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LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Lake County Schools announced it is adding a panic button alert system to the school district where every employee will have a panic button device they are required to wear. If engaged, it will find the location of the button activated, sync it with school cameras and Lake County Sheriff's Office in a Real Time Crime Center to see what the threat is and respond. "This partnership will allow for real-time coordination between the district, the Lake County Sheriff's Office and both vendors, said Joseph Mabry, director of Safety and Security for Lake County Schools. "By integrating these security layers, we increase safety by leveraging our existing investments. It's a game-changer and a critical component in our strategy to provide a safe and secure learning environment in our schools."

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Marion County Public Schools announced its Food and Nutrition Department will provide free breakfast and lunch to all students at 54 schools within the district during the 2024-25 school year. It is being funded by the United States Department of Agriculture's Community Eligibility Provision program, which reimburses the district. The CEP is a program that allows for free meals for school districts and schools that are in low-income areas. The "schools were selected based on the percentage of students from each campus who participate in one or more variations of public

Wildwood Elementary School

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Parady Financial Group, Inc donated boxes of school items through its The Parady Cares Foundation to Wildwood Elementary School. The Parady Cares Foundation has a long history of supporting Wildwood Elementary School.

assistance/service programs," said a district announcement. For more information, visit marionschools.net

MARION COUNTY **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The majority of schools in the Marion County Public Schools resumed classes Monday. The district announced it will have around 45,873 students this year, with the largest enrollment on

record and an increase of more than 1,000 students. It announced many changes coming to county's schools such as Lake Weir High School receiving a new construction pre-apprenticeship program and 13 of the district schools having different principals. Wyomina Park Elementary started earlier on July 22, as it is testing out a pilot program for the Florida Department of Education, which looks at the effects of year-round school schedule. For more

information about Marion County Public Schools, visit marionschools.net

COLLEGE OF CENTRAL **FLORIDA**

The College of Central

Florida is bringing back its Holmes International Film Series in September. It will showcase 12 international films over the course of the academic year. The first event in the series is "Belle," which starts at 8 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Marion Theatre.

The college will host its first on-campus kickoff event with the Swedish classic film, "The Seventh Seal," Oct. 8. This event will honor the passing of the film series founder and namesake, the late CF professor Ira Holmes, who died on June 9. "Before his passing, Ira requested this film as a message of hope for us all," said Wendy Adams, series director and CF professor. "We'll start by sharing our favorite memories of Ira before watching this classic film that ushered in a new era of art-house cinema in the U.S. around the time Ira became enamored with the medium as a young man." Each movie in the on-campus film series will have two screenings: one at 2 p.m. at the Appleton Museum of Art and one at 7 p.m. at the Ocala campus. Appleton Museum of Art is owned by the College of Central Florida.

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Lake County Schools are officially back in session as of Monday. The district announced it will have around 44,000 students in its schools this year, and five of its schools will be run by new principals. The district also announced it will have several new programs begining at schools such as a new advanced manufacturing program at South Lake High School and a new electrical program at Tavares High School. More information about the district is available at lake.k12.fl.us.

- Garrett Shiflet,



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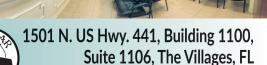


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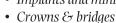
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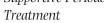


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