcoran said.

At its maximum under the current charter, the school will have 518 students.

A lottery will fill the school the first year as well as open slots in later years. Students already enrolled will earn automatic admission for the siblings without having to go through the lottery.

The school will have rigorous academic expectations, Corcoran said.

Students in middle school will be required to take two logic courses. High school students will be required to take four years of math, science, English and history, along with classes in the fine arts and humanities. Latin will start in third grade and go through eighth, also required.

Students will be expected to deliver oral presentations, even when they are quite young, Corcoran said.

"Learning to speak well, that is teaching you how to think because you have to memorize. You have to be able to say something cogently. You have to use certain vocabulary. Learning to speak teaches you to think," she said.

Learning how to write well also builds thinking skills, she added.

The school's board looked at four models of classical schools while laying the groundwork for Classical Preparatory in Land O' Lakes, Corcoran said. They were found in Brooklyn, N.Y.; Washington, D.C.; Phoenix; and Fort Collins, Colo.

The school they've worked with most is Ridge View Classical in Fort Collins. It's a charter school serving about 900 children in a community similar to Land O' Lakes.

While many charter schools are established to promote study in a particular area, such as dramatic arts, engineering or other specialty areas, classical education is intended to train students how to be critical and analytical thinkers.

The school won't begin accepting applications until January and the lottery won't be until early March. However, the school is accepting letters of application and has launched a website.

The school will use information collected from the letters of interest to keep parents informed of specific deadlines for submitting an application to enter the lottery and other types of information, Corcoran said. It will also help the school's board with its planning.

For more information about the school, visit www.ClassicalPrep.org.

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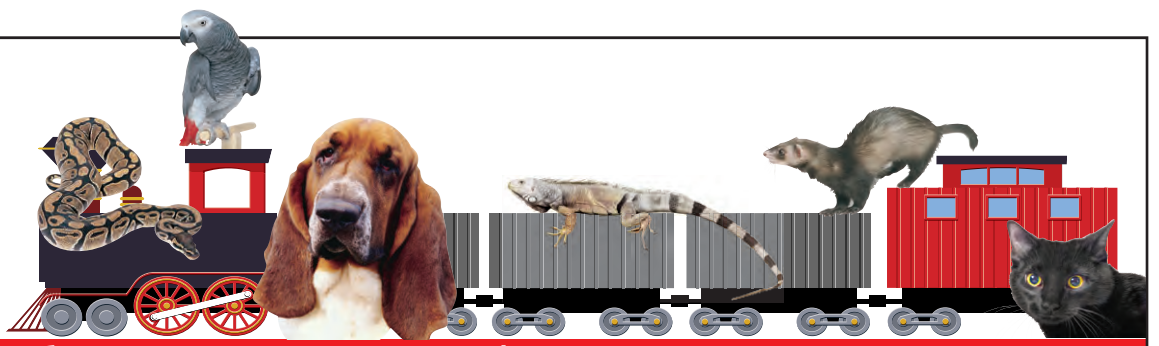

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MEADOW POINTE FAMILY FUN

Meadow Pointe I Community Council is hosting a fall family event on Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the clubhouse, 28245 County Line Road in Wesley Chapel. The event will showcase the talents, services and products of Meadow Pointe residents and local vendors. There will be face painting, an obstacle course and a slide. Food will be available for purchase. Admission is free. All proceeds will be invested back into the community.

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NETWORKING LUNCH

The Pasco Case Management Association is hosting a networking lunch on Nov. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at North Tampa Behavioral Health, 29910 State Road 56 in Wesley Chapel. There will be a tour of the new facility. Those attending can bring literature to promote their business. Door prizes also will be accepted. Cost is $6. To RSVP, call Krista Raymer at (863) 944-3723.

UTILITIES PROJECT MEETING

The Hillsborough County Public Utilities Department is having a public meeting on Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the design of a project to connect the Manors of Crystal Lake subdivision to the county's water distribution system. Construction is expected to begin in March. The meeting will be at the Lutz Community Center, 98 First Ave. N.W. For information, call Steve Valdez at (813) 272-5275.

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The Land O' Lakes Garden Club will meet on Nov. 5 at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Debbie Donaldson, master gardener, on the topic of native plant pollination. For information, call Marie Woody at (813) 961-2697.

CHICKS & CHOCOLATE

The GFWC Pasco Junior Women's Club will host a Chicks & Chocolate event on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Seven Oaks clubhouse. There will be a PowerPoint overview of the club and its hands-on community projects. Admission is two canned goods, which will be donated to Feeding America Tampa Bay. To RSVP, call (813) 210-1588.

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The Orange Blossom Garden Club of Lutz will meet on Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Lutz Civic Center, 98 First Ave. N.W., and then carpool to the Organic Living Garden Center in Dunedin. Those attending should bring lunch and a drink. Dessert will be provided. For information, call Lee Brown at (813) 949-1301.

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LOL Party Shop, 24720 State Road 54 in Lutz, will have its grand opening Nov. 10, hosted by owner Cheryl Friesen.

The shop, which opened in October, offers both unique and basic party supplies, sold at discount prices.

It's open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's closed on Mondays.

For more information on the store, visit www.PartyStoreDevelopers.com.

PCMA TO MEET AT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER

The Pasco Case Management Association will host its November networking lunch Nov. 5 beginning at 11:30 a.m., at North Tampa Behavioral Health, 29910 State Road 56, Wesley Chapel.

North Tampa Behavioral Health will provide lunch, and the program includes tours of the facility conducted by chief executive Jim Harris.

Tickets are $6. RSVP and more information can be found through Krista Raymer at (863) 944-3723.

LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE RETIRES FROM TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Barbara Messer has retired from the Pasco County Tax Collector's office after 32 years of service.

Tax collector Mike Fasano honored Messer during a recent ceremony in the organization's Dade City office.

"Barbara is one of those rare people who can connect with others immediately," Fasano said in a release. "Her smile and great attitude have gone a long way towards making sure the customers of Dade City and surrounding communities received the best service possible."

Messer joined the tax collector's office in 1981.

MORE HEALTH CARE JOBS COMING TO AREA

HealthPlan Services is expanding its offices in Tampa to include a new 96,000-square-foot facility that could create more than 1,000 jobs.

Founded in 1970, HealthPlan currently employs 652 people in Hillsborough County, with another 119 throughout the state, according to Gov. Rick Scott's press office. The company provides technology, sales, retention and administrative services for the insurance and managed care markets.

The expansion project was put together with the help of Enterprise Florida, Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corp., Tampa city officials, Hillsborough County, Workforce Florida Inc., and the Department of Economic Opportunity.

SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

The SmartStart Business Incubator and the Pasco Economic Development Council will host its first small business roundtable Oct. 31 beginning at noon. It will be at the SmartStart Business Incubator, 15000 Citrus Country Drive, Suite 103, at the Dade City Business Center.

The roundtable is designed as a peer-to-peer mentoring group focused on growing businesses. It is for chief executives and business owners wanting to build relationships and gain insight from peers on opportunities and challenges in a closed-door, non-competitive environment.

For more information, contact Krista Covey at the SmartStart Business Incubator at (813) 926-0827, ext. 227, or email at kcovey@pascoedc.com.

ZEPHYRHILLS CURVES READIES OPEN HOUSE

Curves of Zephyrhills, 5008 Mission Square Lane in Zephyrhills, will host an open house Nov. 6 during normal gym hours.

The open house is set to introduce Glenn and Susan Johnston, who purchased the location in June for an undisclosed amount.

The couple has remodeled the club, increasing its size, as well as adding Curves Smart Equipment.

Curves is the largest fitness franchise in the world, helping women in more than 90 countries. Gary and Diane Heavin founded the company in 1993 after seeing an opportunity to begin a program designed for women in an industry that has often focused primarily on men.

For more information, call Susan Johnston at (813) 779-9492, or visit www.Curves.com.

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The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce is looking for sponsors for upcoming business breakfasts, which provide news regarding member businesses and happenings in the area.

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Upcoming breakfasts still looking for sponsors include Jan. 21 and May 20.

For more information, email Jo Uber at juber@dadecitychamber.org.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR ABBOTT STATION

Abbott Station Restaurant hosted a ribbon cutting Oct. 23 at its location, 5327 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills.

The restaurant, with a name inspired by the original settlement of Zephyrhills, opened in May.

For more information on the restaurant, call (813) 322-3686.

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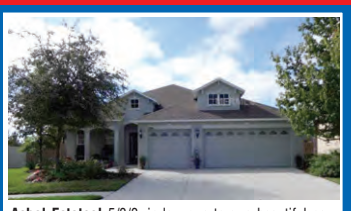
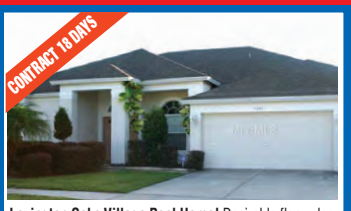
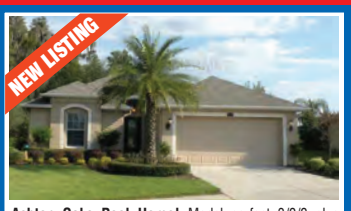


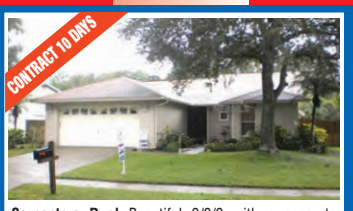
Asbel Estates! 5/3/3, in-law quarters, a beautiful paradise in the back yard, 2720 sq. ft., home features Brazilian hardwood floors, imported Italian tile, with stainless steel appliances, 352 sq. ft. covered patio with pavers & a 40' heated pool w/oversized spa. **$274.9K.**



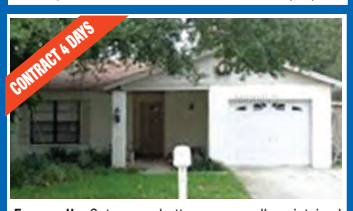
Lexington Oaks Village Pool Home! Desirable floor plan features over 300 Sq. Ft. of living space with a 3 way split bedroom floor plan. This 4/3.5/3 plus Office and Pool with child safety fence home is situated on a premium pond lot with a fully fenced back yard . **$310K**. (spe)



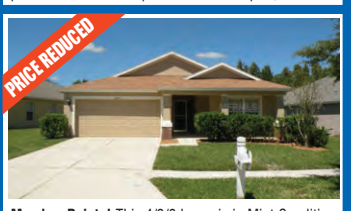
Ashton Oaks Pool Home! Model perfect 3/2/2 plus office, very private wooded setting located at end of cul-de-sac lot, custom fixtures, flooring and upgrades, covered entertainment area and screened heated pool, with lush landscaping & privacy fence. **$233.9K.** (ash)



Carpenters Run! Beautiful 3/2/2 with a separate office space has many updated features. Master bedroom has a beautiful wood floor, crown molding, sliding glass doors leading out to screened patio. Master bathroom has updated double vanity. **$159K.** (spi)



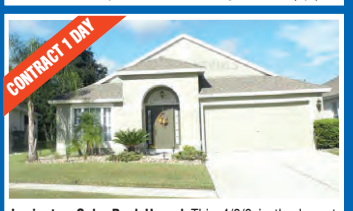
Foxwood! Cute as a button, very well maintained 2/1.5/1huge screened lanai, Laminent flooring in most areas. Roof was replaced in 2004. This is a great home for first time home buyers, retirement or investment. This will not last long! **$79K.** (fox)



Meadow Pointe! This 4/2/2 home is in Mint Condition on a conservation lot in gated community, with a formal living room and dining room, large family room, and an extra-large kitchen with granite counter tops and new stainless steel gas appliances. **$209K.** (wre)

Carpenters Run! Affordable - This three bedroom two bath home has a spacious layout that is bright and open with a great room / dining room combination, vaulted ceilings, and a large eat-in kitchen with plenty of cabinets and counter space. **$145K.** (tin)

Lexington Oaks Village! Spacious 2/2/2 home has over 1800 Sq. Ft. of living space. Large foyer at entry w/plant shelves & diagonal set porcelain tile leads to spacious great room area including open kitchen, breakfast nook, & family room & dining area. **$184.9K** (war)



Lexington Oaks Pool Home! This 4/2/2 is the lowest price pool home in Lexington Oaks. All tile or laminate floors, granite in kitchen, GE Profile stainless steel appliances, wired for surround sound, new AC, picket fenced back yard facing conservation & pond. **$197.5K.** (gri)

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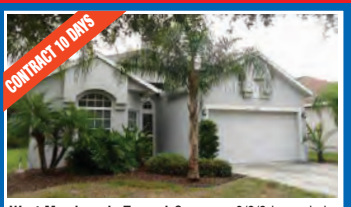
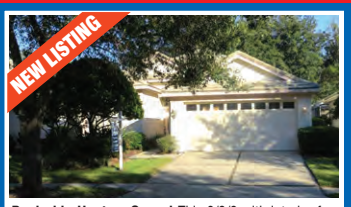
Move-In Ready in Tampa! M/I Homes Award winning Grandshore Floor plan, this 5/4.5/3 with almost 5000 Sq. Ft. has a preferred stacked stone elevation on a premium lot overlooking serene pond with tree lined background, and fabulous amenities! **$414.9K.** (bre)

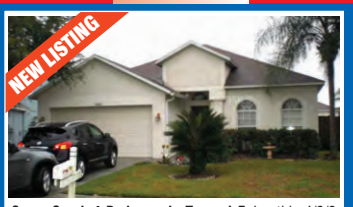
Excellent Grand Hampton Home in Tampa! Just 1 minute from the clubhouse and amenities and 2 minutes from Wiregrass and Bruce B. Downs. This 3/2/2 home has a large living/dining area with a built-in entertainment center and office area. $239.9K. (dun)



West Meadows in Tampa! Gorgeous 3/2/2 home is in a gated community. Enjoy the spacious and updated features, bamboo wood floors, nice open floor plan, separate dining area, split bedrooms, and a utility room with washer and dryer included. **$185.5K.** (cyp)



Desirable Hunters Green! This 3/2/2 with interior featuring living room and dining room, eat in kitchen, inside laundry room with utility sink, study (can be easily converted to a 3rd bedroom), master bath with dual sinks, garden tub and separate shower. **$161.5K.** (nat)



Cross Creek 4 Bedroom in Tampa! Enjoy this 4/2/2 on a quiet cul-de-sac in a fabulous "NO CDD" community. Master suite with garden tub and separate shower, kitchen features solid Oak cabinetry, and New Energy Star AC installed in 2009. **$189.8K.** (bir)

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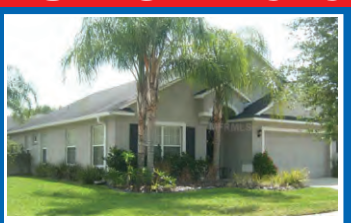
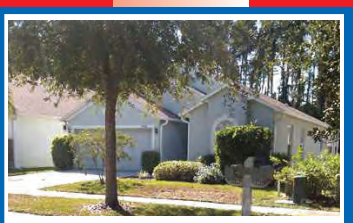
Lake Padgett East! Lovely 3/1.5/1l living/dining combo with volume ceilings, patio, porch deck featuring sliding glass doors, near shopping, and major highways. **$995/mo.** (dov)

Lake Como Homesites! Great 2/1/2 on a quiet country lane, all newly renovated kitchen and bath, fenced area for pets, oversized deck that is wheelchair accessible. **$1000/mo.** (gre)



Wilderness Lake Preserve! This 4/2/2 features formal living and dining plus family room with wood floors. Kitchen features solid wood cabinets & upgraded countertops. **$1395/mo.** (blu)

Cheval West Village! This 5/3/3 kitchen has stainless appliances. Plus upstairs bonus room with closet, large yard with lush tropical garden, and a community pool. **$2495/mo.** (cho)



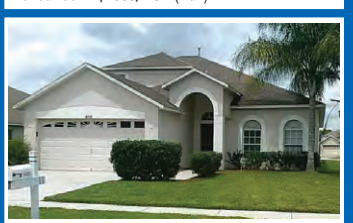
Wilderness Lake Preserve! This 3/2/2 home is move-in ready, split plan with large master suite, separate dining, great room off the kitchen, and a bonus Florida room. **$1395/mo.** (wav)

Lovely Manufactured Home on 1 Acre! This 4/2 is recently updated interior including new tile and carpet. Very spacious, fireplace, and the kitchen has a nice center island. **$1000/mo.** (mit)

Nice Home in Foxwood! This 3/2/1 is centrally located and has a parking pad on the side of the home for a boat or RV. New flooring. Enjoy privacy in your backyard. **$1100/mo.** (fox)

Timber Lake Estates Manufactured Home! This 2/2/2 with tons of extras, spacious living area, washer /dryer, large sun room! Lawn care, water, sewer, & trash included. **$875/mo.** (sha)

Landings at Bell Lake! Beautiful 4/2/2 located on a large lot with tons of space inside and out. Open floor plan with living/dining combo, eat-in space, and a great room. **$1400/mo.** (yac)



Cross Creek Home in Tampa! This 5/3/2 sits on a huge corner lot which has a cul-de-sac behind. Eat-in kitchen, breakfast bar and dining area, formal living and family room. **$1695/mo.** (cyp)

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Mabry, U.S. 301 on tap for lane closings

The Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

The Florida Department of Transportation announced road closures for the upcoming week in Pasco and Hillsborough counties. They include:

• **U.S. 301 between Pioneer Museum Road and Mosstown Road:** repaving will cause daily lane closures between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. through Friday.

• **U.S. 98 between U.S. 301 and Oak Forest Drive:** repaving will cause intermittent daily lane closures through Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

• **U.S. 301 between Geiger Road and Tucker Road:** repaving will cause nightly lane closures through Friday between 9:30 p.m. and 6 a.m.

• **Dale Mabry Highway between Van Dyke Road and the Pasco County line:** repaving will cause nightly lane closures through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

For more information, call the FDOT's public information office at (813) 975-6060.

MILITARY

Freeman, Pares-Ramirez graduate from basic training

U.S. Air Force Airman Jose G. Pares-Ramirez and U.S. Air National Guard Airman Shane R. Freeman graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Both Pares-Ramirez and Freeman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Pares-Ramirez is a 2009 graduate of Freedom High School in Tampa, and the son of Maria Ramirez and stepson of Rey Rivera, both of Lutz.

Shane Freeman

Jose Pares-Ramirez

Freeman is a 2012 graduate of Hernando High School in Brooksville. He is the brother of Amber Sheldon of Bushnell and the grandson of Betty Freeman of Wesley Chapel.

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sors. It carries out its tasks in a fictitious place, called Nova Prime.

The team also produced a video that tells the story of their imaginary world. It opens with images of what's going wrong with Earth — traffic jams, billowing smokestacks, parched earth, landfills and a dead bird. It then pans to a view of Carr's backyard in Lutz, where fish thrive in water tanks, which provide water and nutrients to a flower and vegetable garden in a system. That in turn produces fish and organic vegetables, using very little water.

The video features a lively musical soundtrack and an entertaining look at the steps the team followed to create and program the robot.

Other portions of the video show the rover coming together and the construction of Nova Prime.

Ray Carr said that even though they placed second, the team is included in a montage on the recently released "After Earth" DVD.

For making it to the final round, the team received a Lego Mindstorms robotic kit and a Sony Handycam video camera.

Competing in these kinds of contests is a great way to learn, Ray Carr said.

"Edison said he learned 3,000 ways not to make a lightbulb," he said. "That's what they did, too."

Cheering prowess

The 2013 Pasco Police Athletic League Land O' Lakes Gators Mighty Mite Cheerleaders finished in second place at the 2013 Gator Bash Cheerleading Competition in Lakeland on Oct. 13. The team competed girls from all over Pasco, Hillsborough and Polk counties. The team also competed in the 2013 Gulf Coast Cheer Classic at the Lakeland Center in October with more than 2,200 cheerleaders taking part. (Photo courtesy of Amber Guy)

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by foot, especially now that there's solid ground away from fast-moving traffic, Carson said.

In 2011, 4,432 pedestrians and 677 cyclists were killed across the country, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The numbers are slowly dropping, thanks in part to a bigger focus on pedestrian safety along roads, Carson said. That's especially true for cyclists, where annual fatalities were well more than 800 during the 1990s.

In a nine-year span last decade, cars and trucks in the Tampa Bay area killed more than 900 pedestrians and cyclists, according to a 2011 study from the group Transportation for America. The region trailed only Orlando in total deaths during that time.

The North Dale Mabry project started in July, and should be done by spring. For more information on the project, call (813) 612-3300, or email roadwork@dot.state.fl.us.

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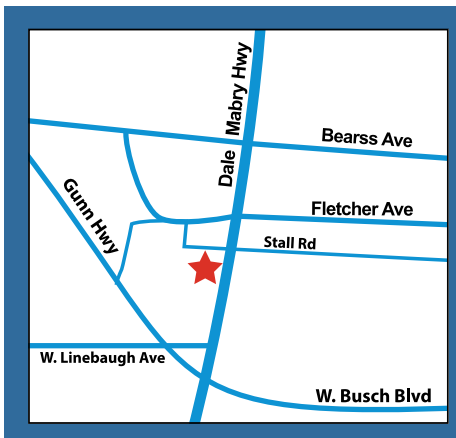

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Cheryl Friesen, owner of the LOL Party Shop.

Local shop owner has a passion for party decorating

by Mike Matthew
special to The Laker / Lutz News

Cheryl Friesen, owner of the LOL Party Shop, believes that parties are one of the best ways to show someone how much you appreciate them. "That's what we're all about at the LOL Party Shop," says Cheryl. "Parties are a great way for people and families to establish important memories."

Prior to opening the party shop, she worked for 20 years as a professional banker. "I just couldn't see myself doing that for another 20 years," says Cheryl. "I wanted to do something fun, something I could really invest myself into."

She started putting the pieces into place a year earlier by joining a buying network. The buying group helps independent business owners pool their resources and their purchasing power. This enables Cheryl to keep her prices low and compete effectively with places like Party City, the largest party supply chain in the U.S.

The buying network also helped her to set up the store by providing advice about organizing the store and stocking an optimal selection of party items. "I'm still an independent business, and I choose all of my own merchandise," says Cheryl. "The buying group just took a lot of the pressure off setting everything up."

LOL Party Shop has a little bit of everything in stock. The buying network gives Cheryl immediate access to 47 suppliers, enabling Cheryl to handle just about any theme a customer has in mind. "I'm planning to bring in a lot of pirate theme items for the Gasparilla Pirate Extravaganza in January," Cheryl says.

There are many places where party supplies can be purchased, but Cheryl gives her customers a great deal more. "How many sales people are truly interested in helping you to plan your party?" says Cheryl. "I'll probably be just as excited about putting together their party as they are."

Cheryl has taken courses to become a certified event decorator and is preparing to take the certification exams. She is planning to get more involved in decorating as the business grows. Right now she can help you plan and organize your special event in full.

This was a passionate decision for Cheryl. She's been planning and decorating family parties for years. Lately she's been doing it for local groups such as homeowner associations and business networking groups. "I've always enjoyed creating an atmosphere of enjoyment," says Cheryl. "Even when I was a banker, I was always looking for opportunities to express an enjoyable side of life."

Cheryl wants the LOL Party Shop to be a very community-oriented business. We want to be able to support our community and other local independent business owners. She wants to build relationships with other party-oriented business owners so she can further assist her customers in planning a complete event.

"I want to be able to help people create an event their friends and family will love and remember for years to come," says Cheryl. "I get really excited about this. It's hard to believe it's my job."

Cheryl's husband, Bruce, is a sociology professor and is currently helping out with the business part-time. They're looking forward to helping people set the stage for a really amazing party. They're also looking for input from their customers about the types of themes they're looking for.

LOL Party Shop is open for business right now. Their grand opening is November 10th.

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Land O' Lakes Branch Library

- All Branches Closed due to in-service staff training, Nov. 1
- Reading Buddies, 10 a.m., every Saturday
- Popcorn and a Movie, 2 p.m., Nov. 2
- Anime Club, 6 p.m., Nov. 5
- Baby Storytime, 11:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m., every Thursday
- Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m., and 10:45 a.m., every Friday
- Preschool Storytime, 11:30 a.m., every Friday
- Japanese Class, 2 p.m., Nov. 9
- Chess Club, 2 p.m., Nov. 9
- Closed all day – Veterans Day Nov. 11
- SCORE: Marketing to Grow Your Business, 5:30 p.m., Nov. 12
- Teen Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Nov. 12 and Nov. 26
- Computer Skills, 10 a.m., Nov. 13
- Social Seniors, 10 a.m., Nov. 14
- Florida Blood Services Blood Drive, 11 a.m., Nov.14
- Friday Afternoon Movie, 1:15 p.m., Nov. 15
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Austin Davis Public Library

- Block Party, 3:30 p.m., Nov. 4
- Baby Time 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday
- Book Discussion: "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson, 1:30 p.m., Nov. 5
- Master Gardener: Florida Native Plants, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 5
- Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m., Nov. 7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21
- Storytime, 11 a.m., Nov. 7, Nov. 14, and Nov. 21
- Microsoft Access-Introduction, 3:30 p.m., Nov. 7
- e-books and e-readers: An Introduction, 10:30 a.m., Nov. 9
- All day closed – Veterans Day, Nov. 11
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- Scrapbooking at the Depot, 10:30 a.m., Nov. 2
- Chess Do It at the Lutz Library, 1 p.m., Nov. 2 and Nov. 16
- Mouse Skills, 2 p.m., Nov. 4
- Storytime, 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday
- Lucky Cat Yoga: Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m., Nov. 6 and Nov. 20
- Baby Time, 10:15 a.m., Nov. 7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21
- Toddler Time, 11 a.m., Nov. 7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21
- Online Genealogy, 10:30 a.m., Nov. 9 - Cancelled
- Tail Waggin' Tutors, 2 p.m., Nov. 9
- All day closed, Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- Book Discussion: "Goldberg Variations," a novel by Susan Isaacs, 2 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., Nov. 12
- Knitting at the Depot, 6 p.m., Nov. 12
- ABCs and 123s of Yoga, 11 a.m., Nov. 13
- e-books and e-readers: An Introduction, 2 p.m., Nov. 18
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Closer Look

AN ADVERTISER PROFILE

Connerton boasts over 60 sales as "Home Town" continues to grow

The past few months have been very exciting at Connerton! Since the Grand Re-opening in June, there have been over 60 sales, and new visitors stop by weekly to cash in on the enthusiasm. And speaking of "cashing in," Connerton is currently offering the opportunity to win a $1,000 cash card just for visiting the builder's models and Club Connerton. The Grand Tour of New Homes is taking place right now!

Four distinctive builders are currently presenting floor plans from approximately 1481 sq. ft. to 4895 sq. ft. Ryland Homes offers 7 models with varying elevations and many options, priced from the high $100s. One and two-story floor plans with 3 and 4 bedrooms offer charming features like front porches, bungalow columns and opulent master suites. Visit the Frost II, a popular floor plan with first-floor master bedroom and 3 bedrooms on the second level. Ryland's efficiently designed homes help save on monthly utility bills and help preserve the Earth's resources.

M/I Homes is now building 7 new homes priced from the mid $200s, with floor plans from 2163 to 3976 sq. ft. These homes are designed especially for Connerton with features such as 3-car tandem garages, split floor plans, and flex spaces with game or theatre rooms for today's busy families. The Roxbury model is well designed with complete living on the first floor and a spacious bonus room plus bath on the second floor. M/I's Confidence Builder Program makes the process of buying a home as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Taylor Morrison is building in the gated Gardenia Glen neighborhood of Connerton. This neighborhood offers maintenance-free living with single family homes. Floor plans from 1768 to 4367 sq. ft. are available with prices ranging from the low $200s to the low $300s. Two model homes are currently available for viewing: the Kentwood, a 2-story home with first-floor master suite and the Pinehurst III, a 1-story with great room, 3 bedrooms, plus den and 2 full baths.

Homes by WestBay presents the Key Largo II model in the idyllic neighborhood of Jasmine Abbey. This award-winning floor plan provides comfort and practicality for those who like to entertain, host family gatherings, work from home and more! Coming soon in the prestigious Rose Pointe neighborhood is a dramatic Mediterranean design , the Terracena II. This 5 bedroom, 4. 5 bath home is 4895 sq. ft. and boasts 20 ft. ceilings in the grand room, a gourmet kitchen, bonus room , theatre and 3-car garage. There are many choices for the discriminating buyer in Connerton, with floor plans ranging from 2306-4895 sq. ft., priced from the low $300s to the low $700s.

Connerton is a "New Town" planned community spread across 4,800 acres in Land O' Lakes. Hundreds of species of indigenous birds and wildlife on the 3,000 acres of nature preserves call it home. Residents can walk, jog, hike, bike and bird-watch along the beautiful community trails and through the Conner Preserve. Several parks are also a part of the Connerton lifestyle with beautiful playgrounds that families can walk to and enjoy. A brand new dog park has been added where everyone in the family can make new friends.

Many of the premium homesites capture the natural beauty of Connerton with conservation, water and wooded views. The many open green spaces create a feeling of living in a park-like setting. Club Connerton, the 10,000 sq. ft. clubhouse offers a state-of-the-art fitness center, super pool with unique aquatic playground and children's wading pool. A café, meeting rooms for resident and community use, plus tennis and basketball courts are all available as part of the Connerton lifestyle.

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[2]http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/sres589/text

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Women's club hosts Jane Freeman

The Pasco Federated Republican Women's Club will host guest speaker Jane Freeman of HPH Hospice at a luncheon on Nov. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Fox Hollow Golf Club, 10050 Robert Trent Jones Parkway in Trinity. Freeman will speak on HPH's history, choosing hospice care, myths and misconceptions, volunteers, and upcoming hospice programs. Cost is $15.

To make a reservation, call Fran Scerbo at (727) 597-3727, or send her an email at fmscerbo@yahoo.com.

Food addicts program

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Wesley Chapel, 33420 State Road 54, is hosting the program "Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous" on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is a 12-step program for men and women of all ages. There is no fee and no weigh-ins.

For information, visit FoodAddicts.org.

Millennium Sertoma Club

The Millennium Sertoma Club, which assists people with speech-language and hearing disorders, will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Elsa's Mexican Restaurant, 18450 U.S. 41 in Lutz. Both men and women are encouraged to bring their children who, in turn, become honorary members and participate in meetings and service activities.

To learn more, visit the website at MillenniumSertomaClub.org.

Hip pain seminar

The Medical Center of Trinity, 9330 State Road 54, is hosting the seminar "Modern Approaches in the Treatment of Hip Pain" on Nov. 1 at noon. Guest speaker is orthopedic surgeon Dr. Stephen Hanff. Admission is free and a complimentary light lunch will be served. Seating is limited.

For information, call (727) 834-5630.

Tampa Bay Heart Walk

The Tampa Bay Heart Walk, an event to benefit the American Heart Association, is on Nov. 2 starting at 8 a.m. at Raymond James Stadium, 3201 N. Dale Mabry Highway in Tampa. The event finishes with a walk through the stadium and a Subway sandwich for all walkers. Other activities include a special kid's zone, onsite fitness and health experts, games, and entertainment.

For information, visit the website at TampaBayHeartWalk.org.

Learn about child athlete injuries

Morton Plant Mease Outpatient Center in New Port Richey, 2102 Trinity Oaks Blvd., will host the seminar "Extremity Injuries in Child Athletes" on Nov. 7 at noon. Guest speaker is Dr. Jennifer Swaringen on the topics of shoulder dislocations, Little Leaguer's shoulder, common fractures of the clavicle, shoulder and wrists, and common finger injuries. The center is at 2102 Trinity Oaks Blvd.

To register, call (727) 953-6877, or visit BayCareEvents.org.

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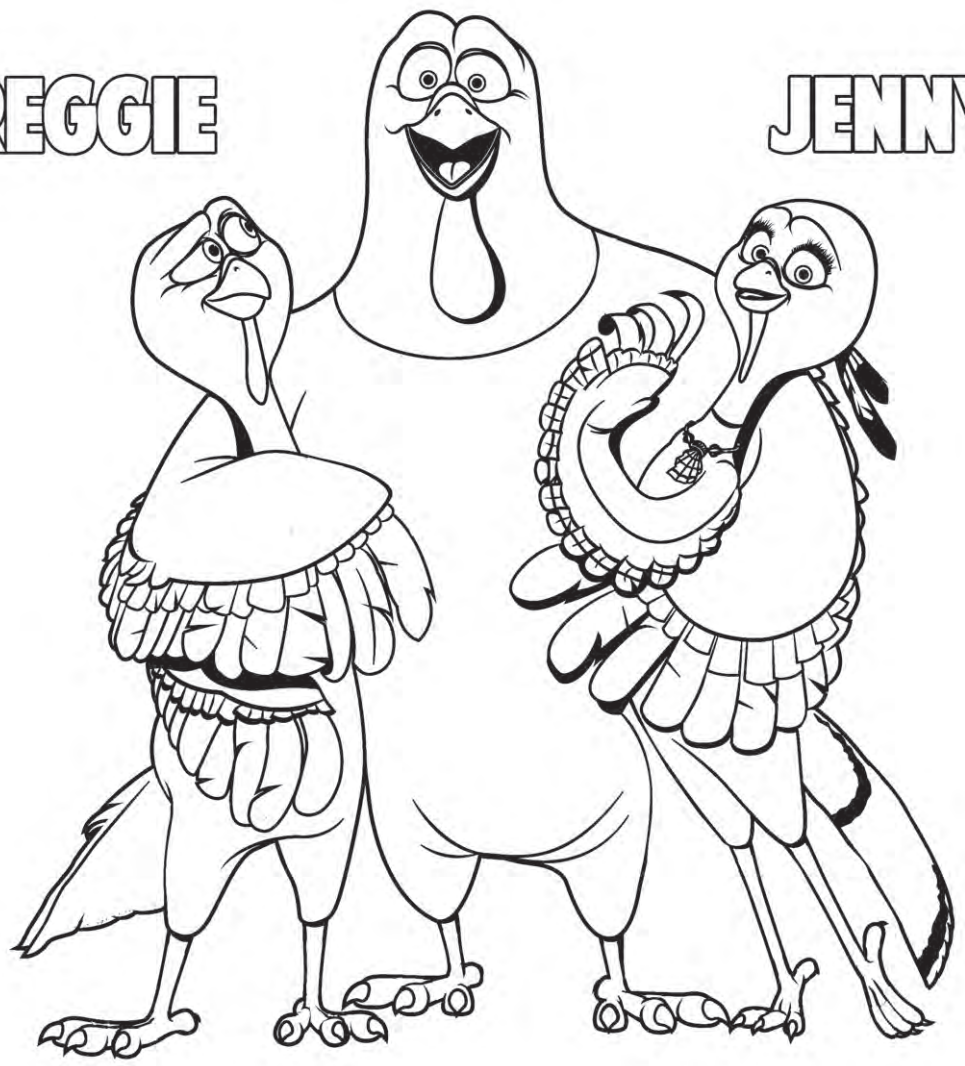

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Riders revved up to fight diabetes at Cycle-a-Thon

By B.C. Manion
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Pura Cycling Studio is taking aim in the fight against diabetes by hosting a Cycle-a-Thon on Nov. 9.

The ride will take place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., with giveaways every hour.

Riders will participate in 45-minute heart-pumping rides to do their bit in the movement to stop diabetes, said Stephanie Farquhar, who co-owns the cycling studio along with Alfio Carroccetto.

The event, being held in conjunction with the cycling studio's first anniversary, will feature chance drawings, goodie bags and T-shirts, and will offer information to help reduce the risk of diabetes.

Fresh Healthy Café At Wiregrass will cater the event, and chance tickets will be sold on prizes donated by Nutrition S'Mart of Wesley Chapel, Massage Envy Wesley Chapel, Tampa Bay MatchMakers, Polar USA, Fitniche Wiregrass and others.

Those taking part in the fundraiser will donate $25 for each session on the stationery bicycles at the studio. Some of the studio's regulars have already signed up to do two sessions, Farquhar said.

All of the proceeds from the event will benefit the American Diabetes Association.

The business was motivated to do the fundraiser because the diabetes organization reached out, asking for help and because the owners know people who have the disease. Farquhar said she was surprised to learn that the disease affects so many people and that it has such far-reaching health and medical cost implications.

Nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes, and another 79 million are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes, according to the American Diabetes Association.

Recent estimates project that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes by 2050 unless steps are taken to stop the disease, the organization said.

Two out of three people who have diabetes die from heart disease or stroke, according to the diabetes association. It is also the leading cause of new blindness among adults, and people who have the disease are 10 times more likely to undergo an amputation than those without it.

It's also a very expensive health problem, with the average medical expenditure for people with diabetes being 2.3 times higher than without it, the association reports.

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Bulldogs, Pirates collide in cr ucial game

Winner gets playoffs, loser goes home

By Michael Murillo
The Laker/Lutz News Correspondent

Bulldogs coach Reggie Roberts has beaten the Pasco Pirates more than once as a player, but now he's looking for his first win against his rival as a coach. And the playoffs are on the line. (File photo)

In high school football, every game is meaningful. If it involves two good teams, it's a little more important. And if the playoffs are on the line, that ups the ante.

But if it's a rivalry game, it has the makings of something really special.

Friday's match up featuring the 5-3 Pasco Pirates and 7-1 Zephyrhills Bulldogs qualifies as all of the above.

When Pasco visits Zephyrhills, the game will feature two strong teams in the top half of 5A-District 6 in terms of points scored and points allowed. And while South Sumter sits atop the standings in both district and overall play (already clinching the top spot in the district), the Pirates and Bulldogs are battling for second place and the trip to the playoffs that goes with it.

The winner of this game earns that spot, while the loser has to accept defeat and will be sent home at the hand of their rival.

While making the playoffs is a goal for every team, Zephyrhills is looking to end a long post-season drought. The Bulldogs haven't made the playoffs since 2006, with just two winning seasons in that span (both occurring since Head Coach Reggie Roberts took over in 2010).

Pasco, on the other hand, is used to post-season appearances. During the years that Zephyrhills has been kept out the playoffs, Pasco has earned six district championships and three undefeated regular seasons.

Now, with one game determining who makes the playoffs, Zephyrhills will either break their streak of futility, or Pasco will continue its run of success. With a 4-1 district record, Zephyrhills' Roberts is excited about his team's prospects.

"We're a better football team than we have been in the past," Roberts explained. "The last two years, we tasted a little bit of the possibility of the playoffs, and these kids really want to get there. And they're playing like that right now. I've got a bunch of motivated kids on my hands."

Two of those motivated kids are sure to be the focal points of Zephyrhills' offense, and the biggest concerns for Pasco's defense. Senior Devon Brockington is not only one of the rushing threats in the Bulldogs' run-first scheme, but he's also the top target when they throw the ball. But if the Pirates find a way to contain him, they'll still have to contend with Jaylen Pickett, a senior who serves as the lead back and workhorse when Zephyrhills does their damage on the ground.

There's no question the Bulldogs have had a good year, as evidenced by Roberts being named Coach of the Year by the Florida Athletic Coaches Association for District 10. But Roberts, who attended Zephyrhills in his playing days, still has some unfinished business with Pasco. As a linebacker and tight end, his Bulldogs teams were undefeated against their rival, but it's been a different story as a coach: In three previous opportunities, he has yet to win when facing the Pirates.

And while the game is important for reasons that go beyond his personal history with the team, he's aware of the disparity in records as a player and coach.

Roberts and the Bulldogs are also aware of the rivalry aspect of playing Pasco. Whatever his coaching staff designs in preparation for the contest, manufacturing motivation and excitement among the players won't be necessary.

"That's our rival. The kids always get up for that football game," Roberts said. "It's always a good match up; a good rivalry. They're going to be ready to play. Now you put the district on top of that, and the possibility of the playoffs on top of that? Yeah, it's not going to be hard to get up for this football game."

5A-6 Football Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA
South Sumter	9	0	435	97
Zephyrhills	7	1	290	131
Pasco	5	3	234	110
Weeki Wachee	3	6	146	281
Nature Coast Tech	2	6	147	195
Hernando	2	6	112	204
Central	0	9	106	344

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CHECK THIS OUT

Freedom, Gaither compete at Disney

Local cross-country teams recently traveled to the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando to compete in the Disney Cross Country Classic.

More than 3,600 athletes from around the country took part, including teams from Freedom High School and Gaither High School.

Through an open registration process, cross-country teams and individuals from middle school through college level are given the opportunity to compete against top competition in front of an audience of thousands. Highlights from the races can be seen on ESPN3.com, as well as the "ESPNWWOS" channel on YouTube.

For more than 15 years, Disney Sports has offered amateur athletes, coaches and their families the opportunity to train, compete, gain recruitment and celebrate skills.

Contest has high schools cheering

The Florida High School Athletics Association has launched the Sunshine State Spirit Showdown, a video contest in which students are encouraged to submit videos showing their classmates and community exhibiting positive sportsmanship while rooting for their favorite school.

Students from around the state are invited to submit videos ranging in length from 90 seconds to three minutes, including at least 30 seconds on why that school's student section is the greatest.

Videos can by uploaded to www.FHSAA.org/upload by Jan. 31.

Fans will then have a chance to vote for their favorite video, with voting to last from Feb. 6 until March 6. Taking those votes into consideration, FHSAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will conduct final judging. The winner will be announced March 10. Judges will look at sportsmanship, participation, school spirit, organization, creativity and fun.

Students are encouraged to make the videos unique by including anything from picture montages and background music, to special chants, or even choreographed dances.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/SpiritShowdown.

Golfing for Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Family Organization and Full Circle Financial will host its 13th annual charity golf tournament Nov. 9 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

It will take place at the Seven Springs County Club, 3535 Trophy Blvd. in New Port Richey, with registration beginning at 6:30 a.m.

The cost is $85 per person, with funds supporting the Alzheimer's Family Organization. The group services Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Pasco, Sumter, Pinellas and Marion counties.

For more information, call (727) 848-8888 or (888) 496-8004.

Pasco Sheriff's Golf Classic

The 2013 Pasco Sheriff's Golf Classic, which supports Pasco County youth charities, will take place Nov. 4 at the Lexington Oaks Golf Club in Wesley Chapel.

This year's tournament will support the Pasco Police Athletic League, the largest law enforcement-coordinated football and cheerleading organization in the Tampa Bay area.

Shotgun start is at 9 a.m. Cost is $150 per person, or $600 per foursome. Fees include a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, and a catered luncheon.

For more information, visit www.PascoSheriff.com, or call (800) 854-2862, ext. 7732.

Adult soccer league wants players

With the fall season ready to commence, adult soccer players are being sought to participate in a league that plays men's, women's and coed games Sunday afternoons at CrossRoads Community Methodist Church on County Line Road in Wesley Chapel.

Players must be 18 or older.

For more information, call Colin at (747) 999-5425, or visit NewAPSL.com.

Golf to benefit the YMCA

The West Park Village YMCA Express will host its eighth annual charity golf tournament Nov. 1 at the Westchase Golf Club, 11602 Westchase Golf Drive in Tampa.

The four-person scramble tournament will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Registration is $125 per person, and $400 per foursome, which includes lunch and dinner. There also will be a silent auction.

Proceeds benefit the Y's annual campaign, ensuring children and families — regardless of background or income — have a chance to benefit from the YMCA's programs and services.

For more information, email Marilyn.gyselinck@tampaymca.org, or call (813) 249-8510.

No Name volleyball tryouts

The No Name Volleyball Club will hold tryouts for kids between the ages of 15 and 18 on Nov. 17 at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, 13651 Hays Road in Spring Hill.

Tryouts begin at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Doug Chinchar at (813) 949-9936, or visit www.NoNameVBC.com.

Sign up for lacrosse tournament

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2014 Lax Max Florida Lacrosse Tournament taking place at Lakewood Ranch on the weekend of April 6.

Lax Max is designed for recreational travel and town team programs within Florida. The event offers a choice of either one-day three-game jamboree, or a two-day tournament. It features boys and girls round-robin competitions at various levels for ages under-10 through under-18.

For more information, visit USAmateurSports.com, or email usamateursports@aol.com.

Golf tourney to benefit LifeChoices

The third annual Golf for Life charity tournament hosted by LifeChoices Women's Care will take place Nov. 9 beginning at 1 p.m. at Quail Hollow in Wesley Chapel.

Entry is $75, and includes greens fees, door prizes, dinner and other items. It is open to all level of golfers.

The tournament is looking for door prize donations as well as sponsors.

For more information, call Tom Beach at (813) 333-3543, or visit LifeChoicesGolf.org.

5k Freedom Run at Lake Como

A 5-kilometer run and a 2.5-kilometer walk benefiting the Florida Gulf Coast Paralyzed Veterans of America, will take place Nov. 10 beginning at 8 a.m. at Lake Como Family Nudist Resort, 20500 Cot Road in Lutz.

The run will take place through the resort's 200 acres that includes a nature preserve as well as a mix of pavement and cross-country.

Entry fee is $25. Awards will be given in 13 age categories.

For more information, call (877) 879-5253, or visit LakeComoNaturally.com.

—Submit your sports updates to mhinman@cnewspubs.com.

Pro shop finds modern business model in old game

By Michael Murillo
The Laker/Lutz News Correspondent

When an economy struggles, one of the first major areas to get hit is leisure. You know, places like the golf course.

It's hard sometimes to justify that extra trip to the greens, and even then, spending too much in the pro shop there, if anything at all. That has made keeping pro shops in country clubs difficult for many golf courses, which gave Land O' Lakes resident Steve Pitts an idea.

The owner of Steve's World of Golf in Hudson, Pitts has spent years welcoming golfers to his shop. But he wasn't really on the golf course — until now.

"I, like others, hurt the golf industry by pulling golfers away from their golf course to shop at shops like mine," Pitts said. "My kids are in college now. Instead of retiring, I have decided to help the total golf industry by building this business model."

That business model is supplying pro shops at golf courses around the state. Pitts will open a location with between $60,000 and $100,000 of merchandise, and hand-delivering shipments from his own 4,000-square foot warehouse.

Rand Willette, a senior at Land O' Lakes High School, works the pro shop at The Groves Golf & Country Club. Steve's World of Golf out of Hudson supplies this shop and 16 others in Florida and Georgia. (Photo by Michael Hinman)

The process, Pitts said, removes the overhead costs and hassle of running a pro shop, while still allowing the club to make money on every sale. Updating inventory and returning defective merchandise is easy, and the course isn't financially responsible for items that don't sell.

And that's good, because having a deficient pro shop could hurt a golf course's reputation.

"One of the first things you notice, if not the first thing you notice when you come to a golf course, is the pro shop," said Jan-Michael Norman, a club professional at The Groves Golf & Country Club in Land O' Lakes. "A lot of golf courses generally have one or two major brands, and that's all they'll carry."

The Groves doesn't have that problem because, like 16 other golf courses in Florida and Georgia, Steve's World of Golf stocks it. Working with the store has allowed the pro shop to become more competitive, Norman said, while freeing him of the time-consuming duties usually required to stock and manage it.

These pro shops also benefit from advertising Steve's World of Golf does, as well as having a more diverse shop with better choices and prices. The golf courses staff it with their own personnel, so no jobs are lost in the process, either.

Pitts believes he's improving each club's image, providing better value to their members and visitors, and saving them time — all while decreasing their risk and increasing their bottom line.

"All they have to do is just run their operation," Pitts said. "They make twice the net profit with our business model than they could ever dream of making on their own."

And that means no more discounting items that don't sell, or having to fight with vendors over defective merchandise. The pro shop, at least at The Groves, is running smoother than it ever has before.

"We can accommodate pretty much every need of all the golfers who come through our doors as far as price, while still giving a quality product," Norman said.

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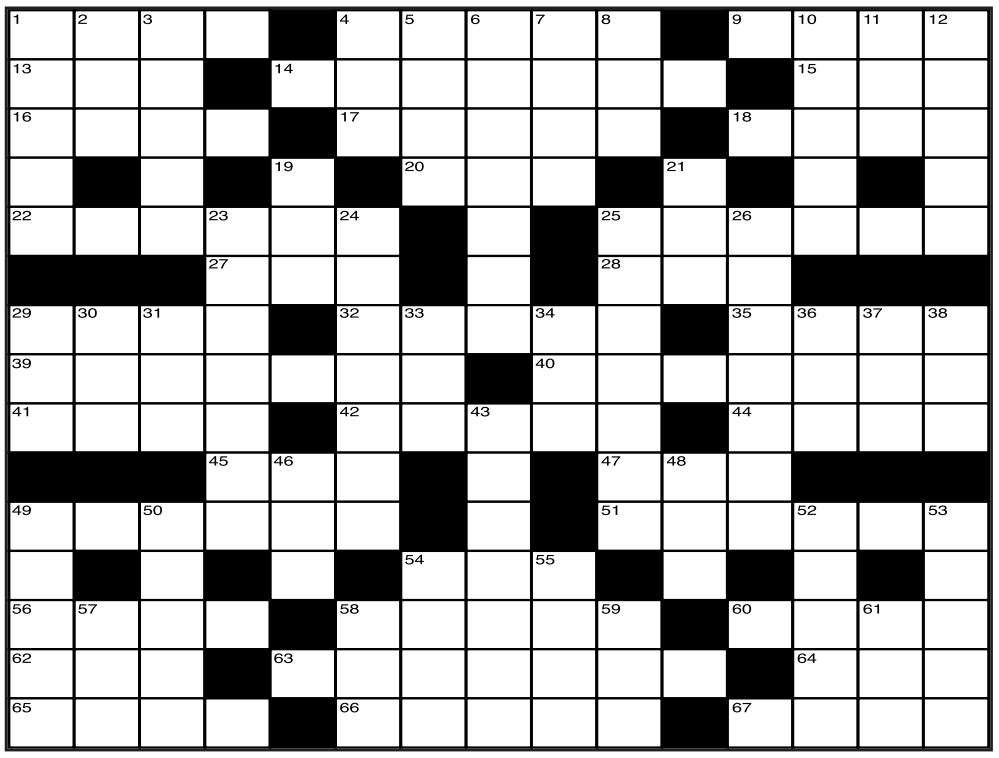

ACROSS
1. Artificial source of visible illumination.
4. Branch of anything.
9. From a great distance.
13. Be indebted to.
14. Wall, rampart or elevation of earth for covering soldiers from an enemy's fire.
15. Position of the ball after it comes to rest anywhere between the tee and the putting surface.
16. Acronym for Off-Axis Lens Antenna.
17. Flat-topped elevation.
18. Stream bead in parts of the Middle East that carries water during the rainy season.
20. Goddess of criminal rashness and its punishment.
22. Slim and attractive.
25. Sea monster in Norwegian folklore.
27. Belief accepted as authoritative by some group.
28. Mischievous child.
29. Continuous block of unrelated footage from a single point of view.
32. Stand with two legs.
35. Weapon with a blade triangular in cross-section.
39. Monkey god and helper of Rama.
40. Place in quarantine.
41. Large, wide-mouth water jug.
42. Wait in hiding.
44. Single image created as a focal point of religious veneration.
45. Fossil fuel in the gaseous state.
47. Vex.
49. Immovable union of two joints of the crinoidal arm.
51. had to have.
54. Shot hit in a high arc.
56. Acronym for User Group Network Affiliates.
58. Imaginary creature with magical powers.
60. Crustlike surface of a healing skin lesion.
62. Player's score after the handicap is subtracted from the gross score.
63. Meeting of family after a period of separation.
64. Covering for the head.
65. Colored material.
66. Sarcastic.
67. Close friends.

DOWN
1. Pieces of equipment on which thread is woven into cloth.
2. Away.
3. Noisy riotous fight.
4. Hebrew for "exalted."
5. Distinct part of a building set aside for a specific function.
6. Trap for catching trespassers.
7. Semicircular recess at the end of a Christian church opposite the main entry.
8. _ Wait, author.
10. One who provides publicity.
11. Signal given to a horse to prompt it to turn.
12. Period during which a monarch is sovereign.
19. Acronym for Intelligent Transportation System.
21. Used to denote power.
23. Christian sacrament commemorating the Last Supper by consecrating bread and wine.
24. Body of persons entrusted with a mission to a government.
25. Soft leather made from young goat skins.
26. Given to servile imitation.
29. Woman.
30. Nictitating membrane of a horse.
31. Being a single entity.
33. Dark fluid secreted by squids.
34. Thick liquid from under the Earth's surface used for fuel.
36. Insulated, waterproof boot designed for wear in extreme cold.
37. Acronym for Exchange Trade Option.
38. Evening.
43. Reversal of what has been done.
46. Time interval between an astronomical event and the corresponding tidal phenomenon.
48. Soak in water to facilitate the removal of fibers from a woody tissue.
49. Long body of water separating an island from the mainland.
50. Greek island.
52. Russian country house.
53. Things owed.
54. Praise.
55. Soft, mild French cheese made from cow's milk.
57. George _, physician.
58. Heritable estate in land.
59. 10th letter in the Hebrew alphabet.
61. German for "eel."

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in each word to spell something pertaining to Halloween.

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ANSWER: pumpkin

CRYPTOQUIZ

Each of the following cryptograms is a clue to the identity of a type of character often associated with Halloween. Using the hints L=S and G=E, decipher the clues to name the character.

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2. KQGLGQFGR
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4. IPRGOR
5. LTWGPM

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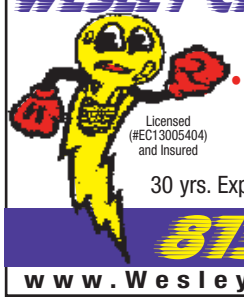

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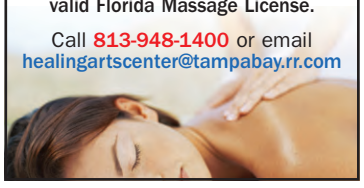

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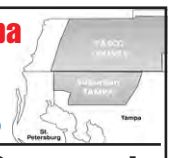

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