



# THE ORACLE

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## NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Our next meeting will be a **Steak Night** on **Monday, October 21**, grill time **6:30 pm** at the **Rec & Parks admin patio**. Topics to discuss include: Youth Appreciation planning, Tree Lot planning for set up, unloading and work schedule, Steppin' Stone Christmas Event planning and Oratorical Contest planning.

## YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT IS APPROACHING

Every November, we salute a group of students from Plant City High School that have gone above and beyond in their academics, athletics and community service. This year's **Youth Appreciation Banquet** is set for **Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin conference room**. We will host the students and their families and enjoy a meal from Johnson's BBQ. Mark the date and look for more details soon.

## TREE LOT PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

Of course, as we get into fall, we know that Christmas tree time is just around the corner. **Chairman Dave R** has confirmed that our order is set and that we should expect some very heavy trees due to the rains that the tree farm has received. Get out your calendar and mark these dates down: **Saturday, November 23, 8:00 am - Tree Lot set-up. Sunday, November 24, time to be announced - tree delivery, unload and display trees. Monday, November 25, tree lot opens.** Again this year, **Shift Work Scheduler Jeff A** will need your help to fill up the calendar with your work times. This is our biggest fundraiser and it is very important to get the assistance of all our members. Please work your fair share of shifts at the lot so that others do not have to do your work for you. When it is all over, the kids are the ones that benefit from our sales.

## NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK WENT SMOOTHLY

Thanks to everyone that assisted at the **NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition** on September 28. We had 40+ youths go through the paces and the winner of each age group advances to the Sectional Competition on October 20 at One Buc Place.

## STEPPIN' STONE FARM CHRISTMAS EVENT IS IN THE PLANNING STAGES

The date is set for our annual **Christmas Event at Steppin' Stone Farm**. We will head to the Farm on **Monday, December 16**, so clear your calendar for that night of fun with the ladies and staff. Santa's list of gifts with names and sizes will be announced by December 1. Finger food is needed! Watch for further details.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- √ **Monday, November 4:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, site to be announced.
- √ **Monday, November 18:** Youth Appreciation Banquet, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin conference room.
- √ **Saturday, November 23:** Set up the Tree Lot, 8:00 am. Bring a ladder, gloves and loose muscles!
- √ **Sunday, November 24:** Unload trees and display the Tree Lot, time to be announced. Bring gloves!
- √ **Mon. Nov. 25 to Fri. Dec. 13:** Tree Lot is open for business 9am to 9pm daily (closed Thanksgiving Day).
- √ **Saturday, December 14:** Tentative date to break down Tree Lot, 8:00 am.
- √ **Monday, December 16:** Steppin' Stone Christmas Event, 6:30 pm at the Farm. Finger food needed...

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