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## Results are in for Florida's primary

### Get ready for November

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Florida's voters went to the polls last week in a primary that captured national attention when Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum stunned political prognosticators by defeating the predicted winner Gwen Graham.

If he wins in November, Gillum would become Florida's first black governor.

On the Republican side of the ledger, Congressman Ron DeSantis — endorsed by President Donald J. Trump — carried the day, defeating Adam Putnam, a longtime Florida politician, who had served as Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture and five terms in Congress, representing Central Florida.

Locally, 85,907 voters cast their ballots in Pasco County, representing a 24.84 percent

turnout of the county's 345,879 registered voters.

"The turnout was considerably higher than I expected and, in this case, I'm never more happy to be wrong," Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley said, via email.

The 2018 Primary turnout represented a 66 percent increase from the last midterm primary in 2014, Corley said.

"It's apparent the voters are more en-

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CHRISTINE HOLTZMAN

## Enjoying tunes at the Summer Sock Hop

Dancers at the Summer Sock Hop at the Lutz Senior Center are living proof that age is just a number and you're only as old as you feel. About 90 people turned out for the dance, on Aug. 25, at the senior center, 112 First Ave., N.W., in Lutz. The senior center is open to people age 50 and older, and in addition to hosting special events each quarter, the center offers an array of classes and other programs, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Above, Lutz resident John Gallucci and his wife, Marta, dance to an upbeat number at the Summer Sock Hop. The Galluccis, originally from Argentina, were childhood sweethearts and have been married for 48 years.



Barbara Westling, of New Tampa, left, is excited as she accepts a door prize that she won.



Dulmary Sabater, of Tampa, left, and Ken Yie, of Lutz, dance to the Chris De Burgh song 'Lady in Red.' Yie, an avid dancer, plans to begin teaching a ballroom dancing class at the center soon.

## Proposed rezoning for Ballantrae office park raises questions

By **B.C. Manion**  
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The Pasco County Commission has continued a request to rezone the Ballantrae Professional Center until Sept. 17, to sort out issues relating to the center's current uses, the proposed zoning and who has authority to request the proposed zoning.

The center, on the south side of State Road 54 at the intersection of Hunting Bow Circle, in Lutz, is currently zoned as a PO-1 Professional Office District.

The request, by the Ballantrae Center Owners Association, is to change the designation to a PO-2 Professional Office District, which allows a wider array of uses, said Denise B. Hernandez, zoning administrator/special project manager for the county.

The county planning department and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning.

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## Wesley Chapel church aims to extend God's grace to others

By **B.C. Manion**  
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If there's one thing that Jeff Olsen, pastor of Grace Community Church, knows for certain it's this — the church that he leads is physical proof that God is "able to do exceedingly, abundantly, beyond all that we ask or imagine."

Indeed, that's part of a Bible verse that Olsen said summarizes the church's entire quest to build a permanent home at 7107 Boyette Road in Wesley Chapel.

"This project was beyond us. It took more resources, more help, more finances than we could do on our own. But, we're doing it because we want to reach beyond ourself to others — a church that's for others," Olsen said.

The church moved into its new home in July, but is hosting its grand opening celebration on Sept. 9, with services planned at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., a free barbecue lunch at noon and a pizza night for its teen ministry starting at 6 p.m.

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B.C. MANION

Jeff Olsen, pastor of Grace Community Church, said the building project has been blessed abundantly.

# Pasco and Hillsborough voters express their views

The Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

Voters in Pasco and Hillsborough counties headed to the polls on Aug. 28 to cast their votes in Florida's midterm primary.

Some shared their thoughts with The Laker/Lutz News at polls in Land O' Lakes, Wesley Chapel, Zephyrhills and Lutz.

Here's a brief synopsis of what some of them had to say:

— **Hoyt Davis**, a consultant, from Land O' Lakes, said voting "is one of our rights as American citizens."

— **Tami Perdue**, a paint contractor from Land O' Lakes, put it like this: "If you want your voice to be heard, you need to vote for the people you want in office."

"Our veterans fought for us. We should use our rights that we have because of what they've done for us," she added.

— **Robin Ankrom**, a stay-at-home mom from Land O' Lakes, said "I'm really passionate about my voting rights."

"I believe voting for judges and for school board are just as important as other offices," she said, noting judges are the ones who interpret the law.

Selecting school board members is important, too, because she wants to have a say regarding "who's making the decision for my child's education."

— **Rick Stevens**, 63, of Zephyrhills, said, "I'm not really thrilled about what's currently going on in Washington. It's not always in with the new and out with the old. Sometimes we ask for change and we get it, and we don't realize what we've done, in this particular case."

"It's just the primaries, so we'll see what happens."

"Hopefully some changes are made and messages sent, maybe."

— **Henry Keithley**, 44, of Zephyrhills, said, "I'm tired of the Trump rhetoric. I think DeSantis, that commercial he ran was just like completely riding (Trump's) coattails — I just feel like that stuff has gone far enough. It's not helpful. It's certainly not uniting. Putnam's done a great job as commissioner of agriculture, I thought, so I just think he's more of a reasonable, level-headed person that can do the job, whereas, I don't know how I would feel about DeSantis."

— **Bruce Hinkle**, 72, of Zephyrhills, a Navy veteran and staunch Democrat, expressed the need to find solutions for affordable health care and education for future generations.

"When I got out of the service you could



BRIAN FERNANDES

**Franz Warner**, a local firefighter, is seen outside the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park community center after casting his ballot on Aug. 28.

— **Franz Warner**, a firefighter from Land O' Lakes, said "It's everybody's fundamental right and obligation to vote."

"It's somewhat sad that people don't exercise that right. I think with the state of the country and the things going on right now, that everybody needs to exercise that right."



B.C. MANION

**Irineo Cabreros**, of Lutz, said voting is a right he doesn't want to take for granted.

— **Irineo Cabreros**, of Lutz, said he votes whenever he can. "It's a right I don't want to pass up or take for granted. It's my only input I have access to."

"I always will be here. If I have a chance, I'll vote someone who might shift the scale in terms of better representation. The two-party system is a little bit flawed right now. It's missing a lot of people that don't subscribe to either."



B.C. MANION

**Eunique Bolton** was voting for the first time at a precinct in Wesley Chapel, in Pasco County. She recently moved to the area from Hillsborough County.

— **Eunique Bolton**, of Wesley Chapel, cast her ballot at a precinct at Bridgeway Church on Wells Road. She was particularly interested in the school board races and primary for governor. She said she always votes. "This is my first time here, because I just moved here from Hillsborough County." And, she brought her 2-week-old, Nicco, along with her to the polling place.



B.C. MANION

**Peggy Jensen**, of Wesley Chapel, said it's important to vote to have a say in choosing the right person for the job.

— **Peggy Jensen**, of Wesley Chapel, said "We always vote. It's important to us that the right person gets in office." To her, voting "is an obligation, really."



BRIAN FERNANDES

**Rick Carfi** voted in the Aug. 28 midterm primary at the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park community center.

— **Rick Carfi**, a customer service representative at Publix, who lives in Land O' Lakes, put it like this: "You don't vote, you don't have a say."

"I've been voting forever."



B.C. MANION

**Marguerite LaPunzina**, of Lutz, said she came out to vote because "the status quo is unacceptable."

— **Marguerite LaPunzina**, of Lutz, put it like this: "The status quo in the state is unacceptable, and this is the first step in changing the order."

"I think it's a shame that people don't exercise their right as an American to vote. I'm well into my 40s, and I remember the first time I was able to vote when I turned 18. I think it was a school board election, and I went out and voted."

"It's the only way you're going to get your voice heard."

be on minimum wage — working as a mechanic or maybe cleaning cars in a car dealership— and have enough money for college. Not today. I mean, kids are graduating with so much debt. There's something wrong with that. You look at that and the scenario with our health care, what's wrong

with this country?

"As all these kids in debt get older and they get wiser, they're going to look back on this and say, 'There was something wrong there. I had to spend 15 years of my life paying for the rest of my college loan. Well, that's going to be huge, and they're going to remember the people that were for them, trying to do something with their costs.'"

— **Adam Racker**, 33, Zephyrhills, put it like this: "The real shame of it is that a lot of independents are not voting in this because they think this is just a primary for governor, surprisingly. Independents have no idea that they can even vote in the school board (election). They think, 'Oh, it's an Adam Putnam or Rick DeSantis, or a Gwen Graham vs. Andrew Gillum' and then they're not heard."

— **Tisha Wright**, 48, of Zephyrhills, said "education is big to me. I don't know why more people don't follow school board elections and what's going on with schools."

She also came out to support Joy Gibson for Florida State Senate District 20.

"I think the biggest thing that she says is family over politics. She's concerned about families. I know she has a good heart and

cares for families. That's what her campaign is all about — family values."

— **Wilma Moore**, of Lutz, who drove a school bus for 30 years, said she never misses an election. She said she was interested in every race on the ballot. "They're all really important," she said.

— **Craig Cooler**, of Lutz, said: "I just think it's an important civic duty to come out and vote and express your concerns."

He thinks it's important to vote in primary elections.

"I don't like it when they get to the time when it's the main voting. 'Basically, they're like, we're voting for the lesser of two evils.' They didn't voice their opinion at the beginning," Cooler said.

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# Townhomes approved off Willow Bend Parkway

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The Pasco County Commission has approved a rezoning to allow a townhome development on the north side of Willow Bend Parkway, about a half-mile east of Land O' Lakes Boulevard, in Lutz.

The rezoning allows up to 70 units. Technically, the new zoning classification would allow apartments, said Denise B. Hernandez, zoning administrator/special projects manager for Pasco County.

However, that won't occur in this case because, Hernandez said, "the applicant is proposing single-family attached homes that will be on fee-simple lots," and "the applicant has agreed to record a deed restriction on the property for that to be the only principal permitted use on the property."

The zoning change will not take effect until that deed restriction is recorded, the zoning administrator said.

Two area residents spoke against the request.

They cited concerns about adding traffic to Willow Bend Parkway, which they said already has so much traffic that it's hard to get onto or off of the road.

They also objected to allowing townhomes to be built in an area where the predominant development pattern is single-family homes on single lots.

Commissioner Mike Moore said he'd heard from opponents to the project, but said they thought that apartments were being proposed on the site. He said he would have opposed apartments.

Michael Horner, a planning and land use consultant, represented the applicant, Dorothy Dahm Bard Trust, and the contract purchaser, Town Homes of Willow Bend LLC.

"My client wants to build high-end, single-family attached townhomes. These are three-bedroom, two-bath, two-story, 2,000 square feet, high-end furnishing," Horner told commissioners. "They do not want to cut grass, maintain lots, on the weekend."

The site has fragmented wetlands, providing the ideal opportunity to have clustered single-family homes with individual views of the wetlands, Horner said. The townhomes are expected to start at \$300,000.

"They want views. They want the double-car garage. They want the tray ceilings. They want the quartz countertops," Horner told commissioners. "They do not want to cut grass, maintain lots, on the weekend."

Moore noted that the current zoning allows 70 homes to be built, and the rezoning will allow 70 townhomes. "It's a wash," he said.

Commissioner Kathryn Starkey, agreed, noting the rezoning is not "a big change."

Starkey made a motion for approval, which carried unanimously.

# Sign up for lifelong learning

By Mary Rathman  
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September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association and libraries nationwide remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card can be the first step toward academic achievement and lifelong learning.

And, now is an especially good time to get a Pasco County library card as the library launches new services for residents.

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Live Oak Theatre will offer beginning tap, jazz and ballet classes for grownups on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The teacher will be Jane Russell Geddings from the Patel Conservatory in Tampa. All classes will be at the new Live Oak Center for the Arts, 21030 Cortez Blvd., in Brooksville. A list of classes can be found at [LiveOakTheatre.org](http://LiveOakTheatre.org), under the "Adult Dance Combo" link.

## COOKING MATTERS

UF/IFAS Extension of Pasco County will offer a series of four classes called "Cooking Matters" starting Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St., in Dade City. Topics will include how to identify a whole grain versus a refined grain, reading food labels, healthy fast food options, and more. Participants can learn about healthy eating while sampling easy recipe ideas. This is a free program. Program dates are Sept. 6, Sept. 13, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. For information, call Shari Bresin at (352) 518-0156.

## TAMPA BOAT SHOW

The 2018 Progressive Insurance Tampa Boat Show will be at the Tampa Convention Center, Sept. 7 to Sept. 9. Weekend events will include new boat model debuts; simulated boat races (virtual reality); boating courses; fishing demonstrations; a kids' zone; Ladies Day and more. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and older, and free for ages 12 and younger (when accompanied by a paid adult). Tickets specials also are available. For a complete list of activities, visit [TampaBoatShow.com](http://TampaBoatShow.com).

## OUTDOOR MOVIE

Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd., will host a free Movie in the Park on Sept. 7 at 7 p.m., featuring the film "Shrek." Guests should bring a lawn chair or blanket. Concessions items will be available for purchase.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Zephyrhills will meet Sept. 7 at noon, at the clubhouse, at 38545 Fifth Ave., in Zephyrhills. The club has a 100-year history of community service, including current projects for The Thomas Promise, local schools, and scholarships for local students. All women age 18 and older can attend. Lunch will be served. For information, call (813) 404-5789.

## FARMERS MARKET

The San Antonio Farmers Market will take place the second Saturday of every month, from September through June. The next market is Sept. 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. For information, call Winnie Burke at (352) 437-5161.

## KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road in Tampa, will host a Kiddush luncheon Sept. 8, after the 9:30 a.m. Shabbat services. The luncheon is open to the Jewish community and is free. Non-members are asked to RSVP by calling the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338.



## Why Bats?

UF/IFAS Extension of Pasco County will offer a seminar entitled, "Why Bats?" on Sept. 8 at 10 a.m., at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 Eighth St.

Bats are important as they consume insects, pollinate plants and disperse seeds.

Bats also are threatened and the population declining, mostly due to human activity.

Participants can learn more about these beneficial flying friends at this free seminar.

Registration is required at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## PLANT PROPAGATING

UF/IFAS Extension of Pasco County will host a workshop entitled, "Starting Plants from Cuttings," Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. This is a hands-on workshop, so participants should bring gardening scissors and gloves. Registration is required at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## ELECTRIC TAILGATE PARTY

National Drive Electric Week will be celebrated with an Electric Tailgate Party on Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Sims Park in New Port Richey, in the Gloria Swanson Parking Lot. Guests can help celebrate more than a quarter of a million electric miles driven; view electric vehicles, including electric bikes; and help raise awareness of the clean-air benefits and cost-savings of electric cars. Plug-in vehicles by Nissan and other automakers may be available for test ride-and-drives, and EV chargers and products will be on display. For a complete list of National Drive Electric Week events, visit [DriveElectricWeek.org](http://DriveElectricWeek.org).

## YARD & BAKE SALE

The GFWC Dade City Woman's Club will host a "Classic Crap Yard and Bake Sale" Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 37922 Palm Ave., in Dade City. This is a fundraiser to help pay for some repairs to the 100-year-old building.

## GRAND OPENING

Grace Community will celebrate the grand opening of its new church home, 7107 Boyette Road in Wesley Chapel, Sept. 9 with services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and a free barbecue lunch at noon. The Walk Student Ministries, for teenagers, also will kick off the fall season with a pizza party from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For information, visit [ExploreGrace.com](http://ExploreGrace.com), or call (813) 994-9363.

## WELCOME COFFEE

Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road in Tampa, will host a Brotherhood and Sisterhood Welcome Coffee on Sept. 9 at 10

a.m., for anyone interested in learning more about planned upcoming events. There will be coffee and a light breakfast. New and returning members can attend. Please RSVP by Sept. 5 by emailing [Brotherhood.kolami@gmail.com](mailto:Brotherhood.kolami@gmail.com) or [Sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com](mailto:Sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com).

## HOLIDAY SERVICE

The Family Friendly Temple, also known as Congregation Beth Chavarim, will host Rosh Hashanah services Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. Kol Nidre services will take place Sept. 18 at 7 p.m., and Sept. 19 at 10 a.m., followed by Yizkor at about noon. For details, email [familyfriendlytemple@yahoo.com](mailto:familyfriendlytemple@yahoo.com).

## TURFGRASS SEMINAR

UF/IFAS Extension of Pasco County will offer a free seminar on "Growing Resilient Turfgrass" Sept. 11 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. The guest speaker will be Whitney Elmore, Pasco County Extension director and urban horticulture agent. The discussion will include St. Augustine grass and common issues for Central Florida lawns. Registration is required at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## COOKING DEMO

Florida Hospital Zephyrhills will present a cooking demo on "Cool Summer Food" Sept. 12 at 2 p.m., at the CREATION Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road, Education Room, in Zephyrhills. For information and to RSVP, call (813) 779-6476.

## GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

The Forest Hills Presbyterian Church crafters will host a garage sale Sept. 14 and Sept. 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 3320 Schefflera Road. The money raised will help purchase materials for the group's annual holiday bazaar, set for Oct. 20 at the church, 709 W. Linebaugh Ave. The proceeds from the bazaar will be returned to the community with grants to nonprofit organizations. For information, call (813) 932-6149.

## BOOK BAZAAR

The Friends of the Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St., in Dade City, will have a book bazaar Sept. 14 and Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a diverse selection of books, audio and video media, magazines and other related materials, most for a modest price. For information, call Glen Thompson at (352) 567-7449 or email [Bookbollard@icloud.com](mailto:Bookbollard@icloud.com).

## BIBLE TEACHING SIMULCAST

The Beth Moore simulcast, "Living Proof," will be shown at Keystone Community Church, 21010 State Road 54 in Lutz, Sept. 15. Lunch, snacks and drinks are included in the \$35 ticket price. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., followed by the event at 10:30 a.m. To register, call (813) 948-4522.

## CHAIR PLANTER DEMO

Life's Treasures Thrift Store, 4910 S. Allen Road in the Westgate Shopping Center, Zephyrhills, will offer a free DIY chair planter demonstration Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. Guests can learn how to transform an old, worn-out chair into an upcycled garden decoration. Those interested can sign up for the workshop at the store or online at [ChaptersHealth.org/calendar-chapters-health](http://ChaptersHealth.org/calendar-chapters-health). For information, call the store at (813) 355-4830.

## WATER CLEANUP

Congregation Kol Ami will host "The Jewish Community Reverse Tashlich" Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Takomah Trail Park, 10099 Takomah Trail in Tampa. On Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish people customarily go to a body of water and cast their sins into the water during Tashlich services. This year, the congregation will reverse the process, and remove sins from the water and clean up the waterfront. All materials will be provided. Participants should wear closed-toed shoes, comfortable clothing and sun protection. To participate, register at [repairthesea.org/reverse-tashlich](http://repairthesea.org/reverse-tashlich). For information, call the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338.

## GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The West Pasco County Genealogical Society will meet Sept. 19 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the CARES Enrichment Center in the Activity Center Building, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway in Hudson. Participants can learn how to research emigration records from foreign countries and how to find sources for U.S. immigration records. The cost is \$7 for non-members and \$5 for members. After the lecture and presentation, society members will have a meeting, which will also include non-members. To ensure seating and handout material, register by text to (727) 271-0770.

## ACTIVE LIFE GAMES

Registration has begun for the 2018 Tampa Bay Active Life Games, an Olympic-style competition for adults age 50 and older. There will be contests for all skill and fitness levels. Events range from track and field to cycling to pickleball to billiards, dominoes and horseshoes. Registration is \$30. There is an additional \$25 charge for the golf competition, which includes a cart. Opening day festivities and the awards luncheon are included with registration. To register by Sept. 19, visit [HCFLGov.net/ActiveLife](http://HCFLGov.net/ActiveLife). The games run from Oct. 5 to Oct. 9.

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BRIAN FERNANDES

San Antonio Rotary Club's Terrie Grissom, left, and Winnie Burke are helping to host the San Antonio Farmers Market.

# San Antonio Farmers Market makes its return

By Brian Fernandes  
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The San Antonio Farmers Market is making its return, for its second year, beginning on Sept. 8.

The event runs on the second Saturday of the month, from September through May, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at San Antonio City Park, 12202 Main St., San Antonio.

The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Antonio.

The market features vendors who set up around the park, offering a variety of products, including jams and jellies, honey, produce, jewelry and quilts.

One highlight this year will be live music by the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society.

Those wishing to donate blood also will be able to do so, at OneBlood's Big Red Bus that will be parked at the site to accept donations. Donors will receive both a free T-shirt and a checkup.

Mr. Jim's hot dog stand is returning to the market this year.

A table also will be set up for kids to give them a chance to create a craft, at no charge. A Rotary Club member will oversee that activity.

"That's a part of doing what we can for kids," said Terrie Grissom, treasurer of San Antonio's Rotary Club. "We are very much a community-focused club, serving the San Antonio area the best we can."

The park has a playground for children

## If you go

### San Antonio Farmers Market

**Where:** San Antonio City Park, 12202 Main St., in San Antonio

**When:** The second Saturday of the month, September through May, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Cost:** Free admission

**Details:** The event will hold various vendors, food, live music and a blood drive. Pets are welcome, too.

**Info:** Contact Winnie Burke at (352) 437-5161 or rotarysanantonio@gmail.com.

and numerous picnic tables for dining.

In addition to exploring the vendors, patrons are welcome to volunteer their voices for singing performances.

The event is free of charge, and pets are welcome, too.

Proceeds benefit causes supported by the Rotary Club of San Antonio. The club supports scholarships for students and donates food bags to the San Antonio Elementary School, among other things.

"One main thing is to try and improve education and the life of people," said Winnie Burke, chairwoman of the Rotary Club.

Club members also will be on hand to help vendors set up tents.



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# Local business, organizations raise awareness on sex trafficking

By Kevin Weiss  
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In the ongoing fight against human trafficking, several local businesses and organizations have stepped up to raise awareness on the issue.

To earn the designation, the various groups issued a proclamation stating their organization's commitment to stand against human sex trafficking; provided awareness training to all employees on human trafficking; and, created a "zero tolerance" handbook policy for employees that engage in sex buying or human trafficking.

"A business has a certain sphere of influence over the folks they engage with, especially their employee population," Geoff Rogers, the chief executive officer of the institute against human trafficking said, in a recent interview with The Laker/Lutz News.

"The communities where we've seen the fight against sex trafficking be most successful are those who have the entire community running after it at the same time," he explained.

The institute against human trafficking is urging more organizations to participate in the program, which is free.

"Apathy is one of the biggest problems that we face, so we've been very focused on how do we get people involved and what can they do," Rogers said.

The institute's Trafficking Free Zone program launched in May.

The program establishes a holistic approach - a multisector partnership involving law enforcement, government, businesses, schools and community-based organizations — to try and reduce the de-

**Fifteen groups, mostly in Pasco County, have been declared "Trafficking Free Zones," by the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking, a nonprofit group based in Tampa:**

- Magnolia Plastic Surgery Center
- NOW SC Press
- Design & Construction Innovations
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mand for sex trafficking.

It also focuses on arresting and prosecuting sex buyers instead of those who are being sold, and educating community members on sex trafficking and implementing other demand reduction techniques, like offering resources for victims, as well as those struggling with sex and/or porn addiction.

Rogers said those techniques are proven practices that have been used across the country. "With all these different sectors of society firing away at the sex trafficking problem, that's when we begin to see the bottom drop out of demand and real substantive changes and improvement be made in the fight against trafficking within that community."

Also, through the Trafficking Free Zone program, the institute has partnered with the Pasco Sheriff's Office on a cyber sting operation that attacks the demand-side of sex trafficking by targeting and identifying online sex buyers through the use of intercept bots. That initiative has been underway since July.

Human sex trafficking has been under the microscope in Florida for some time.

The state has consistently ranked third in the number of cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, behind only California and Texas.

Tampa Bay usually ranks fourth in the state for the number of such calls.

Officials have said the region's attraction as a tourism destination, along with having international airports and deep-water seaports, increases the likelihood for human sex trafficking. Hosting large sporting events and conventions also lends to the problem.

Pasco County officials have worked to address the issue locally.

In 2014, Pasco County Commissioners formed the Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking to promote public awareness about human trafficking, create educational programming opportunities and advocate for strategies to aid survivors of human trafficking.

That commission helped pass an ordinance in 2016 that mandates signage raising awareness of human trafficking to be posted in the restrooms and dressing rooms of sexually oriented businesses, such as adult entertainment establishments and unlicensed massage services.

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

"In many respects, Pasco County is one of the leading counties in the state of Florida in the fight against sex trafficking," Rogers said.

For more information, visit TraffickingFreeZone.com.



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## BREAST HEALTH

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Deanna Jacobs will offer a free class on how to support emotional health using essential oils Sept. 11 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Living Food Bakery & Café, 38201 10th Ave., in Zephyrhills. For information, call (813) 479-7724.

## GYNECOLOGICAL CANCERS

Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel will offer a lecture on "Passport to Health: Preventing and Recognizing Gynecological Cancers" Sept. 11 at noon, in the fourth-floor classroom.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Gem

Ashby, board-certified obstetrics and gynecology.

The discussion will include the cancers of the female reproductive system.

A light lunch will be provided.

Reservations are required by calling (844) 504-9378 or going online to [FHWesleyChapel.org/Events](http://FHWesleyChapel.org/Events).

## BREAST-FEEDING SUPPORT

St. Joseph's Hospital-North, 4211 Van Dyke Road in Lutz, will offer a breast-feeding support group Sept. 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Garden Classroom B.

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

## PELVIC HEALTH

Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel will continue its Pelvic Health Series with "What's Going on Down There?" Sept. 12 at noon, at Inspiration Place, Wellness Plaza, third floor.

Topics will include urinary incontinence, bladder health, causes and treatment options.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, please call (844) 504-9378.

## ARTHRITIS AND JOINTS

Morton Plant North Bay Hospital, 6600 Madison St., in New Port Richey, will offer a seminar on "Arthritis and Total Joint Replacement" Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Joseph Borrelli, orthopedic surgeon, on treatment options, as well as guidelines for hip, knee and shoulder arthritis.

To preregister, call (727) 953-6877, or visit [BayCareEvents.org](http://BayCareEvents.org).

## TOBACCO CESSATION

Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel, 2600 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., will offer the Tobacco Free Florida program for quitting any form of tobacco Sept. 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Participants will receive a free workbook and materials.

There also will be free nicotine replacement patches, gum or lozenges, while supplies last, if medically appropriate for ages 18 and older.

Preregistration is required by calling (813) 929-1000.

For more information, please visit [TobaccoFreeFlorida.com/quityourway](http://TobaccoFreeFlorida.com/quityourway).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Medical Center of Trinity, 9330 State Road 54, will offer these community events:

- Lymphedema Support Group, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m.
- Huntington's Disease Support Group, Sept. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Compassionate Friends Support Group, Sept. 19 from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Chatterboxes, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m.
- Tools to Quit, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon
- Type 1 Diabetes Support Group, Sept. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome. For information, please call (727) 834-5630, or visit [MedicalCenterTrinity.com](http://MedicalCenterTrinity.com).

## CHEAPER EPIPEN EFFORTS

Congressman Gus Bilirakis has been working to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for several years. He has authored multiple provisions within H.R. 2430, which was signed into law last August.

One of the provisions created an expedited approval process for generic drugs when no competitor exists on the market. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced last week that it approved the first generic drug through this new process.

The second Bilirakis provision reformed the FDA Office of Combination Products, as a result of an exchange with FDA officials. This office manages the approval of complex drug-device combination products, such as auto-injectors and metered-dose inhalers.

The EpiPen is an example of a combination product.

The company that manufactures the EpiPen - Mylan Pharmaceuticals - raised the cost of the EpiPen by 400 percent, making it unaffordable for many families.

Traditionally, there has not been a generic version of the EpiPen available on the market.

However, with the reforms, the FDA has announced that it has approved the first generic version of the EpiPen, used to treat allergic reactions.



## HERNIA LECTURE

St. Joseph's Hospital-North, 4211 Van Dyke Road in Lutz, will offer a lecture on "Understanding Hernias" Sept. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Participants can learn about hernias, and the symptoms and treatment options.

Free, private consultations by a surgeon will follow the presentation.

Admission is free. Call (813) 443-2046 to register.

## FREE HEARING AID BATTERIES

The Sertoma Speech & Hearing Foundation of Florida will offer free hearing aid batteries Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon, at its New Port Richey office, at 6333 River Road.

The most common sizes of 10, 13, 312 and 675 will be available, while supplies last.

Through the Sertoma Hearing Aid Recycling Program, Sertoma clubs also collect hearing aids in any condition to provide recycled and refurbished hearing aids to clients who need them.

Hearing aid recycling containers can be found at participating local Publix grocery stores.

For information, all (727) 312-3881, or visit [FamilyHearingHelp.org](http://FamilyHearingHelp.org).

## KICK BALL FUNDRAISER

Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point will host its inaugural Kick Ball Fundraiser on Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Veterans Park Field No. 3, 14333 Hicks Road in Hudson.

The public is invited to form teams of 11 players per team. Organizations may set up teams of 11 players themselves, or come early to organize teams.

The hospital's employees also will participate.

The cost is \$10 per player.

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# A vision with a purpose

The Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

Keep Pasco Beautiful has been named the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Non-Profit for 2018.

The award honors Keep Pasco Beautiful's continuous efforts to engage the community in litter and waste reduction, while encouraging beautification.

"Our organization does amazing things in the community thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and partners who share our vision and passion," Kristen King, coordinator of Keep Pasco Beautiful, said in a news release.

"We appreciate the Chamber's recognition and support," King added.

Keep Pasco Beautiful coordinates and develops a variety of annual local-level beautification and cleanup events, often with ties to national efforts, including: Coastal Cleanup (led by The Ocean Conservancy), Great American Cleanup, Earth Day, and the Pasco Upcycle and Art Festival.

This year, Keep Pasco Beautiful is promoting the importance of trees while hosting a sapling giveaway in partnership with the Rotary Club of New Port Richey and the City of New Port Richey.

The organization also brightened the landscape at Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes, planting nine trees with the help of Sunlake



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Key Club volunteers and Covanta Pasco's sponsorship.

Keep Pasco Beautiful was founded in 1992 and continues its mission with a small, but dedicated, team.

For more information, visit [KeepPascoBeautiful.org](http://KeepPascoBeautiful.org).



# Closer Look

AN ADVERTISER PROFILE

## Health Care Safety Net for All

By William Jacko  
Special to The Laker / Lutz News

If you have a chronic condition like diabetes or hypertension and do not have health insurance, there are few affordable treatment options available. And without medical care, your medical condition will likely get worse.

This all-too-common scenario is why Premier Community Health Care has established 10 convenient locations in Pasco and Hernando counties to provide affordable health care close to home for local residents who are uninsured or underinsured.

Premier's Health Care services include family medicine for children and adults, dental care, behavioral health, women's health care (including obstetrics), care coordination, case management and community outreach.

"Our mission is to provide accessible and comprehensive health care services for everyone, but we concentrate on the medically underserved, whether they are insured or not," said Cheryl Pollock, chief development and communications officer for Premier. "For many patients, we are often the best and most affordable option."

About 85 percent of Premier patients are either uninsured or on Medicaid, said Pollock. Premier uses sliding-scale fees to calculate its fees, and no one is turned away.

To receive discounted fees, patients must complete an application to prove household size and provide proof of income. If they qualify for a discounted fee, the cost for medical services is significantly lower than comparable private-sector care.

Premier also offers dental services at its clinics in Dade City, New Port Richey, Brooksville, Spring Hill, and in Holiday at its new portable clinic at Gulfside Elementary School.

"With so few employers offering dental insurance, and so few people carrying it, Premier is filling a big gap in our health care system," said Pollock. "Sadly, tooth decay is the number one chronic illness facing children, and it is 99 percent preventable with routine oral hygiene and dental care."

Premier also offers patient care coordination, providing primary care physicians and coordinating patient care with specialists, home health agencies, nursing homes, hospitals and other health care professionals. Plus, its answering service offers 24-hour access to a health care provider.

"We work closely with local hospitals to reduce the number of unnecessary emergency room visits by transitioning patients with chronic illnesses to our primary care clinics," said Pollock. "Premier is better able to manage a patient's medical conditions, and help prevent new ones."

Preventative care is emphasized at Premier with free educational programs that range from oral health education to chronic disease and diabetes self-management. It hosts health fairs throughout the year, including Women's Health Day with free cervical cancer screenings in January, Children's Dental Day in February and Men's Health Day in June.

"Our goal is to get people to recognize that health care is essential, and to be proactive in addressing some of the challenges they face as part of normal day-to-day life," said Pollock.

Established in 1979, Premier is a community-based 501c3 nonprofit organization led by a patient-majority Board of Directors.

"This is a calling," Pollock said. "Each team member is here because they choose to work in community health. They go above and beyond to ensure that patients are getting all the resources that are available."

"Your health is our mission' is our tagline, and I personally live and breathe our mission. This is a calling for most of us at Premier, to be able to level the playing field between the haves and have nots to provide quality health care access for all."



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## Bexley borrow pit gains approval

The Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

The Pasco County Commission has approved a request for a borrow pit to provide fill dirt for use at Bexley by Newland Communities, a master-planned community, off State Road 54 in Land O' Lakes.

The development sought approval to operate the borrow to provide up to 1 million cubic yards of sand and dirt to be excavated and hauled over a period of four years.

The borrow pit will be reclaimed after the dirt hauling is completed.

The infill dirt will be used for internal uses at Bexley, but some of will need to be

trucked across Tower Road, which is used by the public.

The borrow pit site is south of Tower Road, west of Sunlake Boulevard, and about half-mile east of Ballantrae Boulevard.

The borrow pit's operating hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will not operate on Sundays or holidays.

The Pasco County Planning Commission recommended approval of the request, and the County Commission approved it on its consent agenda, meaning there was no discussion of the item, at its Aug. 21 meeting.

Approval also is required from the Southwest Florida Water Management District, also known as Swiftmud.



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# Chalk Talk

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### FREE HOMECOMING DRESSES AND ACCESSORIES

The Belle of the Ball Project will once again provide free homecoming dresses and accessories, to in-need high school girls, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at its boutique at 1210 Holt Ave., in Clearwater. Upcoming dates include Sept. 22, Oct. 6 and Oct. 20.

Dresses will be available for prom, homecoming and military balls.

No referral letter is necessary. No appointment is needed.

A small donation of \$1 to \$5 can be made, but is not required.

The project also will accept donations of dresses and accessories.

For information, call (877) 772-3553.

### EARLY LEARNING ENRICHMENT

Tinkergarten, an early learning enrichment program that focuses on nature and community, will host a free trial class Sept. 9 and Sept. 16 at 3:30 p.m., at the Meadow Pointe III Community Clubhouse, 1500 Meadow Pointe Blvd., in Wesley Chapel.

Tinkergarten's mission is to elevate childhood and bring families together in a natural place in the community for classes, where kids learn through play.

Each class will have expert-designed, outdoor play-based activities, and will include capabilities such as empathy, collaboration, creativity, persistence and problem-solving.

The classes are for ages 18 months to 8 years.

For information, email Charity Henesy-Brooks at [charityhenesybrooks@gmail.com](mailto:charityhenesybrooks@gmail.com).

### COLLEGE NIGHTS

Pasco-Hernando State College will host its annual College and Career Night on Sept. 11 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Dade City campus, 36727 Blanton Road; and on Sept. 12 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at

the New Port Richey campus, 10230 Ridge Road.

Representatives from PHSC, public and private colleges, universities, other educational institutions and the military will participate.

Prospective students can get information about admissions, financial aid and programs for post-secondary study.

Admission is free.

For information, visit [PHSC.edu](http://PHSC.edu).

### LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

Bexley Elementary's PTO (parent-teacher organization) is planning to host a Movie Night on Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m., for all students and their families, and is looking for a local business to help sponsor the event.

A donation of \$500 will cover the cost of the blow-up screen and projector.

The movie will be free, including popcorn, and will be in the school's cafeteria.

Families who would like to eat dinner, can buy pizza, a cookie and soda for \$3.

Bexley also is open to ideas on sponsorship benefits. Some of these ideas include:

the business/logo mentioned as a sponsor in all promotions leading up to movie night; a Thank You message with logo displayed on the screen prior to the movie; a table on-site with information about the business; and, the business could provide branded popcorn bags or could provide stickers to put on the bags.

For information, email Kathy Hrach at [pawpartnerships@gmail.com](mailto:pawpartnerships@gmail.com).

### SAT/ACT BOOT CAMP

More than 50 local students can now get help with free SAT/ACT prep.

Scholarships are available to students from low-income families.

Andrea Catsicas, of Mindworks Prep, is offering the scholarships for eligible students to attend one of her Tampa area boot camps.

Local students currently on free or reduced lunch can apply.

There will be a one-day boot camp at the University of South Florida Alumni Center on Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information and to apply, visit [MindworksPrep.com](http://MindworksPrep.com).



COURTESY OF THE PASCO COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR  
Staff members from the Wesley Chapel office of the Pasco County Tax Collector delivered backpacks, along with a check for teachers, to Chester Taylor Elementary School in Zephyrhills.

## Staff provides for students in need

The Pasco County Tax Collector's offices accepted donations from the public to purchase backpacks and school supplies for students in need.

A majority of the funds, \$20,395.65 in total, was used to purchase back-to-school supplies. A smaller portion was used to assist in buying classroom supplies for teachers.

Each school received 75 completely filled backpacks and a check for \$1,750 for the teachers to purchase supplies.

And, each school determined which students would benefit from the donated items.

Staff members from each office delivered

the backpacks and school supplies to the principals and teachers at Rodney Cox Elementary, Chester Taylor Elementary, Pine View Elementary, Richey Elementary and Hudson Elementary schools.

This is the second year the tax collector's offices have had its own charitable promotion for the sole purpose of assisting students who live and go to school near each office.

For information about the charitable programs, visit [PascoTaxes.com](http://PascoTaxes.com), or call Greg Giordano, assistant tax collector, at (727) 847-8179.



Pine View Elementary School, in Land O' Lakes, received backpacks and a check from staff members at the Land O' Lakes office of the Pasco County Tax Collector.



Pasco County Tax Collector's Dade City staff members delivered backpacks and a check to Rodney Cox Elementary School in Dade City.

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## REZONING, from page 1A

However, during the County Commission's public hearing on Aug. 21, an owner of a condo office building within the development objected to the proposed rezoning.

And, that objection prompted a reaction from Commissioner Mike Moore.

"He owns the building. That's not what he bought into. That's not what he purchased. Who am I to tell him that he's got to change his zoning for something he doesn't want. I'm not going to back this," Moore added.

Hernandez said the rezoning request is aimed at bringing uses on the property into conformance with PO2.

"Going PO2 allows them to do every single use in PO1 and then add some additional uses, including private schools, post office, government buildings, barbershop, beauty salons, flower shops, those type of things," she explained.

A number of current uses on the property already fall under the PO2 designation, she added.

"We think it's consistent with the character of the area, the existing area, and we're recommending approval of the zoning amendment," Hernandez said.

However, there is confusion over who has the authority to request the rezoning, and also about the site's current zoning.

The office park is condo-platted.

A real estate agent working on a parcel came in and told the county that the development needed to be PO2 because there are PO2 uses there, Hernandez said.

Stacie Mixon, speaking on behalf of the management company for the office development, said "this property, in essence, was originally a PO1, then it was changed to a PO2 years ago.

"If you looked at the property appraiser's website, all of these properties are zoned

PO2, according to the website.

"One of the builders went to build and they were told by building permitting that it's PO1," Mixon said.

"A lot of the owners purchased under the assumption that it's PO2," she said. "Tenants are in there that are supposed to be in PO2.

"Now, we're at a standstill," Mixon said.

County Attorney Jeffrey Steinsnyder said the issue wouldn't be before the County Commission if the current zoning wasn't PO1.

"The property appraiser is not the one who is in charge of zoning," Steinsnyder said. "This board is."

At one point, a portion of the office development was temporarily zoned PO2, with explicit provision that the zoning was temporary and was exclusively for Imagine Charter School, Hernandez said. That zoning was initially granted in 2008 and expired in 2012.

Imagine Charter School now has a permanent location on Sunlake Boulevard.

Commissioner Kathryn Starkey asked whether an individual office condo building owner could decide if they want PO1 or PO2.

"We don't want to shut down all of those businesses," Starkey said.

Mixon said owners in the office park voted on whether to seek a rezoning to a PO2 and the majority agreed, but she did not have specific information about the vote at the public hearing.

Steinsnyder recommended continuing the hearing until Sept. 17.

"Without looking at the condominium documents, I don't know who the legal authority to rezone this property really would be," Steinsnyder said.

By delaying the vote, county staff will have a chance to get additional information from the opponent to the rezoning and from the applicants, commissioners said in voting for the delay.

## CHURCH, from page 1A

Olsen describes the church as a contemporary church, with some traditional elements.

"We're a Good News church, not just good advice. The good news is that God loves you," Olsen said, and that's the central message of its ministry.

Building the 7,760-square-foot church required an army of volunteers, and, Olsen said, adding that by God's grace, they showed up.

The property was acquired in 2014, the plans were done in 2015, the site preparations were completed in 2016. The ground-breaking service was on July 1, 2017.

"In most churches, a traditional ground-breaking is some gold shovels, a couple of pictures and everyone walks away. That was not this project," Olsen said.

"We dug all of the footers on ground-breaking day. We had dozens of volunteers over the Fourth of July weekend. One of the church members had an excavator. Others brought shovels," he said.

It took about 50 volunteers about six weeks to complete the footers, rebar and concrete forms, the pastor said.

Over the course of the entire project, about 250 volunteers pitched in, doing everything they were allowed and able to do, the pastor said.

He estimated that the volunteers completed about 50 percent of the labor on the project, saving the church between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

"We didn't do mechanical, electrical, plumbing or even erection of the steel structure," Olsen said.

Besides a core group of church volunteers, other helpers came from far and wide.

Crews from Carpenters for Christ, based in Auburn, Alabama, showed up twice to help.

Other groups of volunteers came from Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

A group of pastors helped. Boy Scout Troop 177 helped. And, a volunteer crew chief came down from Connecticut to provide guidance to volunteers from early January through late March, Olsen said.

"So many people did so much," Olsen said.

"Just when we'd done all we thought we were able to do, somebody else would come, (and) somebody else was able to come - until it was finished.

### Grace Community Church grand opening

**WHEN:** Sept. 9, with services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., followed by a free barbecue lunch at noon. The Walk Student Ministries, for teenagers, will kick off its fall season with a pizza party from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 7107 Boyette Road, Wesley Chapel  
**INFO:** Visit ExploreGrace.com, or call (813) 994-9363.

"It was exciting. It was tiring. It was wonderful to see that God could do something beyond what we asked or imagined. What a joy to be part of something like that," Olsen said.

The church building features a foyer that can be used for small gatherings, a sanctuary that can accommodate 200, a preschool classroom, the pastor's office and other rooms.

Olsen's wife, Heather, oversees the preschool that began operations in August.

"When I think of Grace Community, I think of a community of people who come from diverse backgrounds, but are committed to building a better community by God's grace.

"We are not here trying to convince anybody that our church is more amazing than anybody else's in town," Olsen said.

"We've seen an amazing God do something amazing things, and we believe he can do that in their lives.

"There's a tendency, right now in churches, on sermons that are success-based and that are good advice.

"We are a Good News church. We declare the historical Christian faith, God's love. The gospel is central. Grace is what we are about.

"You can come here weary or broken and find help or find hope, find people who care," Olsen said.

As the church moves forward, it intends to look for ways to extend God's grace to others, through a variety of programs at the church and through outreach ministries.

And, while the church celebrates its grand opening, it also has plenty of space to accommodate future growth.

When that might happen isn't yet clear, Olsen said.

That's a matter of "God's timing," the pastor said.

## TOP VOTE-GETTERS IN KEY RACES

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**STATE**  
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**Attorney General:** Ashley Moody  
**Commissioner of Agriculture:** Baxter Troutman  
**State Representative District 37:** Ardian Zika

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**STATE**  
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**State Senator District 20:** Kathy Lewis

### LOCAL RACES, NO PARTY AFFILIATION

**Pasco County**  
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**Group 45:** Rebecca Hamilton

**County Judge**  
**Group 7:** Kent Compton

### PASCO SCHOOL BOARD

**District 1:** Allen Altman  
**District 3:** Cynthia Armstrong  
**District 5:** A run-off will be held between Megan Harding and Tara M. O'Connor in the November general election.

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**STATE RACES**  
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U.S. Congress, District 12: Chris Hunter

**STATE RACES**  
**Governor:** Andrew Gillum  
**Attorney General:** Sean Shaw  
**Commissioner of Agriculture:** Nicole 'Nikki' Fried  
**State Senator District 20:** Kathy Lewis

Complete results can be found at [PascoVotes.com](http://PascoVotes.com) and [VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org).

## PRIMARY, from page 1A

gaged than in previous cycles," the supervisor of elections added.

Hillsborough County experienced a slightly higher turnout, with 219,118 ballots cast, representing a 26.16 percent turnout of the county's 837,681 registered voters.

DeSantis and Graham garnered the most votes in the governor's race among Pasco voters, while DeSantis and Gillum were the top vote-getters in that race in Hillsborough County.

While many races on the ballot were true primary choices, with voters deciding which candidate should represent the Democrats and Republicans in the general

elections, the races for judges and school board members were nonpartisan, meaning winners could be named if a candidate secured more than 50 percent of the vote.

That happened in two of the three Pasco County School Board races on the ballot.

Allen Altman and Cynthia Armstrong were both re-elected to another term, which the winner of the seat vacated by retiring Steve Luikart will be decided in the general election, with a run-off between Megan Harding and Tara M. O'Connor.

The Pasco race for the Circuit Judge 6th Judicial Circuit, Group 4, also will require a run-off in November between Davis Ellis and Roxanne Fixsen. In that race, none of the three candidates secured more than 50 percent of the vote.

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## Keep an eye on these locals in college football

By Kevin Weiss  
kweiss@lakerlutznews.com

The college football season is just underway, and dozens of players from The Laker/Lutz News coverage area can be seen showcasing their skills on Saturdays in the fall. Well over 100 players from the area are a part of various programs at the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and Football Championship Series (FCS) levels, as well as Division II, Division III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Here's a few to keep an eye on as the season progresses:

**JAYLEN PICKETT:** Eastern Michigan University, senior linebacker

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Zephyrhills High School

After playing in just six games last season, the 6-foot, 224-pound senior backer hopes to return to his 2016 form when he registered 30 total tackles, two interceptions and three passes defended in 13 games — then a solid contributor to an Eastern Michigan squad that achieved the program's first winning season (7-6) since 1995. The former Zephyrhills star and FACA (Florida Athletic Coaches Association) District 10 Player of the Year is also making strides off the field. This past year he was one of about 230 student-athletes selected to attend the NCAA Career in Sports Forum in Indianapolis, which provides college athletes a broader scope of the career tracks available within the sports business, particularly college athletics.

**AMANI ORUWARIYE:** Penn State University, redshirt senior cornerback

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Gaither High School

The 6-foot-1, 203-pound Oruwariye looks to build off a breakout 2017 season where he garnered second-team All-Big Ten honors after tallying four interceptions and 12 passes defended, to go along with 28 tackles.

Mainly a rotation player before last year, Oruwariye has quietly had an impressive career at one of the nation's most revered programs, playing in over 35 games since his redshirt freshman season.

Meantime, the former Gaither standout is also drawing some NFL buzz. He was named No. 63 on NFL.com's Top 150 college football players to watch in 2018 — generally lauded for his size and length, and overall playmaking ability.

**DECALON BROOKS:** Florida State University, redshirt freshman linebacker

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Gaither High School

The son of NFL Hall of Fame linebacker and Tampa Bay Buccaneers/Florida State legend Derrick Brooks appears set on making a name for himself, too.

Reports from spring and fall camp describe the younger Brooks as finally healthy from a nagging knee injury he dealt with all last season — making flashy plays, and show-



COURTESY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS  
**EMU's Jaylen Pickett**



COURTESY OF PENN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS  
**Penn State's Amani Oruwariye**



COURTESY OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS  
**FSU's DeCalon Brooks**

ing off his speed and instincts in practices.

Despite his relative youth and being undersized — 5-foot-10, 210 pounds— DeCalon is in line for significant playing time at any of the Seminoles' outside linebacker/safety hybrid spots.

Production was never an issue for DeCalon when he starred at Gaither. He racked up 323 tackles, 38 tackles for loss and 16 sacks in three years on varsity.

**NATE CRAIG-MYERS:** Auburn University, junior wide receiver

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Pasco High School, Tampa Catholic High School

Projected as Auburn's starting "Big Slot" receiver, the Dade City native is poised for a breakout campaign after posting 16 receptions for 285 yards (nearly 18 yards per catch) and three touchdowns in 14 games as a sophomore last season.



COURTESY OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS  
**Auburn's Nate Craig-Myers**



COURTESY OF FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS  
**FAMU's Chris Faddoul**

Throughout the offseason and fall camp, Auburn coaches have raved about the big-bodied receiver's ability to make contested catches down the field and his efforts as a blocker.

The 6-foot-2, 214-pound Craig-Myers has shown some flashes of his potential as a former five-star prospect and arguably the most prized Bay Area recruit in the 2016 class.

In Auburn's Peach Bowl last year loss to UCF, for example, Craig-Myers hauled in three catches for 54 yards. He's notched big plays against tough SEC competition, as well.

Football talent runs in Craig-Myers' family. His younger half-brother, Jayvaughn Myers (Pasco High) is a teammate with him at Auburn. Meanwhile, two of his older brothers — Josh Johnson (Purdue University, Jacksonville University) and Trey Dudley-Giles (University of Massachusetts, Dodge City Law)— are Pasco High alums who played both college and professional football.

**CHRIS FADDOUL:** Florida A&M University, sophomore punter

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Wiregrass Ranch High School

Once a four-sport standout in high school, Chris Faddoul is sticking to just football in college — and he's done a bang-up job with it.

Faddoul stepped in as FAMU's starting punter as a freshman last season, where he quickly established himself as one of the more consistent in the Division I FCS ranks.

He averaged 39.4 yards per punt, pinning 16 of his 45 punts inside the 20-yard-line. Distance also proved a strength

### Other locals to follow on the gridiron:

**Jayvaughn Myers:** Auburn University, redshirt freshman defensive back

**High School:** Pasco High School

**The skinny:** Expected to vie for playing time in Auburn's secondary after a strong fall camp.

**Isaiah Bolden:** Florida State University, freshman defensive back

**High School:** Wesley Chapel High School

**The skinny:** One of the most highly-touted prospects to come out of Pasco County in years, Bolden could see the field as a true freshman in FSU head coach Willie Taggart's first season.

**Antwone Sims:** Samford University, freshman running back

**High School:** Zephyrhills High School

**The skinny:** Zephyrhills High's record-setting rusher seeks a fresh start at Samford after transferring from Navy and recovering from a torn ACL that ended his prep football career.

**Tyler Mirabella:** Stetson University, redshirt sophomore linebacker

**High School:** Steinbrenner High School

**The skinny:** Should be in store for a solid sophomore campaign after posting 38 tackles and a forced fumble and starting the final five games in 2017.

**Donovan Jennings:** University of South Florida, freshman offensive lineman

**High School:** Gaither High School

**The skinny:** The 6-foot-5, 310-pound behemoth has quickly worked his way onto USF's two-deep depth chart, as a backup left tackle.

**Shane McGough:** Florida International University, redshirt sophomore offensive lineman

**High School:** Gaither High School

**The skinny:** Younger brother of Seattle Seahawks quarterback (and Gaither High/FIU alum) Alex McGough enters the season as FIU's backup right guard; played in nine games with two starts in 2017.

of Faddoul's, recording eight punts of 50-plus yards, including a long of 55 yards.

Faddoul is expected to build off his first-year success, picking up All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) preseason honors.

He isn't the only Wesley Chapel native on the Rattlers roster, either. Ellrie Allen, who graduated from Wesley Chapel High School, is a sophomore safety on the Division I FCS club.

And for those wondering where Faddoul's athletic prowess comes from? Look no further than his father, who competed for the 1972 Lebanese Olympic Team in high jump and javelin.



### ADULT WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

Registration is open for the NewAPSL (Adult Premier Soccer League) Women's Soccer League. The fall season tentatively runs from Sept. 9 through Oct. 28. Games will be played at Benito Middle School on Sunday evenings between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Costs is \$45 per player or \$450 per team up to 14 players.

Team registration closes Sept. 5; individual player registration Sept. 12. Register at NewAPSL.com.

For information, call Colin Eke at (813) 610-2278.

### YOUTH TENNIS CLINICS

The Land O' Lakes Recreation Center, 3032 Collier Parkway in Land O' Lakes, will offer junior tennis clinics on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 11, for ages 8 through high school age.

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

Classes for middle/high school age students begin at 4:30 p.m.; classes for ages 8

to 11 years old at 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$38 for a four-week session.

For information, call (813) 468-1047.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC

The GO (Girls Only) Basketball League will host a skills clinic on Sept. 29 at Sunlake High School, 3023 Sunlake Blvd., in Land O' Lakes.

The clinic, run by Sunlake head coach Reesa Pledge and former Division I basketball player Christina Watlington, will aim to teach the fundamentals of ball handling, shooting, reading defenses and attacking the basket.

The clinic will be broken into two sessions: Girls ages 13 to 18 train from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; ages 9 to 12 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration is limited to 25 participants for each age group session.

Cost is \$40 per player. For information, visit GoBasketballNow.com/events.

### SPECIAL NEEDS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Registration is ongoing for Idlewild Baptist Church's (IBC) Champions Division Fall Softball League. The IBC Champions Division is open to players from the community, as well as church members. It comfortably accommodates wheelchairs and walkers. Games will be played Saturday mornings from Sept. 15 through Nov. 3. For information, contact Deana Troyer at (813) 264-8773 or dtroyer@idlewild.com.

### SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE TRYOUTS

North Tampa Bay Senior Softball will hold softball tryouts Sept. 7 and Sept. 14 in advance of its seventh season, which begins Sept. 21.

Tryouts both dates begin at 8:30 a.m., at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd.

The league is open to men over 60 years old and women over age 55. For safety, players must demonstrate a minimum level of playing ability - running, throwing, hitting, catching.

Games are played Friday mornings through mid-December. League fees are \$25.

For information, email NTBSS2016@aol.com, or call (813) 528-5664.

### TAMPA YMCA SETS THANKSGIVING DAY RACE

Registration is open for the Tampa YMCA's fourth annual Goody Goody Turkey Gobble 5K, 8K and 1 Mile Run/Walk, on Thanksgiving Day, which is Nov. 22, in downtown Tampa.

The race begins at 7 a.m., and starts and ends in front of Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Drive in Tampa.

As title sponsor, Goody Goody restaurant will provide free breakfast to all participants after the race.

For information, call (813) 229-9622, ext. 1294, or visit Facebook.com/TampaTurkeyGobble/.



COURTESY OF JENNIFER HUDSON

### Local commitment

Cypress Creek Middle-High senior infielder Payton Hudson has verbally committed to play softball at Pasco-Hernando State College. Hudson posted a .455 batting average last season and earned several postseason accolades, including Miracle Sports First Team All State (Class 5A) and All-Sunshine Athletic Conference East Second Team.

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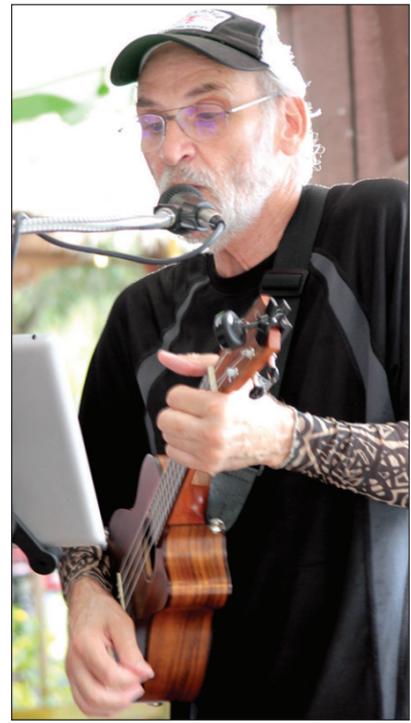
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Bob Register, left, of Wesley Chapel, along with Bruce Brand, center, (whose father, Ben, started up the business) read the music charts with Jeri Shafford, of Lutz, as they play another selection during a recent jam session.



Strumming his way through a Beatles song, Dennis Pashoukos, of Wesley Chapel, acts as the master of ceremonies at the Ukulele Club meetings, which are on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at Ukulele Brand's Restaurant in Land O' Lakes.

## They jam on ukuleles – making music and friends

The Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

**Y**ou don't have to be a skilled ukulele player, or a professional singer, to take part in the Ukulele Club that meets twice a month at Ukulele Brand's restaurant, at 4805 Land O' Lakes Blvd., in Land O' Lakes.

Just bring your ukulele, your music stand and a singing voice to join in the jams on the second and fourth Tuesday of

the month, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

First-time players are welcome to join the club, which is a mix of seasoned ukulele players and newbies. Those who know the ropes help those who are just learning the instrument.

A recent jam brought together players of all experience levels, coming from Lutz, Odessa, Land O' Lakes, Carrollwood, Hudson, Wesley Chapel and Dade City.

To find out more about the club, email Dennis Pashouk at [dpashouk@gmail.com](mailto:dpashouk@gmail.com).



Bob Grindey provides vocals, as his wife, Gayle Grindey, strums her ukulele at the jam. Kent Linder of Carrollwood, far left, plays along as members jam on the back porch of the restaurant.



Learning how to play a ukulele requires being able to control your fingers, as they move across the strings. Jeri Shafford, of Lutz, demonstrates her proficiency during a recent jam.



Jean Trawatha, of Lutz, has no trouble playing along, as she and other club members make their way through the play list.



Candy Otte, of Lutz, is a seasoned member of the club. She's been playing the ukulele for about 30 years.



It may look like a matchup of dueling ukuleles, but all 20 members of the Ukulele Club are in harmony, as they play a piece by Bob Dylan.

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# PET of the WEEK



## Lil Rhodi is smart and happy

Lil Rhodi was born Oct. 26, 2017. He is a 10-month-old Yorkie that weighs almost 4 pounds. Although Lil Rhodi is a little guy, he is very energetic. He loves chasing after his ball and returning it, so he can chase it again. He also loves going for walks, cuddling with his mom and loves everyone he meets. Lil Rhodi's proud owner is JoAnn Charette of Land O' Lakes.

### 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](mailto:mrathman@lakerlutznews.com), ATTN: Pet of the Week  
**PLEASE NOTE: OWNERS NAME AND ADDRESS MUST BE INCLUDED FOR YOUR PET TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PUBLICATION.**

## PET PAWS

### ADOPTION SPECIAL

Pasco County Animal Services, 19640 Dogpatch Lane in Land O' Lakes, will offer \$20 adoption fees for all available cats and kittens during the month of September.

Adoptions include spay/neuter, microchip and vaccinations.

Pasco County residents are required to purchase appropriate licensing for a new pet.

Available pets can be viewed at [Petango.com](http://Petango.com).

For information, call (813) 929-1212.

### PASCO PARK WALK

Pasco County Animal services and the county's parks, recreation and natural resources department team up for Pasco Park Walks.

The public is invited to bring their own dogs for a "pack walk." Or, visitors can come without a dog to just participate in the community walk. And, those who want to can adopt a dog on the spot.

The next walk is Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. Withlacoochee River Park, 12449 Withlacoochee Blvd., in Dade City.

Walks usually last 45 minutes to an hour.

Park Walk rules and guidelines include:

- Bring secure 6-foot leashes with collars. (Note: No retractable leashes are allowed).
- No prong or electrical collars.
- Respect everyone's space. No face-to-face contact among dogs.
- One handler per pet is required.
- Be sure to bring poop bags.
- Be sure to bring water.

### SHARE YOUR PET NEWS

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

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

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If you'd like to make a submission, send it to [news@lakerlutznews.com](mailto:news@lakerlutznews.com).

Readers can now find Pets of the Week and Local Wildlife photos on our website at [LakerLutznews.com](http://LakerLutznews.com), under the Pets/Wildlife link.

## Adopt A Friend FOR LIFE



## Come meet Creamsicle

Creamsicle arrived at Pasco County Animal Services after his owner passed away. He can be shy but, given a few minutes, he begins to warm up. Creamsicle has lived with other cats, but a slow introduction with any new family member is always recommended.



## Tonka loves toys

Tonka is a handsome boy that arrived at the shelter in April – almost 5 months ago. He is playful and is a quick learner. Tonka is heartworm positive, but the condition is treatable. Staff members can recommend treatment options.

**If you would like to adopt Creamsicle or Tonka, be sure to visit Pasco County Animal Services at 19640 Dogpatch Lane in Land O' Lakes. The adoption center is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6:30 p.m. All adoption fees include spay/neuter, microchip and vaccines. For more information, email [adoptionpartners@pascocountyfl.net](mailto:adoptionpartners@pascocountyfl.net).**

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# BUSINESS DIGEST

Send business news to [news@lakerlutznews.com](mailto:news@lakerlutznews.com)

## EAST PASCO NETWORKING GROUP

The next East Pasco Networking Group (EPNG) meeting is set for Sept. 11 at 7:30 a.m., at IHOP at 13100 U.S. 301 in Dade City.

Dr. Randall Stovall, provost dean emeritus and president of The Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, contact Nils Lenz at (813) 782-9491 or [nilslenz@gmail.com](mailto:nilslenz@gmail.com), or call Vicky Jones at (813) 431-1149.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The Center Pasco Chamber of Commerce will have its general membership meeting Sept. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Tampa Suncoast Parkway, 2155 Northpointe Parkway, off State Road 54, in Lutz.

Guest speaker will be Lourdes Bahr, of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The cost is \$20 for members only, if RSVP is by Thursday before the meeting.

Afterward, the cost is \$25 for members and non-members.

For information, call the chamber at (813) 909-2722, or email [office@CentralPascoChamber.com](mailto:office@CentralPascoChamber.com).

## HEART OF PASCO AWARD

Cornerstone Heating and Air, at 4946 Land O' Lakes Blvd., will receive the Heart of Pasco Award from the Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce at a presentation on Sept. 12 at 8:30 a.m.

The presentation will be made at the company's business, and all are welcome to attend.

The award is being given as a gesture of appreciation for what Cornerstone does to promote the community and businesses in Central Pasco.

## BRANDING AND CREDIBILITY SEMINAR

Pasco Hernando SCORE is presenting a free seminar on "Branding and Credibility through Digital Marketing" on Sept. 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Hugh Embry Branch Library, 14215 Fourth St., Dade City.

To register or to get more information, visit [PascoHernando.score.org](http://PascoHernando.score.org), and click on the local workshops tab, or call the SCORE office at (727) 842-4638.

## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The North Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly membership luncheon Sept. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1

# Awards to be presented this week

Awards will be presented on Sept. 6 during the Pasco Economic Development Council's 32nd Annual Awards and Trade Show at Saddlebrook Resort and Spa, 5700 Saddlebrook Way in Wesley Chapel.

Festivities begin with a reception at 5 p.m., followed by the award announcements from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A dinner and trade show, with about 50 exhibitors from Pasco County businesses, will be featured, too.

Six businesses, selected from the finalists, will be honored as award winners at the annual celebration.

All nominees were scored based on company growth, leadership in current business issues, and corporate citizenship.

According to a news release from the economic development council, the final-

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- Millian-Aire Enterprises Corp.
- Morton Plant North Bay Hospital
- Pharmaworks Inc.
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p.m., at Fox Hollow Golf Club, 10050 Robert Trent Jones Parkway in Trinity.

The cost is \$20, but please RSVP.

For information, call the chamber at (813) 994-8534, or email [office@northtampabaychamber.com](mailto:office@northtampabaychamber.com).

## NORTH TAMPA LUNCHEON

The North Tampa Chamber of Commerce will have its September Momentum Thursday on Sept. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Atria Lutz, at 414 E. Chapman Road in Lutz.

Guest speaker is Carole Sanek, owner of Butterfly Boom Productions. She is a ghost writer, social media content creator and podcaster.

For early bird registration, RSVP online with credit card at [NorthTampaChamber.com](http://NorthTampaChamber.com) or by email to [Contact@northtampachamber.com](mailto:Contact@northtampachamber.com) by 5 p.m., on the Wednesday before the meeting, at the discounted rate of \$15 (whether you eat or not).

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For information, call the chamber at (813) 563-0180.

## BUSINESS SEMINAR

SCORE will host a free seminar on "Game Changing Tactics of Small Businesses" on Sept. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Residence Inn Marriot, 2102 Northpointe Parkway, off State Road 54, in Lutz.

The seminar is designed to enhance and grow existing small businesses, and learn from experienced executives and entrepreneurs who have built successful companies. Seating is limited. Registration deadline is Sept. 7.

A continental breakfast will be provided. For more information, contact [PascoHernando.score.org](mailto:PascoHernando.score.org).

## COFFEE SOCIAL

The North Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce will have its Monthly Coffee Social on Sept. 18 at 8 a.m., at Buttermilk Provisions, 2653 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., in Wesley Chapel.

This is a "no agenda" event with time for social networking.

For more information, please call Grace Martin at (813) 994-8534, or visit [NorthTampaBayChamber.com](http://NorthTampaBayChamber.com).

## WOMEN-N-CHARGE

Women-n-Charge meets at 11:30 a.m., on the first Friday of each month, at Plantation

Palms Golf Club, 23253 Plantation Palms Blvd., Land O' Lakes.

The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for guests who RSVP by Monday prior to the meeting. After that, the cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests.

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## CHAMBER SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The North Tampa Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help the residents of Knight Homes, a part of the Sunrise Community Homes.

The chamber is sponsoring a day of community service to help residents by painting and doing basic landscaping.

The event will be on Sept. 15 at 9 a.m., at 7809 N. Glen Ave., in Tampa.

Cash, checks, gift cards, movie tickets and event tickets also are needed.

Drop-off sites for donations will be at Uncle Maddios, 3949 Van Dyke Road in Lutz; U.S. Renal, 3421 N. Lakeview Drive in Tampa; and Subway, 13032 Race Track Road in Tampa.

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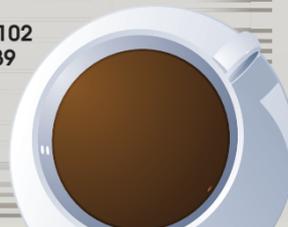
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