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Just in time to drown your sorrows after Tax Day, the new Linksters Taproom at 209 E. Main St. in downtown Lakeland opens Friday, said Tom Elliott, a partner in the tavern with Eric "Bro" Belvin and Rick Kunzle. With seating for 92 people, including at a 46-foot bar, the Lakeland Linksters will be the fifth in the Sarasota-based chain, including one in Davenport managed by Belvin, who will also manage the Lakeland taproom. Elliott, a 1987 Florida Southern College grad and an agent for several PGA golfers, has been looking to come back to Lakeland for two years. It turned out to be a foregone conclusion.

- Kevin Bouffard

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