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NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Next meeting is set for **Monday November 2, 6:30 pm at Beef O'Brady's**. We will make final plans for Youth Appreciation (November 16), Tree Lot set-up (November 21) and tree arrival (November 22?). A busy fall is upon us and we need your help!

NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK FOLLOW-UP

Out of the 57 youths that participated in our local competition on September 26, our nine winners advanced to the **NFL Sectional Competition at One Buc Place on October 25**. Five of the nine garnered 1st Place in their respective age/gender groups and three secured 2nd Place. The winners now wait for the other Tampa Bay area Sectional Competitions to be held, where the top four overall advance to the Team Championship competition at Raymond James Stadium on December 13. We should hear who advances sometime in November. Our locals pictured (thanks, Cal for the pic) left to right - Front row: 6-7-B 1st Place **Brendan Smith**, 6-7-G 1st Place **Gianna Stanley**, 10-11-G 1st Place **Gracie Edgemon**. Back row: 12-13-G 1st Place **Madison Osman**, 10-11-B 2nd Place **Anthony Palestrini**, 12-13-B 1st Place - **Gavin Hessler**, 14-15-B 2nd Place **Anthony Stanley**, 10-11-G 2nd Place **Emalie Johnson**.



YOUTH APPRECIATION BANQUET ON THE HORIZON

Final plans are being made for the annual **Youth Appreciation Banquet on Monday, November 16, 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks administration conference room**. **Chairman Mike W needs our head count by the Monday 11/2 meeting**. \$5 per adult, \$20 per family. So far: **Stan H-1, Cal C-2, Walt A-2, Jason H-6, Dave K-3, Dave R-2, Paul W-2, Jack H-1, Jeff A-2, Jeff O-2**. We will finalize the plan at the November 2 meeting. Plan to attend and show our support for these outstanding youths!

IT'S TIME TO SERIOUSLY START THINKING CHRISTMAS TREES!

Yes, as football season gets into full swing and the nights starts cooling down, it's time to talk **Tree Lot**. All hands on deck at the tree lot site (corner of Maki Road and West Alexander Street, Plant City High School) for set-up on **Saturday morning, November 21 at 8:00 am**. Plan to bring your ladder, gloves and strong muscles as we assemble the lot. Many hands makes light work... it can be done in just a couple hours if we have enough folks there to help. Trees should arrive Sunday, November 22 and the lot opens on Monday, November 23. Work schedules will be developed over the next few meetings, so go ahead and block some work shifts on your home calendar and then bring it to the next few meetings so we can get the tree lot work schedule assigned. **Emphasis is on weekend shifts 9a-1p, 1p-5p and 5p-9p as well as weekday shifts 5p-9p.**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, November 2:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm at Beef O'Brady's, Plant City .
- ✓ **Monday, November 16:** Youth Appreciation Banquet, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin conf. room.
- ✓ **Saturday, November 21:** Tree Lot set-up, 8:00 am, Tree Lot, SE corner Plant City High School.
- ✓ **Sunday, November 22?:** tentative tree arrival- watch for more details in the next Oracle!
- ✓ **Monday November 23 through ?? December 19 ??:** Tree Lot work schedule - sign up!

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