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**Contact Information:** Robert Vass**Phone:** (352) 245 – 7021. Ext. 2122**Email:** [rvass@belleviewfl.org](mailto:rvass@belleviewfl.org)**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****January 2025 in Belleview: Educational Fun, Foodie Favorites, and Community Resources**

**Belleview, FL – December 18, 2024** – The City of Belleview is thrilled to announce events designed to engage, educate, and entertain the community in January 2025. From teaching children about the importance of saving, to supporting local businesses and nonprofits, to providing financial literacy tools for residents, these events are packed with opportunities for everyone to connect and grow.

***Financial Literacy Workshop – Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 10:00 AM***

Start your year with financial confidence! Mid-Florida Credit Union will host a Financial Literacy Workshop at the Belleview Community Center. This session will provide essential tips on managing credit effectively. The workshop is free and open to the public, offering valuable insights for individuals and families.

“This workshop reflects our commitment to equipping residents with the knowledge and tools they need to manage their finances successfully,” said Mayor Christine Dobkowski. “Financial literacy is a key part of building a strong and sustainable future for our community, and we’re proud to partner with Mid-Florida Credit Union to bring this resource to Belleview.”

***Storytime with the Mayor – Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 5:00 PM***

Join Mayor Christine Dobkowski for Storytime with the Mayor, presented by SouthState Bank, at the Belleview Community Center. The evening will begin at 5:00 PM with the mayor reading “*Dollars and Sense*”, a children’s book that introduces young readers to the concept of saving and the value of money. Kids will also participate in a fun hands-on activity to reinforce these lessons. A light dinner will be provided for all attendees.

“Storytime with the Mayor is a fantastic way to engage our youngest residents while teaching them important lessons about money management,” said Mayor Dobkowski. “It’s never too early to start building good financial habits, and this event is a perfect blend of education and fun. I look forward to spending time with our families and fostering an interest in lifelong learning.”

***Friday Foodie Fest – Friday, January 17, 2025, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM***

Kick off 2025 with the highly anticipated return of Friday Foodie Fest at Lake Lillian! From 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, enjoy a bustling marketplace featuring local artisans, nonprofits, and businesses, plus family-friendly entertainment including face painting, inflatables, games, and a DJ.

Food lovers won’t want to miss the lineup of food trucks, which includes crowd favorites like Fat Tiki, Fatboyz Donutz, Poppin N Shakin, Backstage Grill, Royal Hibachi, Billy’s Cheesesteaks, and more. This event is a wonderful opportunity to support local entrepreneurs and enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors.

“Friday Foodie Fest is a signature event for Belleview that brings our community together in the best way—through great food, music, and family fun,” said Robert Vass, Events and Promotions Manager. “The mix of vendors, entertainment, and delicious eats makes it an evening everyone looks forward to. We can’t wait to see everyone at Lake Lillian as we kick off a new year of Foodie Fests.”

### *Mark Your Calendar!*

These exciting events are free and open to the public, making them perfect for residents of all ages. Make plans to join us:

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“These events showcase what makes Belleview special—a strong sense of community, opportunities for education, and plenty of fun,” said Mayor Dobkowski. “We hope to see families, friends, and neighbors come together to participate in everything January has to offer.”

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