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Use precautions to prevent crimes

By Kevin Weiss kweiss@lakerlutznews.com

If you want to avoid becoming a victim of crime — you can never be too careful. At least that's how Bryan Roquemore, a

retired criminal justice professor, sees it. Roquemore now leads the Crime

Prevention Task Force of Florida, a community service organization developed by former law enforcement officers.

The group seeks to expand public awareness on criminal threats in today's society and to show effective measures to counter them.

The criminal justice expert was the featured guest speaker at the Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon at Plantation Palms in Land O' Lakes.

He started off by saying the No.1 crime in the Tampa Bay area is identity theft which involves someone using your personal or financial information to make purchases, get benefits, file taxes or commit fraud.

Anyone is susceptible to becoming a victim, Roquemore warned. Even him.

In fact, it happened to him eight years ago when fraudsters racked up charges of over \$120,000 and compromised his 401K.

There were also six warrants for his arrest, as his identity was being used in illicit

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CHRISTINE HOLTZMAN

Creating art, using everyday objects

A class at the Land O' Lakes Branch Library, 2818 Collier Parkway, recently had a chance to learn how to transform an ordinary wine glass or bottle into a work of art. Helen McDaniel, who taught the class, demonstrated how to paint designs on glass. The teacher, who is a snowbird from Ohio and a part-time Land O' Lakes resident, collects bottles in Ohio for the class, and her daughter, Diana, flattens them out - using the intense heat from a kiln. The library offers classes and activities appealing to people with all sorts of interests. Above, instructor Helen McDaniel, left, offers first time flattened glass bottle painter Yvonne DeFant, of Land O' Lakes, a few pointers on painting flower petals.







Pasco tax collector's office receives 'Heart of Pasco' award

By Brian Fernandes

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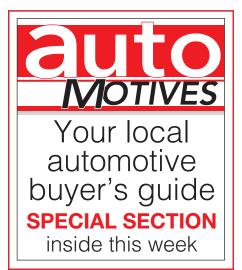
Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano and the Land O' Lakes Tax Collector's Office recently accepted the Heart of Pasco Award for the office's exemplary customer service and outstanding community outreach efforts.

Sandy Graves, the Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce's chairwoman for community affairs, bestowed the award to Fasano, during a Jan. 10 ceremony outside the tax collector's office in Land O' Lakes.

The "Heart of Pasco" award goes to a business that exemplifies the chamber's mission to "aggressively advocate for the interest of our diverse business community by promoting business advancement, economic growth and job creation."

Graves said the acknowledgement stems, in part, from that the tax collector's office expansion in Land O' Lakes, allowing it to better accommodate its patrons.

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Susan Breakiron-Lowe, of Lutz, paints a series of small flowers on her flattened piece of glass. She frequently takes part in classes at the library.

Genevieve Khan, of Pennsylvania, right, shows her completed artwork to her daughter, Anisa Khalil, of Land O' Lakes. Khan accompanied her daughter to several classes at the Land O' Lakes Branch Library and the Foundry Makerspace.

Pasco animal shelter gets creative with names

By Brian Fernandes

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Pet owners have various reasons for naming their animals and so does the Pasco County Animal Shelter when it takes in a dog or cat.

Coming up with creative names at the shelter is one way to ease a sad situation when strays come in lost.

"We like to have some fun with the whole naming process," explained Rachel Stever, education and outreach coordinator for Pasco County Animal Services. "We like to keep it light-hearted."

Some names come to mind spontaneously as in the case for Rock, Paper and Scissors

- a trio of kittens brought into the shelter. Others are inspired by simple things.

That's what happened with another litter of kittens that arrived at the shelter in a Tyson's lemon-pepper chicken box - resulting in the names Tyson, Lemon, Pepper and Chicken.

Celebrities also have had their influence: Kitty Purry — a playful twist on singer Katy Perry's name.

Making a first impression can also determine what an animal is called.

Stever recalled a stray dog taken in several months ago. Upon their meeting, he flattened out his body and legs across the floor - and from that day forward he was known as Pancake.

Sometimes two cats share the name of a famous person or band: George and Clooney;



BRIAN FERNANDES

One of the perks for Rachel Stever of Pasco County Animal Services is getting to come up with creative names for her furry friends. Here, Stever is holding up 9-month-old Clooney - named after actor George Clooney.

Fleetwood and Mac.

Sometimes seasonal holiday treats help to inspire that connection.

This past Thanksgiving, staff got creative, naming new strays Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Biscuits.

"You know it's really original," said Stever with a chuckle."You're not going to find two of them in the same shelter."

It is common for Stever and her colleagues to use character names they're fans of from pop-culture.

At the shelter are cats Lestrange, named after the Harry Potter character; the Sesame Street-inspired Snuffleupagus; plus the pair, Peter and Cottontail from the Easter bunny song

Many strays end up at the shelter without names or identification, but others do have IDs.

As of January, there are two animals named Diamond, which isn't too hard to sort out for the shelter.

However, every once in a while, there's a surge of animals with the same names brought into the shelter.

The most popular name documented by the shelter is Roxie, sometimes spelled Roxy or Roxi

We try not to duplicate [names] here in the shelter," explained Stever, in order to reduce possible confusion.

Each stray must be given an identification number.

That number can be used to pull up their information, whether the animal is at Pasco's shelter or winds up in another one.

Naming the animals at the shelter isn't required, Stever said. But, she added:"It feels a lot more humane and personable to do it."

Once adopted, the new owners tend to keep the pet's name, while others have one of their own in mind.

When Stever adopted her American Staffordshire from the shelter, she was content with the dog's given name - Olivia.







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Showstoppers took first place among older competitors in the group competition with their musical theater number, during a previous Spotlight on Talent.

Deadline approaching for Spotlight on Talent entries

By B.C. Manion

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Young performers who are looking for an audience can audition for a chance to show off their singing and dancing skills in this year's 36th annual "Spotlight on Talent."

Winners of this talent show don't walk away with giant cash prizes, but the regional competition does award \$4,000 in cash prizes and trophies in several age categories, according to a news release from the Heritage Arts Center Association, which puts on the competition.

There's also a \$1,000 scholarship, awarded to a Pasco County resident who is a graduating senior. The scholarship was added as a result of the community support of "Moonlight and Ivory" concerts and the "Spotlight" contest, the release said.

The scholarship goes to the Pasco senior who has the highest total scores from judges in the preliminary and final contests.

Contestants for Spotlight on Talent must make their way through auditions to have the opportunity to be selected as finalists to compete at two shows.

Several hundred contestants typically vie for a place on the program. They come from Pasco County, as well as Tampa, Brooksville, St. Petersburg and other communities.

Competitors include vocalists, dancers, instrumental musicians, piano players, baton twirlers, bands, gymnasts and other entertainers hoping to take home a prize.

There are several age categories. There also are categories for groups and for solos. A student may enter as a soloist and as a member of a group, the release says.

The deadline for entries is Jan. 24. This year's auditions will be on Feb.9.

The final competitions will be March 9 at Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel,



36th annual Spotlight on Talent

This youth talent competition gives young performers a chance to show off their talents and possibly win a trophy or cash award.

IMPORTANT DATES Registration deadline: Jan. 24 Auditions: Feb. 9 Competition: March 9

For more information, contact Barbara Friedman at (352) 567-1720, or email Spotlight@heritage.org.

30651 Wells Road in Wesley Chapel. The first act, which begins at noon, will feature the younger finalists. The second act, which begins at 7 p.m., will features the older competitors.

Admission is \$12 for adults for one show, or \$20 for both.

For students through high school, admission is \$6 for one show, or \$10 for both. Children under age 5 are admitted free.

The scholarship winner will be announced at the end of the final show, and will be separate, and in addition to the individual category winners.

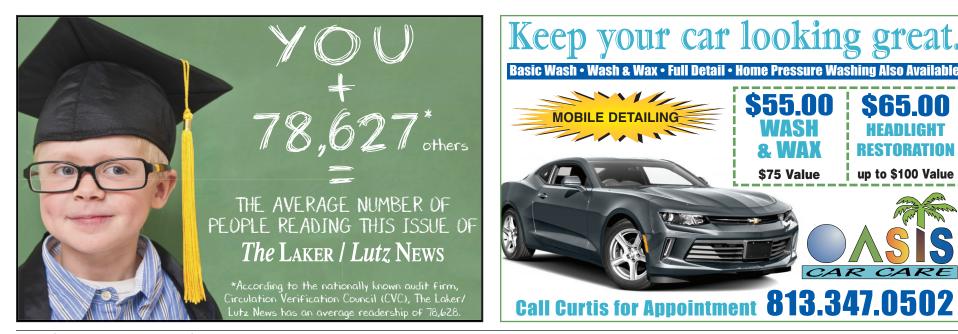
Competitors are judged primarily on talent, but also on stage presence and appropriate appearance. Professional judges determine the winners.

Applications and additional information are available online at HeritageArts.org.

The competition is also seeking additional community sponsors.

If you'd like more information about the competition or about how to become a sponsor, call Barbara Friedman at (352) 567-1720, or email spotlight@heritagearts.org.

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Cypress Creek Town Center wants more retail, residential

By B.C. Manion

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The Pasco County Planning Commission has recommended approval of a request that would allow an increase in commercial square footage and more multifamily units on 490 acres at the northwest and southwest quadrants of State Road 56 and Interstate 75.

Planning commissioners joined with Pasco County's planning staff in recommending approval of the request to modify the master-planned unit development. The Pasco County Commission has the final say.

Attorney Clarke Hobby represented the applicant during a Jan. 10 public hearing before the Planning Commission at the county's historic courthouse in Dade City.

Planning commissioner Peter Hanzel raised questions about the potential impacts the modified plan could have on Pasco County Schools.

But Chris Williams, a school district representative who sits on the board, said the school district can absorb the impacts.

The additional multifamily units would generate 27 elementary students, 12 middle school students and 16 high school students — which the district would be able to serve through Denham Oaks Elementary, which has existing capacity, and Cypress Middle and Cypress High schools, Williams said.

"We feel we have sufficient capacity to house these students in the middle and high school, as well, when the new (middle) school opens."The new middle school will open in 2020,Williams said.

The proposed modification would allow for an increase of retail/commercial square footage from 1,998,400 square feet to 2,399,500 square feet — an increase of 401,000 square feet. It also calls for a decrease in hotel rooms from 350 rooms to 135 rooms; and, an increase of multifamily units from 230 units to 600 units.

"The Sierras (who own the property) believe that they need some additional commercial," Hobby said. "That's the primary thing we're doing here, over the long haul."

The Sierras plan to continue ownership of these parcels in their family entities for many years, Hobby said. "They wanted to extend the buildout date."

"On the multifamily, the Sierras have one parcel that is located near the northern boundary of the north parcel that already has some approval for multifamily and fits within the 230 number of units they already have.

"There's only one more parcel up near the north boundary that they are thinking of adding multifamily on, but they have no plans immediately," the attorney added.

"They're trying to plan for the next 15, 20, 25 years. And, they do believe because of the mixed-use nature of the project, with all of the office and all of the retail that's going to build out there, that it's a good site, ultimately, for multifamily.

"We're trying to make a true mixed-use parcel," Hobby said.



The developers of Cypress Creek Town Center are seeking permission to add more commercial development and to increase the number of multifamily dwellings allowed within the development, at State Road 56 and Interstate 75.



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Ed Wright, left, and Chuck Riley, of the Ed Wright Duo, were the opening act at last year's Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival. Riley is set to liven the stage this year with his All-Stars band.

Zephyrhills gets ready for Pigz in Z'Hills

By Brian Fernandes

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The ninth annual Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival is set for Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Zephyrhills Community Venue, 5200 Airport Road, in Zephyrhills.

About 60 teams are expected to vie for bragging rights and prizes during the barbecue competition at the event.

The cooking showdown will determine who advances to the World Food Championship, with competitors testing their skills in preparing smoked chicken, pork, brisket and ribs.

In addition to enjoying barbecue foods, those attending can check out the offerings of various goods and craft vendors, and listen to blues performances throughout the day.

The musical lineup includes the Bird Tribe, the Ellie Lee Band, Chuck Riley's All-Stars and the Dave Shepard Band.

A business expo also will be featured, and there's a cornhole tournament with a chance to win a cash prize and a trophy.

Car enthusiasts are welcome to participate in the car show, or to simply check out the motorcycles and vehicles on display.

Visitors also can take a look at refurbished planes, and there's a free tour of the

Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival

WHERE: Zephyrhills Community Venue, 5200 Airport Road, Zephyrhills
WHEN: Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
COST: Free admission; \$10 for parking
DETAILS: Guests can enjoy smoked barbecued foods right off the grill, listen to blues bands, and check out a car show and aviation show.
INFO: Call (813) 782-1913, or visit

ZephyrhillsChamber.org.

Military History Museum.

Youths can have some fun, too, in the Kidz Zone, which will offer bounce houses and a climbing wall, and the chance to build birdhouses, or have their faces painted.

Proceeds benefit community organizations, such as the YMCA, and for scholarships for Zephyrhills High School students.

Admission is free and parking is \$10.

No coolers or pets are allowed, but guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

For more information or to register for the barbecue competition, call (813) 782-1913, or visit ZephyrhillsChamber.org.









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JOB FAIR

Earth Fare, the specialty organic and natural foods grocery store, will have a job fair Jan. 16 through Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., to hire new team members for its Wesley Chapel store. The fair will be at Hyatt Place Wesley Chapel, 26000 Sierra Center Blvd. Participants should be prepared to discuss their qualifications and provide schedule availability. Apply online before the event by visiting EarthFare.com/wesleychapel.

CHILI SUPPER

Community United Methodist Church, 32606 Michigan Ave., in San Antonio, will host a chili supper Jan. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.The cost is \$8 per person, for "all you can eat." For information, call (352) 588-0322.

GARDEN GATE CLUB

The Zephyrhills Garden Gate Garden Club will meet Jan. 17 at 10 a.m., at the Magnuson Hotel, 5734 Gall Blvd., in Zephyrhills.The topic will be "Making Gardening Easier With Shortcuts." Refreshments will be served. For information, call Vicky Keffer at (813) 782-8004.

SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

In celebration of Arbor Day, the UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension One Stop Shop, 15029 14th St., in Dade City, will give away free redbud seedlings, while supplies last, on Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, visit KeepPascoBeautiful.org.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pasco County Historical Society will meet Jan. 18 at 7 p.m., at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Road in Dade City, in the Mabel Jordan Barn. The guest speaker will be Jennifer Canady Bush, official historian of the Publix Corporation. For information, contact Madonna Jervis Wise at (813) 469-8627 or MadonnaJWise@gmail.com.

SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church, 5855 16th St., Zephyrhills, will host an open house of the re-established center for Zephyrhills' senior citizens on Jan. 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments, music and door prizes will be available. For information, call Carolyn Johnson at (352) 521-5151.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

New Port Richey's city staff and city council, the city's Environmental Committee, and the fourth-grade class of Genesis Elementary School will celebrate Arbor Day on Jan. 18 at 11 a.m., at Frances Avenue Park, 5580 Frances Ave. The event aims to recognize the importance of trees. There will be a talk about the reforestation project; a children's program; and, the city's Public Works department and children will plant new trees. Florida celebrates Arbor Day at different times of the year, usually to coincide with the optimal season for



Meet & Greet Pasco

The Live PD Meet & Greet Pasco will take place Jan. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Pasco Sheriff's Office Administration Building, 8700 Citizen Drive in New Port Richey.

This is a chance to meet the sheriffs, at 1 p.m., that are involved with and on the "Live PD" show on A&E: Deputies Carmack, Pini and Ramos, along with K-9s Shep and Yogi.

There will be food trucks, K-9 demonstrations, community resources, a question-and-answer session, sheriff's vehicles on display, kids' activities and more.

Food trucks will serve from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, visit the Pasco Sheriff's Office on Facebook.

photo op with Farmer Minor and his friends after the presentation. For information, call (813) 273-3652, or visit HCPLC.org. Groups must register in advance.

MARTIN LUTHER KING PARADE

There will be a Martin Luther King Celebration Jan. 19, which includes a parade at 10 a.m., on MLK Boulevard, Seventh Street and Meridian Avenue in Dade City. There also will be a scholarship banquet at 6 p.m., at The Lewis Abraham Boys & Girls Club, 38724 Mudcat Grant Blvd., in Lacoochee. Tickets are \$15 per person, or a table of 10 for \$100. For information, contact Cassie Coleman at pastorcassie.mtpleasant@yahoo.com or (352) 206-1555. The Boys & Girls Club also will host an MLK program Jan. 21 at 11 a.m.

RAID ON BROOKSVILLE

The 39th annual Raid on Brooksville reenactment will take place Jan. 19 and Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event is a re-creation of a Civil War battle that happened in Hernando County in July of 1864. Activities will include shopping on Sutler's Row, battalion drills, a ladies' tea, the raid battle reenactment, pony rides, and the Grand Review on Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. There also will be Civil War items for sale, kettle corn, old time root beer and authentic fry bread available for purchase.All animals must be on a leash. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6 to 12, \$3 for Scouts in uniform, and free for age 5 and younger. For information, call (352) 799-0129, or visit BrooksvilleRaidReenactment.com.

TREE BASICS

The Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library, 13619 N. 22nd St., in Tampa, will offer a seminar on tree planting basics Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. In celebration of Arbor Day, participants can learn how to plant and maintain trees that flourish in Florida's climate. For information, call (813) 273-3652. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at 5200 Airport Road in Zephyrhills. There will be a barbecue competition, live blues music, a Kidz Fun Zone, a business expo, a car show and a cornhole tournament. The Military History Museum also will be open. No coolers or pets. Guests can bring lawn chairs. Admission is free, but parking is \$10 to benefit local youth and education programs. For information, visit ZephyrhillsChamber.org/bbq-blues.

SUNCOAST ARTS FESTIVAL

The annual Suncoast Arts Festival at The Shops at Wiregrass will be Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Jan. 20 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.There will be more than 130 artisans, live entertainment, a kid's art garden, street painting and more.All proceeds will benefit "Arts for Kids," a grant fund created by the parent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Fine Arts of the Suncoast Inc., to supplement arts education funding in area public, private and charter schools in Pasco County. For information and a schedule of entertainment, visit SuncoastArtsFest.com.

MANATEE FESTIVAL

The 32nd annual Florida Manatee Festival will take place Jan. 19 and Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in downtown Crystal River. The event will feature free shuttles and entry to Three Sisters Springs to see manatees up close; boat tours of Kings Bay (first-come, first-served, fee charged); musical entertainment on three stages; more than 200 fine art, craft, commercial and nonprofit vendors; a Kids Zone with inflatables, face painting and costumed characters; a food court, including a Food Truck Alley; and two beer and wine gardens. There also will be shuttle buses from the Crystal River Mall Parking is free The cost is \$5 per person. Children age 12 and younger are free. For information, visit GoManateeFest.com.

books.The sale will run until all books are sold. For information, call (813) 929-1214.

RESUME WORKSHOP

The Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library, 13619 N. 22nd St., in Tampa, will offer a workshop on getting your resume and cover letter noticed on Jan. 23 at 10:30 a.m. Participants can learn about common resume and cover letter formats, as well as tactics that make a resume more noticeable. For information, call (813) 273-3652.

TAMPA ORCHID CLUB

The Tampa Orchid Club will meet Jan. 22 at 10 a.m., at the Northdale Recreation Center, 15550 Spring Pine Drive in Tampa.The guest speaker will be Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids on the topic of "New Color Form of Phalaenopsis Species." Doors open at 9:30 a.m.There also will be a bloom table, plants for sale, and a silent auction. For information, call Barbara Barkhurst at (813) 949-7467, or visit TampaOrchidClub.shutterfly.com.

LECTURE SERIES

Pasco-Hernando State College will host the 34th annual Martin Luther King Jr., Commemorative Lecture Series, featuring Derrick White, Ph.D., visiting professor, Dartmouth College.White will present, "Making a King:The Contested Legacies of a Civil Rights Icon."

• Jan. 23 at 10:15 a.m., at Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch, 2727 Mansfield Blvd., Wesley Chapel

Jan. 23 at 1:15 p.m., at West Campus, 10230 Ridge Road, New Port Richey
Jan. 24 at 9:45 a.m., at North Campus, 11415 Ponce de Leon Blvd., in Brooksville Admission is free. For information, visit PHSC.edu.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

The Creative Arts Theatre will present "Stone Soup" at the Keystone Recreation Center, 17928 Gunn Highway in Odessa, Jan. 24 at 10:30 a.m., for ages 4 and older. The classic folk tale is about the village of Cadence adapting to a new rhythm and way of thinking. For information, call (813) 273-3652, or visit HCPLC.org. Groups must register in advance.

PICCOLO PERFORMANCE

The Lutz Senior Center, 112 First Ave., N.W., will present a piccolo musical performance Jan.25 at 1 p.m. For information, call (813) 264-3804.

KINGDOM AMBASSADORS

Kingdom Ambassadors hit the streets every other Friday in Land O' Lakes, to help heal the sick, meet needs, and show people the Kingdom of Heaven in the name of Jesus. Men and women age 18 and older are welcome. The next meet-up will be Jan. 25 at 8:30 p.m. For information, call Nick Snapp at (727) 247-9811, or email kingdom4today@gmail.com.

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planting or caring for native trees.

PIG OUT ON READING

The Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave., in Carrollwood, will present "Pig Out on Reading" Jan. 19 at 3 p.m., for ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers. Farmer Minor, his pot-bellied pig, Daisy, and two pug dogs will talk about life on the farm, and read a story with Daisy. There will be a

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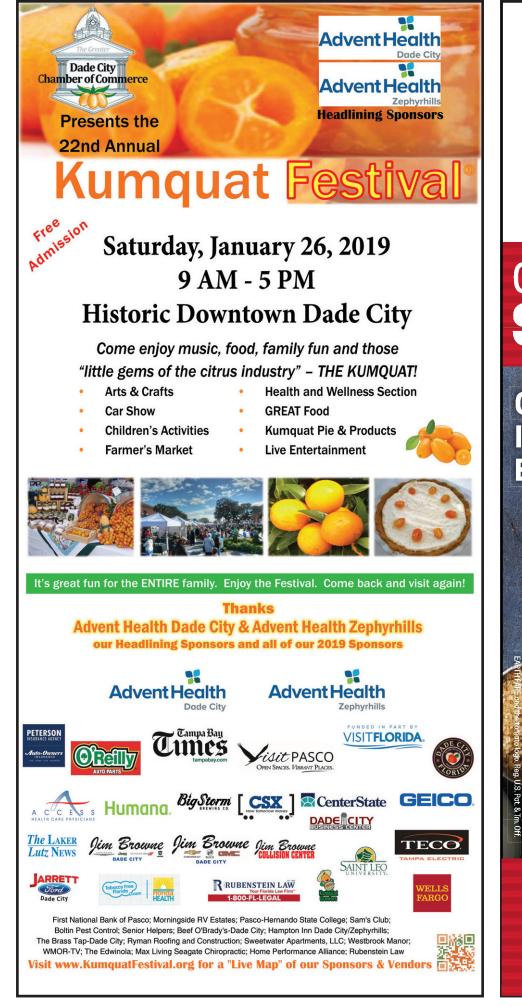
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SPORTS BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Land O' Lakes Library, 2818 Collier Parkway, will host a Sports Book Sale on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. There will be tabletop books of football, baseball and Sports Illustrated, as well as other smaller The Museum of Science & Industry, 4801 E. Fowler Ave., in Tampa, will present the winning short films from the Project Mars International Film and Art Competition. The grand-prize winner was "Rendezvous With Mars," by Mayukh Goswami, Subigya Basnet and Divya More, of New York. All the films will be shown now through Feb. 2, and are free with a MOSI admission. For information, visit MOSI.org.



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You Should Benefit From New Tax Laws



By Zain Nensey, CPA Owner of Nensey & Associates CPAs

Families and business owners should expect to benefit from the tax law changes, with these and even more deductions on the horizon. Here are answers to some common questions I'm hearing from local people and businesses.

Q. Will the partial government shutdown slow down my refund check?

 A_{\bullet} It should not. The IRS has announced that tax return filing and refunds will begin as planned on Jan. 28, and that the government shutdown will not delay the distribution of refund checks.

Q. What are some of the biggest tax law changes affecting families and small business owners?

A. The tax law changes offer great benefits to families and business owners, including a doubled Child Tax Credit, a new tax credit for non-child dependents, and a new deduction for small business owners. The standard deduction has doubled, although personal and dependent exemptions have ended. Finally, itemized deductions have seen some important changes.

Q. What about Child Tax Credits and credits for other dependents?

A. Prior to 2018, the Child Tax Credit was \$1,000. Some taxpayers who could not claim the full credit were able to claim some or all of this credit through the Additional Child Tax Credit. To qualify for the full credits in prior years, taxpayers filing as unmarried could not earn more than \$75,000, and \$110,000 for married couples filing jointly. The new tax law sees the Child Tax Credit increase to \$2,000 in 2018, and the Additional Child Tax Credit to \$1,400. The income limits for eligibility have also increased to \$400,000 for married couples filing jointly and \$200,000 for all other taxpayers.

Q. Is it true deductions for small businesses are going away?

A. No, but they have changed. Taxpayers with a qualifying small business will be able to claim a deduction for up to 20 percent of their net business profit on their personal tax return. This includes sole proprietors, owners of partnerships and S Corporations. Deductions begin to phase out for taxpayers filing separately at \$157,500, and at \$315,000 for married couples filing jointly.

Q. Can I still write off my property taxes?

A. Yes, although the maximum deduction for state and local income, property and sales taxes combined is now limited to \$10,000.

Q. What about other deductions?

A. Medical deductions are still allowed, as long as they exceed 7.5% of your income (down from 10% last year). Miscellaneous itemized deductions, such as car mileage or expenses, equipment and tools, and professional dues and education are no longer deductible.

If you need additional information, or wish to determine how these deductions apply to your personal tax situation, please give me a call to schedule an appointment.

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Become a mentor, make life better for a child

By Mary Rathman

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The oldest and largest youth-mentoring organization in the nation, Big Brothers Big Sisters Tampa Bay, has launched a recruiting campaign in Pasco County to find caring adult volunteer mentors who want to change the life of a child for the better.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) boasts great success with the youth in its programs.

According to a press release, the organization in 2018 served 3,014 children, in Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Citrus, Hernando and Sumter counties.

Of those children, known as "Littles," who were matched with their mentors, called "Bigs," for at least a year, 98 percent were promoted to the next grade level, and 98 percent had no involvement in the juvenile justice system.

The BBBS organization offers several programs to choose from in Pasco County, all which require only four hours to eight hours of volunteer work each month.

The community-based program enables the Big and Little to spend time together in the evening or on weekends to take part in an activity of their choosing.

The school-based program is for matches that would prefer to meet one hour each week at the child's school during the academic year.

"This is a great opportunity to have a positive impact on our community," said Deb Kristol-Irwin, director of partnerships for Pasco County.

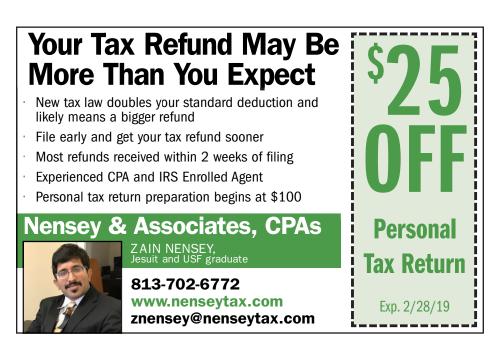
She added, "For just a few hours each month, you can change the life of a child, build a lifelong relationship, and have a great time while you're doing it."

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister can attend one of the orientation and training sessions, offered three times a month throughout Pasco County.

For a complete schedule, visit BBBSTampaBay.org and follow the Volunteer links. No reservations are required to attend.

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SPORTY FORD ESCAPE OFFERS A CAR-LIKE RIDE!

By NITISH S. RELE nrele@lakerlutznews.com

hat makes the Ford Escape stand out in a crowd? In our eyes, it's the varying power

trains that the compact crossover, now in its 19th year, has to offer. That's something you don't see in other brands that fall in the same segment.

Though Ford nixed the six-cylinder and hybrid versions sometime back, there are still three four-cylinder engines to choose in this hot-seller: 2.5 liter with 168 horsepower; 1.5-liter turbo with 179 hp; or the potent 2.0liter EcoBoost pumping out a respectable 240 hp. EcoBoost is essentially twin turbochargers and a smaller-displacement engine working in tandem with gasoline direct injection to produce a powerful but fuel-efficient engine. Getting power to the ground is a sprightly 6-speed automatic transmission. An independent front MacPherson strut and rear control blade suspension isolate occupants from road noise and imperfections to ensure a safe jaunt. Providing superb on-center feel to the driver is an electric power system.

Available in front-wheel or allwheel drive, the sleek and attractive Escape, with active grill shutters, is roomier than ever before. Ambient



lights welcome you as you step into the spacious cabin with its fine cloth or leather seats. Two instrument binnacles house round gauges for speedometer and tachometer with a centered trip computer, fuel and temperature readings. Standard are six-way driver and four-way manual front passenger seats, though with a top-level trim, you can get a 10-way power driver seat. Sync3, which accesses audio, telephone, navigation controls via a voice command, 4.2- or 8-inch touchscreen tap or button click, is simple to use.

Storage areas are a dime a dozen: overhead sunglass holder, generous front center console with armrest and a 60/40 second-row seat that folds flat. Even if you keep the seat upright, you get 34 cubic feet of cargo space to store bags for a weekend trip. Place the second seat down and that opens up 68 cubic feet, more than enough for several pieces of luggage, golf clubs, picnic basket, and much more. The base model comes with a single-zone a/c and tilt/telescopic steering column, both of which are manual; power windows/door locks, and, an AM/FM audio system with six speakers.

A standard driver knee airbag is welcome in the Escape, a feature not found consistently in its segment. Also

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TIRES: 235/50HR18 WHEELBASE: 105.9 inches LENGTH: 178.1 inches WIDTH: 72.4 inches HEIGHT: 66.3 inches TOW CAPACITY: 3,500 pounds WEIGHT: 3,592 pounds FUEL CAPACITY: 15.7 gallons WEB SITE: FordOfWesleyChapel.com

built in are dual front and side airbags, side curtain airbag, four-wheel antilock brakes, AdvanceTrac with electronic stability and traction control, rearview camera, tire

pressure monitoring system and daytime running lights.

Slotted below the Ford Edge and above the EcoSport, the eye-catching Escape (base-priced at \$24,105 for the S and peaking at \$32,620 for the top trim Titanium) displays superb agility and spirited character to result in a car-like drive. Plus, a thoughtout interior and decent gas mileage (EPA estimates are 20 mpg city and 30 mpg highway) will give its nearest contender a run for the money. Potential compact SUV buyers may want to give the Escape some serious consideration.

Test drive the Escape at Parks Ford of Wesley Chapel, 28739 State Road 54, Wesley Chapel. For more information, call the dealership at (813) 907-7800.



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OVERHAULED 2019 CHEVY SILVERADO IS THE PERFECT PICKUP!

By NITISH S. RELE

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he competition among pickups is fierce, like in the SUV segment, but the Chevrolet Silverado 1500 keeps on trudging ahead. For 2019, the

popular pickup has been totally revamped. Where do we begin? The list is endless. There's the wheelbase, which sees an uptick of 3.9 inches. So does the length increase by 1.6 inches. Available as a 5' 8" or 6'.6" box, there are now 12 fixed tie-downs that can withstand 500-pound weight, which is twice the capacity of the 2018 model.

Engine choices? There are several that you can pick to your liking; such as a 2.7-liter 4 turbo or the 3.0-liter 6 turbodiesel. Or, opt for the high-end LTZ crew cab version, our test drive, which comes with a 6.2-liter V-8 en-gine cranking out 420 horsepower @

5600 rpm. The potent engine enables the massive weighing 5,090 truck pounds to effectively and equally traverse rugged terrain, as well as tackle peak-hour traffic on city roads. The 10-speed auto gear box is smooth and efficient so you can save at the gas station. Also lending a further hand toward that effort is a Dynamic Fuel Management system, which essentially disengages half of the cylinders at a steady pace or at slower speeds. And, if you need to haul a sailboat or another

car for that matter, tow capacity is an astounding 12,200 pounds.

The 88-pound lighter, fully boxed steel frame of the Silverado touts the already robust appearance of the Silverado. A crystal-clear six-gauge instrument cluster, easy-to-use climate and entertainment controls,





and of course comfortable seats greet the driver and occupants. Hands-free navigation, phone and audio controls are within easy reach, thanks to an ample 8-inch color touchscreen. The huge interior offers plenty of storage space, including under-floor of the 60/40 rear seat. That doesn't count

the glovebox; no, make those two gloveboxes, stacked atop the other. Rear-seat passengers are in for a treat, of sorts; their legroom is up by 3 inches. The center console bin can consume a laptop, as well as other personal belongings. Other no-cost goodies are a tilt/telescopic steering wheel, dual auto a/c and a six-speaker audio system.

Fear not about your safety, since the Silverado comes with dual front and side airbags, four-wheel antilock brakes, stability and

traction control, trailer sway control, hill start assist, rearview camera, remote keyless entry, tire pressure monitoring system and daytime running lights, all at no extra cost to the buyer.

This splendid practical ride boasts a powerful performance, imposing

SILVERADO 1500 4WD (LTZ)

TIRES: P275/60R20 WHEELBASE: 147.4 inches LENGTH: 231.7 inches HEIGHT: 75.5 inches WIDTH: 81.2 inches SUSPENSION: independent coilover-shock front, solid axle rear **STEERING:** electric power FUEL CAPACITY: 24 gallons BASE PRICE: \$48,700 **PRICE AS TESTED:** \$57,280

tow and cargo capacity, and a cavernous cabin. As we mentioned at the outset, despite facing tough rivalry, the 2019 overhaul makes the Silverado a nearly impeccable pickup.

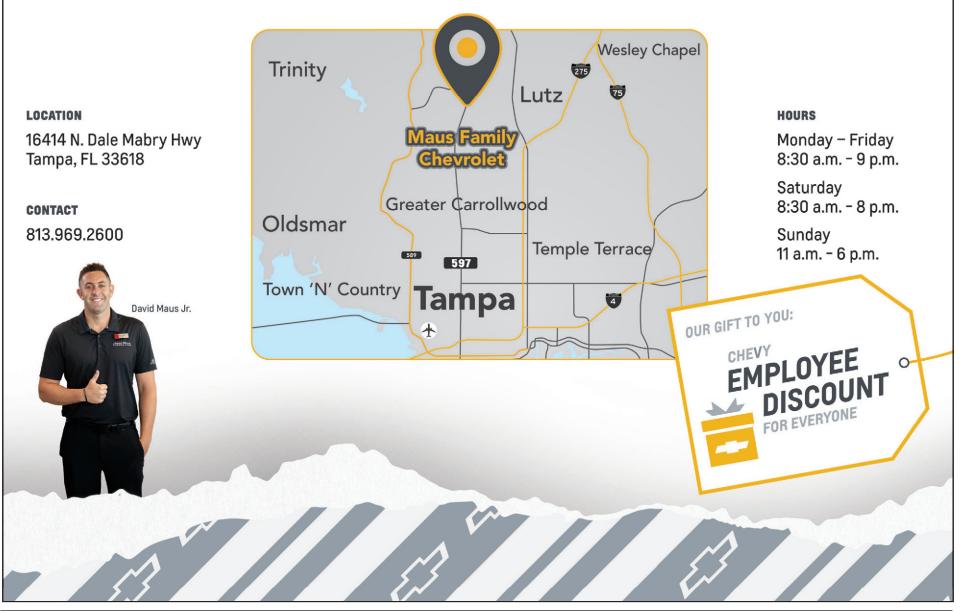
Test drive the Silverado at Maus Family Chevrolet, 16414 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, call (813) 448-3949 or visit MausFamilyChevrolet.com.





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hen it comes to car travel, families know that keeping baby safe and happy is essential, and understanding the latest expert recommendations is one of the best ways to help keep children as safe as possible.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently updated its recommendation on how long children should ride in rear-facing car seats. It removed the age guideline of 2 years old, and now advises parents that all infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car safety seat as long as possible until reaching the maximum rear-facing height or weight restrictions set by their car seat manufacturer, which for many children is well past the age of 2.

As children grow older and more curious, it can be trying at times to keep them rear-facing in their car seat. Here are some helpful tips to keep children happily rear-facing

and to make car rides fun and enjoyable for all:

• **SING-ALONG SONGS:** It can be difficult to calm a baby from the front seat when traveling without another adult in the car. But the next best thing to seeing a parent's face is hearing his or her voice. Sing lullabies or even your favorite song of the moment to soothe your baby.

• **CONTROL THE TEMPERA-TURE:** Your car's temperature can truly make or break an outing with your baby. Before strapping your little one into his or her car seat, turn on the air conditioning to cool the back seat or the heat to warm it up so that the car reaches a comfortable temperature sooner.

• **FIND THE RIGHT CAR SEAT:** There are several car seats available to keep children riding rear-facing longer. Some feature a built-in extension panel to provide extra legroom rear-facing. These extension panel typically accommodate children up



to 50 pounds, rear-facing.

• **PLAY A GAME:** Car games, like "I Spy," are easy to learn and perfect for keeping rear-facing toddlers entertained. All passengers can play this interactive game and take turns picking out the mystery item for others to guess.

A smooth car ride is precious to parents, and, with these tips, you'll be able to keep babies and toddlers safe and happy during every outing.

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CAR-SHOPPING TIPS FOR STUDENTS AND GRADS

ollege is a time when many young people buy their first cars. But with the rising cost of a degree, students and their families will want to ensure they are getting a good value on vehicle purchases.

Here are some great ways to get more bang for your buck:

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The last thing busy college students need is to sink time and money into regularly fixing a clunker. Rather than purchase a standard used car with an unknown history, consider a Certified Pre-Owned (CPO) vehicle. CPOs are often a safer bet, as they come with a warranty and have gone through a multipoint inspection to ensure quality. Some contracts even include 24/7 roadside assistance.

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You'll want to get around campus

or commute to your first job in style, so look out for special deals and programs offered to students that can help you find a fun, modern car with all the latest safety and technology features at an affordable price.

FACTOR IN OTHER COSTS

Remember, the cost of maintaining a car also includes auto insurance. Take this into consideration when determining what you can afford. You can stretch your budget with a bit of comparison shopping and by looking into discounts that suit your lifestyle.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE IS TOP PRIORITY FOR WILLIAMS AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

he Williams Automotive Group does much more than just sell and service vehicles from its Wesley Chapel and north Tampa dealerships.

It literally touches the lives of hundreds of people in Pasco and Hillsborough counties by providing meaningful careers for its associates, and by helping people in need through its volunteer and financial support of several local charities.

"It all begins with the commitment of our owners, John and David Williams, who have shown exceptional loyalty to their employees and community since they bought Wesley Chapel Toyota in 2008," said Therese Bottino, who heads up marketing for the business.

"Active community involvement is so important that it is the most important core value on our mission statement," she continues. "This commitment comes from the very top of our organization, and we live it every day."

Williams Automotive Group employs 460 people between its four dealerships — Wesley Chapel Toyota, Wesley Chapel Honda, Lexus of Wesley Chapel and Tampa Honda. Most of its associates live close to their work and are active members of the community.

"We are much, much more than just a car dealership," said Eric Johnson, director of community partnerships for Williams Automotive Group. "Our first commitment is to make a difference in our community by giving our associates an opportunity to get out and serve."

Johnson joined the company eight years ago in his outreach role, and was the first full-time community liaison in Pasco's vibrant automotive market along the State Road 54/56 corridor.

Johnson's primary responsibility is to identify area nonprofits deserving of help, and then develop programs to help by setting up volunteer events that make it easy for employees to become involved.

"We believe everyone has a desire to serve," said Johnson. "My job is to create the opportunity by coordinating what support is needed at the charity, so all our associates need to do is sign up and show up."

In 2018, Johnson set up volunteer programs with 10 different local charities, and had a recording-setting year for employee participation.

ting year for employee participation. "Last year, we had 175 team members volunteering their time to serve at 41 different events," said Johnson. "That works out to almost one event a week!" An example is the volunteer work employees do to support Everyday Blessings, a foster home in Thonotosassa whose primary mission is to keep sibling groups together. 'Our associates get to know these kids personally by taking them shopping, signing up for Bingo nights and helping at fundraising events," said Johnson. "Most of our volunteer events are three to five hours, and employees are given the flexibility to volunteer by adjusting their work schedule." Williams Automotive Group works with a variety of charities, so employees can choose to support those that interest them most. "We have groups that focus on children, others that work with veterans, and those that serve the homeless and hungry," said Johnson. "Managers and hourly workers work side-by-side, and it's a great way for our associates to get to know each other on a more personal level," add Bottino. "We also encourage associates to invite their favorite customers to volunteer alongside them." Ronald McDonald House was the first charity that the company worked with. It added Habitat for Humanity the following year, and continues to welcome new charities every year. In addition, the company has pledged \$500,000 to the Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, which supports cancer research, patient care and education initiatives. "We set aside for Moffitt a percentage of the sale for every vehicle sold, which our company matches 100 percent," said Bottino. "I don't know anyone who hasn't been touched by cancer, and we are blessed to have Moffitt in our community helping cancer victims and their families.' Williams Automotive Group believes that people who volunteer



their time to help others make for outstanding employees.

"We truly believe that people feel better about themselves when they give back and serve," said Johnson. "We encourage people to serve by making it easy for them to volunteer."

Every year the company recognizes its top employee volunteer with its prestigious Volunteer of the Year Trophy. The 2018 winner was Patrick Welsh, a detailer at Wesley Chapel Honda, who has worked at the dealership for less than two years.

"Seeing Patrick receive the volunteer trophy was exciting because it shows that even newer employees can jump on board to volunteer their time and make a difference," said Johnson.

Because Williams Automotive Group is family owned, it has the ability to make decisions quickly in all aspects of its business, including charitable giving, without the corporate layers often found at other dealerships.

"We see ourselves as your friends and neighbors, and show it every day by our very real commitment to the community," said Bottino. "Many customers tell us they buy from us because of our charity work, and that makes us very proud."

IN 2018, CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY WILLIAMS AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INCLUDED:

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CANDIDATES VYING TO FILL DISTRICT 38 VACANCY

Democrat Kathy Lynn Lewis and Republican Randy Maggard have pre-filed to seek the seat expected to be vacated by Danny Burgess, who was selected by Gov. Ron DeSantis to serve as executive director of the state Department of Veterans Affairs. Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley said no official word had been received regarding Burgess vacating the seat, as of the print deadline for The Laker/Lutz News. Once Burgess resigns, Gov. Ron DeSantis will issue an order for a special election.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Lance Smith has filed to run for the District 1 seat on the Zephyrhills City Council, and Kenneth M. Burgess Jr., has filed to run for the District 4 seat of the Zephyrhills City Council, according to Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley's website. No candidates have filed so far for the City of San Antonio's two open commission seats or the two open Town of St. Leo commission seats. There is no election scheduled in 2019 in the City of Dade City.

EAST PASCO DEMOCRATS

The East Pasco Democratic Club will meet on Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m., at Omari's Grill at Scotland Yard Golf Club, 9424 U.S. 301., in Dade City. Dining and a-la-carte is available from 5 p.m. For more information call (813) 383-8315, or visit EastPascoDems.com.

TRINITY DEMOCRATS

Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian E. Corley will speak at the Trinity Democratic Club's monthly meeting on Jan. 23, at the Fox Hollow Golf Club, 10050 Robert Trent Jones Parkway in Trinity. Doors open at 5 p.m., for dinner and happy hour (self-pay), with food and beverages available for purchase throughout the meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Political Agenda is a column that runs only during election years.

It gives candidates a place to announce they are seeking political office. It lets voters know of upcoming Meet the Candidate nights or political forums.

It is a place where political clubs can announce upcoming meetings, and it will include news that is pertinent to voters for upcoming elections. It will not include political fundraising events.

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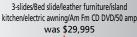


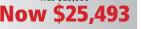
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Pasco-Hernando State College will offer two human trafficking awareness events, open to students, faculty, staff and the community.

• Jan. 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch, 2727 Mansfield Blvd., in Wesley Chapel: "Identifying Recruitment Tactics." Participants can view the docufilm, "Trapped in The Trade," followed by a panel discussion with community leaders. No registration is required. For information, call (813) 527-6629.

• Jan. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon, at East Campus, 36727 Blanton Road in Dade City: "The Realities of Human Trafficking" discussion. Sunrise of Pasco County also will be available with resources regarding recovery. For information, visit PHSC.edu.

WELLNESS FOR FAMILIES

The Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library, 13619 N. 22nd St., in Tampa, will present a "Wellness for Families" lecture on Jan. 17 at 4 p.m.

Participants can learn how to improve your family's health and develop healthier personal habits overall.

For information, call (813) 273-3652.

The Laker/Lutz News likes to keep our readers informed about available classes, seminars, lectures and events regarding health and wellness issues. Hospitals, doctors, individual practitioners and anyone related to the health care industry can submit information, at least two weeks in advance, to be considered for publication. Photos of events, recognitions and so on, also are welcome. Submissions should include who, what, where, when, cost, contact information, identifications for individuals in a photo (unless it is a large group), and a photo credit. This information should be emailed to news@lakerlutznews.com.

WOMEN'S HEALTH EVENT

Premier Community HealthCare will host a Women's Health Screening & Education Day on Jan. 17 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., for ages 21 to 65, at various locations.

Participants (uninsured) can receive a free clinical breast exam, pelvic exam, pap test, blood pressure test and body mass index (BMI) test. There also will be health information available and giveaways.

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins can attend. Most insurance plans will be accepted.

Local locations include:

• Dade City Family Health Center, 14027 Fifth St.

• New Port Richey Family Health Center, 2114 Seven Springs Blvd., Trinity

• Women's Health Center, 38030 Daughtery Road, Zephyrhills

• Zephyrhills Family Health Center, 37920 Medical Arts Court, Zephyrhills

To schedule an appointment, call (352) 518-2000.

For information, visit PremierHC.org.

PROSTATE PAIN

AdventHealth Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd., will offer "Relief for Pain: Understanding Prostate Urolift," Jan. 18 at noon.

Dr. Bertram Lewis, board certified in urology, will explain how the minimally invasive surgery is performed and the impact it can have in a man's life.

Admission is free.

information, For visit AdventHealth.com/hospital/adventhealthzephyrhills/events.

NEWBORN CARE

St. Joseph's Hospital-North, 4211 Van Dyke Road in Lutz, will offer a newborn care class on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon, in Garden Classroom A.

This is an interactive class that covers feeding, diapering, bathing safety, signs of illness, and newborn characteristics.

The cost is \$25, which covers the expectant mother and a support person. To register, call (813) 443-2046.

HAND ARTHRITIS

AdventHealth Wesley Chapel will offer a seminar on hand arthritis Jan. 22 at noon, in the fourth-floor classroom.

Dr. Francisco Schwartz-Fernandes will discuss potential causes, symptoms and treatment options.

There also will be an open-floor discussion, and a light lunch will be provided.

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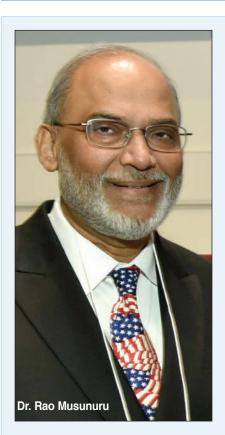
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DOCTOR RECEIVES PHILOSOPHICAL HONOR

The American Philosophical Society has honored Dr. Rao Musunuru with the 2018 Judson Daland Prize, which included a prize honorarium of \$50,000 for 'achievement in patient oriented clinical research.' Musunuru was recognized for discovering and characterizing novel genes involved in coronary artery disease, and also for pioneering the use of genome-editing tools to study these genes in human stem cells and to develop one-shot vaccinations against cardiovascular disease. The American Philosophical Society was founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin for the purpose of 'promoting useful knowledge.'

BIRTH CENTER TOUR

St. Joseph's Hospital-North, 4211 Van Dyke Road in Lutz, will offer Birth Center tours Jan. 20 and Jan. 27 at 1 p.m., in the Labor & Delivery Unit.

The tours are designed to introduce the services available to the entire family, and answer questions.

Admission is free. To register, call (813) 443-2046.

JOINT REPLACEMENT

St. Joseph's Hospital-North, 4211 Van Dyke Road in Lutz, will present lectures on total joint replacement Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 at 11 a.m., in the Nursing Administration classroom.

Participants can learn to prepare for surgery and the recovery process.

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

Admission is free. To register, call (813) 443-2046.

DIVERTICULITIS SEMINAR

The Medical Center of Trinity, 9330 State Road 54, will present "Diverticulitis: Has the Management Changed?" Jan. 23 at noon.

Dr. Jared Frattini will give a review of the causes and the medical/surgical treatment of diverticulitis.

Reservations are required.A light meal will be provided.

To RSVP or for information, call (727) 834-5630, or email MedicalCenterTrinity@hcahealthcare.com.

ACHING KNEES

AdventHealth Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd., will present "My Aching Knee" Jan. 23 at noon, in the Cypress Room.

Dr. Randolph Knight, orthopedic surgeon, will share information on the Mako robotic-arm assisted surgery for painful, degenerative joint disease. Topics will include the surgical approach for full or partial knee replacement.

For information, visit AdventHealth.com/hospital/adventhealthzephyrhills/events.

OPEN HOUSE & INFO SESSION

Keystone Place at Terra Bella, 2200 Livingston Road in Land O' Lakes, will host an Open House & Information Session on Jan. 23 and Jan. 27, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants can learn what assisted living is; how "memory care" assisted living differs from "traditional" assisted living; the key benefits of assisted living; and, the little-known ways to afford assisted living and memory care, including a Veterans Affairs pension that veterans and surviving spouses may be eligible for.

Refreshments will be served. Reservations are required by calling (813) 388-2121, or online at KeystonePlaceAtTerraBella.com/RSVP.

MIGRAINE CLASS

AdventHealth Zephyrhills Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road, will offer a class on migraine triggers Jan. 24 at 1 p.m., in the Education Room.

Dr. Christopher Schriver, Frank Clinic chiropractor, will share the common causes of migraines and how to avoid triggers.

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Wednesday, February 6, 2019 / 9:30am - 11:30am CareerSource Pasco Hernando Dade City 15000 Citrus Country Drive, Dade City

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 / 10:00am – 12:00pm Morton Plant North Bay Hospital 6600 Madison Street, New Port Richey

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 / 2:00pm – 4:00pm AdventHealth Connerton 9441 Health Center Drive, Land O Lakes

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 / 5:30pm – 7:30pm AdventHealth Wesley Chapel 2600 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Wesley Chapel

Friday, February 15, 2019 / 2:00pm – 4:00pm AdventHealth Zephyrhills – Creation Health Wellness 38233 Daughtery Road, Zephyrhills

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 / 10:00am – 12:00pm Good Samaritan Clinic 5334 Aspen Street, New Port Richey

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SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITIONS **OF 2018**

• Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative presented a check to Pasco County Schools for \$216,266.57, which represents the remaining monies allocated to each member after operating expenses are paid, based on the amount of energy consumed during the year.

• Pasco Clerk & Comptroller Paula S. O' Neil sponsored the fifth annual Constitutional Essay Contest for fifthgraders. First place was awarded to Carly Bowling from Woodland Elementary School, and second place was given to Priscilla Savill from Lake Myrtle Elementary.

• The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program recognizes and honors distinguished graduating high school seniors. Pasco County Schools selected Estefania Acosta, of Land O' Lakes High School, for the general scholar award category; and Jaelyn Kirkland, of Wiregrass Ranch High School, for the career and technical education category.

• The Outstanding Senior 2019 was awarded to Jillian Gordy, of Sunlake High School, based on her representation of the school through her leadership, service and citizenship.

· Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley recruited the assistance of the teacher and students in Wesley Chapel High's Television Production class to create a public service announcement video encouraging people to vote.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOICE

The Pasco Pathways application window for elementary schools is open through Jan. 18.

This will be the only opportunity for 2019-2020 elementary school students to apply.

Parents must have or set up a myStudent account, which will be used to complete school choice applications.

Families may enter up to three choices per child, and must be willing to accept any one of the options chosen. The system will offer enrollment only once per child.

To view the Pasco Pathways catalog of programs, visit Pasco.k13.fl.us/school_choice_catalog/catalog.

KINDERGARTEN COUNTDOWN

During the month of January, schools across Hillsborough County will be hosting "Kindergarten Countdown."

If your child will be entering kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year, you will want to attend a Countdown event. These events will offer students and families a firsthand look at kindergarten life, and offer an opportunity to get acquainted with the school's campus and teachers.

Parents who are able to bring documentation to the event will be able to register at that time.

For a list of items needed for registration and a Countdown schedule, visit SDHC.k12.fl.us.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

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The recipient's application, personal statement and two references must be submitted by email to GFWCflscholarshipprogram@gmail.com.

The application and recommended forms are available online at GFWCFlorida.org, under Member Resources, Grants, Scholarships and Awards.

The deadline for applications is March 1. For more information about the pro-

gram, contact Candi Aubin at (850) 508-3107 or aubin5@aol.com.

ESSAY CONTEST

Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano's offices are accepting entries for an essay contest, for Pasco County's high school students in grades 9 to 12.

Students of Pasco County's public/charter, private, parochial, non-public and home-schools can enter.

In 500 words or less, students should an-Be sure the school has your mobile swer the question, "Should property taxes The Laker/Lutz News likes to keep our readers informed about news from our local schools, including upcoming events, photos of events, recognitions and so on. Submissions need to include who, what, where, when, contact information, identifications for individuals in a photo (unless it is a large group), and a photo credit. Please send your information two weeks prior to desired publication date, and email it to news@lakerlutznews.com. If you would like The Laker/Lutz News to consider coverage of an event, send a request to the same email.

be raised or lowered? What would be the impact of whichever decision you make?"

Entries will be judged by a panel of directors from the tax collector's office, and will be reviewed on how well the student communicates the response to the question, as well as overall essay structure, appearance and readability.

All entries must include the student's name, school, grade and contact information.

Students should submit essays to their principal, who will then forward it to the tax collector's office.

Those in private, parochial, non-public or home-schools can send essays directly to Greg Giordano, assistant tax collector, Pasco County Tax Collector's Office, P.O. Box 276, Dade City, FL 33526.

Entries also will be accepted by email to ggiordano@pascotaxes.com.

The deadline to enter is 5 p.m., Feb. 28. The winner will be notified by telephone no later than March 22.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Diverticulitis: Has the Management Changed?

A review of the causes and the medical/surgical treatment of diverticulitis in 2019. Yes, you can eat popcorn again! **Jared Frattini, MD Colon Rectal Surgery** Wednesday, January 23 |12:00 Noon **Medical Center of Trinity**



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activities.

All that occurred within a single month. "When somebody steals your identity, they're being you in another part of the country. That changes everything,"

Roquemore said. Turns out, Roquemore's per-

sonal information was stolen from old mail in his garbage can otherwise known as dumpster diving.

Dumpster divers often rummage through trash searching for pre-approved credit card offers and used prescription pill bottles, from which they can steal large amounts of personal information.

"Your garbage is one of the

most important things that (people) never keep safe," he said.

Roquemore noted many people tend to rip up forms with their personal information and toss them in the garbage.

But, that's not enough.

Instead, anything with your personal information should to be shredded first, he advised.

"You need to destroy that return to sender envelope with everything pre-approved. It has all your credit card information on it," Roquemore warned.

To keep tabs on any possible instances of identity theft, Roquemore urged people, especially seniors, to sign up for credit monitoring and annual crime reports.

Identity theft is just the tip of the crime iceberg, however.

Roquemore also informed the crowd that there are more than 47 active scams occurring locally.

The biggest scam is what's known as the 'grandkid scam."

This scheme involves an imposter calling pretending to be your grandchild and claiming to need money for something urgent, such as money for bail or medical bills.

To make the scam seem legitimate, callers often gather information about people off the Internet and social media sites so they can know nicknames and other details about their potential victims, Roquemore said.

His key piece of advice? Ignore any incoming phone calls, emails or texts that appear strange or out of the ordinary.

"If it comes into you, just hang it up," he advised.

THE IRS ISN'T CALLING

Another prominent scam is known as the "IRS imposter scam," he said.

That's when someone calls saying they're from the IRS and claims you owe "back taxes" or payments to the government. The caller then threatens to sue, arrest, deport, or revoke your license, in lieu of immediate payment.

It's important to know that when the IRS initially contacts you, they do it by mail, not telephone. The actual IRS also will not ask for a credit card over the telephone.

Roquemore noted that young adults are most at risk for being victimized by the IRS scam.

> "Eighteen-to-25-year-olds have not had a history of dealing with the IRS, so that's who gets attacked most," he said.

Besides identity theft and various scams, the speaker mentioned auto theft is one of the region's top crimes.

He also said that it's more common during this time of year because of the influx of snowbirds and out-of-state visitors.

He talked about a group called "sliders," who pull up alongside a car getting fuel at a convenience store gas station and steal whatever they can.

Sometimes it's a purse or an electronic device.

Sometimes it's the entire car.

"They do it in 3 (seconds) to 4 seconds," the speaker said.

To avoid sliders, Roquemore said when you exit your car, you should lock the doors and then be sure to have key fob panic alarm handy.

"Your key fob is a weapon. Instead of somebody rolling up on you, you scare them (with the alarm)," he said.

Roquemore also offered up other personal safety and self-defense tips during the presentation.

Women, he said, should have all their belongings ready by the time they step out of the car. They also should carry their purse or bag in their hand — and not around their neck (to avoid being dragged) - to reduce the risk of a purse snatching.

Men, he said, should carry two wallets. They should keep one in their front pocket and the other in their back pocket, in case a robber approaches demanding money.

It's also a good idea for everyone to carry police-strength pepper spray at all times, he said.

In a situation where pepper spray must be used, Roquemore said it's best to aim for the stomach area, as its strong enough to pass through three layers of clothing.

Said Roquemore: "If you want to use weaponry that's not lethal, pepper spray is most effective." Every single police officer has what? Pepper spray. It works. One shot incapacitates a person....

'Once it hits a person's skin, they're going to want to scream."

He also offered this piece of advice:"If you carry a gun, keep carrying a gun."

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In accepting the award, Fasano said, "as Land O' Lakes grows and Lutz grows, so did our office."

Fasano, who became the county's tax collector in 2013, said he wanted to improve the agency and to expand its locations to better serve its customers.

"In some ways, we were behind the times at the tax collector's office," said Fasano, recalling when he joined the office. "We needed to be at the same level [and] direction that Pasco was going."

As a former member of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, he understood the importance of serving the needs of his constituents.

As tax collector, he identified that more space was required to serve an expanding population.

"The growth has been overwhelming, but it's been good, solid growth for our economy and the tax base," Fasano said.

To help address expanding needs, the tax collector's office relocated its Land O' Lakes office to a building next door, in October 2017. The building, previously occupied by the county's health department, underwent a renovation supported by \$1.4 million in county funds.

The Land O' Lakes office has Saturday hours.too

Graves also complimented the friendly nature of the tax collector's staff.

"They all act as if they want to be there," agreed Suzanne Beauchaine, executive director of the chamber. "They're happy serving the community."

Graves and Beauchaine said they have personally witnessed humble attributes of a leader in Fasano.

"The fact that Mike Fasano is the tax collector and you walk in there - he's right there to say hello to you," said Beauchaine. "He's hands-on."

In addition to attracting Fasano's staff and

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She said that Olivia always had a happy smile, which contributed to her having a sense of humanity. So, she thought it only fitting that the dog have a human name.

Her parents stuck with a less traditional name when they adopted Pebbles from a kitten litter all named after characters from the Flintstones.

Potential adopters also help influence what names the animals are given.

As an advertising strategy, staff usually pick names that don't sound intimidating to appeal more to adopters.

Stever said that sometimes names don't

Since becoming the Pasco County tax

collector in 2013, Mike Fasano and his staff have sought community support through the office for dozens of charities. Their work has supported such groups and organizations as Toys 4 Tots, Take Stock in Children, Pasco Kids First, the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation, Stop Heart Disease, the Moffitt Cancer Center, Support Our Troops. The complete list is published online with this story, at www.LakerLutzNews.com.

chamber members, some Pasco residents also attended the award ceremony - which also recognized the tax collector's work involving charitable organizations.

The Heart of Pasco Award is given out every four months to Central Pasco organizations for their community outreach especially for charitable work.

Phyllis Bross, is a chamber member, who also serves as vice chair of the Community Aging and Retirement Services organization.

She said she's seen Fasano work on behalf of the non-profit group which assists senior citizens in Pasco County.

The tax collector's office has been involved in helping to raise money for numerous community causes and organizations. In fact, the office has helped 58 different charities and organizations, with some being helped more than once, according to Greg Giordano, who keeps track of the efforts for Fasano's office.

Last year, for instance, Fasano and his staff put together cookbooks to sell to raise funds for the local animal shelter.

Bross said Fasano obviously values his employees and they work together, like a family.

Under his leadership, the staff has seen their hourly wages increase by more than \$5. Fasano sees this as an expression of ap-

preciation for his team's hard work and dedication.

"We could not come close to the success we have if it wasn't for the employees at the tax collector's office," Fasano said.

match the description, like Tiny Tim, who in reality is a dog that's a "big mass of muscle."

"When you hear that name, it does soften your mind to the idea of what you're about to see," she reasoned.

Stever has her own experience with names that may seem mismatched.

Prior to Olivia, she adopted another dog named Precious, who she said was not small or dainty - but a big, red pit bull.

After they're at the shelter for a while, the animals tend to respond to the names they've been given, she said.

"It's a relationship you know you've built up with them all that time," said the coordinator. "It's one of those things you get to look forward to."





Bryan Roquemore

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Pasco High gets new football coach

By Kevin Weiss kweiss@lakerlutznews.com

asco High School will have a new head football coach roaming the sidelines, for the first time in more than a decade.

The school recently announced its next head coach is Jason Stokes - a coaching mainstay in the Tampa Bay area, most notably at Gaither High School.

Stokes, 43, replaces longtime Pasco coach Tom McHugh, who was relieved of his coaching duties following four consecutive losing seasons, including a 2-8 mark this past year.

Stokes most recently coached at Lake Region High School, in Polk County. The perennially struggling program went winless in his lone season there.

Stokes has achieved coaching success elsewhere, however.

In 2017, he served a season as offensive coordinator at Indian Rocks Christian High School, which went 9-3 and reached the 2A regional finals.

He's best known for his time at Gaither, from 2011 to 2016 — steering that program to playoff appearances in each of his first three seasons. (He later resigned in the middle of the 2016 season after reports surfaced about using ineligible players, which led to three games forfeited that year.)

Before that, Stokes was the head football coach at Bloomingdale (7-5 in 2008) and Middleton (10-10 combined record in 2009-10) high schools.

In taking over for McHugh, Stokes undoubtedly has big shoes to fill.

McHugh compiled an 86-50 mark in 12 seasons, winning six district titles (2007-12) and two regional titles (2008, 2011).

He is the county's fifth winningest coach in public schools, behind John Benedetto (195 wins at Land O' Lakes), Tom Fisher (124 wins at Zephyrhills), John Castelamare (103 wins at River Ridge, Mitchell) and Scott



Jason Stokes has been named Pasco High School's football coach.

Schmitz (94 wins at River Ridge, Mitchell).

McHugh also coached a trio of Pasco players who would go on to the NFL-- Josh Johnson, a former San Diego Charger and Jacksonville Jaguar cornerback who now plays for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League; Janarion Grant, a wide receiver currently on the Baltimore Ravens practice squad; and, Joey Ivie, a defensive tackle currently on the Kansas City Chiefs practice squad.

Yet, the Pirates have struggled in recent years under McHugh, going a combined 10-30 the past four years. Moreover, the

program suffered four straight defeats to crosstown foe Zephyrhills High School in the annual 9-Mile War rivalry game, losing those games by an average margin of nearly 40 points.

Despite the difficulties of late, the Pirates do have a young roster stocked with promising players.

That includes linebacker Gabriel Barnes, tailback Malcolm Gibbs, receiver Darrion Robinson and lineman Savion Spaights, who will all be juniors next season, as well as rising seniors in quarterback Desmin Green, defensive back Jordan Mclaughlin and offen-



COURTESY OF TREY BURDICK

New Sunlake football coach Trey Burdick, left, pictured with former Sunlake all-star linebacker Adam Jarvis.

sive/defensive tackle Cody Rand, among others.

Meanwhile, Pasco isn't the only local school to undergo a coaching change this offseason.

In early December, Sunlake High School named assistant Trey Burdick as its next head coach, to replace the now-retired Bill Browning, the only head varsity football coach in the school's history.

Burdick, 36, has been an assistant at Sunlake since 2008, where he's coached linebackers, tight ends, special teams, and served as the team's recruiting coordinator; he's also been the school's head track coach for six years, a role he'll continue as head football coach.

Prior to Sunlake, Burdick was an assistant for two years at Tallahassee Godby High School, working under Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Famer Shelton Crews. He also played football for Tallahassee Lincoln High School, where he was a member of the 1999 6A state championship team.

Sunlake is coming off back-to-back 4-6 marks. Before that, from 2010 to 2016, the Seahawks strung together seven consecutive winning seasons and four playoff appearances.

All-Pasco County fall awards announced

High school coaches from the Pasco Second Team All-Conference County School District recently announced Cole Darbyshire, Pasco, senior Sunshine Athletic Conference (SAC) All-Conference Teams, Athletes of the Year and Coaches of the Year, for the 2018-2019 fall sports season.

Selections were made for both the East and West division.

The following high schools from The Laker/Lutz News coverage area were represented in the East: Cypress Creek, Land O' Lakes, Pasco, Sunlake, Wesley Chapel, Wiregrass Ranch and Zephyrhills.

Dylan Brooks, Wesley Chapel, junior Christian Nieves, Pasco, senior

Preston Rollinson, Land O' Lakes, senior Trevor Myers, Zephyrhills, sophomore

Honorable Mention

Jordan Sarhaddi, Sunlake, senior Max Barile, Sunlake, sophomore

SAC East All-Conference Boys' Swimming & Diving Team Champion: Land O' Lakes

Fall Sports (Girls)

- SAC East All-Conference Girls' Cross Country
- Team Champion: Sunlake
- Coach of the Year: Randall Reeves, Sunlake
- Runner of the Year: Liina Winborn, Sunlake

First Team All-Conference

- Natalie Abernathy, Land O' Lakes, senior
- Liina Winborn, Sunlake, junior
- Shannon Gordy, Sunlake, sophomore Ashley Spires, Sunlake, sophomore
- Justine Ruleman, Sunlake, senior
- Emma Burleson, Sunlake, freshman
- Guadalupe Guerra, Wirearass Ranch, sophomore

First Team All-Conference

- 200 Medley Relay: (Sunlake)—Elise Ballash, senior; Chloe Grimme, junior; Amber Ewald, freshman; Hanna Barton, Sunlake
- 200 Freestyle: Taylor Ward, Land O' Lakes, senior
- 200 Individual Medley: Audrey Ballash, Sunlake, junior
- 50 Freestyle: Chloe Grimme, Sunlake, junior
- 100 Butterfly: Elise Ballash, Sunlake, senior
- 100 Freestyle: Chloe Grimme, Sunlake, junior
- 500 Freestyle: Taylor Ward, Land O' Lakes, senior
- 200 Freestyle Relay: (Sunlake)—Tori Eurell, junior: Alex Spraque,
- sophomore: Hannah Barton, senior: Chloe Grimme, junior
- 100 Backstroke: Amber Ewald, Sunlake, freshman
- 100 Breaststroke: Elise Ballash, Sunlake, senior
- 400 Freestyle Relay: (Land O' Lakes)-Taylor Ward, senior;
- Margarita Czupryn, senior; Amaya Henry, junior; Romina
- McCloskey, senior
- Diver: Isa Monagas, Sunlake, sophomore

Second Team All-Conference

200 Medley Relay: (Land O' Lakes)-Jessica Adcock, senior;

Here is a listing of the recipients within The Laker/Lutz News coverage area:

Fall Sports (Boys)

East All-Conference Boys' Cross Country Team Champion: Sunlake Coach of the Year: Randall Reeves, Sunlake Runner of the Year: Edward Scheid, Sunlake

First Team All-Conference

Edward Scheid, Sunlake, junior Devin Pollay, Wesley Chapel, junior Sebastian Hernandez, Wiregrass Ranch, sophomore Joseph Pineda, Land O' Lakes, senior Gavin Kennedy, Sunlake, junior Dominic Burleson, Sunlake, senior Josiah Pineda, Land O' Lakes, senior

Second Team All-Conference

Brandon Castillo, Land O' Lakes, sophomore Drew Knobl, Sunlake, junior Colby Robbins, Sunlake, freshman Felix Nieves, Sunlake, junior Cade Whitfield, Sunlake, sophomore Alex Medina, Wiregrass Ranch, senior Adam Hahn, Land O' Lakes, senior

Honorable Mention

Jose Valeriano, Pasco, senior Mason Bragg, Zephyrhills, sophomore Samuel Flook, Cypress Creek, senior

SAC East All-Conference Boys' Golf

Team Champion: Zephyrhills Coach of the Year: Shaun Van Patten, Zephyrhills Golfer of the Year: Tristan McCool, Zephyrhills

First Team All-Conference

Tristan McCool, Zephyrhills, senior Roddy Kight, Zephyrhills, junior Fab Laude, Wiregrass Ranch, sophomore Jarrod Smith, Cypress Creek, junior TJ Floberg, Pasco, sophomore

Coach of the Year: Brian Vaile, Land O' Lakes Swimmer of the Year: Patryk Pilkowski, Land O' Lakes Diver of the Year: Rick Pritchard, Sunlake

First Team All-Conference

200 Medley Relay: (Sunlake)—Jay Jay Fonnotto, junior; Brendon Thai, senior; Colin Wilkins, junior; Dominic Ortanez, junior 200 Freestyle: Clyde Crouse, Cypress Creek, sophomore 200 Individual Medley: Colin Wilkins, Sunlake, junior 50 Freestyle: Patryk Pilkowski, Land O' Lakes, senior 100 Butterfly: Patrick Frain, Wiregrass Ranch, senior 100 Freestyle: Zuri Ramsey, Land O' Lakes, sophomore 500 Freestyle: Clyde Crouse, Cypress Creek, sophomore 200 Freestyle Relay: (Land O' Lakes)—Patryk Pilkowski, senior; Ravidu Idippili, junior; Jack Kaatze, junior; Zuri Ramsey, sophomore 100 Backstroke: Patryk Pilkowski, Land O' Lakes, senior 100 Breaststroke: Griffin Sutek, Land O' Lakes, sophomore 400 Freestyle Relay: (Land O' Lakes)—Patryk Pilkowski, senior; Ravidu Idippili, junior; Jack Kaatze, junior; Zuri Ramsey, sophomore Diver: Rick Pritchard, Sunlake, senior

Second Team All-Conference

200 Medley Relay: (Wiregrass Ranch)—Parker Munari, freshman; Douglas Lankton, junior; Noah Porter, freshman; Matthew Gomez, sophomore

200 Freestyle: Douglas Lankton, Wiregrass Ranch, junior 200 Individual Medley: Douglas Lankton, Wiregrass Ranch, junior 50 Freestyle: Charles Fields, Wesley Chapel, junior 100 Butterfly: Parker Munari, Wiregrass Ranch, freshman 100 Freestyle: Matthew Gomez, Wiregrass Ranch, sophomore

200 Freestyle Relay: (Wesley Chapel)—Danny Amaya, junior; Charles Fields, junior; Dewey Slay, senior; Alex Hayden, junior

100 Backstroke: Parker Munari, Wiregrass Ranch, freshman 100 Breaststroke: Danny Amaya, Wesley Chapel, junior

- 400 Freestyle Relay: (Wesley Chapel)—Dewey Slay, senior; Alex
- Hayden, junior; Dominic Slay, sophomore; Izek Thomas, sophomore Diver: Nicky Vreeland, Cypress Creek, freshman

Honorable Mention

- Quentin Carrero, Pasco, sophomore
- Peyton Lebron, Zephyrhills, senior

Second Team All-Conference

- Destiny Saltzman, Sunlake, junior Madison Poe, Zephyrhills, freshman
- Emily Flaherty, Land O' Lakes, senior
- Ashleigh Lacey, Cypress Creek, sophomore
- Madelyn Abrahamson, Wirearass Ranch, senior
- Kate Moore, Wiregrass Ranch, junior
- Breanna Preiser, Wiregrass Ranch, sophomore

Honorable Mention

Aanes Hernandez, Pasco, sophomore Avery Lillibridge, Wesley Chapel, sophomore

SAC East All-Conference Girls' Golf

Team Champion: Wiregrass Ranch Coach of the Year: Jerry Scott, Sunlake Golfer of the Year: Norah Catlin, Wiregrass Ranch

First Team All-Conference

Norah Catlin, Wirearass Ranch, sophomore Emillie Alderman, Zephyrhills, senior Sarah Robison, Land O' Lakes, sophomore Taylor Zachary, Sunlake, freshman Calissa Kwiat, Cypress Creek, junior

Second Team All-Conference

Loryn Finn, Wiregrass Ranch, junior

- Hannah Sullivan, Zephyrhills, senior
- Sofia Clark, Sunlake, junior
- Cydnee Jonas, Wesley Chapel, sophomore Helena Potter, Sunlake, freshman

Honorable Mention

Hannah Galbraith, Pasco, senior Karlye Finn, Wiregrass Ranch, senior

SAC East All-Conference Girls' Swimming & Diving

- Team Champion: Sunlake
- Swimmer of the Year: Chloe Grimme, Sunlake
- Diver of the Year: Isa Monagas, Sunlake

- Catherine Pinkos, freshman; Jennifer Zartman, junior; Apryl
- Paquette, sophomore
- 200 Freestyle: Apryl Paquette, Land O' Lakes, sophomore
- 200 Individual Medley: Maryam Khalil, Wiregrass Ranch, freshman 500 Freestyle: Leah Fonnotto, Sunlake, freshman
- 200 Freestyle Relay: (Wesley Chapel)— Victoria Vail, freshman;
- Alexa Amaya, freshman; Annalyse Rogers, freshman; Jilian Choinski 100 Backstroke: Jessica Adcock, Land O' Lakes, senior
- 100 Breaststroke: Maryam Khalil, Wiregrass Ranch, freshman
- 400 Freestyle Relay: (Wiregrass Ranch)—Maryam Khalil, fresh-
- man; Delaney Smith, junior; Kyra Johnson, senior; Katie
- Wieckoweski, freshman
- Diver: Tifani Farquhar, Wesley Chapel, junior

Honorable Mention

- Mykenzy Neal, Zephyrhills, junior
- Hannah Davidson, Pasco, junior
- Rylie Howard, Cypress Creek, freshman

SAC East All-Conference

- Girls' Swimming & Diving
- Team Champion: Sunlake
- Coach of the Year: Brian Gonzalez, Sunlake
- Player of the Year: Kylie Ciani, Sunlake

First Team All-Conference

- Jaizah Anderson, Wiregrass Ranch, senior
- Caroline Schoover, Sunlake, junior
- Brette Heymann, Land O' Lakes, sophomore
- Abbigale Hindersman, Land O' Lakes, junior
- Rachel Michner, Land O' Lakes, senior
- Bianca Vieria, Land O' Lakes, junior

Second Team All-Conference

- Jordan Danielson, Wesley Chapel, sophomore
- Chanel Rinck, Sunlake, senior
- Kamea Nash, Sunlake, senior
- Rebecca Wolff, Pasco, junior
- Zoi Evans, Wiregrass Ranch, sophomore
- Shayna Heymann, Land O' Lakes, senior

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- Taylor Moore, Pasco, junior
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CHRISTINE HOLTZMAN

Museum volunteer Marcus Copeland, of Dade City, skims out the impurities in the sugar cane juice that is boiling in a large kettle during the process to make sugar cane syrup. Around 80 gallons will boil for approximately 4 hours. When the process is finished — about 9 gallons of the sweet and sticky concoction will remain as viable syrup.

Eleven-year-old Jonah Uilk, of Minnesota, enjoys a cotton candy treat. He was vacationing in Bushnell with his family. He and his mother, Heidi, and grandmother, Diana, were browsing the vendor booths. Ulik, who said he loves cotton candy, thought it was funny that the treat turned his mouth blue.

Pioneer Florida Museum hosts a sweet and spicy event

By Christine Holtzman Special to The Laker/Lutz News

> hether they were tasting chili samples, watching syrup being made, or cuddling up with an animal at the petting zoo —

there were lots of ways for people to enjoy themselves at Raising Cane, a Sweet and Spicy Event, held on Jan. 12 at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village in Dade City.

There was a Chili, Chili Verde and Salsa Competition, sanctioned by the International Chili Society, which offered cash and trophies for the first, second and third place winners.

And, there were two local chili challenges, with the City Chili Challenge featuring police chiefs, chamber executives and other local dignitaries. Also, there was a local chili challenge, which was open to anyone who wanted to put their chili or salsa to the test. Event-goers could pay \$5 for a tasting cup to sample and vote on their favorites from the two local chili challenges. chicks, rabbits, goats and a horse.

Those who enjoy music could listen to various bands, and could do a little dancing, too.

And, vendors offered a variety of goods.

In addition to the chili and syrup tasting, attendees could take a stroll through the Pioneer Museum to catch a glimpse of Florida life from a bygone era.

Chris LaBorde, director of research with the U.S. Sugar Corporation in Clewiston, and Wayne Davidson, an agronomist with the Florida Sugar Cane League, helped educate the crowd about sugar cane and passed out samples so people in the audience could compare texture and flavor.

Steve Melton, president of the Southern Syrup Makers Association, was there, sharing his knowledge about cane syrup.

Melton said that sugar cane syrup was the staple sweetener more than 100 years ago.

It was frequently used for cooking, and



Steve Melton, president of the Southern Syrup Makers Association, puts another log on the fire that is used to heat the large kettle, to boil the sugar cane juice into syrup.

In addition, there was a Southern Syrup Makers Association Sugar Cane Competition, and there was a petting zoo, featuring baby families usually kept a bottle on the table, he said. Its popularity waned over time because of the labor-intensive process needed to produce the finished product.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was a visit to the sugar cane mill to watch the labor-intensive process involved in making a batch of sugar cane syrup.



Nine-year-old Mariah Robinson, of Zephyrhills, gently cradles her favorite baby chick at the petting zoo area of the Raising Cane event in Dade City. Other animals there included rabbits, goats and a horse. She was at the event with her grandmother, Anne Benedini, of Dade City.



Debbie Richter, of San Antonio, left, and Pamela Garrison, of Dade City, sample a taste of chili made by Veni Miller, of Bubba and Cha Cha's Chili in Georgia. There was a professional chili cookoff and a local chili competition. Event-goers could purchase a sample cup and try up to 10 different types of chili.



Karen Brown-Blonigen, of Tampa, dressed in period clothing, plays a mountain tune on her Dulcimer inside the Pioneer Florida Museum.

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PET PAWS

ANIMAL SERVICES PARK WALK

Pasco County Animal Services (PCAS) will host a Park Walk on March 2 at 9 a.m., at Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park, 10500 Wilderness Park Blvd., in New Port Richey. Adoptable dogs from the shelter will be

available for adoption that day.

Participants can also bring their own dogs, too.

For information and rules, call PCAS at (813) 929-1212.

WOOFSTOCK 2019

The fifth annual WoofStock will take

place March 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd.

This will be an afternoon of Peace, Love & Paws! sponsored by the Friends of Animal Services and Pasco County Animal Services. There will be pet adoptions, food trucks,

music, vendors and more. Admission is \$5. Children age 10 and

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If you would like to adopt Bart or Oreo, 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.

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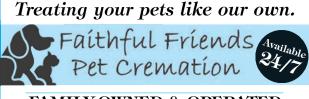
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GAL WILDLIFE



brilliant pair

Lillian Cucuzza, of Land O' Lakes, was wowed by a visit from this painted bunting pair to her backyard feeder. The female (top) and male visited for a week. Cucuzza said buntings visit her every year. Painted buntings are beautiful, small finches, and very shy.

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ALLSTATE OWNERS HELP SURVIVORS

Tampa-area Allstate agency owners recently joined Allstate volunteers across 15 states to secure Allstate Foundation Helping Hands® grants to benefit 35 nonprofit organizations, including a \$6,000 grant for Sunrise of Pasco County. The nonprofit serving domestic violence survivors will use the funding to further their programs, such as economic empowerment and outreach services, according to a news release.

Allstate volunteers empowered local community members to donate critical supplies, such as clothing, housewares and personal care items.

"With one in four women experiencing domestic violence in her lifetime, this is an issue affecting every community, including Tampa," Lisette Fernandez, an Allstate agent in Lutz, said in the release. "We're proud to dedicate our time and collect much-needed resources to support these vital local organizations and the survivors they serve. We care about helping survivors and their families break the cycle of violence in their lives."

The supply drive was part of a multi-state effort of The Allstate Foundation benefitting 35 participating domestic violence nonprofits in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. The volunteer efforts raised \$340,000 in grants for the nonprofits.

Sunrise of Pasco County is one of thousands of organizations this year to receive Allstate Foundation Helping Hands grants secured by Allstate agency owners and financial specialists for their volunteer efforts. The grants support organizations addressing domestic violence, youth empowerment, disaster preparedness, hunger and other causes.

Participating area Allstate agency owner volunteers include: Mary Jo Chamberlain, Stefanie Cubbedge-Wiggins, Sebastian Dealmenara, Lisette Fernandez, Michael Lia, Naomi Taylor-Kenney and Ryan Toombs.

To learn more about The Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grants and all the ways Allstate volunteers put their Helping Hands to work in local communities, visit AllstateFoundation.org.

\$15 AN HOUR STARTING SALARY

Employees at the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office who are hired after Jan. 5 will receive a starting salary of \$15, according to a news release from the office.

Any current employee who is receiving less than that amount also will be boosted to at least the new wage, the release added. "In 2013, starting salaries were only \$9.25 an hour,"Tax Collector Mike Fasano said, in the release. "Our jobs are complicated and require in-depth training and experience. When I learned that people, especially those who have loyally served this organization for many years, were making so little, I knew I had to make it a priority to increase their wages."

"Over the past 5-plus years, we've been able to raise the starting salary by 62 percent," Fasano noted, in the release.

For more information regarding the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office and the services it provides, visit PascoTaxes.com.

NEW SMARTSTART MANAGER

The Pasco Economic Development Council has appointed Daniel Mitchell to run the economic development agency's in Central Pasco and East Pasco county.

Mitchell comes to the position after having owned and operated two businesses. He also has a background in the finance industry as a certified financial planner and continues to attend the College for Financial Planning in the Masters of Arts program, according to a release from Pasco EDC.

"I am looking forward to using my skills and entrepreneurial experience to help people launch and grow their business in Pasco County. My goal is that these businesses are more than a driver of profit and job growth but are also a catalyst to a fulfilling life for the entrepreneur and a diversified economy for all of us in Pasco." Mitchell said, in the release.

His primary focus is to develop a portfolio of early stage entrepreneurs in Pasco who understand how to develop their products and services in collaboration with their customers. Mitchell will also take the lead on the CO.STARTERS program and the Food Hub Task Force, which has been created to develop a plan to create an agricultural value chain model to conserve, sustain, and create food and food-related partnerships that grow and create jobs as an economic development model in depressed and vibrant communities.

SPROUTS TO OPEN

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WOW-TOO (WOW OF TRINITY AND ODESSA)

WOW-Too started as Women of Wesley Chapel and was so popular that it expanded into Trinity and Odessa. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Express Trinity, 2125 Corporate Center Drive, Trinity, Florida 34655.





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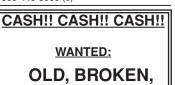
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