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Joan Budd was Watson Clinic's July winner of the Program for Employee Excellence and Recognition Award. Budd, a member of Watson Clinic Hearing Center team, has been with Watson Clinic for eight years.

Dr. Brian Jurbala, orthopedic surgeon and president of Highland Center for Orthopaedics, has been elected to the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. Jurbala focuses on hand and upper extremity surgery, sports medicine, arthroscopy of the knee and shoulder and joint replacement surgeries. The center has offices in Lakeland, Winter Haven and Wauchula.

Marilyn Muñoz is Lakeland Regional Medical Center's new manager of billing and third-party follow-up for patient accounting. Muñoz, a certified professional coder, has worked in the medical billing and coding industry for 20 years. She has an associate's degree in liberal arts and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business management.

Dr. Louis Saco, chief executive officer for Watson Clinic and chairman of the Watson Clinic Foundation, is chairman of the 2007 Polk Start Heart Walk for the second year. The walk will be on Sept. 22.

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