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## College bound

June 3, the Lake-Sumter Seminole Club hosted its annual Seminole Send Off for incoming Florida State University freshmen and their families. The event was held at the Rogers Park Building in Leesburg.

“We had six of our scholarship winners present, along with four other students planning to attend FSU this coming year,” said Carleen Shepp, a club past president. “It was a fun, informative evening with trivia, door prizes, advice from current and former students and helpful tips for parents.”

The club’s next event will be the annual Pigskin Kick Off on Aug. 6, which is its main fundraiser for scholarships. More information can be found at [www.lakeseminole.org](http://www.lakeseminole.org) or on the Lake-Sumter Seminole Club Facebook page.



Students heading to Florida State University received a fun send-off from the Lake-Sumter Seminole Club. Photo courtesy Carleen Shepp, Lake-Sumter Seminole Club.

## Local senior athlete wins bronze

By Laura Bennett-Kimble,  
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At the 2022 National Senior Games held last month in Fort Lauderdale, Tavares resident Larry Davis was part of the Bombers basketball team, which placed third in their category, earning a bronze medal in the 85-plus division.

Davis is 85 years old, making him one of the younger members in the age division.

“I started playing in the Senior Games in 2007, though I’ve played basketball all my life,” he said.

Davis, who joined the Bombers team while living in Chattanooga in 2011, has played in the national games five times.

The National Senior Games Association began in 1985 in St. Louis, Missouri, with a goal of promoting healthy lifestyles for adults through education, fitness and sport. Today, the 20-sport, biennial competition for men and women ages 50 and over, is the largest multi-sport event in the world for seniors, according to NSGA.

Sponsored by Humana, the games promote well-

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Tavares resident Larry Davis’ team won the bronze in the National Senior Games basketball tournament. Photo courtesy Larry Davis.

## Sales tax holidays through the summer

The Florida Department of Revenue is offering a number of sales tax exemptions this summer, from children’s books to concert tickets.

Through Aug. 14, fiction and nonfiction books for children ages 12 and under, including board books and juvenile chapter books, can be purchased without sales tax added.

July 1–7, the Freedom Week Sales Tax Holiday allows Florida consumers to purchase qualifying recreation and outdoor items and admissions to entertainment and cultural events exempt from tax.

July 1 through June 2023, ENERGY STAR appliances, baby/toddler clothing and children’s diapers are exempt from tax.

July 1 through June 2024, “home hardening” items, including impact-resistant doors, windows and garage doors, are exempt from tax.

Later this summer, the back-to-school sales tax exemption period will be July 25–Aug. 7.

For more information on what’s eligible for the exemptions, visit <https://bit.ly/3n0YcI1>.

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