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Commissioners Look To 2017

Oakley, Starkey, Mariano Take **County Seats**

Story by Joe Potter

County Commissioners Pasco selected Mike Moore, who represents District 2, as their chairman during a reorganization meeting held Tuesday in Dade City.

Mike Wells, who represents District 4, was selected as vice chairman.

Commissionersholdareorganization meeting every two years to select their leaders after the results of that year's election are determined.

Ronald E. "Ron" Oakley, Kathryn E. Starkey and Jack Mariano were

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Ron Oakley, left, is administered the oath of office by his nephew, attorney Matthew Maggard, during Tuesday's Pasco County Commissioners' meeting. Oakley is beginning his first term representing District 1 which encompasses most of east Pasco County. Photo by Joe Potter

Sisters Serve Hundreds on **Thanksgiving**

Benedictine Feast Prepared With Love

by Keri McAlpine

When people hear of 75 pounds of potatoes, nine turkeys, nine pans of stuffing, eight industrial size cans of gravy and five of cranberries, they know it's no ordinary Thanksgiving meal.

For the last two decades, the Benedictine Sisters of Florida in St. Leo prepare this feast of thanks for those in need. This year, the sisters' Thanksgiving dinner served at least 350 meals, according to Sister Mary David, who helped organize the meal.

"Really, it's amazing. It was a lot of work, but it's always an experience of the Kingdom of God," Sister Mary David said. "We make it better and better each

The meal offers more than people can eat, but the sisters serve more than turkey and stuffing.

"The first years that we had he meal, we really thought we were going to be feeding the people who lived under the bridges. But, people are hungry for more than food ... people are hungry for being

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Barbara Luckie and Grady Cunningham own and operate Church Street Shoppe: Toys, Kites and More, located at 14117 Eighth St.

Sky's The Limit **For New Toy Store**

Little Shop Packed With Puzzles, Books And Kites

Story and photos by Keri McAlpine

It took three months to completely gut the building at 14117 Eighth St. and transform it into a haven for kids.

The building has seen several ventures come and go, including a recent antique shop and a discount store.

But after storeowners Grady Cunningham and Barbara Luckie visited a North Carolina toy store, they had an epiphany.

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Bethlehem Rises In Richland

Christmas 'Walk' **Draws Thousands** To Replica

by Joe Potter

The walls have been going up at Richland Baptist Church since October, but they aren't designed to keep anyone

The church at 40443 Stewart Road will use them to invite people to attend its annual three-day Walk Through Bethlehem program – a one-third-scale replica of the ancient city – that begins

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When walking through Bethlehem, viewers will be able to see Biblical characters as well as different market vendors popular to the time. This couple sold bowls in a previous Walk Through Bethlehem event.

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Kidnap Suspects Remain At Large

One Arrested, But Two Gunmen Still On Loose

by Max Zimmerman

Sheriff's deputies have apprehended one of three suspects involved in a bizarre Dade

City home invasion and kidnapping that occurred Nov. 7.

One of the suspects, identified the victim as Leon Andrew Hernandez, 23, was arrested two days after the incident while he was a passenger in a car.



Leon Hernandez

The 3 a.m. ordeal began when the Gonzalez Court victim opened his front door for a woman he knew. That's when Hernandez and two accomplices allegedly burst through the door and demanded

money and "dope." Finding neither, the trio reportedly took the victim's cell phone, two TVs, an Xbox system, clothes and shoes from the residence. The victim was reportedly blindfolded and said all three suspects had handguns. He reported that he was then hustled into the passenger seat of a van as one of the suspect's held a gun to his head. The victim said he was ordered out of the van near Clay Hill and Blanton roads and the suspects then drove away.

The victim was able to identify Hernandez because he 'has known him for several years.' Hernandez, of 15020 21st St., was charged with kidnapping, armed home invasion robbery and grand theft - motor vehicle.

The two other suspects remain at large.

A reward of \$3,000 is being offered by Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay for information that would lead to the arrest of the other suspects. Call (800) 873-TIPS, report anonymously online at www. crimestopperstb.com.

Bayfront Health Dade City's Insurance Marketplace Open

If you need help comparing plans or filling-out an application on the Health Bayfront Insurance Marketplace, Health Dade City is once again offering free assistance during Open Enrollment from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31.

Appointments may be made with the hospital's certified assisters by calling (352) 521-1552, or can be booked online: www.GetCoveredAmerica.org/ connector.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2010, and this year's Open Enrollment marks the fourth annual campaign to extend healthcare coverage to citizens who would otherwise be uninsured. More than 13 million people enrolled in Marketplace plans for 2016.

News of several large insurers either reducing their participation in the upcoming Marketplace, or exiting it altogether, has spurred concern about rising premiums (monthly fees) and higher deductibles (predetermined amounts of healthcare expense an individual pays before health plan

coverage "kicks in".)

"There are always questions concerning changes to premiums, deductibles and out-of-pocket limits before Open Enrollment launches each year," explains Shauna McKinnon, CEO of Bayfront Health Dade City.

"I think this is where our certified assisters add so much value," says McKinnon. "They know how to explain the pros and cons of each option, and they carefully screen each person to make sure any subsidies toward premiums, or any discounts available for deductibles or co-pays, are accessed."

All health plans on the Marketplace must offer a comprehensive set of benefits, and coverage cannot be denied for individuals with a preexisting health condition. Some of the health benefits include free preventive care and wellness services; doctor visits, prescription drugs, hospital and emergency department care, lab services, pediatric services, and mental and behavioral health treatment.

Dade City Arrests

Woman Tries To Shop On Another Person's Dime

Amanda Lynn Valentine, 27, of 4720

Laforce St., Zephyrhills, was arrested by Dade City police on Nov. 18 on charges of credit card theft, fraudulent use of a credit card and unlawful possession of personal in-

formation. While inside Winn-Dixie,

12649 U.S. 301, on Oct. 7, Valentine reportedly removed the victim's wallet from her purse in an attempt to deprive the victim of her belongings without the victim's consent. After obtaining the wallet, Valentine proceeded to CVS, 12804 U.S. 301, and purchased a gift card for \$185.95 using the victim's credit card. Valentine then proceeded to Walmart, 12650 U.S. 301, and purchased two gift cards - worth \$184.95 each - in separate transactions using the stolen credit card. The victim said that her Social Security card was also located in the stolen wallet. Valentine's actions were witnessed by officers on store security footage obtained from the noted locations. She was taken to the Pasco County Jail.

Kathy Marie Anders-Jones, 44, of

37148 Withlacoochee Ave., was arrested by Dade City police on Nov. 17 on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and petit retail theft. An-

ders-Jones was observed looking nervous while standing in the electronics section of Walmart, 12650 U.S. 301. The witness, a loss prevention employee, observed her walking around the store carrying a printer ink cartridge. The witness reportedly heard the sound of the package being opened and saw Anders-Jones put the opened cartridge, valued at about \$40, in her purse. She proceeded to exit the store and passed all points of sale without paying for the item. Anders-Jones was detained and was later found to be in possession of three clear, plastic baggies containing a white residue. The residue field-tested

positive for methamphetamine. Anders-Jones then removed another baggie from her right front pocket in attempt to conceal it. The baggie also tested positive for methamphetamine.

A 13-year-old female was arrested by Dade City police on Nov. 7 on a charge of resisting arrest without violence. While investigating a separate shoplifting case, the defendant's mother was placed under arrest. The juvenile was being detained for her well-being while the mother was being processed. She reportedly became agitated and attempted to flee, refusing verbal commands from officers to stop. She later physically pulled away from officers, resisting and refusing to obey their commands.

Anthony Kirwin Matzinger, 20, of



Wesley Chapel, was arrested by Dade City police on Nov. 14 on an active Hillsborough County warrant for violation of probation obstructing an officer without violence. He

was booked into the Pasco County Jail upon confirmation of the warrant.

The information provided in the Dade City Police report is taken from public record. All parties are considered innocent until proven guilty.









Kathryn Starkey was sworn into office as County Commissioner, District 3, at Tuesday's Pasco County Commissioner's meeting.

Photos by Richard K. Riley

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administered their oaths of office at the beginning of the meeting.

Oakley, 71, was elected to his first term on Nov. 8 and represents District 1, which encompasses most of east Pasco County.

Starkey, 58, is in her third term and represents District 3 while Mariano, 56, is in his fourth term and represents District 5. Both districts are in western Pasco.

Oakley, a Republican, took more than 69 percent of the vote three weeks ago while cruising to victory against Dimitri A. Delgado, who claimed no party affiliation.

This was Oakley's second run for the District 1 seat. He finished in second place in 2012 in a three-way race against incumbent Ted Schrader, who won a fourth term.

The District 1 seat was open this year because Schrader made an unsuccessful bid for Property Appraiser rather than seeking another four-year term on the county commission.

Oakley's voice had a slight tremble to it as he placed his left hand on his Bible and took his oath of office. Attorney Matthew Maggard, who is Oakley's nephew, administered the oath. Any anxiety Oakley might have felt during the ceremony quickly disappeared after he took his seat at the dais.

"I'm very honored to sit here with the other commissioners. I look forward to serving here for the next four years and longer if possible," Oakley said.

"This is a great county. ... We can do some great things together."

There was a significant amount of flooding in west Pasco in September, just a month after Oakley won the Republican primary.

Mariano made a point on Tuesday

of thanking Oakley for coming to west Pasco during the flood situation before he had won the District 1 seat.

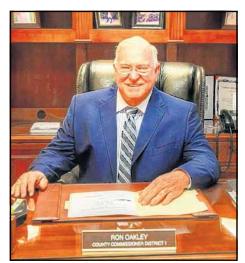
"I appreciate Ron jumping in and taking an interest in west Pasco," Mariano said.

He added that he thinks Oakley will "bring a lot of good things to the commission over the next four years."

This is the first elected office for Oakley. He previously served as chairman of the Southwest Florida Water Management District's board.

Oakley is a Pasco County native and lifelong resident. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Carson Newman College and has been an East Pasco businessman for more than 50 years.

Most of his work has been in the citrus industry but he also worked for Oakley Funeral Home, which his family founded. In addition, he has been involved in the beef cattle industry and Oakley Transport, which transports liquid food grade products in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.



Ron Oakley sits in his new office the day he was sworn in as County Commissioner, District 1.





32nd Annual

Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

Sunday, December 4, 2016 Noon to 7:00 pm



Noon to 3:30 pm

Tree decorating

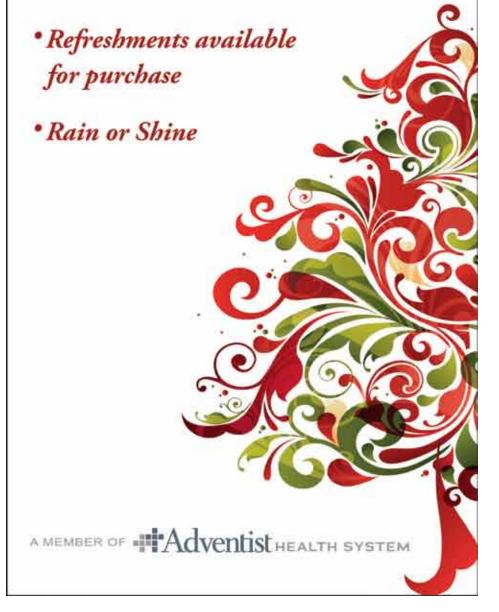
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

- Visits with Santa & Surprises
- · Bounce houses

5:30 pm

Our Magical Christmas program features:

- Musical performances
- · Fireworks



East Pasco Events

Dec. 1 – SLAMbration – At 7 p.m., Saint City from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Call (352) 567-Leo University will present SLAMabration in the Selby Auditorium in Lewis Hall. The public is welcome to an evening of slam poetry, featuring the Slam Poetry Club and special guests, SASS (soprano, alto, second soprano) a Saint Leo choral group. This event is free. Parking is available in the campus garage, and in the evening is also often available in surface lots. The campus is at 33701 S.R 52 in Saint Leo. Lewis Hall is the first building on the right upon entering through the main entrance. Contact Tessy Jaques, at slampoetryclub@ saintleo.edu for information.

Dec. 2 - Christmas Parade - The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce and Bayfront Health Dade City present the 2016 "Magical Night Christmas Parade." Dozens of floats, entertainment acts, bands, seasonal displays and, of course, our special guest from the North Pole, Santa Claus.

Dec. 3 - Christmas on the Florida Frontier – Step back in time to a simpler era of celebrating Christmas. Join us as we make and play with homemade toys, create cornhusk dolls, do soap carving, dip candles and more. Held from 3-8 p.m. at Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, 7200 C.R. 603 in Bushnell. Admission is \$5 per vehicle up to eight people or \$2 per person (walk in or bicycle). Call (352) 793-4781 for information.

Dec. 3 – Alpaca Open House – Come join us at our Alpaca Open House from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. See alpacas and learn what we do with the fiber. The alpaca products are a great gift idea. There will be refreshments available for purchase. www.sweetblossomalpacas.com or email dpettis11@yahoo.com with questions. Alpaca Farm is located at 37543 Pappy Road in Dade City. We are not open to the public except for the open house.

Dec. 3 - Ridding Your Lawn and Landscape of Pesky Weeds - Learn what you can do to rid your yard from a variety of unsightly weeds at this free seminar from 9-11 a.m. at Clayton Hall, Pasco County Extension Office, 36702 S.R. 52. Call (352) 518-0156 for information.

Dec. 3 - Arts and Crafts Fair - The Country Crafters will host their 3rd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Country Aire Manor clubhouse, 10249 Highway 98. Shop locally, avoid the crowds and find unique gifts not available in chain stores. Door prizes will be given away hourly. Call (315) 868-1574 or email ecbblb@ hotmail.com for information.

Dec. 3 – Reindeer Run – The 10th annual Lake Jovita Reindeer Run is back. Registration is at 7 a.m., Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. Cost is \$40 to register. Register online at www.active.com or forms can be found in the Lake Jovita Fitness Center. All proceeds benefit Sunrise of Pasco Domestic and Sexual Violence Center. Contact Kelly Sinn at (352) 521-3358 or ksinn@sunrisepasco. org for information. Lake Jovita is located at 12900 Lake Jovita Blvd.

Dec. 3 – Cruise In – Free event featuring DJ Starvin' Darvin and a hula hoop contest for kids. Come on down with your prized car/truck, or just with the family to check out all the wonderful antique and specialty cars. Enjoy lunch at one of our many exceptional restaurants, and shop in out antique and specialty shops. Held in downtown Dade

3769 for information.

Dec. 3 - Market Place - Held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hibiscus Park in Dade City. Fresh produce, garden accessories, home decor, soaps, honey, jewelry and more. Pet friendly event. Contact: Lucy Avila at (352) 521-5858 or lucyavila707@gmail. com for information.

Dec. 3 – Winter Festival – Centennial Middle School STEM Magnet School is presenting this event, featuring arts and crafts, fresh produce, wreaths and decor, bounce house, games, prizes and more. Vendor opportunities available. Held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 38505 Centennial Road in Dade City. Call (352) 524-9700 for information.

Dec. 3-4 - Herrmann's Christmas at the Barn - Featuring unique and unusual goods and holiday décor, and anything else we can fit in the barn. No credit cards accepted. Visit us on Facebook at Herrmann's Barn Sale. Held at 31131 Pasco Road in San Antonio from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Call (813) 714-8704 for information.

Dec. 4 - Christmas in the Park - Start your holiday season by attending the Founders Garden Club of San Antonio "Christmas in the Park" event at 7 p.m., at San Antonio City Park, 32819 Pennsylvania Ave. Please join us for the lighting of the Christmas cards and entertainment featuring a sing-a-long for the children accompanied by Dennis Devine. A drawing for a variety of gift baskets will be held. Raffle tickets can be purchased at City Hall and vendors around town. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Complimentary refreshments and coffee will be served. Admission is free. You may want to bring a folding chair. Contact Donna Swart at (352) 588-3631 for information.

Dec. 4 - Christmas Concert - You are invited to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with the Friendship Singers and the Benedictine Sisters of Florida. Free will donation appreciated. Refreshments follow the concert. No reservations needed. Held at Holy Name Monastery, 12138 Wichers Road in St. Leo. Call the Benedictine Sisters of Florida at (352) 588-8320 for information.

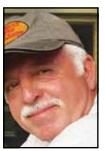
Dec. 6 - Dade Pioneers - Children ages 8-18 are invited to the Dade Battlefield's monthly program where history and nature games, crafts and activities are part of the afternoon program held from 3:45-8 p.m. Children may join the group for \$10/year that includes membership in Dade Pioneers and becoming a part of the Dade Battlefield Society, the citizen support organization for the park. Located at 7200 C.R. 603 in Bushnell. Call (352) 793-4781 for information.

Dec. 10 – Santa Visit – Santa Claus will be available for pictures at the Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St., from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Call (352) 567-3576 for information.

Dec. 10 - Sallybrating with a Cause Golf Tournament - The 2nd annual golf tournament will be held at Silverado Golf and Country Club, 36841 Clubhouse Drive, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds from the tournament will go towards serving cancer patients and their caregivers at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge a holiday dinner. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit Sallybratingwithacause.com or the Facebook page "Sallybrating With A Cause" for information.

For more events visit www.pasconewspublications.com

Commentary



First Things First

Greg First

Shop Owners Here All Year

A traditional event that never failed was the day after Thanksgiving when my wife would get up at around 4 a.m., and head over to my mom's house to pick her up. The two of them had a strategy to visit as many stores as they could. They wanted to get some of those great deals and get a good start on gifts for Christmas. They usually finished most of their shopping on Black Friday. They were organized, they had a plan and they executed it.

That all happened prior to 2002 when my mom, Mary First, passed away and is now spending eternity with the Lord. That was also before internet-shopping became the norm.

I was on the board of directors of the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce for more than 20 years and one of the objectives of the organization was to encourage people to shop locally. I have always been a big supporter of this. As a matter of fact most of the representatives of those businesses can be seen volunteering their time and talents throughout the community. They truly know what it is to give back and for that they should be rewarded.

I have not seen the results yet, but I hope that Small Business Saturday on Nov. 26 was a boon for Dade City, San Antonio and Zephyrhills. The shopping event began in 2010 and is held between Black Friday and Cyber Monday to encourage people to get away from the big-box stores and shop at the smaller brick-and-mortar stores that have a vested interest in the community.

According to Reuters News, online shopping on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday are showing increased sales in 2016, up 18 percent from last year with totals over 5 billion dollars. Cyber Monday as of my newspaper deadline was looking like it just may be the best day ever recorded. What did we ever do before the internet?

My dad started an RV parts store many years ago and to this day people are still looking for a good deal and we try to help them out. I try to follow my dad's example. I had a customer once tell me he could get my \$8 item on Amazon for \$6.50, shipping included. I offered him a deal to split the difference on the item and he was tickled. Oh, he was in his 80's and said he served in WWII and then started telling me about the Depression.

My dad was a survivor of WWII and was raised in the Depression. I learned the value of a dollar and still appreciate the stories that mom and dad shared about growing up during that time. By the way, I still stop to pick up a penny if I see one on the ground.

As we look for gifts for our family, friends and workers that make a difference in our lives, let's not forget those that are less fortunate.

Your heart will jump for joy if you can help a family in need or maybe even to drop a few coins or a buck into the kettle as you go into a store. It could make a world of difference.

Let's not forget the real meaning of Christmas. It's not getting a bunch of presents. It's about giving and helping others. It's about the birth of a King.

Service of Remembrance Scheduled

A brief service will be held on Dec. 8 to encourage people who are grieving during the holidays.

The service will be held from 7-8 p.m. at the Chapel Mausoleum at Chapel Hill Gardens, 11531 U.S. 301, Dade City, said Keith Williams, who is general manager of Hodges Family Funeral Home.

"This is a time for us to let our families know that they are not alone," Williams said.

This will be the fifth year the service has been held at the Chapel Mausoleum.

Williams held similar services at other cemeteries where he has worked. Michael Hodges thought such a service was a good idea when Williams suggested it to him.

The services "have been very well received," Williams said.

Usually about 100 people attend each year but the Chapel Mausoleum can seat up to 200 people.

The service lasts between 40 and 45 minutes and features holiday music and a speaker who has an encouraging message.

"If they feel lost and lonely it will give them a time of fellowship afterwards," Williams said.

Light refreshments, including coffee, punch and Christmas cookies will be served following the service.

Those planning on attending are asked to call (352) 567-5571 in advance.

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Commentary



The Rest Of The Story

Dave Walters

Last year, I had a tough time getting into the Christmas spirit. This year, I have the Christmas spirit.

I will not acknowledge Christmas until the Thanksgiving leftovers are tucked away into the refrigerator.

I did not go Black Friday shopping. Instead, we put up our tree and got it decorated. That night, I did buy one gift, but I made sure it got into the hands of my dear friend almost immediately. That really got the Christmas spirit going and it hasn't let up.

Saturday, I tested all my outdoor

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lights and enhanced some others. Sunday, I spent hours up on the roof putting my lights up and I think they look pretty darned good.

Now, I have a solution to get you in the Christmas spirit.

If anyone wants to experience a hometown Christmas, then you are living in the right place, as the Dade City Magical Night Christmas Parade will make its way down Seventh Street, to officially start the Christmas season on Friday.

Right behind that parade is the Zephyrhills Festival of Lights that shines on Saturday bringing a daylong Christmas celebration to Fifth Avenue. The day is highlighted by the glittering parade at 6 p.m., featuring the theme of "The Christmas Melodies."

The event gets a start at 4 p.m. and

continues to 9 p.m. Zephyrhills High School teacher Rick Briggs will be the grand marshal for this year's Festival of Lights.

If the parades aren't for you, Florida Hospital Zephyrhills celebrates in a huge way on Sunday with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration.

The hospital's Christmas celebration has been a tradition in Zephyrhills for more than 30 years. This Sunday's free event rings in at noon with the decorating of 53 trees, one for each of our great 50 states, as well as an International tree to represent the world, a tree for the 12 provinces of Canada, and a "Support our Troops" tree. Local civic groups, churches, businesses and schools decorate the hospital's trees.

Santa will be on site for pictures

and visits with the children from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The headline show is the Entertainment Revue comprised of talented female singers and dancers from Tampa Bay. The group will perform a 20-minute medley of popular Christmas songs, complete with costume changes.

The evening will be filled with other entertainment after dusk, including the lighting of the trees and fireworks. Large television monitors will be available to give everyone an opportunity to see the performances. So bring your family, blankets and lawn chairs for a one of the best Christmas celebrations you will ever witness.

So, if you if you are still without the Christmas spirit after this weekend, then you only have a few more weeks to find it. Good luck.

Ryman Again Offers Holiday 'Free' Roof Contest

Roofing Company Seeks To Help Someone In Need Of Shelter

by Joe Potter

Ryman Roofing wants to hear from you if your roof is leaking, dilapidated or in need of repair for another reason.

The company is accepting applications through midnight on Dec. 15 for its Holiday Re-Roof Contest.

"Every year we ask residents of those counties who deserves – or who know of a family that needs – a new roof," said Kelly Ryman. She added that financial status does weigh heavily in the eventual selection, but it is not the only factor that comes into consideration.

"We want to do something nice for people who do

something for the community," Ryman said.

The winner will be announced on or before Dec. 31, and work will begin about two weeks later, according to the roofing company.

Information about how to be considered for the free roof may be found at rymanroofing.com. The website said this is a contest.

Residents of Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties may submit applications to Ryman Roofing by email at: Info@rymanconstruction.com; or by mail to Ryman Roofing Holiday Re-Roof ATT: Kelli Ryman 36413 S.R. 54 Zephyrhills, FL 33541.

Entries should include a property address, owner name and contact information, as well as a brief story of why that person is deserving of a new roof.

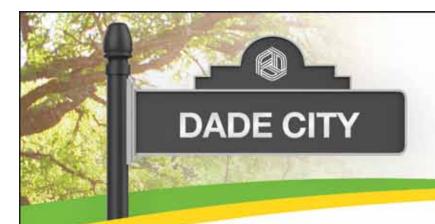
So it won't be long before workmen will be pulling

up to some deserving family's home in trucks full of shingles. The company says it will take one to three days – depending upon the size of the roof – to complete the January job

The sound of old shingles being ripped from their roof and new shingles being pounded into place will probably seem like a symphony to the fortunate recipient of the new roof.

Last year's winner was Cheryl Dupre. She is well known around her Tampa neighborhood for the kindness she showed to others. Her granddaughters had submitted Dupre's name every year since the Holiday Re-Roof Contest began seven years ago.

"She had lost her husband (Nelson) last year and we thought this was something we could do to help make her life special," Ryman said.



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Rotary Inducts New Member



Rotary President Matt Maggard, left, Membership Chair Ed Plazewski, New Member Charles Maddox, Rotarian Stephanie Stephenson, and Past-President Jeanie Germain. Germain and Plazewski introduced newest member Charles Maddox in receiving his Red Badge to the Rotary Club. Charles is sponsored by Rotarian Stephanie Stephenson and is the owner of Charlie's St. Joe Market located in St. Joe. Photo by Aubrey Ogilbee



Linda Ward, President and CEO of Gulfside Hospice, left, distributed 300 turkeys and holiday bonuses to employees assisted by Kathy Postiglione and Allison Maughn. Photo Provided

Gulfside Employees Receive Holiday Cheer

The holidays came early for the staff at Gulfside Hospice & Pasco Palliative Care. In keeping with the annual tradition, Gulfside's executive team distributed more than 300 frozen turkeys and holiday bonuses to the organization's employees.

"I love this tradition of showing our team just how important they are to us," said Linda Ward, President and CEO of Gulfside. "They all work so hard and show such dedication all year long. They are the ones meeting with families, providing quality care to patients, and providing support to each other. This is just something small that we can do to say thank you."

The staff enjoyed pie and apple cider, along with other snacks, throughout the

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day when they stopped by the Corporate Resource Center in Land O' Lakes. This marks the eighth year that Gulfside has participated in this welcomed holiday tradition with its team.

Gulfside Hospice, established as a nonprofit corporation in Pasco County in 1988 and initially licensed in 1989, serves more than 325 patients daily. Gulfside employs over 250 professionals and has more than 500 volunteers. Gulfside is the only hospice that serves Pasco County exclusively and was the first hospice in Pasco to receive The Joint Commission's Seal of Approval Accreditation. For more information about Gulfside Hospice, call (800) 561-4883 or visit www.GHPPC.org.

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together with others, sharing and even helping," Sister Mary David said. "I've had several families say, 'We want to come to your meal because we want our children to learn to share."

The dinner started 21 years ago when the sisters were coming up with an idea for their corporate commitment. They needed something they could all stand for, and they decided to begin inviting international students from Saint Leo University for Thanksgiving dinner. Many of the students were not able to return home for the short holiday.

This year, a diverse group of people attended the dinner. Families, individuals and a mix of different ages and backgrounds responded to the invitation, Sister Mary David said. About 220 people were served at the sit-down dinner at the Saint Anthony Parish Center. An additional 130 meals were delivered to homebound folks, Catholic Charities in Dade City and to the Sunrise Domestic Violence and Abuse Center.

A team of 80 volunteers contributed their time and cooking talents to organize and serve the dinner. Even children volunteered, acting as "hospitality ministers," bringing guests water and walking them to their seats before dinner was served.

The parish center was adorned with blecloths, wrapped silverware and autumnal decorations.

Father Garry from St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua delivered a prayer before the meal, and Sister Roberta Bailey, OSB, Prioress, gave a brief presentation on the history of the Benedictine Sisters' Thanksgiving dinner.

The majority of the cooking was done at the monastery, with Sister Donna at the helm. A potato peeling party of about 15 people allowed them to speedily peel the 75 pounds of potatoes in only 30 minutes.

"We would never use instant potatoes," Sister Mary David said.

Parishioners provided desserts and pies.

Since its inception, the dinner has been comprised mostly of locals in the surrounding areas. However, Sister Mary David said about four international students form SLU still attended this year's dinner.

With only scant leftovers, the remains of the dinner were donated to local parishes that provide meals to the homeless.



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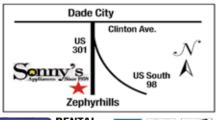
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"We like to visit stores and so we went in this one shop and off to the edge of it was a toy store ... and I'm looking around and said you know, this is it," Cunningham explained.

With no other downtown stores exclusively selling toys, the duo set up shop just in time for the holidays. Church Street Shoppe: Toys, Kites and More, is full to the brim with puzzles, children's books, dolls, clothes and a wall full of brand new kites.

After flying a kite with his twin boys when they were younger, Cunningham witnessed the simple joy out of operating the wind driven instruments. So, when deciding what toys to sell in the new store, Luckie agreed to the kite prospect.

Since the store opened on Halloween, Luckie said they have sold at least one and as many in five kites

a day, which has pleasantly surprised her

The kites range from simple to sophisticated fiberglass and two-handed contraptions. Luckie said they hope to hold kite-flying competitions and events in the future.

Another surprising hit in the store has been children's books. With so many electronic alternatives for kids these days, Luckie said she is happy that the books have been flying off the shelves. Monthly book readings held at Church Street Shoppe are in the works.

"People have complimented us that we have no technology in the store," Luckie said. The store is indeed full of tangible toys, in order to have kids utilize their hands and their minds.

"If they want technology they should go somewhere else," Cunningham said with a laugh.

an inflatable dragon, tha



Dade City's new toy store officially opened Oct. 31 at 14117 Eighth St. The store sells toys and products meant to get kids using their hands, minds and imagination.

Cunningham has named Puff, stands atop the red and white awning and will be the star of the shop's float in the Magical Night Christmas Parade on Friday. A hopscotch path is painted on the sidewalk leading up to the shop's red doors.

Cunningham said he was worried kids today wouldn't know how to play hopscotch, but that the majority of the children hop through the squares per the rules as they leave or enter the store. Cunningham has even seen elderly ladies get a kick out of the hopscotch lines, taking a trip down memory lane as they go from one square to the next.

"The kid's still in all of us, and I'm just a big kid," Cunningham said, laughing.

Call (352) 523-2422 or visit the Church Street Shoppe: Toys, Kites and More's Facebook page for information and hours.



Kites are one of the main merchandise items at the recently opened Church Street Shoppe. The kites come in a variety of shapes, colors and sizes.



The walls of the Church Street Shoppe toy store are filled to the brim with toys for both boys and girls of any age.

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The 1,300 to 1,500 people who will visit this year will have as realistic an experience as possible thanks to the enormous efforts of the small Richland Baptist congregation, said the Rev. Mark Warren.

The pastor said it takes about 100 volunteers to host the event that takes place from 6-10 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 10, and 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Visitors will be taken on a guided tour during which they will see people portraying merchants, tax collectors, census takers, Roman soldiers and ordinary citizens. There will more than a dozen different shops in the market place. The shops that will be set up will be stalls that offer various wares, including vegetables, spices and fruit. Volunteers at other shops will offer to polish metal sheets and brass.

The residents and merchants of ancient Jerusalem will be excitedly talking about the much-anticipated birth of a savior in Jerusalem, which had less than 1,000 residents at the time of Christ's birth.

There will be a small synagogue featuring a rabbi instructing children. A manger scene around the corner will feature soft lighting falling on the faces of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The New Testament identifies Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus Christ, and the Richland church near Old Lakeland Highway has been recreating the blessed event for more than 20 years.

The church didn't hold Walk Through Bethlehem last year, Warren said, because volunteers needed some time to rest and get ready for this year.

"It is our gift to the community," Warren said of the event.

There will be opportunities for people to talk to someone about their spiritual condition after finishing the Walk Through Bethlehem if they wish to do so, Warren said.

There is no charge to take the guided tour of the city. However, Warren said, people who want to may make a free-will offering to help cover expenses for this year's event.



Bread was the main staple at this shop in a previous Walk Through Bethlehem.

Warren has been senior pastor at Richland Baptist for 2 ½ years. Previously he was senior pastor at Westside Baptist Church in Zephyrhills.

More information about Walk Through Bethlehem may be obtained by calling (352) 567-2990, or by visiting the church's website at www.richlandbc.org.



This man and woman show how spices were sold at the time of Jesus' birth.



Market vendors show how tools were used in a workshop in ancient Jerusalem.



Florida Hospital Zephyrhills December Events

DEC 4

32nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

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DEC 6

Five Things You May Not Know About Christmas

Join us as Doug Higgins, MDiv, Senior Chaplain for Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, dives into the Christmas details that are sometimes overlooked. These include learning more about the star, the angels, the Wisemen, and the timing of the birth of Jesus. Reservations required. Call (813) 779-6476.

Tuesday, December 6 | 11:00 am - Noon

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DEC 7

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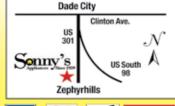
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