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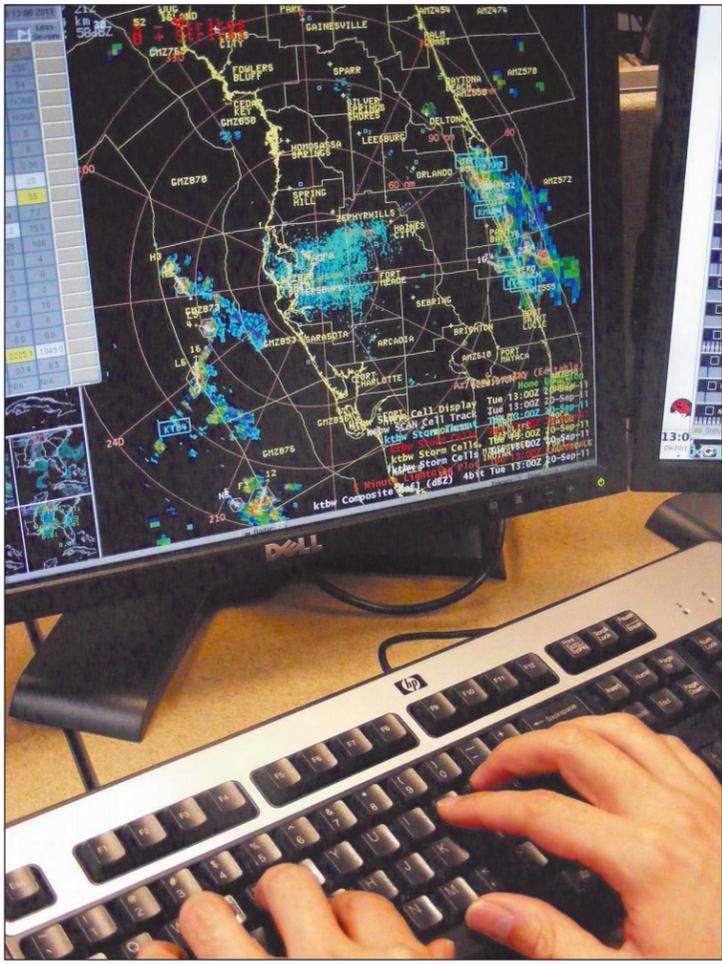
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Ten-year study illustrates weather pattern changes

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RUSKIN — Results of a ten-year weather pattern study show that Florida's average temperatures are going down while the averages of all the other continental states are rising.

"All the countries in the world do a study every 20 years, but some more affluent countries, like the United States and Great Britain, perform it every 10 years," said Logan Johnson, senior forecaster at the National Weather Service in Ruskin. "The World Meteorological Organization says normal temperatures and rainfall amounts in all locations must be reported every 20 years."

The 10-year U.S. program is mandated by Congress and averaged all temperatures from 1980 to 2010. The recent U.S. study took about a year to complete and seven months to "crunch all the data," Johnson said.

The study proved that Florida's normal daily winter temperatures and monthly averages both went down, he said.

Florida may have been in a very warm cycle since 1960, but it is impossible to tell exactly what will happen now. Still, it is

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Election office services now in South Hillsborough

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GIBSONTON — In time for a busy presidential election year just around the corner, a South County satellite of Hillsborough's Supervisor of Elections office is scheduled to open next week.

While an official opening is set for 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 11, the doors will be open and staff prepared to offer services beginning Monday, October 3, said Travis Abercrombie, Supervisor of Elections spokesman. Office hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, he added.

The new South County facility is housed in 1,200 square feet of the Riverview Town Center anchored by Lowe's Home Improvement Store on Gibsonton Drive, Abercrombie said. The elections office location is east of the hardware retailer, close to U.S. 301.

In announcing opening of the new office, Earl Lennard, Hillsborough's Supervisor of Elections and a South County native, emphasized the convenience of the facility "to area residents who may not have the ability to travel to our other offices. We're excited," he added, "to be able to open this satellite and bring voter services closer to citizens in the southeast part of the county."

Among the voting services to be provided in the new office will be registration of new voters as well as updating of voters' address, signature and party affiliation records. In addition, during timeframes designated for voting prior to and in connection with the 2012 elections, voters will be able to obtain and return vote-by-mail ballots through the new office, Abercrombie said.

The coming year will be an active one from the elections standpoint. Three major elections will be conducted in Hillsborough County during 2012. Although the date is not yet set, it is anticipated that Florida's presidential primary will be conducted early in the year, probably in the first quarter.

Later in the year, the August primary election will involve candidates in all other races vying to carry their party's banners into the general election contests. Those ballots usually have been marked only by registered voters in the two major parties — Democrats and Republicans. However, there can be occasions when competing

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ABWIG goes door to door for waterways

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APOLLO BEACH - ABWIG, the Apollo Beach Waterway Improvement Group, went door to door on Saturday looking for support to improve the waterways in the waterfront community. The goal is large and a deadline is looming, but organizers are confident that their efforts will pay off for the entire community.

ABWIG is a volunteer organization created 15 years ago to dredge the main channels from Tampa Bay into the canals of Apollo Beach. In the years since its founding, the channels have since filled in with sediment, decreasing the depth of the channels making boating much more difficult. The organization has come back together in order to raise awareness and money towards resolving the issue.

The challenge is daunting: the group hopes to raise more than \$350,000 to dredge the channels to a minimum of 6 feet deep and 60 feet wide in all channels leading into the community. Already they have collected approximately \$75,000 and they have the necessary permits in place, no small feat in itself as environmental regulations have changed considerably in the years since the group's founding. The

permits, however, come with a deadline: they are good only until 2013.

With that challenge in mind, a group of 20 volunteers fanned out across Apollo Beach

on Saturday to knock on doors, armed with pamphlets containing information about the problem and offering various means

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MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

ABWIG organizer Len Berkstresser works with other volunteers to prepare informational pamphlets on Saturday to hand out to residents of Apollo Beach. The organization is hoping to raise \$350,000 to dredge the three channels from Tampa Bay into the waterfront community.

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Weather patterns

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generally warmer than anywhere else in the country, he added.

“December 2010 and early 2011 had some of the coldest daytime temperatures ever recorded,” he said. “This is a climate change, different from the global warming they talk about on television. We’re talking about cycles.”

If meteorologists had 500 years of data they could predict how often this type of cycle is felt on the planet but they don’t, he explained.

While Europe has kept track of its weather for about 400 years, the U.S. only has about 120 years of data and Florida was settled rather late in our country’s history compared to other states. “The first recorded U.S. data was taken when Jefferson had the Army take readings in Washington D.C.,” Johnson added. “That was in the 1840s. We’re pushing our forecasts farther and farther out with seasonal projections, but how do we connect the dots? We know what’s happening elsewhere affects us. We know if a big ridge of high pressure is over the Caspian Sea (in Russia) usually two weeks later we get an arctic blast but we don’t have data far enough back to see how the patterns interact.”

Several government agencies are now devoted to researching this and other weather-related issues and are finding many global connections but the Ruskin station is there mainly to predict and warn, more than conduct research.

Johnson says he likes being on the battle lines of meteorology.

He has been at the Ruskin station for two years, having come from Indianapolis and before that, Kansas. In the Midwest, meteorologists are challenged by storms in the plains that have super cells — only one big cell — but in Florida there are large lines of weather coming through with many small cells and tornados inside.

“The job is much more challenging here,” he said.

The weather station has polar orbiting satellites and rapid screen images that change every 10 minutes to get detail on hurricanes and see how quickly a storm may be developing.

Although it is some of the

most advanced weather reading equipment in the world, it is about to get another upgrade. In February 2012 the large Doppler tower installed 17 years ago will be upgraded to a new system that can differentiate between rain and hail.

“This change was begun in 2007,” Johnson explained. “The system we have now can detect precipitation, but can’t tell the difference between rain and hail. Now we will be able to see more of what’s coming.”

In hurricane season, for instance, they know that if there is a large ridge of high pressure over the Bermuda area of the Atlantic Ocean, it steers hurricanes away from the U.S.

Data from the 1850s has tracked where the storms hit, and shows that if one hits, more that year are likely due to the climate conditions. Then, when conditions change again, no more may come for several years, or much longer periods of time, until the right conditions appear again.

“For example in 2004 the high pressure steered them right into Florida. And there were lots of hurricanes and tropical storms in the 1920s and then hardly anything for a long time until we were heavily impacted again in the early 2000s. These are repeated cycles.”

The National Meteorological Organization in Washington D.C. recently sent a representative to Ruskin to help set up three new emergency response positions who will be hired not to predict weather, but to meet with emergency responders including FEMA and the Red Cross, and also with private groups like the Tampa Bay Pilot’s Association. They want to learn all aspects of emergency response so they can work better with the communities directly impacted when emergency conditions arise.

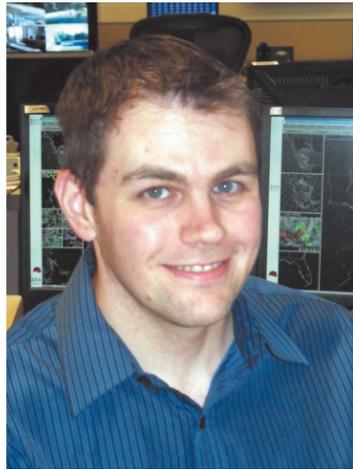
The weather service in D.C. will help the Ruskin staff in filling these positions, Johnson said.

To find out more about the weather station or for forecasts, visit www.weather.gov/tampabay. Local daily, weekly and marine forecasts are available by recorded message at 813-645-2506.



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Logan Johnson, Tony Reynes and Nicole Carlisle man their positions at the National Weather Service on 14th Avenue in Ruskin.



Logan Johnson, senior forecaster.



Tony Reynes listens to the weather service’s radio station.

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Small business development help set for South County

■ By MELODY JAMESON
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APOLLO BEACH – Whether the objective is taking a hobby from pleasure to profit or getting a novel idea off the drawing board and into business mode, South County citizens have a new ally in the effort.

And much of the help is free of charge.

A satellite office of Hillsborough's Small Business Information Center (SBIC) will open here next week. Formal announcement of the SBIC's newest satellite was made during a SouthShore Chamber of Commerce luncheon this week by Lynn Schultz, community services coordinator in the county's Economic Development Department.

Initially, office operations will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. one day each week in a section of the chamber's Apollo Beach headquarters, Schultz said. The chamber's AB offices are located in the Shoppes at Mira Bay.

The SBIC's range of services is wide, the coordinator noted, beginning with providing in its offices business-pertinent information related to U.S. Internal Revenue Service requirements or State of Florida obligations for small businesses or partner data. The office can give assistance to small enterprises wishing to do business with local government. It can help with registration and certification of a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), as well as with a number of other areas of interest to the small business person. SBIC also performs business surveys and commercial needs assessments within a community.

The center is known for its various workshops conducted in the community and designed to help the start-up business operator as

well as one trying to grow an already established enterprise. At various locations during October, for example, workshops devoted to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan programs, to making a business plan, to marketing, to taxes and the small business, to a two-part series on businesses in the food industry all are on the calendar.

A pair of them already is slated for Ruskin. On October 22, SBIC

will offer a day-long review of the small business tool kit, a workshop on starting a new business. Two days later, on October 24, a two-hour seminar on bookkeeping essentials for the small business operation is scheduled. Local programs also will be offered in Spanish, Schultz said.

The center can pro-



LYNN SCHULTZ

vide a comprehensive check list of the various matters involved in starting a new business plus the contact information needed to handle each of them. This check list deals with such topics as determining the type of organization the business will operate under, creating the business name

and how to register it properly, obtaining the business tax receipt and from whom as well as getting the appropriate licensing and from which entity.

In addition, the overview offers direction related to financing options, whatever insurance or bonding is necessary, understanding the taxes required and ensuring there is compliance with local zoning codes. The guide includes tips for protecting the new business idea and preparing a business plan, plus lists other resources of interest to the entrepreneur.

As part of its services, SBIC also makes in-person business calls by appointment, visiting a business site to offer on-the-spot counseling, Schultz said.

Designed to be a "first stop" for the entrepreneur, the SBIC website describes the agency as one created to facilitate and promote development and growth of the small business sector, fastest expanding segment of the economy. It partners not only with SBA, but also with the Small Business Development Center at the University of South Florida and with members of SCORE, an organization of retired executives available to counsel newcomers to business ownership and management.

The SBIC primary office is located in the Corporate Square office park on north 56th Street in Tampa.

Citizens wishing more information about its services can telephone the office at 914-4028, extension 62010, or the chamber office in Apollo Beach, 645-1366. The SBIC website address, where the monthly calendar can be viewed and workshop registrations completed, is <https://sbic.hillsboroughcounty.org>

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Joining fee waived during Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Curves

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Curves continues to work to raise awareness in women about the life-saving importance of risk management, early detection and treatment. Throughout the month, Curves of Sun City Center/Ruskin is waiving the joining fee for new members who show proof of a mammogram within the past year or make a \$25 donation to breast cancer research.

They invite everyone in the community to join their team and walk with them on October 22, 2011 for the "Put on Your Pink Bra Walk" in Tampa. They will have a table set up during **Open House on October 8** to decorate bras, with decorations provided by Sparkle N Sprinkle of Ruskin.

According to statistics from the American Cancer Society (ACS), nearly 230,480 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in 2011, and another 57,650 will be diagnosed with

carcinoma in situ (CIS), a non-invasive, early form of breast cancer. Breast cancer remains a leading cause of cancer death in women, second only to lung cancer. More than 39,500 women will die from the disease in 2011. One woman in every eight will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in her lifetime.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Curves will focus on three important goals in supporting this annual campaign:

Helping women learn the facts about breast cancer and the importance of early detection.

Encouraging women to work out three times a week to help reduce their risk of developing breast cancer.

Participating in fund-raising efforts to support the research and outreach efforts of the ACS.

Since only about 5-10 percent of breast cancers are hereditary, prevention can play a key role in

a woman's risk management strategy. The ACS recommends making lifestyle choices such as eating right, getting regular exercise and maintaining a healthy weight to help a woman significantly reduce her risk of developing breast cancer.

"Curvesmissionhasalwaysbeen to strengthen women," according to the staff of Curves of Sun City Center/Ruskin. "Typically, women are caregivers, but when it comes to breast cancer, women need to understand how important it is to take care of themselves. Scheduling an annual doctor visit, performing a monthly breast self exam, eating a nutritious diet and making time for regular exercise are all things that a woman can do to stay strong and help reduce her chances of developing this devastating disease."

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I did what I could; I hope it's enough

My story begins on a cross-country flight from San Diego to Chicago. It had been an uneventful trip until just before we got into the landing pattern of O'Hare International Airport. Suddenly one of the male passengers at the back of the aircraft cried out in pain and doubled over. His cry for help was so loud that all heads turned to see what was the problem, and flight attendants from all areas of the plane came running. After a quick inspection, one of the attendants asked over the intercom if there were any medically trained personnel on board. Would you believe that with all the doctors, nurses, EMTs, physician assistants, and other medical personnel in the United States, we probably were on the only airplane that didn't even have a Boy Scout with his First Aid Merit Badge. It fell to the flight crew to minister to his pain. He exhibited some signs of shock and they kept him warm, making him as comfortable as possible. As one of the attendants walked past my seat, I asked how the man was doing. She replied that they did not know what was wrong with him and then said, "I did what I could. I hope it's enough to make a difference."

Now for the second part of the story. The lady sitting beside me was, I'm guessing, in her early seventies. She was British through and through. When she heard what the attendant said, she turned to

me and said, "I've heard those words before. Well, actually, I've seen those words before." For a moment, I thought she was being sarcastic. But there was a tone in her voice that chased that idea from my mind. When I asked her to explain, she told me this story.

During World War II, along with several other women, she had been assigned the responsibility of caring for a group of 30 English children who had been moved from London to the countryside. She said the old building in which they were quartered left much to be desired but was a rather sturdy structure. Almost every day, the

Nazi bombers flew over their idyllic little village, intent upon bombing the major industrial and military centers of England. So rarely did any of the German bombers pay attention to their little village that people were not quick to take shelter, or did not bother at all. On one fateful day, one of those bombers, for a reason no one but God will ever know, loosed the entire bomb load over this small village, and death and destruction rained from the skies. One of those bombs fell directly upon the building in which the children were quartered. It penetrated the roof, went through the second floor, and lodged—unexploded—in the room where the children were huddled. Miracle of miracles, not a child was injured. The bomb was

obviously a dud.

When the bomb disposal men came to clear it away, they took it apart. Inside the warhead of this weapon of destruction was a note written in Polish by a slave laborer who obviously worked in the munitions plant. The English woman said when the note was transcribed to English, it read, "I did what I could. I hope it is enough."

It's probable that Polish slave laborer never made it through the war, but because of his or her action, 30 children did. I don't know whether the man who fell ill on my flight survived or not, but I do know the kindness shown him by this wonderful flight attendant gave him a much better chance of survival. I suspect the attendant, being the professional she was, probably never gave it a second thought, because that's what professionals do—they do what they can and hope it is enough. What a wonderful world it would be if each one of us would commit to do the best we can. I think it would be enough.

Hodges is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer and syndicated columnist. He also hosts an interview-format television program, Spotlight on Government, on the Tampa Bay Community Network which airs Mondays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Bright House channel 950, Verizon channel 30). The shows can also be viewed at www.hodgesvideos.com. Phone: 813-641-0816. Email: bill@billhodges.com Website: www.billhodges.com



Positive Talk

By William Hodges

Jazz it up with the Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club SouthShore has engaged three jazz groups to play at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Community Association Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd.

The concert's first half will include the six-piece Dixieland group and the four-piece Sax Jazz. The second half will conclude with the 12-piece Jazz Big Band.

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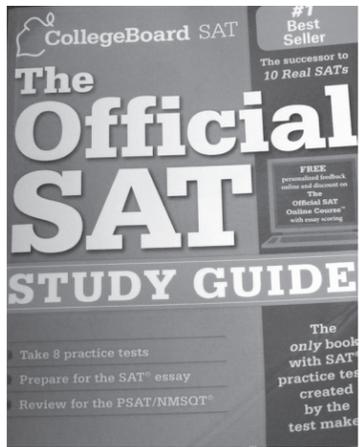
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More students take SAT prep classes as scholarship qualifications rise

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GIBSONTON -- Getting a Bright Futures Scholarship will require more community service and higher Scholastic Aptitude test grades starting this year because of new requirements made in the recent Florida Legislative session.

Administrators at East Bay High School say that's probably why more students are taking SAT prep classes this year than ever before.

Yet despite the school's continuous efforts to get the word out, many families are not aware of the new requirements, which may leave some students unable to obtain the Bright Futures scholarships, said Jennifer Sparano, the school's assistant principal for curriculum.

Until this year, students were required to complete 75 hours of community service for the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholarship. That number has now gone to 100. Florida Medallion Scholarships and Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarships, which used to require no community service hours, now require 75 and 30 respectively.

Over time, SAT scores will be considerably raised as well.

The SAT score in the year 2012 must be 1270 to receive a Florida Academic Scholarship, but it will climb to 1290 for the Class of 2014.

Recipients of the Medallion Scholarship will see an even greater climb. While they need to score 980 in the year 2012, those taking the test in the year 2014 will be required to score 1170.

Besides raising the SAT scores and adding community service requirements, legislators have also ruled that all prospective Bright Futures scholarship applicants must submit a completed application for federal aid even if they do not think they can qualify for federal aid.

Prior to this resolution, only students in need of financial assistance had to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application, Sparano said.

"The purpose of the Bright Futures Scholarship has always been to keep the best and brightest students in Florida-based colleges," said Kayzie Weaver, East Bay's college and career counselor. "I think having them file the application even if they don't think they're eligible for financial assistance is more of a tracking method to be sure the students who need money to attend college are getting it. It isn't necessarily a bad thing."

According to Hillsborough County's school district, 74 percent of 2011 seniors took the SAT in the 2010-2011 school year, an increase of 15 percent over the previous year and is a 42 percent increase over students taking the SATs five years ago.

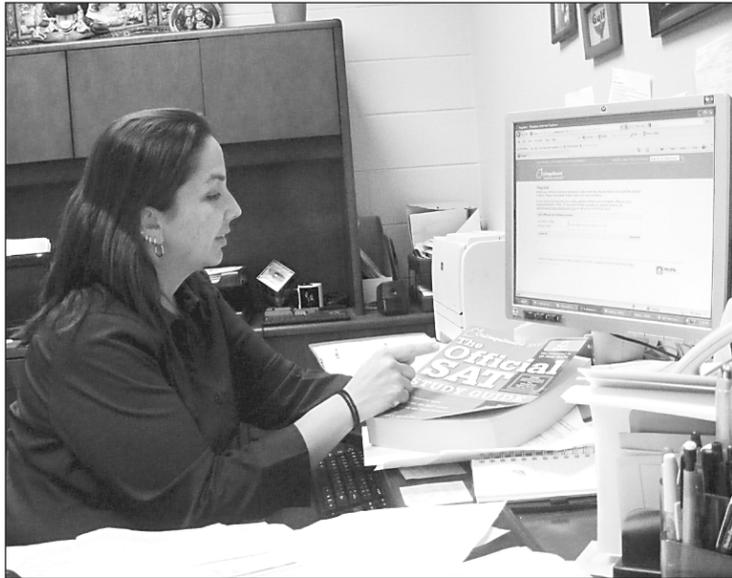
"The SAT prep course is an excellent tool to help students get

Media Center was full. It was the largest showing in the six years I've been here. About 90 kids showed up. It's a sign of the times. Of the competitive culture we're living in."

The classes each lasted about six hours. Staff at East Bay wants students and parents at all area schools to know that there are still opportunities to take the classes if they missed them in South County.

SAT classes, test dates and registration, beginning with classes on Oct. 8 with a test date of Nov. 5, are available on line at www.collegeboard.com and questions may be asked at (866) 756-7346 as well.

"The opportunity to experience the content is invaluable," Sparano said. "I can't imagine what a student



Jennifer Sparano, assistant principal for curriculum at East Bay High School in Gibsonton, administers sample tests to students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test preparatory classes.

higher scores," said Sparano. "The course gives a pretest when they first arrive, and then tests them again after they take the class so they can measure what their scores are before and after the class."

The program is marketed to both 11th and 12th graders with money provided by the county, she added.

School administrators talk about it in assemblies and on the Internet and send automatic messages to parents as well.

"We want parents to know we'll do the prep work for free before they pay someone to tutor their kids," said Principal Sharon Morris.

The county selected sites for the preparatory classes in various locations and East Bay was the only location south of Brandon. It was given on three Saturdays, with Sparano as the administrator.

"I ended up teaching too because so many more students came than we had expected," she said. "The

would go through walking into the test without having an idea what kind of material will be on it."

She explained that the class is divided into three distinct sections, like the SAT itself.

"Students start by writing an essay and then type it in and the program grades it on the computer. They also get verbal and math pretest scores. Then they get the prep class and an analysis of scores by teachers who work with them in the areas they need it."

One group of students may work on algebraic reasoning or geometric symbols, while another group works on language arts.

"The computer is used as a tool to diagnose student's strengths and weaknesses and then people instruct them where they're weak," Sparano said. "I would advise all students who plan on taking SATs to take the course first."

For further information about SAT prep classes, call 866-756-7346.

Zoning committee to meet

The U.S. Zoning Overlay District Working Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 in the South Shore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way in Ruskin.

The U.S. 41 Zoning Overlay District Working Committee is made up of community members and stakeholders that will assist county staff in formulating recommendations to improve the appearance of U.S. 41 within the Apollo Beach and Ruskin communities.

For more information, call Jose Fernandez, Principal Planner, Development Services Department at (813) 307-3435.



Riverview Rockets!

On Sept. 11 the Riverview Rockets Crimson Baseball team placed 2nd in the 'Support Our Troops' Tournament in Plant City. Team manager Steve Chadbourne, Coaches Aaron Jackson, Peter Kochera and Steve Dickinson say they are proud of team members who played. Players are: Luke Chunn, Jayden Ross, Donovan Parrish, Cade Dickinson, Hans Walker, Donovan Dubisson, Kipp Kochera, Nicholas Villanti, Levi Buzbee, John Duran, Aaron Jackson, Chameron Chadbourne, and Alex Guillory.

Ruskin cemetery beautification day

The Ruskin Woman's Club is sponsoring another Beautification Day from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Ruskin Memorial Park.

Everyone is invited to attend. Bring rakes, shovels, trimmers, gloves, and any other items needed to work with and join the community in helping keep the community-owned Memorial Park beautiful.

For more information, call Debbie Bonebrake at (813) 645-6491 or Deb Adams at (813) 649-0400.

American Sewing Guild to meet

The Brandon/East Bay Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the Brandon Recreation Center, 502 East Sadie Street, Brandon.

Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. with a business meeting at 10 a.m. Their guest this month, Sandy Blackadar, will demonstrate lingerie construction.

Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call Darlene Youmans at (813) 671-8852.



Free "Big Draw" events for October

Oct. 1 • 10:30 a.m.-noon

The Big Picture Party: Big Draw Kick Off SouthShore Regional Library, <http://host7.evanced.info/hillsborough/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>.

Oct. 3 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Pee Wee Artists, ages 3-5 years with Laurie Burhop, SouthShore Regional Library.

Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26 • 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Draw-A-Thon, with Brenda Eastep, Big Draw Studios. Register online at http://www.ruskinbigdraw.com/Site/Big_Draw_Studios.html.

Oct. 5 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Teen/Adult, 'How Do You Make Art Anyway?' with Phyllis Alexandroff, SouthShore Regional Library.

Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 • 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Drawing Club, ages 6-9 with Cory Wright, Big Draw Studios. Register online at http://www.ruskinbigdraw.com/Site/Big_Draw_Studios.html.

Oct. 8 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

International Day of Drawing: Tampa Museum of Art, all ages.

Oct. 11 • 6 to 8 p.m.

Teen/Adult Watercolor with Bruce Marsh, SouthShore Regional Library.

Oct. 14 • 6 to 10 p.m.

Big Draw "Circuit Breaker" Community Event Day 1 at The Firehouse Cultural Center, 101 1st Ave NE, Ruskin.

Oct. 15 • 10:15 to 11 a.m.

Wee Artists, ages 3-6 years, with Laurie Burhop, SouthShore Regional Library.

Oct. 15 • 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Expressive Artists, ages 10 and up, with Laurie Burhop, SouthShore Regional Library.

Oct. 15 • 1 to 6 p.m.

Big Draw "Circuit Breaker" community Event Day 2 at The Firehouse Cultural Center, 101 1st Ave NE, Ruskin.

Oct. 17 • 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Pee Wee Artists, ages 3-5 years, with Laurie Burhop, SouthShore Regional Library.

Oct. 19 • 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Teen/Adult Calligraphy, with Minnette Webster, SouthShore Regional Library.

Oct. 22 • 9 a.m. to noon

Drawing en Plein Air Camp Bayou, 4140, 24th St. SE, Ruskin. Bring your own supplies.

For a complete listing of all events, visit <http://www.firehouseculturalcenter.org/>

For classes at the SouthShore Regional Library, you must register by calling 273-3652

These events are made possible by the Arts Council of Hillsborough County, SouthShore Arts Council, Firehouse Cultural Center and the Tampa Museum of Art.*

Tour of local businesses to be offered monthly

Tour de SouthShore is a behind-the-scenes look at businesses people might never have visited or even known existed. This will be a once-a-month event sponsored by the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce given Fridays through October.

The tour involves five or six businesses and a stop for lunch along the route. The day concludes around 1:30 p.m.

Tour de SouthShore is the perfect chance to learn more about the community and to do business with companies here in South Shore.

Not only chamber members, but the general public, are invited to participate. There is a \$50 participation fee for those who would like their businesses toured and a \$25 cost to those who would like to take the tour to cover the chamber's expenses.

Any business interested in being a stop on the tour may call for details. There are also a few openings left for 'tourists.'

The \$25 fee for a tourist includes breakfast, snack and lunch.

For more information, call (813) 645-3808.



MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

Washington, D.C. can keep the madness, it's good to be in Florida. At long last, it's good to be home.

Moving to Serendipity

Ah! Another season, another debt ceiling crisis. Working for the House of Representatives a while back, I felt certain that our representatives, despite some evidence to the contrary, actually did, by and large, stay in touch with their constituencies. Now I'm not so certain. However, I am becoming more and more certain that any black cloud that may be hanging over this nation emanates from Washington, D.C.



Observations
By Mitch Traphagen
mitch@observernews.net

Since Congress doesn't appear capable of doing their most basic duty in keeping the budget on track and paying the bills, the least they could have done is come to help me move. If nothing else, that would have been an accomplishment. After all, it's not like they have a long list of their own accomplishments to point to.

Roughly three moves ago, I vowed I would never move furniture again — I would merely set it all on fire and start from scratch. Somehow, it seems I only manage to remember that vow as I'm loading or unloading a rental truck. While most people my age would hire a bunch of young guys with no necks to carry the furniture, most people aren't married to Michelle. To Michelle, a few days of limping and whining are a small price to pay to save a few hundred dollars. She'll regret that, of course, when I keel over carrying a box of unidentifiable junk out of or into a house, but at that point it really wouldn't do much good for me, given that I'd be...well, dead.

Despite all of the whining, there is something serendipitous in moving. For one thing, it gave me an opportunity to see things that I haven't seen since the last time I moved — sort of like a bunch of personal time capsules that get packed away into a new house to be discovered again in the next move. In amongst the tons of clutter, I found a bunch of cool-to-me stuff that I don't need, will never use and, as previously mentioned, probably won't see again until the next time I move.

I found an invitation to an event with a vice president and media credentials for two events involving presidents. I found a formal invitation from the commander of a military base to a special event honoring a man I respect greatly. I found a report I wrote on communications that made me think my I.Q. is decreasing as my age increases. I found concert ticket stubs with memories old and new attached to them. I found a Seven Seas Cruising Association monthly newsletter from 2000 that contained our introductory letter as we applied to become Commodores in the association. I found old photos and colored artwork from the three foster children we've had over the years (all three are now adults and light years beyond crayons). Some of the photos were of Michelle and me as we were preparing our boat for a six-month cruise to the Bahamas and beyond. We looked like children ourselves. I found t-shirts, some decades old, marking events with memories I cherish. The t-shirts have been moved from place to place but are rarely, if ever, worn. Yet I can't throw them away. They are milestones to me that show I was there.

But more than rediscovering things old, there is serendipity in the discovery of things new. Setting up a new home is an opportunity for rejuvenation with an absence of

paradigms and habits. Discovering a new neighborhood is much like exploring a new land. Walking down a new street in the evening light gives the impression that we are on vacation, and we giggle to ourselves in the awareness that this is our new life. As the boxes are unpacked and a semblance of normalcy emerges from the chaos, the realization begins to sink in that this is home.

In late 2007, worn out from all of the changes in Florida, we moved to the exact opposite end of the spectrum: a very small town in Iowa. In early 2009, we moved back to Florida (any romanticism to be found in a blizzard wears off after the first half dozen of them). Now just last week we moved into our new-to-us home — a small, older house in a very cool old Ruskin neighborhood. For the first time in years, we feel as though we are truly home.

Now that I think about it, perhaps it's for the best that members of Congress didn't help us move. There is nothing serendipitous about a group of well-dressed people with gleaming white teeth complaining, arguing and pointing fingers about who dropped the box containing the glassware. This home is a sanctuary from all of that and more. As I look out to watch the tide slowly change and the sun rise on another day in paradise, I almost pity them. Yes, they have good, high-paying jobs but really, who would want to live like that? However, since they have chosen it, I sincerely hope they just do their jobs without dragging the nation through the mud and muck of their own personal ambitions. I want to look out for my neighbors on my new street. I hope Congress look out for the nation by doing their jobs. You see, this is my home and I care deeply about it. I think most of us feel the same.

The sun is rising on a new morning in paradise. Hints of beautiful autumn weather are in the air. It's good to be in Florida. It's good to be home.

Performing Arts Club presents 'Reunion' Oct. 27

The Performing Arts Club production, "Reunion," is a musical fable that sends Alice and Helen and Richard and Bobby and Joanie and Jessica and Jim to their high school reunion, where they are reacquainted with old fads, old feuds, old friends and old flames. For these former schoolmates, it's a night filled with surprises. For "Reunion's" audience, it will be a nostalgic evening filled with familiar music, recognizable characters and shared memories. The show opens Oct. 27 at Sun City Center's Rollins Theater.

"Reunion" stars popular local talent Chuck Collett, Ellen Kleinschmidt, Diane LeFrancois, Wendy Smith, Kathy Straub, Dan Tackitt, and Lew Resseguie, veteran New York actor who is the show's author and director. The producer is Barbara Brtva. Tickets go on sale Oct. 3 at Sun City Center's Atrium Ticket Kiosk. To purchase by credit card, call: 813-642-0606. All performances are at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27, 28, 29, Nov. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12.



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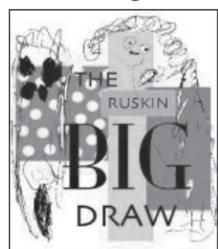
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Draw graffiti on Ruskin's new firehouse!

The Firehouse Cultural Center Committee is proud to present the first ever two-day Circuit Breaker event to celebrate the Big Draw. It will be held at the center, 101 First Ave. N.E. in Ruskin.

Participants will be encouraged to draw using electricity and technology.

This free, family-friendly event kicks off from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 with upbeat music, drawing on the firehouse with laser graffiti, an interactive Tesla Coil and other hands-on art activities for all ages.



Then on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 1 to 6 p.m. there will be live music, food, more fun

with the Tesla Coil, Steel Cage Drawing for the kids, the ever popular Drawing Horse Circle and a workshop entitled, 'Drawing with Remote Control Cars.'

Food will be available for purchase both days from local vendors, Hydro Harvest Farms and Mullet Shack.

To register for the free Graffiti Laser Workshop, Steel Cage Drawing or Drawing with Remote Control Cars, call (813) 846-2000.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

New flu vaccine for Seniors provides better protection

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've read that there is a new extra-strength flu vaccine being offered to seniors this year. What can you tell me about it, where can I find it, and does Medicare cover it?

Flu-Conscious Connie

Dear Connie,

The new extra-strength flu vaccination you're inquiring about is called the Fluzone High-Dose, and it's designed specifically for seniors, age 65 years and older. Here's what you should know.

Fluzone High-Dose

Manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur Inc., the Fluzone High-Dose vaccine was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Dec. 2009, and was first made available last flu season on a limited basis.

The main difference between the Fluzone High-Dose and a regular flu shot is its potency. The High-Dose vaccine contain four times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibody) as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection. This extra protection is particularly helpful to seniors who have weaker immune defenses and have a great risk of developing dangerous flu complications. The CDC estimates that the flu puts more

than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills around 24,000 – 95 percent of whom are seniors.



The Savvy Senior

By Jim Miller

As with all flu vaccines, Fluzone High-Dose is not recommended for seniors who are allergic to chicken eggs, or those who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

To locate a vaccination site that offers the Fluzone High-Dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist, or check the online flu-shot locator at flu.gov for clinics or stores offering flu shots. Then, contact some in your area to see whether they have the High-Dose vaccine. CVS, Walgreens, Safeway, Kmart, Rite

Aid and Kroger are among some of the chains offering the High-Dose shot.

You'll also be happy to know that if you're a Medicare beneficiary, Part B will cover 100 percent of the cost of your High-Dose vaccination. But if you're not covered the cost is around \$50 to \$60 – that's about double of what you'd pay for a regular flu shot.

Pneumovax

Another important vaccination the CDC recommends to seniors – especially this time of year – is the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine for pneumonia and meningitis (the vaccine is called Pneumovax 23). Pneumonia causes more than 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, many of which could be prevented by this vaccine. If you're over age 65 and haven't already gotten this one-time-only shot, you should get it now before flu season hits. Pneumovax 23 is also covered under Medicare Part B, and you can get it on the same day you get your flu shot. If you're not covered by insurance, this vaccine

costs around \$75 to \$85 at retail clinics.

This vaccine is also recommended to adults under age 65 if they smoke or have certain chronic conditions like asthma, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, diabetes, sickle cell disease, have had their spleen removed, or have a weakened immune system due to cancer, HIV or an organ transplant.

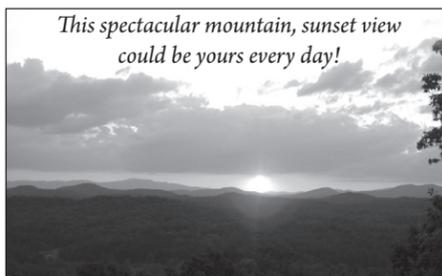
Savvy Tips: In addition to getting vaccinated, the CDC reminds everyone that the three best ways to stay healthy during flu season is to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and stay home if you're sick. For more information on the recommended vaccines for older adults see cdc.gov/vaccines.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Kids' Program/Event Highlights September 29 to October 5

Teen Night: Game Zone*

Thursday, Sept. 29 • 5 to 7 p.m.

For middle and high school students. Get in the zone and join your friends for some gaming fun on the Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii with games such as Band Hero, Guitar Hero 5, Smash Brothers Brawl and more! Refreshments provided by Domino's Pizza.

Family Story Time

Thursday, Sept. 29 • 7 to 7:30 p.m.

For ages 2-5 with a caregiver. Make reading time family time. Stories, action rhymes, songs, interactive activities, and crafts make up this fun 30-minute program that celebrates a love of reading. Children may wear pajamas and bring a blanket and favorite cuddly toy.

Big Picture Party*

Saturday, Oct. 1 • 10:30 a.m. to noon

For grades K-3rd. Celebrate illustrations! Participate in a drawing lesson! Join us for this special program where each family member will illustrate and make their own book. Registration is required. Ask at the Information Desk or call 273-3652. This family program is part of the Big Draw-Ruskin program.

"Pee Wee Artists": Let's Create!*

Monday, Oct. 3 • 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

"Pee Wee Artists," 3-5 years, will have a fun morning creating art with our art instructor. Adult must be present. Limit 15. Registration required at the Library or by phone 273-3652.

Baby Time

Monday, Oct. 3 • 1:35 to 1:55 p.m.

For children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Early literacy begins at birth. Bond with your baby through stories, bouncy rhymes and songs in this 20-minute lapsit program that introduces early literacy skills and encourages language development.

Plushie Sock Monsters*

Monday, Oct. 3 • 3 to 4:30 p.m.

For children in grades 2nd to 5th. Learn to sew and create a plushie monster out of socks and buttons! Give him 3 eyes or make him a cyclops, include a bow or a bowtie, the possibilities are endless!

No experience needed. Registration required. Ask at the Information Desk or call 273-3652.

Zombie Felties*

Monday, Oct. 3 • 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Ages 12-18. Make your very own feltie Zombie keychain! Include a dangling eyeball and brain bits! So creepy they're cute. No experience needed. Limit 20. Registration is required at the Information Desk or by calling 273-3652.

Toddler Time

Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. and 10:35 to 10:55 a.m.

For children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers. Stories, fingerplays, songs and interactive activities make up this fun 20-minute program that highlights early literacy skills and encourages reading readiness.

Story Time

Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 11 to 11:30 a.m.

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Stories, action rhymes, songs and interactive activities make up this engaging 30-minute program that highlights early literacy skills, and encourages reading readiness and social interaction.

Baby Time

Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 11:35 to 11:55 a.m.

For children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Early literacy begins at birth. Bond with your baby through stories, bouncy rhymes and songs in this 20-minute lapsit program that introduces early literacy skills and encourages language development.

Baby Time

Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m.

For children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Early literacy begins at birth. Bond with your baby through stories, bouncy rhymes and songs in this 20-minute lapsit program that introduces early literacy skills and encourages language development.

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Story Time

Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 11 to 11:30 a.m.

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Stories, action rhymes, songs and interactive activities make up this engaging 30-minute program that highlights early literacy skills, and encourages reading readiness and social interaction.

*Free event is provided by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library. Go to www.southshorefriends.com or call (813) 634-1396 for more information about the Friends.

WAVES plan annual yard sale

Tampa Bay WAVES Unit #55 will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 10701 Bloomingdale Ave., Riverview. The meeting is held in St. Anne's Hall, located at the rear of the church building.

Included in the agenda will be planning for the annual Yard Sale to be held in conjunction with the Church's Yard Sale on Oct. 22.

Membership in the Unit and in the parent organization, WAVES National, is open to all women who served honorably (including those currently serving) in the U.S. Navy, Navy Nurse Corps, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Maritime Service, or related reserve components.

For more information, call Jeanette Green at (813) 657-9164.

Ruskin VFW Post #6287

Ruskin VFW Post #6287, 5120 U.S. 41 N. has listed the following weekly activities. Meetings are: American Legion on 1st Wednesday each month; VFW and LAVFW on the 2nd Wednesday each month; and MAVFW on the 3rd Thursday each month.



Thursday, Sept. 29 — Bar Bingo at 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30 — Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Music by George Durham & Co. from 7 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1 — 5th Annual Summer Picnic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Simmons Park. Come on out and have a fun day. There is a lot going on and if you have a camper,

go out and enjoy a nice weekend. Music at Post from 7 to 11 p.m. by Chasin Stars.

Sunday, Oct. 2 — Fire in the Hole from 1 to 4 p.m. Music by Bert & Sassy from 5 to 9 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3 — Open.

Tuesday, Oct. 4 — Games in Lounge from 1 to 5 p.m. Kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5 — American Legion Meeting at 7 p.m.



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Friday, Sept. 30	7-11 p.m.	Calvin O
Saturday, Oct. 1	7-11 p.m.	Breast Cancer Walk Karaoke with Kim
Sunday, Oct. 2		Octoberfest
Friday, Oct. 7	7-11 p.m.	Double Barrell
Saturday, Oct. 8	5-7 p.m. 7-11 p.m.	Christmas in October Dinner Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Oct. 14	7-11 p.m.	Bert and Sassie
Saturday, Oct. 15	5-7 p.m. 7-11 p.m.	Steak Dinner Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Oct. 21	7-11 p.m.	Top Shelf
Saturday, Oct. 22	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim
Friday, Oct. 28	7-11 p.m.	Southern Tide

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MEETINGS

Men's Auxiliary -- First Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Auxiliary -- Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Post -- Second Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

MEALS

Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.

Friday Fish Fry from 5 to 7 p.m.

Sunday Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon

CANTEEN HAPPENINGS

Bar Bingo Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Bar Poker with Lori on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Fire in the Hole on Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Free boat safety inspections held

Free boat safety inspections are held every Saturday by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 75 in Ruskin for recreational boaters.

These safety inspections take about 15 minutes and are available



from 10 a.m. to noon at Simmons Park in Ruskin on the first and third Saturday of the month and at Williams Park in Gibsonton on the second and fourth Saturday, also from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information call (813) 645-6984.

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Looking for a rewarding way to help others? Have some spare time? The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 75 in Ruskin needs your help. You are invited to come to an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Eberhardt Building, 909 North Course Lane in Sun City Center.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (813) 633-5416.

Monthly meeting

The Auxiliary Flotilla 75 will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Ruskin Rec Center, 901 6th St., Ruskin. New or prospective members are always welcome to attend.

For more information, call (813) 938-1746.

Eagles Set Their Weekly Activities

The Ruskin Eagles, FOE, located at 1205 1st St. S.W. has scheduled the following weekly activities.

All events and activities of the Eagles Club are supported by the members and members' guests.

The FOE Aerie meet at 7 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The Ladies' Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. Eagle Riders meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29 -- Bar Games at 1 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30 — Feather Your Nest Game (new games are being tried) at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1 — Dinner at 5 p.m., followed by the music of the Sister Act from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2 — Feather Your Nest Game at 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3 — Bingo at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4 — Come on down and socialize.

Wednesday, Oct. 5 — Wings and Things (oh so good!) at 5 p.m. Bar Games at 6 p.m.

For more information, call the club at 645-2922.



South Hillsborough Elks Lodge #2672
Upcoming Activities



Every Wednesday: Best Spaghetti in Town -- \$7, All You Can Eat, for all Elks and their guests. Music by Bryan from 5 to 8 p.m.

Every Friday: Seafood and Sandwiches for all Elks and their guests from 5 to 7 p.m. Karaoke by Bryan from 5 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1: Homecoming of DVP Lucrecia 'Lu' Smith. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. \$5 Roast Pork dinner with all the trimmings..

Monday, Oct. 3: \$7 Blue Plate Special. Menu: Stuffed Shells with all the trimmings. Only 50 tickets will be sold.

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Saturday, Oct. 15: 50s Dance for all Elks and their guests from 6 to 9 p.m. with music by Double Density. \$7 with light snacks. Dress up in your 50s outfits.

Monday, Oct. 17: \$7 Blue Plate Special. Menu: Chicken & Noodles with all the trimmings. Only 50 tickets will be sold.

Saturday, Oct. 29: ENF Fundraiser. Entertainment is the Crazy Carol Show. Hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. and the show is scheduled for 6 p.m.. The cost is \$8. Carol has put together a completely new program.

Saturday, Nov. 20: Turkey Shoot for all Elks and their guests from 5 to 8 p.m. Menu: \$3 Sandwich Buffet.

Sunday, Nov. 21: Pot Luck Dinner for all Elks and their guests. Bring your favorite dish.

The South Hillsborough Elks Lodge is located at 1630 U.S. Hwy. 41 S., Ruskin, FL 33570. The Club has a clean, smoke-free environment. For more information, call (813) 645-2089.

Genealogy Society to hear strategies for research

The South Bay Genealogical Society meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18 will feature Sharon Tate Moody discussing "A Strategy for Research Success: How to Analyze your Evidence and Plan the Next Step."

This information will equip one to get the maximum from one's research efforts, thereby having a more successful journey in seeking out ancestors.

This meeting will be held at the SouthShore Regional Library, beginning at 1 p.m following a noon luncheon. Reservations for the luncheon (\$13) are required by Wednesday, Oct. 12 by calling Beth Clarke at (813) 642-9329.

The Society provides "Ask a Genealogist" assistance at SouthShore Regional Library on a scheduled basis, holds monthly program meetings, as well as workshops and seminars, to assist people tracing their family history.

Membership is open to all South County residents who have an interest in Genealogy.

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eBay: Selling Tips • Sept. 30 • 3 to 4 p.m.

Topics include selling, fees, listing types, pricing and research. eBay account required and basic mouse/keyboarding skills are recommended. FallTech!

Excel I: Introduction • Oct. 6 • 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Layout, entering data, inserting rows and columns, and other techniques. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are recommended.

Excel II: Formatting • Oct. 6 • 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Learn different formats for expressing numbers in a spreadsheet. Excel I is recommended.

Excel III: Performing Calculations • Oct. 7 • 3 to 4 p.m.

Learn about functions and formulas and how to use them in calculations. Excel II is recommended.

Excel: Charts and Graphs • Oct. 11 • 3 to 4 p.m.

Create and format charts from data for visual emphasis. Previous experience with Microsoft Excel is recommended.

eBooks: Introduction • Oct. 14 • 3 to 4 p.m.

Learn what hardware and software is required to download eBooks from our library.

Craigslist: Introduction • Oct. 18 • 3 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to become a member, browse, search, and buy items on Craigslist. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are recommended.

Craigslist: Listing & Selling • Oct. 18 • 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

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Patched but still unclaimed, little road getting lots of scrutiny

■ By MELODY JAMESON
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SUN CITY CENTER — With the potholes deep enough to topple a golf cart now patched along little Sun City Center Plaza road, adjacent property owners are taking a long look at long term solutions.

They, along with their patrons, workers and suppliers, daily must use the two-block long pavement leading to the Sun City Center Plaza from S.R. 674 because it is the only vehicle access. The road gets heavy traffic and has to accommodate particularly heavy trucks delivering both loads of goods to retail stores and loads of mail to the post office. Its condition impacts all of them.

While recognizing the importance of the little road, though, several property owners question whether its problems legally are theirs to make right.

That position puts them at odds with the county administration whose legal department stated earlier this year that easements provided decades back by a long-gone developer establish the property owners' responsibility for the road maintenance.

The net result is a short road that is absolutely necessary, aging under constant use and predictably will require some intensive care in the future, yet is hampered in terms of upkeep due to uncertain ownership. A recent estimate of costs to repair and resurface the roadway if there are no serious underlying problems was \$40,000.

Stan Whitcomb, a local office park developer who owns the two-story office building immediately south of the community's post office, said this week he is looking into dedicating the little road to the county in order to clear up the ownership question. Whitcomb is one of a half dozen property owners along the road. Others with ownership interests include the U.S. Postal Service, the SCC Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Peter Jacobson, Robyn and Tom Payant.

Whitcomb emphasized that precedent for turning the road over to the county is just across the state road that also is Sun City Center Boulevard. Trinity Lakes Blvd., running south into the Sun Towers retirement facilities and on the same alignment as the Sun City Center Plaza road, was turned over to Hillsborough County about eight years ago in a simple transaction, he said. "I've asked my engineer to meet with a representative of the county's road department" to determine how a similar dedication of the northern piece of the road can be made, he added.

In addition, Whitcomb is not convinced the easements made to the various property owners and issued in the 1980s by SunMark, one in a series of developers, are legally valid. Examination of the easement documents shows they differ in pertinent details, he said, suggesting that not every one of the properties abutting the road could carry any obligation for its maintenance.

Jacobson, an internist and cardiologist with long established practices in Brandon and SCC, also disputes the legal standing of the easements, questioning both

the process by which the easement apparently related to his property was conveyed and content of the document itself. The one he has reviewed, he said, was made to a previous owner of the single-story building north of the SCC chamber offices where his office as well as those of tenants' now are located, and without any indication of that owner's knowledge or acceptance.

The chamber's board of directors has doubts about the easements, too, said Dana Dittmar, executive director. Their easement document

Highwaymen artist calendar, prints for sale

PALMETTO — Signed 2012 calendars, matted prints, and posters by R.L. Lewis, one of the original Florida Highwaymen Artists, are for sale at the Palmetto Historical Park & Agricultural Museum, 515 10th Ave. West, Palmetto. The calendars are \$15 or two for \$25. The month of May 2012 features the Palmetto painting "Green Bridge." Signed and numbered prints of "Green Bridge" are available for \$60 and 16x20 posters are \$65. Sales benefit the Park and Museum.

In addition, raffle tickets for a framed Lewis painting titled "River Sunrise," valued at \$450, are available for a donation of \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

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has been turned over to an attorney for examination and research, she added.

Meanwhile, the little road has been made more safely passable with filling and resurfacing of the potholes that threatened suspension systems of larger vehicles and stability of the many golf carts using the street. The patching was done free of charge by a Manatee County-based company which provides its services to Hillsborough County and was coordinated by Ken Hagan, an at-large commissioner representing the SCC area.

Dittmar said she expects the patch job, which is weathering the current rainy season, to stand up for three to four years. "It looks like a road that's been patched", she noted, "but the triage has stabilized the patient. Now it needs a cure." The group agrees the optimal ownership "cure" is Hillsborough County, she indicated.

Whitcomb said he hoped to soon update the property owner group on prospects for placing the little road under the county's umbrella
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John Donnelly is honored by the Rotary Club of Sun City Center as he turns 105. With him are Georgana Collins and Shawn Gregory of Freedom Plaza.

Rotarian honored with birthday party as he turns 105

The Rotary Club of Sun City Center honored Rotarian and Sun City Center resident John Donnelly for his 105th birthday on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at their weekly Rotary meeting at Freedom Fairways Golf Club.

John Donnelly, a resident of Freedom Plaza, was born on Sept. 23, 1906 in Burlington, Iowa. He spent most of his life in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he worked as a stock broker.

A Rotarian since 1949, he still attends Rotary meetings faithfully every Tuesday noon just as he has been doing since 1962.

John is a National Senior Games Champion and a gold medal winner in Florida Senior Games State Championships in table tennis. He appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno in 2006 and challenged Leno to a game of table tennis. He also read an original poem about love and the older generation

At the age of 95, John married his wife Marian. He has three children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The couple resides at Freedom Plaza.

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There has never been a better time to literally dine out on Shell Point Road in Ruskin. The Fish House, at 1902 W. Shell Point is extremely popular to the point of becoming a community icon. Joining them only two months ago is the Dog House and More at 204 W. Shell Point. The lobster rolls are to die for.

Dining out on Shell Point Road

Outdoor eateries old and new along Shell Point Road are an opportunity for good times and great food.

■ By MITCH TRAPHAGEN
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RUSKIN — As realtors know, location matters when it comes to finding a home. That was certainly the case when my wife and I were searching for a new home in Ruskin. We found a few homes that fit our criteria, but one thing pushed the one we chose to the top of the list: it was just a short bike ride away from Ruskin's iconic Fish House on Shell Point Road.

Shell Point Road has an odd sort of mystique about it. It is a narrow road that floods even in moderate summer thunderstorms. It is a mismatched collection of eclectic businesses and homes in various states of repair. It is a slender artery from the heated pavement of U.S. Highway 41, I-75 and Sun City Center leading to an entirely different world of waterfront paradise. It is bordered by orange groves, weeded vacant lots, mobile home parks and intersections bearing "No Outlet" signs along with the street names, signs that discourage exploration into the transcendental, "Old Florida" neighborhoods that lie beyond its intersections.

Over the years, Shell Point Road has offered sustenance to everything from somewhat-past-the-expiration-date convenience store packaged snacks to homemade pies and intimate waterfront dining in the backyards of what were once homes. Today it remains a place to dine out on some of the best seafood around.

Two months ago, Lisa Csiki and Scott Curtis opened the Dog House and More at 204 W. Shell Point Road. The black trailer that serves as kitchen and counter does little to suggest the outstanding fare served by Csiki — and the fare is so much more than hotdogs.

Csiki owned a similar business for seven years in Connecticut and a life change brought her to Florida a few years ago. After working in other restaurants around the bay area, she made the decision to strike out on her own once again.

"I looked around in Lakeland and in other areas," she said. "Someone told us about Bahia

Beach so I decided to check it out. This all came together in less than a month."

Although Angus beef hot dogs are prominent on the menu, the lobster rolls were what caught my attention.

"The lobster rolls are served just as they would be in New England," Csiki said.

Real, fresh lobster smothered in hot butter and served on a toasted bun is just shy of heaven. That it is available for a reasonable price makes a very good thing even better. And there is more — from burgers and subs to real New England clam chowder.

"I make a lot of stuff myself — from the hamburgers and turkey burgers, chili, even the tartar sauce — all homemade," Csiki said.

And still there is more. "We have ice cream and shakes for dessert," she added.

While the Dog House and More may be the name they chose, the emphasis is definitely on the "More" as far as I'm concerned.

Csiki and Curtis are also planning to host Saturday night events around their establishment. "Maybe an old fashioned car show or a bike night," she said. "We have plenty of land here for that."

Opening a small restaurant in the middle of summer in Florida is no easy feat, but everything fell into place for the friendly couple. They have used the months before tourist season to get their footing along Shell Point Road.

"We are hoping the locals get to know us so they'll tell the snowbirds to come out," Csiki said.

If the chili or kraut dogs don't bring them out, the lobster rolls most certainly will. I know I'll be back for one on a regular basis.

The economic slowdown in Florida isn't evident in the long lines that form at the Fish House, located at 1902 W. Shell Point Road. Open Thursday through Saturday each week, the lines at lunch and dinner times are always long — and for good reason. Not only is the food outstanding, it is served with a smile as though from

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of donating to the cause. The group is encouraging a donation of \$200 from every household in the community, but organizers say they will be happy with any level of support, including volunteer effort. Some Apollo Beach businesses have already stepped forward with pledges.

“Failure is not an option,” said ABWIG organizer Len Berkstresser. “This needs to go forward and we are going to go forward with it. If for some reason we can’t reach our goal, the money will remain in the bank collecting interest until we can make it. We are also looking into extending the permits if necessary.”

Berkstresser is also actively seeking the support of the area’s developers and other large businesses.

“Getting something done about this with the money we can collect in the next few years is, in my mind, a 95 percent certainty,” he said. “It is extremely important to this community.”

He sees this as much more than an issue limited to boaters and owners of waterfront property; he sees it as an issue that touches the very heart of the community.

“Essentially what we are going to do is raise the property values in all of Apollo Beach,” Berkstresser said. “We want to maintain the waterfront lifestyle that we have in this community. Everyone has heard the phrase ‘a rising tide raises all boats’ and that is true in this case. Waterfront and non-waterfront properties will benefit from this.”

ABWIG has plans for several fundraising events, including a golf tournament. There are pickle jars soliciting donations in businesses throughout the community and volunteers will again take to the streets in the coming months to visit homes they may have missed on Saturday. The effort towards digging out the channels in Apollo Beach is digging in and moving forward. But that isn’t enough for Berkstresser. He plans to tackle what is perhaps an even bigger

challenge.

“I don’t want to be here in another 15 years doing this all over again,” he said. “I want a long-term solution. I’m trying to formulate in my own mind if there is a solution. Is there a breakwater, is there an island, is there a jetty that can be constructed to protect our waterways?” That is a county-level issue but, hopefully, as we move towards the dredging, we can also move towards a long-term solution. That is totally separate [from the current objectives] but it is something I’ll be working on.”

Given his motivation in moving forward to raise funds for the dredging project, if a breakwater or even an island is what is needed and is possible, then Berkstresser is likely to find a way to make it happen.

More information about ABWIG is available on their website at www.abwig.org or by writing to:

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NASA can help your phone ring with history

■ By Mitch Traphagen
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The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has created a new website containing the sounds of NASA in format for both computer and cell phone sounds. Downloading the free ringtones could allow your phone to "ring" with the sound of Neil Armstrong's historic words as he made the first steps on the moon. Or, an error on your computer could be set up to sound the words of Apollo 13 astronaut John Swigert in saying, "Houston, we have a problem."

For those interested in things less subtle, there is the sound of an actual shuttle launch, along with the sounds of the last historic launch of the Space Shuttle Atlantis and, for the more esoterically minded, sound wave conversions of the light curve waves created by stars and discovered by NASA's Kepler mission, along with other sounds of the planets and stars.

The sounds are available in a format usable by most computers, iPhones and Android smart phones. Download the sounds of history by visiting www.nasa.gov/connect/sounds.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOX SQUIRREL RESEARCH TEAM

Fox squirrels spend more time hanging out on the ground than in trees; they often escape enemies by running rather than climbing.

Wanted: Public help in mapping fox squirrel sites

If you have seen a big squirrel with a long, bushy, fox-like tail, Florida wildlife biologists need your help.

What you saw was a Florida fox squirrel, and biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) are asking you to go online and record your sighting of this creature twice the size of an ordinary squirrel. Fox squirrels often have distinctive, masked faces with a black head and white nose and ears but, there are wide variations in coloration - from tan to gray or black.

You can use the FWC's Google map application at <https://public.myfwc.com/hsc/foxsquirrel/GetLatLong.aspx> to enter the location where you spotted the fox squirrel. Your squirrel sighting will be logged automatically and assigned a specific latitude and longitude.

"The fox squirrel survey is a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to become amateur naturalists and get involved in

conserving Florida's wildlife. We will learn more about where the Florida fox squirrels are by asking the public to go online and report their sightings of fox squirrels," said FWC wildlife biologist Courtney Hooker.

The fox squirrel survey is part of a research project by the FWC and the University of Florida Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. It combines the latest in online-mapping technology with the public's enthusiasm about sharing their wildlife observations. The fox squirrel survey began in August, and data will be collected through at least January 2012. So far about 600 sightings of fox squirrels have been logged online.

Fox squirrels have been observed throughout Florida in open woods, pine and cypress stands and mangrove swamps, but knowledge about their distribution is limited. Fox squirrels spend more time on the ground than in trees and often escape their enemies by running rather than climbing. Their favorite food is pine seed.

The Sherman's fox squirrel is found in the pine forests of central and northeast Florida and is classified as a state species of special concern. The Big Cypress fox squirrel is a state-threatened species in southwest Florida. The Southeastern fox squirrel lives in the Panhandle. All of Florida's fox squirrels are protected from hunting.

For more information about fox squirrels, visit the "Species Profiles" area of MyFWC.com/Wildlife.



Florida fox squirrels have wide variations in coloration - from tan to gray or black.



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Tuna Tsunami

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Lobster & Shrimp Quesadilla

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Entrees

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Smothered Pork

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Desserts

Bananas Supreme

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You, Me, and Business

By: Dana Dittmar, Executive Director

SCC Chamber News

Yesterday marked my one year anniversary as executive director of the Chamber, so I celebrated the event by giving myself a present. I contracted with Phyllis Black of Clutter Chasers to help me get my office in order.

Now, we all know how much I pride myself on being organized and a neatnik. But some things are just beyond me. In fact, they scare me. I can take on the biggest backyard bully with no problem, but give me the chore of cleaning out a junk drawer and I run to the sofa and curl into a protective fetal position. There are too many old pens, deadly paperclips, and armies of post-it notes in there!

So yesterday, Phyllis showed up just like Mary Poppins with her satchel of goodies and proceeded to give me the proverbial spoonful of sugar. Her advice was very practical and her guidance throughout the process helped me clean out not one but FOUR drawers, and lots and lots of files.

One of her efficient tricks: she brought small cardboard boxes and lids of all shapes and sizes to use as drawer dividers. Old banking check boxes, shoe box lids, you name it. Why pay high prices for similar things at a container store?

She did have one rule, however. While we engaged in this process, I was not allowed to leave the room. Her reasoning was, if

I found something that needed to be moved to another location, I would take it there. Then I would find something else that also needed to be moved out and take it



You, Me & Business

By Dana Dittmar

there as well. Making several trips is not efficient and could lead to me becoming distracted by something else. Put those items in piles on the floor and take them out all at once when we're done.

Phyllis's company does way more than offices and junk drawers. Most of her clients are preparing for a move – to a new home or to an assisted living – or are trying to settle the estate of a loved one. Phyllis comes in, assesses the situation, organizes items and eliminates clutter so that movers, estate downsizers, appraisers, etc. can do their jobs.

She handles the closing up of a house: stopping the mail, notifying neighbors, turning off appliances and setting lights on a timer. She also helps people organize their personal papers – everything from vital records, wills, personal

history, burial information, Powers of Attorney, insurance policies and more.

Within three hours – which flew by so fast! – my office was immaculate. She dusted all the furniture, took out the trash, and left to go make labels for all of my files. The army of post-its is encamped in a little box. Old pens were weeded out and tossed. The paperclips have been tamed and corralled.

Most importantly, I now know where everything is and anything that was just clutter is long gone. The feared junk drawers are tamed and I intend to keep them that way. This morning I walked in to begin my second year here a lot more organized, less bogged down in old files, and ready to take on the tasks at hand. Thanks, Phyllis!

Now bring on those backyard bullies! I'm raring to go!

Voice of the Faithful to meet

The Tampa Bay Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 16550 South Hwy. 301, Wimauma.

Featured will be a report and analysis on American Catholic Council Conference in Detroit.

All interested people are welcome. For more information, call (813) 634-9904 or email larry_vaughan@comcast.com.



Uta Kuhn and Joyce Falandysz taste yummy ice cream sundaes in anticipation of the SCC Woman's Club Ice Cream Social on Oct. 7.

Planning for ice cream social

The SCC Woman's Club is having an ice cream social from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7 in the Florida Room. The event celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Woman's Club and benefits their founding of the SCC Library. The price of the sundaes is 50¢ or a gently-used, hardcover book. Our library especially needs large-print books.

During the party, GFWC SCC President, Janet Cardulla, will present the Head Librarian, Irene Glow, with three, framed 1963 photos from the Woman's Club history collection.

The Woman's Club was founded as a social organization just a few months after the first residents moved into Sun City Center. They joined the national, General Federation of Woman's Clubs in 1963.

From the beginning, members were community-oriented, caring and giving. In December 1962, Erma Krauch, a charter member, donated nearly 500 of her own books to start the Sun City Center Library. The first library was a small meeting room with saw-horse tables and donated books. The library became a station of the Hillsborough County Library System in 1963. A plaque commemorating its founding and the long-established support of the SCC Woman's Club was presented to the library in 2006.

District invites public input on ranking water bodies

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is seeking public input about the order in which minimum flows and levels (MFLs) for lakes, rivers, streams and aquifers in the District will be determined.

A minimum flow or level is the limit at which further water withdrawals will cause significant harm to the water resources or environment. The District Governing Board sets these limits as part of achieving the delicate balance between meeting human water needs and those of Florida's natural systems.

A meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3 at the District's Tampa Service Office, 7601 U.S. Hwy. 301 N. The purpose of the meeting is to receive public input on a draft revised priority schedule for establishing minimum flows and levels. Legislation requires the District to review and, if necessary, revise the schedule each year.

The meeting will provide an important opportunity for local governments, citizens and others to be part of the scheduling of minimum flows and levels for rivers, streams and other flowing waters, lakes and aquifers. The revised schedule will be considered for adoption at the Governing Board's regularly scheduled meeting in October.

The adopted Minimum Flows and Levels Priority List and Schedule for 2011 is available on the District's website at www.WaterMatters.org/mfl/. The draft 2012 list will be made available on the site as soon as possible following the Governing Board's Sept. 27 meeting.

Written comments are also welcome and may be submitted via mail or email to Marty Kelly, the District's Minimum Flows and Levels program director, no later than Saturday, Oct. 15. The addresses are 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or Marty.Kelly@WaterMatters.org.

For more information, call Barbara Matrone at 1-800-423-1476, Ext. 4233 or Marty Kelly, Ext. 4235.

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Adult Program/Event Highlights September 29 to October 5

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Introduction to Genealogy*
Thursday, Sept. 29 • 3 p.m.

An introduction to the print and online resources available at the library plus strategies to overcome research problems.

**“A Call To All Adult Artists” for
the John Crawford Art Education Studio**

The John Crawford Advisory Board is looking for artists (painting or drawing) to display their work in the Crawford Studio. Applications are available for juried shows during the months of May/June; or Sept./Oct.; or Nov./Dec. 2012. Pick up an application at the Information Desk at SouthShore Regional Library. Applications are due Oct. 15. Questions? Call Laurie Burhop at 273-3652.

Great Books Discussion Group
Saturday, Oct. 1 • 10 a.m.

Join a moderated discussion of Franz Kafka's classic work, *“The Trial.”* Presenter: Patrick DeMarco.

Mouse and Keyboard
Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.

In part one, learn how to grip, move and click the buttons on the mouse. In part two, you will learn the keys on the computer keyboard. This is a beginner level class. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program.

Adventures in Writing
Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 1 to 3 p.m.

Connect with local writers to discuss all aspects of the writing process. Inspire, encourage, and exchange ideas. Opportunities to share your writings and receive feedback will be available. If you've ever wanted to be a writer, this is the group for you! All levels of writers are welcome.

Email: Messages
Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Read, forward, and delete messages. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are recommended. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program.

Astronomy for Everyone: Size and Scale of the Universe*
Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This is a family-oriented presentation using hands-on activities and assorted visuals with incredible video footage. Learn about the size and scale of the universe, the stars, and other celestial wonders. Following the presentation, a powerful telescope will be set up outdoors for viewing the Moon, the rings of Saturn and other beautiful objects in the night sky, weather permitting.

How Do You Make Art Anyway?*
Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join Art Educator Phyllis Alexandroff, for this interesting “hands on” art class. You will learn color theory with a bit of art history. Limit 20. Registration required at either the SouthShore Information Desk or by calling 273-3652.

SouthShore Needle People
Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 6:30 p.m.

Join other needle people to share techniques, tips and experiences about knitting and other fiber and fabric crafts. Beginners are welcome! Bring a project and ask us questions!

*Free event is provided by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library. Go to www.southshorefriends.com or call (813) 634-1396 for more information about the Friends.

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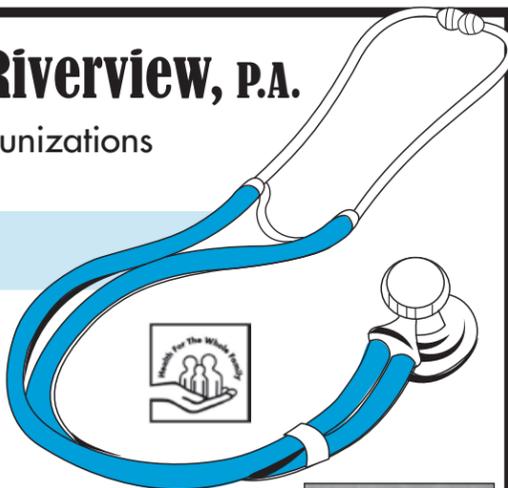


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FISH TALES

Snook season not open on West Coast

So many of you think that snook season opened on this coast, but the last report was that it is only opened on the east coast. They did not have the severe freeze that we on the west coast had that killed a million snook. You still must catch and release. Many have been caught and released around Little Harbor, best known as Bahia Beach.



Fish Tales
By Jonie Maschek

boat to guide him in and handle him. Most are giants out there.

Many are having fun catching grunts, around here we call them gray snapper. Some will throw them back, but wait a minute, you are throwing away a firm white lean fish that has a delicate flavor. This is another fish great with cheese grits with crumbled bacon on top. For some of the natives, I guess I am one, by now, it is a part of their daily life. A staple in their freezer.

Cobia are still hanging around. This is a great fish to catch, since you can't keep a snook. If you are looking for action, chase a cobia, once you set the hook the fun begins.

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Flounder are plentiful in our rivers, and bay waters. I have seen pier, bridge, and boat catches this week. This is a bottom living fish, a flat fish, with a firm white meat, and a great tablefare. They must measure 12 inches, and you may catch 10 per day.

Spotted seatrout catches are closed in the south region in November and December.

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and sign up for the redfish tournament.

Watch the weather; fish together; be kind to other anglers. *Aleta Jonie Maschek is a member of Florida Outdoor Press.*

'BEE THERE: Catch the Buzz!'

Manatee Village Historical Park, in Bradenton, invites the public to visit the Park Saturday, October 8, for a special cultured event – BEE Culture that is.

Did you know that raw honey is both antiviral and antibacterial? Did you know that honey can help you sleep? There are many benefits in using raw honey and you get the added bonus of it being local. You can find out many more facts about the benefits of using honey at: www.fisherhoneybees.com. Better yet— stop by the Park on October 8 to meet the Fisher Family of Fisher Honey Bees from Land O' Lakes who will be on site throughout the day to answer your questions and share their knowledge about the secret lives of honey bees.

Their program schedule includes an informative program at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. and a fascinating 'Crush & Strain' honey extraction demonstration at 11 a.m. and again at 3 p.m. An Observation Hive will be on view from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with honey products available for purchase.

The Park is located at 1404 Manatee Avenue East, Bradenton. Admission and parking is free. For more information call Christine Brown at (941) 741-4075 or christine.brown@manateeclerk.com.

Election office

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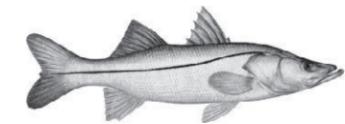
candidates from yet another party also appear on a primary ballot.

The November general election ballot gives all voters the chance to choose among those candidates winning their primary races or from among those of other parties or with no party affiliation, from U.S. president to non-paid community board members. The ballot can vary to a degree from precinct to precinct, usually because of specific special district matters. Voters also have the opportunity in the general election to make

choices regarding whatever issues have been added to the ballot by that time.

The strictly non-partisan county Supervisor of Elections office is responsible for a wide range of elections-related functions dealing with voter services, candidates and political parties, voter education and, of course conduct of actual federal, state, county, municipal and special district elections in Hillsborough in accordance with state laws.

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SNOOK

It is still time for tarpon action. All of the tarpon have not gone south to Boca Grande. I heard more than one 'Fish Tale' about tarpon this week. One was so large that they struggled for hours to land him long enough to take a photo.

I heard one group telling other anglers that they were jumping and soaring high in the sky out of muddy waters. Reports have come in that they are in some of the canals in deep water.

If you are going after these big giants, be sure and have a heavy duty pole and rig. I have seen them use a 8-foot conventional rod with 50-pound test line. Baiting them with chunks of mullet works. If you have a lady fish, cut it up for bait. Don't try to catch a tarpon by yourself. It might be possible, but it is best to have some help in the



Cypress Creek announces September's Terrific Kids

Terrific Kids at Cypress Creek Elementary School are sponsored by Sun City Kiwanis Club. They are:

Alejandro Ortiz-Perez, Dustin Chartak, Diante Hall, Bethanie Griffin, Jonathan Balderas, Krysten Crawford, Veronica Yontz, Jordyn Murray, Alicia Avila, Shayra Moreno-Ortiz, Kaylei Browne, Rikki Deoreo, Alliyah McGuire, Andrew Hardwick, Jocelyn Underwood, Aaliyah Castro, Haley Carrejo, Emily Seward, Jacqueline Perez, Emma Margelowsky, Nicolas Barreda, Victor Castillo-Reyes, Azaliah Jarrett, Colton Mount, Nicholas Gaskill, Xavier Valdez, Sierra Underwood, Amira Sanchez, Celsa Rodriguez-Anacleto, Destiny Gonzalez, Nicholas Rampersad, Lesley Martinez, Angelica Torres, Jazmin Vargas, Luis Jimenez, Ke'Yana Browne, Ximena Alvarez, Christopher Samy, Nalani McCumber, Alexia Troyer, Dominic Stopp, Zaniya Graham, Natassja Gabell, Erik Fernandez, Olivia Piccione, John Caiche, Brady Helmer, Brad Gutierrez-Jimenez, Nasheimy Amaro-Figueroa, Sergio Gonzalez, Jorge Vasquez-Lopez, Njabulo Mkhize, Maribel Trevino, Jacob Keaton, Jordan Rosell, Cheyenne Foxall, Arturo Guerra, Jordan Cook, Brittney Scott, Caroline Collins, Tatiana Walker, Alice Hoang, and Luis Ahuexoteco.

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OCTOBER EVENTS

October 7
SCC Woman's Club invites the public for a ceremony and ice cream to recognize the club's 50th anniversary and founding of SCC Library. Florida Room, Central Campus, 1 to 3 p.m.
Carla Miles 634-4268

October 11
Vintage Car Show, Bandstand Lawn, Central Campus. Food and music 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Arts & crafts clubs and model railroad club open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Paul Courter 633-8540

October 15
SCC's Antique Road Show (Trash or Treasure) plus tables of offerings for sale, SCC Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Joe Elam 642-8260

October 18
Oktoberfest, German music, beer, food, dancing and entertainment. SCC Community Hall, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
John/Merlene Smithyman 634-8387
Carl/Cam McGary 642-9800 (waiting list only)

October 21
Wedding Vow Renewals for 50th anniversaries May 2011-April 2012, gazebo on Central Campus, 1:30 p.m., reception following.
Nan Baytos 642-9897
Maggie Pliska 633-7884

October 30
Golf Tournament at Caloosa Golf Course.
Russ Stutz 633-4084



Some of the congregation of the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center announcing plans to build a new building.

New 'Life Enrichment Center' to house ministries, worship

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, is proud to announce its vision for a new building on the main campus of the church.

The church has been experiencing rapid growth over the past couple of years, and at least one of the four present weekend services is at maximum capacity.

Church leaders, with the help of Generis consultant Larry Armentrout, are exploring constructing a 16,000 square foot building to be called the Life Enrichment Center

to house worship services, ministry functions, classes, fellowship dinners, children and family events, drama productions, meetings and community events. The multi-purpose space will have a large commercial kitchen, state-of-the-art sound and lighting, a foyer as well as additional office space for church staff.

"In addition to making the needed room for our own worship and ministry events, we hope that the community will see the new building as a valuable resource

for various community events and services," said Dr. Warren Langer, Senior Pastor at the church.

The local theater troupe Pelican Players has already showed an interest in using the facility as a performance space. Church leaders expect that there will be many others to follow.

The theme of the campaign is "Growing - Greater Things Are Yet to Come."

For more information about the church visit its website at www.sccumc.com.

Animal Blessing and Memorial

The Fifth Annual Blessing of the Animals, sponsored by the Unity Community of Joy, will be held Saturday, Oct. 1 at the southwest corner of State Road 674 and U.S. 301 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 11:30 there will be a memorial blessing for dear pets that have died. Bring a photo or some piece, a collar or toy as a reminder.

There will be animal-related vendors, animal shelters, blessings of the animals offered by several churches from this area, music and hosting by Gari, who has volunteered with the festivity from the beginning, and food donated by area restaurants and stores.

Other years more than 200 dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds have been blessed.

All pets need to be either leashed or in a cage and it is suggested that people bring a chair.

Each pet receives a certificate. There will be tents to protect the food and services from the sun.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Bette at 813-642-0881.

Beth Israel

Sisterhood's plans

The Fall season is full of leaves falling, holidays approaching, and the first Beth Israel Sisterhood program, planned for Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the Temple.

It will be held in the Henry Gibson Social Hall, 1115 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center at 1 p.m. with Rodney Saunders, Foundation Curator of History, as the guest speaker.

His topic will be about the history and development of Tampa and Hillsborough County.

Refreshments will be served.

Elayne Grossman, Judaica Shop manager, has holiday gift items for purchase.

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.
—Romans 8:6-8

Concert series opens

The Fine Arts Concert Series sponsored by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb Blvd. W., Sun City Center, opens its 14th season at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2. The featured artists will be The Bay Area Saxophone Quartet founded by well-known Tampa personality Jay B. Starkey, joined by Jim Burge, Ted Hope and Craig McDougal.

These four outstanding musicians present an amazing program of classical and popular music. Season tickets for all seven concerts are \$35 and are available at the church reception, desk or on opening day. Tickets at the door are \$9. For more information, call 634-1252 or 642-8125.



Fun Brigade to host talent show

The merriment will continue at the United Community Church, 1501 La Jolla Ave. arranged by the Fun Brigade Committee. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 at 1 p.m. To participate, call Paula Lickfeldt at 813-633-6739 or Karl Buffington at 634-7062. Everyone in South County is invited. The three-legged hillbilly dancers are Paula Lickfeldt and Linda Shaw with David Lickfeldt on his mandolin.

Beth Israel

The Jewish Congregation of Sun City Center
1115 Del Webb Blvd. East (634-2590)

High Holiday Services:

Rosh Hashanah	
Eve	September 28 - 7:45 PM
Day 1	September 29 - 10:00 AM
Day 2	September 30 - 10:00 AM*
Yom Kippur	
Kol Nidre	October 7 - 7:45 PM
Day	October 8 - 10:00 AM

Tickets for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur :
All members' spouses, parents, children and their spouses and grandchildren and their spouse there is no charge.
For extended family members—\$50 for each of the two Holidays
Community members - \$100 for each of the two Holidays
Members of the military and college students are welcome at no charge.
(Everyone welcome regardless of financial situation)
*Rosh Hashanah 2nd day free to everyone

Rabbi Philip Aronson **Cantor: Sam Isaak**

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Contemporary 9:40 a.m.
Traditional 11:15 a.m.

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Growing by Faith from Generation to Generation
Rev. Tracy H. Wilder • Church Office: 813-645-1521
Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Service and Sunday School at West Campus (S.R. 674 and 9th Street SE, Ruskin)
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Service and 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion with Choir at East Campus (1015 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center)
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call 645-6198

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Rance Good, Pastor (Southern Baptist)
1511 El Rancho Dr.
Sun City Center, FL 33573
Phone/Fax: 813-633-5950

WEEKLY SERVICES:
Sunday
9 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Bible Study
10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Worship
Wednesday
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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701 Valley Forge Blvd. • Sun City Center, FL 33573-5354
Rev. Dr. Peter Stiller, Pastor
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Thursday Morning Prayer.....	10:00 a.m.

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Area Places of Worship

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Sunday Mass..... 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Contemporary)
Daily Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days Contact Parish Office for Schedule
Español Domingo - 12:30 p.m.; Jueves 7:30 p.m.
Confession..... Wednesday 6:45 p.m.; Saturday 3:45 p.m.

Christian women to hear inspirational talk

South Shore Christian Women's Connection presents a fabulous "Fall Fashions and More" from Bealls Inspirational speaker, Joyce Schneider, a busy mother and author, who tells of "ripping off the bandaids."

Her bandaids covered deep scars of shame and guilt. The presentation and luncheon will be held at Club Renaissance, 2121 S. Pebble Beach Boulevard on Thursday, Oct. 13. Doors open at 11 a.m. with luncheon and program 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Reservations or cancellations must be made before noon Monday Oct. 10. Cost is \$17 inclusive.

All ladies welcome, no membership required. Sponsored by South Shore Christian Women's Connection, Affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries.

For more information call 813-938-4320 or 813-383-7540 or email aunt.butler@gmail.com.

Area Obituaries

Angelo Giunta

Angelo (Andy) Giunta was born January 2, 1922. He passed away September 13, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Theresa; a brother, Tom and many nephews and nieces. In 1940 he participated in the U.S. Olympic bicycle racing trials and also played table tennis in Sun City Center. He resided in Queens, New York before coming to Florida.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world."

— Isaiah 12:4-5

Dianne Linda Schehl

Dianne Schehl, 64, passed away on September 24, 2011 at her home in Apollo Beach. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA on February 24, 1947 and lived in Apollo Beach for 12 years. She was a member of The Apollo Beach Women's Club and St. Anne Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rick Schehl and 2 brothers William and Richard Schlager. She is survived by a son, Michael Evans of Lithia; grandchildren, Nick, Shelby and Mira Evans; 3 sisters, Sally Tuite, Carol Khrowsky, Peggy Howard; and 3 brothers, James, Robert and Steven Schlager. A viewing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 30 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Ruskin followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Serenity Meadows. Funeral services are under the direction of Zipperer's Funeral Home.



United Methodist to present "The Grateful Ed" Oct. 7.

Music, humor, monologues

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, is proud to present Ed Kilbourne, The Grateful Ed, on Friday Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

This popular artist is known for his collections of moving music, quirky humor, and insightful monologues. In addition to his concert appearances, Ed has earned a reputation as one of America's cutting edge religious communicators, offering his teaching in story and song as a guest in churches across the United States. He combines acoustic guitar, singing and commentary with a storytelling style often compared to that of Garrison Keillor, the radio humorist from Lake Wobegon.

Ed's wife, Kathleen, is a United Methodist minister. She is the director the Master of Arts in Practical Theology degree program on the Charlotte campus of Pfeiffer University in North Carolina. She also serves as the coordinator of the Center for Deacon Education, a partnership with Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Ed and Kathleen make their home in the country, near Rock Hill, South Carolina and on Manasota Key in Englewood, Florida.

A donation of \$5 is requested at the door.

For additional information about this and other concerts and recitals at the United Church of Sun City Center contact Jeff Jordan, Director of Music and the Arts, at 813-634-2539.



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Patricia Ann Samuelson

Patricia Ann Samuelson, 80, formerly of Fairfield, Iowa, passed away peacefully, Sept. 21, 2011 at her home in Sun City Center, Florida.

Pat was born March 5, 1931 in St. Louis, Missouri to Lester and Mabel Hayes. She married Sammy Samuelson on April 20, 1948 in Fairfield, Iowa. Pat and her husband were life long members of the First Lutheran Church and lived most of their lives in Fairfield raising a family, enjoying their grandchildren and building a family business. Pat and her husband moved to Sun City Center Florida in 1997.

Pat's hobbies included playing cards, ballroom dancing, socializing with friends, traveling with her husband and most importantly, cherishing her family. Favorite past times included dancing with friends in Polishville, IA, spending time in Branson, MO. and enjoying the hobby of flying alongside her husband to the many places they traveled over the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Lester and Mabel Hayes and one sister, Ruth Hayes.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Merlin "Sammy" Samuelson, two daughters; Linda (Dennis) Byers of Bradenton, Fla. and Debbie (Chris) Munn of Naples, Fla.; five grandchildren; Lisa Byers, Todd Byers, Jason Byers, Marc Munn and Meggan (Pat) Lowell; and two great-grandchildren; Brook Munn and Ella Lowell. She was dearly loved by her family and will be greatly missed.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 3, 2011 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Sun City Center, FL. A Grave Site Memorial will be held, at her final resting place of Evergreen Cemetery in Fairfield, Iowa, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Sun City Center Florida Redeemer Lutheran Church, the Emergency Squad of Sun City Center, or Sun City Center LifePath Hospice. Cards and memorials may be sent to Merlin "Sammy" Samuelson at 2511 Locksley St., Sun City Center, Fla., 33573. The family extends special gratitude to Life Path Hospice of Sun City Center, Fla.

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Dining out

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an old friend. Indeed, for many customers, they are old friends. The lines, however, serve a good purpose for the many visitors staying at Little Harbor Resort just down the road, without them it would be easy enough to miss the place, a small A-frame building with a peaked canopy over a cluster of picnic tables. The Fish House harkens back to the days of old in Florida, the days before the ubiquity of chain restaurants turned dining out into a fast experience.

"I think a lot of our success is due to both good food and customer service," said Fish House owner Julie Cockerham. "I think a lot of people like it because it reminds them of the old-time fish fries."

Cockerham has owned the Fish House for the past three years. She purchased it from the founding owners, a charter boat captain and his wife who moved to Virginia and the change in ownership has only increased the popularity of the restaurant. From the peak of tourist season in winter to the overheated dog days of summer, the line forms for the fresh fish, fried shrimp, bay scallops, clams and, when in season, the ever-popular smoked and fried mullet. The food is fresh, the portions large and the prices are more than reasonable. And above all, it is served with a smile.

The Fish House has the feel of a local secret, an oasis of calm and happiness in an otherwise all-too-rushed life. Written up extensively in blogs and popular travel review sites such as Tripadvisor.com, the secret may be getting out, but that hasn't changed the atmosphere. It is like stepping back into a time when things were simpler and the food was magically more

delicious.

Shell Point Road is home to another mobile eatery named Tiki Time, and there are plans for even more restaurants. And just off Shell Point on Destiny Drive is the Sunset Grill and Lounge at Little Harbor Resort. There is no better place in South Hillsborough to enjoy great food, beverages and conversation while watching the sunset on another perfect day.

My wife and I spent the week packing up to move with a goal of being settled into our new house in time to ride our bikes to the Fish House by Friday night. At a few minutes before 5 p.m., we accomplished our goal. Naturally, even at that relatively early hour a line had already formed.

With a platter of fresh, steaming shrimp and scallops before us, we knew that it was well worth the wait. Location does matter — and Shell Point Road is the location that matters for dining out — literally — in South Hillsborough.

The Dog House and More is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 813-419-4325 to place an order over the phone.

The Fish House is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 813-641-9451 to place an order over the phone.



Scott Curtis and Lisa Csiki opened the Dog House and More on Shell Point two months ago. Much of what is on their extensive menu is homemade.



Great service goes along with the great food at the Fish House. Above, Shirley Steele greets customers with a smile.

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