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IN BRIEF

Tilt walls rise at Northeast Government Center site

One-by-one, construction crews attached four dangling cables to precast concrete slabs that were raised by a crane and set into their final resting place as the outer walls of the Northeast Government Center recently.

Following the roof construction, crews will focus on the interior buildout of the complex. Already, crews have completed the construction of the building's slab and initial plumbing and electrical systems.

This center, which will replace the Gil Jones Center in July 2022, will offer a number of services, such as courts, probation offices, new satellite offices for the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser, in a convenient way for those customers in East Polk. Once completed, the building will be about 70,000 square feet.

Lake Myrtle Stadium receives approval

A new stadium that will be the home of the Pan American Lacrosse Association and Florida Tropics received the green light for funding recently.

An interlocal agreement with the city of Auburndale that pledges \$4.3 million of Tourist Development Tax money for the stadium at the Lake Myrtle Sports Complex was approved by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners.

The stadium is part of the complex's phase 3 improvements and Polk's tourism tax dollars.

The stadium will also serve as the home to the Florida Tropics UPSL team and allow the county to further our efforts to recruit a Major League Soccer club for pre-season training.

Lakenight Cinema at Lake Wailes Park



The Lightsey family of Lake Wales rode scooters to the Lakenight Cinema showing of *Goonies* in Lake Wailes Park Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021. Momma Bear Lightsey got captured blocking one of her cub's basketball shots with authority. Check out more photos on **PAGE 2**. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. BAKER III.

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Polk commission approves sending alternative COVID medications letter to governor

By CATHY PALMER
Contributing Writer

Polk commissioners approved sending a letter to Gov. Ron DeSantis asking that state health officials tell their patients of two other medications that could stave off or mitigate COVID-19.

With only Commissioner George Lindsey voting against, the other four members agreed to the letter touting ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine as potential life-saving medications.

Two commissioners, Neil Combee, who drafted the letter, and Bill Braswell both said last week they had taken the unconventional meds to stave off the virus until they could be vaccinated.

Neither the Federal Drug Administration or the Centers for Disease Control have agreed that the two



Governor Ron DeSantis

medicines are effective in battling the disease that has ravaged the country for more than a year.

Hydroxychloroquine came to light last year when then

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