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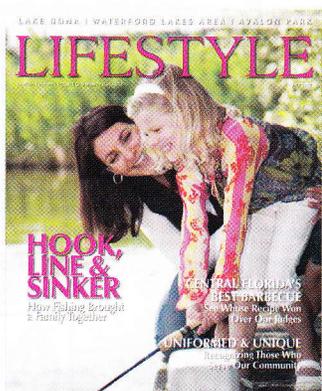
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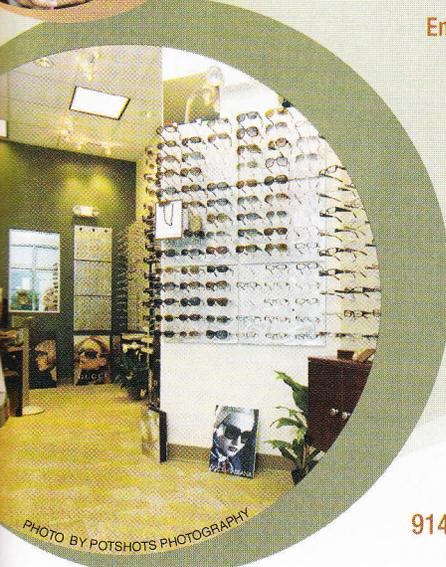


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Tell Me, Tell You

My husband calls me a “gotta know” kind of person. Sounds like someone that doesn’t mind their business, I know. But I think he means it as a compliment. It goes back to when I was a kid and would ask a lot of questions. I would say “tell me, tell me, please tell me.” While that might have gotten a little tiresome for my parents, that quest for information turned out to be the basis for a happy career in journalism.

My whole job is “tell me, tell me” and then I “tell you, tell you.” Funny how that worked out.

Last month we debuted a new section in the magazine called Local Life, a sort of “tell you” section. Did you notice? This new section joins our other departments to better achieve our goal of bringing you the information, motivational stories and events you want to read about. Now before you dig in to the main dish that is our monthly features, you can have a little taste of what your friends and neighbors are up to and how you can help. Don’t have enough time to read a full story? Don’t worry. You can still learn the latest by reading these community tid bits.

Our intrepid group of staff and freelancers are always scouring your part of town to bring you the latest, greatest happenings, announcements and awards. Of course sometimes we miss a few.

That’s where you come in. We need your help. Tell us, tell us, please tell us. Let us know when your community is doing something the rest of us want to read about. Did your daughter’s soccer team win a statewide tournament? Let us know. Is there an Eagle Scout that did a particularly unique service project? Don’t leave us out. What about your church? Is there an amazing parishioner that has created a new ministry that helps the community? Do tell.



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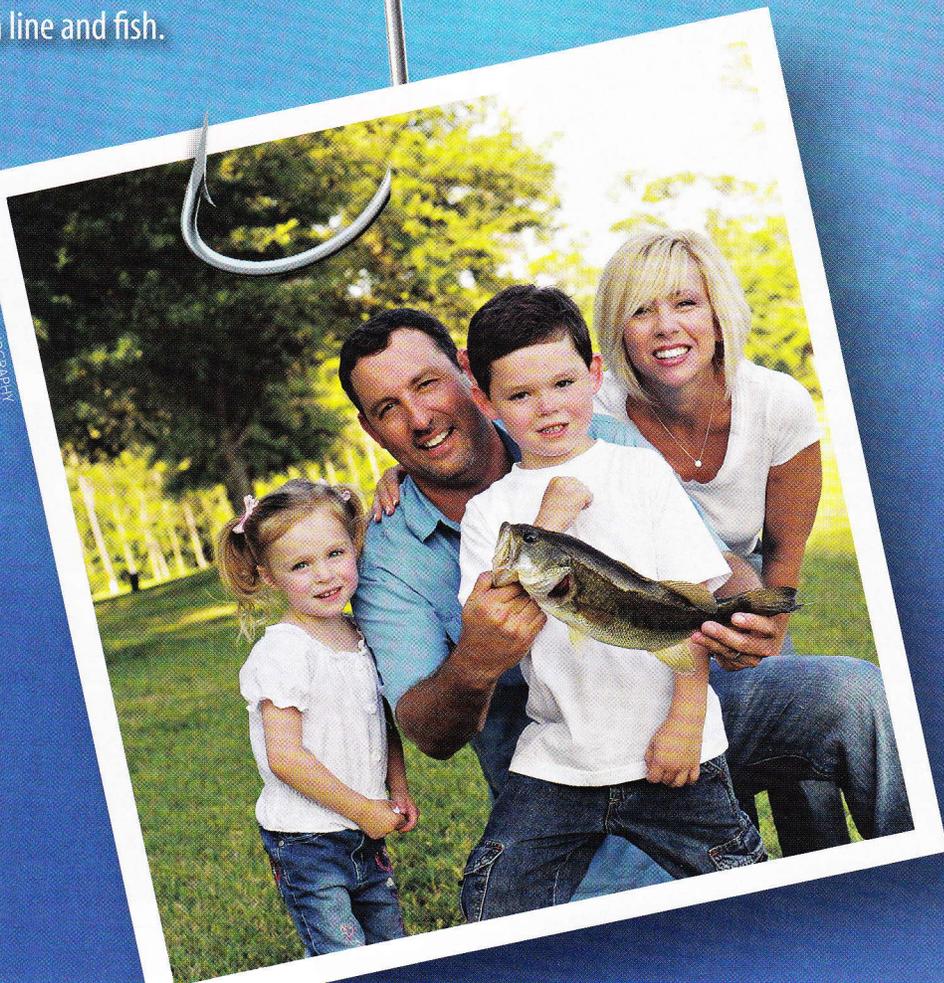
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Hooked on Fishing

The natural beauty of Lake Nona is the perfect backdrop for the Dunnivant family to cast a line and fish.

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Fishing has become a family affair for the Dunnnavants, even 3-year-old Devon and 6-year-old Nathan have come to enjoy it.

By Matt Bendell

Picture a tall, slender slash of pines and burly live oaks, dripping with Spanish moss. Add in the soft croaking of bullfrogs in the background, rippling water and occasionally the sound of fish leaping from the water. It seems like the perfect setting to drop a line and fish -- a regular fisherman's paradise. For the Dunnnavant family of Northlake Park, this little dream is a reality when they go fishing together.

No Stranger to Fishing

C.R. Dunnnavant is no stranger to fishing. Growing up in the South, he definitely knows how to catch some fish. "Some of my earliest memories are of me and my dad fishing," says Dunnnavant "I also fished with my wife [**Deidre**] before we had kids." For Dunnnavant, perhaps the best part about fishing is the time it allows him to spend with his children, **Nathan**, 6, and daughter **Devon**, 3.

Whether it's the stocked pond in their neighborhood or in **Lake Nona**, it's the memories made that matter the most to him. "Sometimes we just stand on the edge of the pond. That's where my son caught his

first bass," says Dunnnavant. "He's convinced that we catch the same fish over and over."

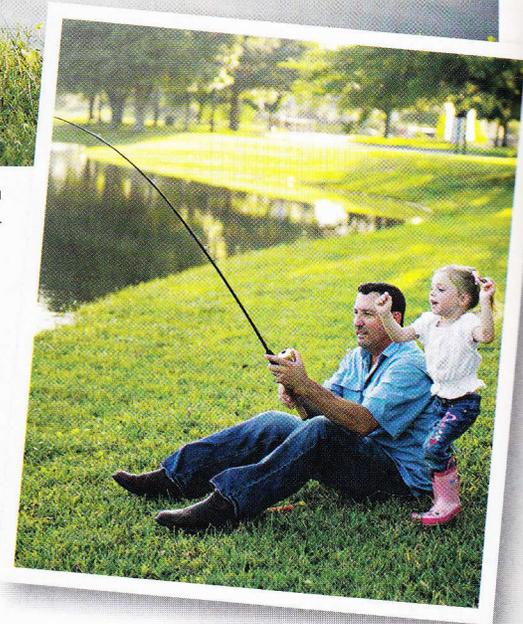
Enjoying Nature

Enjoying the natural setting of their neighborhood is important to the Dunnnavants. "I want my children to grow up enjoying what nature has to offer, just like in the 'good ole days' of my childhood," says Dunnnavant. "We see so many amazing sights when we are out on the lake. We've seen flying squirrels, hawks and many cranes. We were even fortunate enough to observe an eagle swoop down and catch a fish in Lake Nona."

Dunnnavant's love of the outdoors and fishing has rubbed off on his young daughter as well. "Devon just caught her first fish with her princess fishing rod," says Dunnnavant. "She caught a bluegill, which she affectionately calls a 'baby' fish."

Family Bonding

For Dunnnavant, fishing is a great way to bond with his kids. "My son and I like to slip out in the early morning and get half a dozen donuts on our way to the Narcoossee Hardware Shop to get bait," says Dunna-



vant. "I eat two and so does Nathan and the other two we share with the old fella at the shop. That way, he'll throw in a couple of extra shiners for us." Nathan's favorite fishing pastime is putting his hand in the shiner bucket and playing with the shiners. Dunnnavant also lets him steer the boat sometimes. It makes him feel special. "These are the memories that I want to create with my children," Dunnnavant says.

According to the Dunnnavants, fishing is inexpensive and it provides time to spend with family, in the great outdoors. **L**

To read about other families' fishing adventures visit CentralFloridaLifestyle.com.