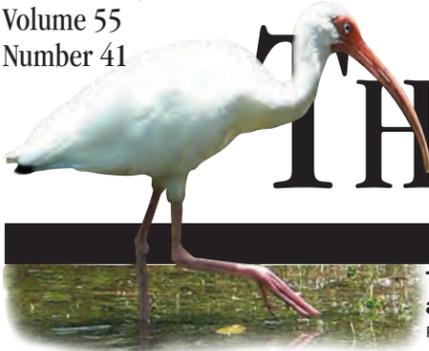


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Wave barriers promise erosion control for wading bird habitat

■ By MELODY JAMESON
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GIBSONTON — From long-legged herons to colorful spoonbills to darting oystercatchers, some of Florida's rarest, endangered, iconic wading birds begin their lives on Tampa Bay's spoil islands here.

Each spring, their parents return to small and heavily overgrown spits such as Sunken Island near the mouth of the Alafia River to share their designated retreat in general harmony with abundant rats and rattlesnakes as they nest, hatch and rear offspring.

Audubon's Richard T. Paul Alafia Bank Bird Sanctuary in the Hillsborough Bay estuary is the most important wading bird colony in the state, according to Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Hosting at least 18 species, it is considered the most diverse of such colonies in the continental United States.

Yet, for some of those species, the numbers have been dwindling year

after year. Population declines are being noted for the showy Snowy Egret and the graceful White Ibis, said Ann Paul, Audubon of Florida's regional coordinator. The Little Blue Heron, a tree-nester, is a "species of special concern. The Least Tern has been driven to "threatened species" status by human development of the beaches it favors for nesting. The increasingly rare American Oystercatcher, feathered in black and white with a large orange-red bill, now is listed as a "special concern" as it tries to hold on in Hillsborough Bay.

Even there, though, habitat is at risk; the island shorelines eroding, gradually but consistently washed away by the constant wave action generated through the wake of passing commercial and pleasure boats, in the process taking trees needed for roosting and dissolving sandy beach required for feeding.

Sunken Island, for example, lays on a general east-west alignment

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MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

Hovermode co-founder and guitarist Phil Cruz, 12, rocks out on a Gibson Les Paul electric guitar.

Festival to rock South Hillsborough with local talent

Family friendly festival will feature well known acts in country, pop, and rock music along with Hovermode, a group of extremely talented young people from Rogers Middle School in Riverview

■ By MITCH TRAPHAGEN
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RIVERVIEW — If you go to Rogers Middle School with any of the members of the band Hovermode, seek them out and give them a listen. If nothing else, chances are that you'll be talking about them a few decades later at a class reunion.

Hovermode is a Riverview-based rock band with time on their side. The members range in age from 12 to 14 and even with their ages combined, they are still younger than Mick Jagger or Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones. But don't think the lack of years says anything about their sound or their

See **MUSIC FESTIVAL**, see page 15



MELODY JAMESON PHOTO

Like a jaunty hat, entrance to the newly expanded Suncoast Community Health Center features a touch of whimsy before opening onto the enlarged, tiled receiving lobby. The \$3.7 million project, made possible by a federal grant from stimulus funds, added 8,000 more square feet of space throughout the center and created a pleasant, updated environment for the thousands of local patients the center serves.

Expanding Suncoast clinic meeting growing medical needs

■ By MELODY JAMESON
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RUSKIN — From a trailer with a leaky roof, collapsing walls and a reluctant air conditioner to a multi-specialty, ultra-modern medical and dental clinic in 22,000-square-feet of logistically designed space — this is the history of the Suncoast Community Health Center here.

The transition has taken place over 34 years, driven by the dedication of early volunteers, fueled by the foresight of several CEOs, supported by the devotion

of medical and administrative staff, encouraged by the loyalty of patients and, most recently, boosted by a \$3.7 million federal grant made possible by stimulus money earmarked in 2008.

Saturday they commemorated it all with a re-dedication of the clinic on 14th Avenue S.E. and its services to the area's uninsured or under-insured families who might have very few options without it. Elected officials spoke, visitors toured the airy, enlarged building, the last three CEOs beamed and

all present enjoyed an outdoor barbecue.

The trailer in which the first clinic for migrant workers opened during 1977 is long gone and the operation that delivers medical services on a daily basis to all comers for fees based on income has undergone several metamorphoses over the decades. A year ago it was serving its clientele in a cramped 14,000 square foot facility showing age. Today it is expanded by another 8,000 square

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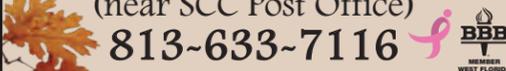
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Suncoast clinic expands

■ Continued from page 1

feet, renovated with beautiful tiling in soothing neutral tones, fresh furnishings and new equipment.

And that means more services for more patients, faster and more efficiently delivered, in a more pleasant environment, says Betsy Martinez, the clinic's lead office manager. For example, there now are 15 exam rooms rather than five and seven different waiting areas rather than a single large one collecting all types of patients.

There is an emergency medical department to handle cases that cannot wait; when minutes are critical.

There is a section devoted entirely to obstetrics and gynecology as well as one focused solely on pediatrics. The medical roster also includes family practice and internal medicine.

There's a full-service dental clinic where teeth in any condition can be taken care of, from fillings and extractions to root canals and crowns. Denture services also are available.

Then, there's the roomy laboratory performing a range of analyses, a pharmacy with cutting edge technology, close to the updated reception area, with its central desk, plus several admissions stations.

Behind the scenes there's new infrastructure, including air conditioning, plumbing and electrical wiring, an intercom system, digitized medical records, plus a mail distribution center which handles all incoming and outgoing for the entire Suncoast network that now includes facilities in Plant City, Dover, Brandon as well as the recently-acquired Joyce Ely clinic, also in Ruskin.

Also beyond what can be seen, points out Maria Flores, nursing supervisor, are the demonstrations



MELODY JAMESON PHOTOS

Maria Flores, nursing supervisor at Ruskin's Suncoast Community Health Center, demonstrated the ease and convenience of using dental X-ray equipment installed in wall cabinets between each treatment chair station during tours of the newly renovated center Saturday. The center offers a full range of dental services in its new onsite clinic. Center staff had a hand in creating innovative design features, aiming for more efficient treatment of patients in surroundings made as comfortable as possible for them.

of staff planning which trumped the original interior design. For instance, in pediatrics, a sick child waiting area with plenty of windows to help overcome feelings of isolation was added at staff insistence. "I've been in nursing 30 years," Flores says with a smile, "I know how important it is to avoid spreading germs between sick and well kids. There were a few disagreements, but we knew what we needed."

Another innovation was added in the dental clinic where X-ray equipment is tucked into wall cabinets between examination rooms. A technician on either side of the wall can access the extending arm of the X-ray machine by opening the wall cabinet on her side.

While the clinic's mission is to

help with health needs of the under- and non-insured, the facility's strong and enduring bond with the surrounding community brings others to its doors, says Bradley Herremans, current CEO. He remembers a 17-year-old girl, pregnant and without resources, who became first a client and then a committed friend. Today, that frightened teenager is grown, a banking executive and an active supporter of clinic programs. Her baby currently is a student at the University of South Florida. "She tells us now," Herremans relates. "Suncoast was there when I needed it."

In the same vein, Flores recalls the patient who drove from Orlando with a rupturing aortic aneurysm, reaching the clinic just in time. "She knew the doctors here



Flashing the pretty smile that is the objective of all competent dental work, Rebekah Bordner, 13, tried out one of the treatment chairs in the Suncoast Community Health Center's new mobile dental services coach. Rebekah, from Wimauma, toured the facility with family while attending the center's re-dedication following October completion of a massive renovation project throughout the facility that has been serving area residents for more than 30 years.

and she wanted to be cared for only by them," the nursing supervisor says. "And yes, we saved her life," she adds. Hers has not been the only life saved at the clinic, either, Flores notes.

Another testimony to the clinic's place in the community is the many former patients who now are employees among the 75 who work in the Ruskin facility, Herremans says.

The network-wide staff numbers 270 at present, serving the health needs of a patient base of about 35,000, the CEO notes. Most staff members are bi-lingual, speaking

either the Spanish of Mexico, Cuba and South America, or French and Creole.

The most basic difference between a hospital and the clinic, Herremans emphasizes, "is we deliver primary care," rather than highly specialized medical services. The clinic also "turns no one away."

The contemporary Suncoast Community Health Clinic that Martinez now describes as "state of the art" is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Tuesday hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Positive Talk
By William Hodges

It may be your job to evaluate the overall meeting; this position is called the General Evaluator. All these exercises help develop your leadership skills as well as get you on your feet in front of an audience.

As with anything new, what I have just described may sound overwhelming or even scary. But when you look out on the smiling faces of your fellow members, much of your fear will fade away. Being able to present your thoughts in an organized, persuasive and intelligent manner is one of the greatest skills you will ever learn. Do not let a fear of standing up in public stop you from receiving this valuable training. In the process, you will also form new friendships with intelligent, motivated and highly positive people.

To find out more about Toastmasters, I suggest you look in your computer at www.Toastmasters.org and then find the club locator. Most clubs welcome visitors and in the club directory you will find a contact number. Make the call. Get started.

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

When one attends a Toastmasters meeting for the first time, the guest is allowed to simply observe the meeting and procedures. In most clubs, guests are given the opportunity, if they so choose, to give their impressions of the meeting.

It may be well for a person considering Toastmasters to visit several clubs in the area since each club has a distinct personality. The common thread you will find in all clubs is they are very positive in the way they handle the personal growth of members.

When one joins Toastmasters, they will find several skill-building activities. The most commonly known part of the program is the speaking portion.

Someone first coming into Toastmasters receives a manual which outlines ten speech projects. You choose the subject of each of these speeches, which is normally five to seven minutes in length. Your challenge is to work on the speaking skill outlined for that speech, i.e., vocal variety, gestures, eye contact, etc.

A second skill is learning to listen. While you are speaking, an appointed member will be listening intently to what you are saying—both with their ears and with their eyes. When you have finished speaking, that person will stand and give an evaluation of how your speech appeared to them. When it is not your turn to be a speaker, you might fill this evaluation position.

Toastmasters also learn leadership skills. Since it is a participative program, there will be times when you will be called upon to be the Master of Ceremonies—or Toastmaster of the meeting, as the position is known in the organization. You might be the Timer. Or

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South Shore Senior Singles to meet

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Upcoming events: Bowling at The Alley in Riverview from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of the month (Nov. 27), then dining at Ruby Tuesdays in Gibsonton. Movie night is at 6 p.m. on the second Friday of each month (Nov. 11), with light snacks, at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West. The movie is *Amazing Grace* and begins at 6:30 p.m.

A special Thanksgiving dinner with entertainment is scheduled at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 in Creason Hall at the church. Cost is \$8 and tickets must be purchased in advance at the church office, or during one of the church services.

The South Shore Senior Singles group was organized for those age 50+, for all the South Shore area, to provide non-threatening atmosphere for singles to meet and have fun.

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Board approves leaner and more efficient district

The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board today directed its executive director to move forward with organizational restructuring that will increase efficiencies, reduce operational costs and meet the District's Core Mission responsibilities in the areas of water supply, flood protection, water quality and natural systems. The plan includes staffing reductions and potential layoffs in the future.

"As an organization, we have to get leaner and more efficient," said new Executive Director Blake Guillory. "The more quickly we can get right-sized for our budget and workload, the faster we can move forward, secure in our jobs, to meet the water resource challenges of this District."

The District's current budget is 44 percent less than last year. Thanks to its pay-as-you-go philosophy, the District has reserves available to help balance the budget now.

However, if it maintains the current level of funding for cooperative funding and ecosystem restoration projects, the District will face a \$30 million per year budget shortfall by October 2013.

"We either have to reduce our costs significantly or reduce our cooperative funding and ecosystem restoration efforts in the future," Guillory said.

Reorganization

The proposed restructuring addresses many of the issues raised in a recent Workload and Staffing Analysis of the District completed by North Highland consulting firm. The analysis identified the potential to increase the District's efficiency and reduce costs by restructuring the organization and improving its technology, processes and procedures.

The executive leadership team has spent the last three weeks reviewing each Division and Program to identify opportunities to combine programs for efficiency and effectiveness. The restructuring

is expected to save the District more than \$15 million per year.

Part of the plan includes realigning staff based on the types of work they do to increase efficiency and reduce duplication. For example, the creation of the Operations, Maintenance & Construction Division pulled together all the field operations, maintenance and construction of the District under one Division. One proposal is to move water quality and other data collection and monitoring programs into the Operations, Maintenance & Construction Division. This change could open up cross-training opportunities. For example, field maintenance staff may be able to assist in sampling activities. The District is also reviewing the appropriate level of sampling that is needed.

The District is also looking at the possibilities of creating new or re-defined Bureaus in the future that will focus on specialty areas with growing needs. As an example, the District is considering creating a Natural Systems and Environmental Restoration Bureau in the Resource Management Division to address the growing water quality issues.

Reduction in Force

The District currently has 768 employees. The restructuring plan would reduce staff by 130-150 positions of which approximately 40 are funded vacant positions or contractual positions whose work is winding down. District staff will be offered a voluntary separation plan that will be available for 45 days. If the voluntary efforts don't produce the necessary reductions, the District will have involuntary layoffs in January or February to meet its goals.

"We are blessed with smart and talented people. Unfortunately, we are caught in a situation driven by economic conditions," Guillory said. "We need to be as thoughtful and helpful as we can during this process while also serving the taxpayers of our area."

Look no farther for holiday greeting cards

The 3rd Annual Student Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest was held this year during September and October. The winners have been picked and the cards are ready for sale!

The Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library are selling holiday greeting cards created by local elementary school students. The participating schools were Cypress Creek, Reddick, Ruskin and Wimauma Elementary Schools.

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New appointments made

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners made appointments to the HART Board this morning during its regular meeting Wallace Bowers (reappointed) Steven Polzin (reappointed) and Anne Madden (new appointment).

Mr. Bowers has served on the HART Board since 2006, and currently serves as the HART Board Secretary. He has been a resident of Hillsborough County for more than 45 years. Bowers is a small business owner and pastor of St. Mary M.B. Church.

Dr. Polzin has served on the HART Board from 1999-2006 and 2008-present. He has more than 30 years of experience in transportation operations, research and education. He is director of transit research at the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida.

Ms. Madden has been a resident of Hillsborough County for 20 years and is a small business owner. She has previously served on the Hillsborough County Planning Commission and the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The HART Board is now comprised of 13 members, appointed by the jurisdictions listed below to serve as volunteers. Previously comprised of 12 members, new population data compiled from the 2010 Census resulted in Hillsborough County to be represented by one additional member. On Aug. 3, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners voted to advertise this position as a citizen appointment. Number of appointments by jurisdiction:

- Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners: 7 members
- City of Tampa: 3 members
- City of Temple Terrace: 1 member
- Governor: 2 members

For more information about HART, visit www.goHART.org

Eastern Airlines Silverliners seek members

The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of Eastern Airlines Silverliners International will host a membership party at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 'The Hanger' Restaurant and Lounge. It is located in the Albert Whitted Airport hangar, 540 1st St. S.E., 2nd floor, St. Petersburg.

The organization is composed of former flight attendants for Eastern airlines and is one of several chapters throughout the United States. Each chapter supports a local philanthropy. The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter supports Southeastern Guide Dogs.

All former flight attendants for Eastern Airlines are invited to attend. For more information, call Barbara Bukata at (727) 785-3546.

Spelling Bee postponed

The Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County, Inc. has postponed the Spelling Bee For Grown Ups, originally slated for Nov. 10, and intends to reschedule the event for a yet-to-be-determined date in 2012.

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

East Bay Watch

by Michael Cooper

It has been a long time since East Bay's Girls' Volleyball team had a season like this. Coach Brian Adams in his first year at East Bay took the team to a 5-5 record, its best in years. Best of all the team defeated Brandon in the district tournament 22-25, 25-23, 14-25, 25-21, 15-12.

The victory over #4 seed Brandon allowed the Indians to make it to the second round of the district tournament, something #5 seed East Bay has not accomplished in over two decades. The team fell to #1 seed Plant City in four hard-fought sets 13-25, 26-24, 17-25, 16-25.



Coach Brian Adams talking to his hard working young ladies of East Bay Girls' Volleyball team.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

Funeral Planning on a Budget

Dear Savvy Senior,
I just turned 75, and have been thinking about getting my funeral and burial arrangements taken care of so my kids won't have to. What funeral preplanning tips can you offer a senior with little money?

Not Dead Yet



The Savvy Senior

By Jim Miller

Dear Not,

Planning your funeral in advance is a wise move. Not only does it give you time to make a thoughtful decision on the type of service you want, it also allows you to shop around to find a good funeral provider, and it will spare your kids the stress of making these decisions at an emotional time. Here are some tips to help you find affordable services.

Compare Providers

Choosing a quality funeral home is your first step and most important decision in preplanning your funeral. No matter what type of funeral or memorial service you envision for yourself, it's wise to talk with several funeral homes because prices and services can vary. Websites like funeraldecisions.com and funeralpricefinder.com can help you compare.

When comparing, be sure you take advantage of the "funeral rule." This is a federal law that requires funeral home directors to provide you with an itemized price list of their products and services so you can choose exactly what you want. Be sure to ask for it.

Money Savers

With the average cost of a "full-service" funeral running around

\$10,000, there are ways to save that few people know about. For example, if a traditional funeral and burial is what you're interested in, you can save big – at least 50 percent – by purchasing your casket from a store versus the funeral home, and your funeral provider must accept it. Two good casket shopping resources that may surprise you are Walmart (visit walmart.com and type in "casket" in their search engine) and Costco (costco.com) who offers its members a large variety of caskets and urns at discounted prices.

Another way to cut your funeral bill is to request a "direct burial" or "direct cremation." With these options your body would be buried or cremated shortly after death which skips the embalming and viewing. If your family wants a memorial service they can have it at the graveside or at later without the body. These services usually cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000, not counting cemetery charges.

Should You Prepay?

Be aware that preplanning your funeral doesn't mean you have to prepay too. But if you are considering paying in advance, be cautious. Prepaid plans are not regulated by federal law and state regulation is uneven. Before you sign anything, here are some areas you need to be very clear on:

- Be sure you know exactly what you're paying for before committing.
- Are the prices locked in or will an additional payment be required at the time of death?
- What happens if you move to a different area or die while away from home? Some prepaid funeral plans can be transferred, but often at an added cost.
- Are you protected if the funeral home goes out of business or if it's bought out by another company?
- Can you cancel the contract and get a full refund if you change your mind?
- If you do decide to prepay, get all the details of the agreement in

writing, have the funeral director sign it, and give copies to your family so they know what's expected.

Other Payment Option

There are other ways to set aside money for your funeral, rather than giving it to a funeral home. You can set up a payable-on-death, or POD account at your bank, naming the person you want to handle your arrangements as the beneficiary. With this type of account, you maintain control of your money, so if you need funds for medical expenses or something else, you can withdraw it at any time. This type of fund is also available immediately at the time of your death without the delay of probate.

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.

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.

The USCG Auxiliary FL75 Ruskin, will be holding its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the Ruskin Rec Center, 901 6th St. Ruskin. New or prospective members are always welcome to attend. For more information, call 938-1746.



Rosie Clifton (left) and Linda Smith are getting ready for fun-filled evening at the Nifty Fifties Night.

Relive the '50s

Nifty Fifties Night, sponsored by the GFWC SCC Woman's Club, held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Community Hall benefits the many SCC charities the club supports.

There'll be a live band, supper by Banquet Masters, root beer floats, popcorn treats with prizes and certificates for jitterbug, twist, bubble-gum blowing and best costume. You'll enjoy listening and dancing to your favorite 50s music.

The event is open to all SouthShore residents and there will be a special table for singles. Tickets are \$15, available at the Atrium on North Course Lane, off N. Pebble Beach, from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call Marsha Lucidi at 938-5100.



Yumm...Pancakes!

The Rotary Club of SouthShore -- Ruskin cordially invites everyone to their 3rd annual Veteran's Day Parade Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 at VFW Post 6287, 5120 U.S. Hwy. 41 North in Ruskin.

There will be all-you-care-to-eat pancakes, bacon, coffee and juice. Donation is \$6 per adult. This is a fundraising event for the Rotary Club of SouthShore's Mentoring Program.

South Shore Regional Library turns 5

Only five years ago there was a Grand Opening Celebration at the SouthShore Regional Library. Since then it has become an integral part of the community with its many programs, the John Crawford Art Studio and a well-used Community Room.

One of the biggest success factors is the Friends of the Library group that raises money through membership and a constantly changing Used Book Store. With the help of the Friends group, the library has been able to meet the needs of all age groups as well as cover the cost of art supplies for the Crawford Studio.

One example was a typical 2011 summer month when the library had ten more juvenile programs than any other library in the district. These programs were attended by over 2,000 parents and kids. Programs like these (for instance, professional puppet shows) are only possible because of the money raised by the Friends group.

Another example is the local Teen Advisory Board that plans many activities for their peers. In previous years the Friends bought game software, dance machines and other items geared to the teen population. It was realized that the SouthShore Library was built with a beautiful children section but no specific space that teens could call their own. So almost \$4,000 was spent in September using funds raised by the Friends group to purchase café stools and tables, gaming software, computer desks and a card table for an area now designated as the Teen Area.

The Friends of the Library would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support and to make it clear how the support can grow even more: Become a Friend of the Library (only \$10 for an individual) by filling out a form in the Used Book Room with name, address, phone and email info. You may also mail it to Friends of the Library at 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin, FL 33573.

The other way to give support is to buy books in the Used Book Store as well as donated books. This includes audiobooks as well as hard and paperback. Meanwhile, take advantage of these programs in November that are presented because of the support of the Friends.



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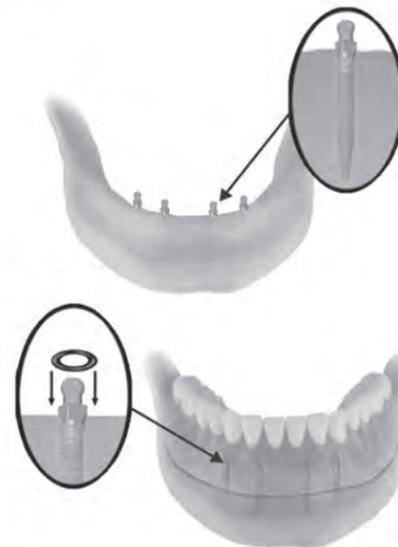
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Survey results show variety of South County communities

■ By PENNY FLETCHER
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RUSKIN — Similarities and differences in preference between residents of Ruskin and Apollo Beach are being examined at a series of public meetings at the South Shore Regional Library before a proposed zoning overlay is outlined for an eight-mile stretch of U.S. 41.

The overlay meetings started in May and have been geared toward exploring the visions of residents from each community and forming

working focus groups to decide how to accomplish them.

The overlay is a proposed attempt to make the U.S. 41 corridor more appealing from Big Bend Road to the Manatee River Bridge.

It was recognized early on that U.S. 41 in Apollo Beach and Ruskin are different and require different approaches. Because of this, in September attendees at the monthly meeting were given remote controls to vote on images on a projection screen. It was the county's first

time to introduce the VPS, or visual preference survey technique, in South County.

Led by county planners Jose Fernandez and John Healey who have been working with residents and business owners at all six meetings, images were shown and ranked in the order they were preferred, from one to seven, with one being "I love it" and seven being "I don't like this at all."

Topics of the visuals were types of signs; fencing; building design;

building location in relation to the parking areas and street; landscaping in the parking lot; screening of open storage and other things; and location of the parking lot in relation to the building.

Top preferences in each category were shown at the Oct. 25 meeting and it soon became obvious that Ruskin residents and business owners opted for a small-town look while those from Apollo Beach preferred a more big-box style.

Long-time Ruskin resident Sandy Council, who is serving on the Ruskin working group, pointed out that the lots in Ruskin are smaller and won't allow for variation of how to place buildings and parking lots.

"Some of the choices we were shown are just too large for small lots," Council said.

The Ruskin group said that old Florida style like areas of downtown Ybor City and communities like Mount Dora should be examined instead of the images they were shown.

Part of the difference between the two communities exists because U.S. 41 serves as a corridor through Apollo Beach while in Ruskin, it

passes through the heart of town and serves as its Main Street.

County zoning requirements regulate the use allowed on each property and codes now regulate how the lots are developed, but the overlay is an attempt to further improve aesthetics and eliminate eyesores on properties directly fronting the highway on both sides.

One category where Ruskin and Apollo Beach residents voted almost identically was on types of permissible signs; another was fencing. After seeing five images of fencing, neither community wanted chain link fencing and agreed on a style of brick that served as a solid buffer for noise.

Residents were consistent on the look of landscaping and parking lots, all saying they preferred more pedestrian areas, rest areas and shade. They also agreed on the look of landscaping that would be placed around screening, no matter which type of screening is chosen.

One big question that arose was whether the overlay should address both existing and new development.

"It's one thing to do landscaping and parking," said Mike Peterson, who serves on the Apollo Beach group. "But it's a big leap from that to tell businesses how they're going to design their buildings. How do you retrofit what already exists in more than 40 percent of the area? New development is one thing but we don't start with a clean slate here."

Audience participation brought out the idea that existing buildings that do not conform to any new overlay standard could be screened and alternatives need to be considered for properties that cannot possibly conform.

"No one wants to discourage the right kind of development," Fernandez said.

Sam Cook, a member of the Ruskin group, asked how an overlay would affect previously grandfathered properties. These are properties that were not in conformance when new zoning regulations were put into effect and whose owners received special permission from the county to remain the way they were as long as they continued to be owned (or operated) by the same owners or (possibly) continue the same type of business.

"We do not want any business owners to lose their rights," Cook said.

The survey results showed that 77 percent of those who voted from both communities want the overlay to apply to both new and existing properties.

Because the purpose of the overlay is to improve the look of the communities to those driving on U.S. 41, there are many things people wanted addressed that an overlay cannot address because they are not in county control. These include median improvements; including landscaping, turn lanes and quality of the road. These things must be done by the Florida Department of Transportation because U.S. 41 is not a county road.

The county's maps have separated the areas within the overlay into sections, so that they can all be handled differently when the language of the overlay is finally adopted.

"Now that we have seen your preferences," said Fernandez, "we can start working on the language."

A preliminary draft of preferences shown by the groups will be brought to the next meeting which will be held at the library Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTO
County Planners Jose Fernandez and John Healey explain what a zoning overlay can and cannot address to the groups working on the Apollo Beach and Ruskin plan for upgrading the look of properties bordering U.S. 41 on the eight-mile stretch between Big Bend Road and the Little Manatee River Bridge.

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The true path to wealth

Since I frequently write travel and adventure stories, I receive numerous press releases about travel opportunities every day. Most of them go into the trash because I simply can't read them all and an event happening in Australia is generally outside of the realm of The Observer News.



Observations
By Mitch Traphagen
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Last week the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) announced that income for the wealthiest one percent of Americans grew 275

percent between 1979 and 2007, while income growth for the rest of Americans averaged only 40 percent in the same period. On the same day I received an ironically appropriate press release announcing that for a mere \$161,000 a lucky couple could rent a 22-room Italian luxury resort all for themselves. Included in the package was a 24-hour personal assistant, a helicopter tour, the use of a vintage Fiat 500 automobile, and the use of a fully staffed luxury yacht.

Seriously? A press release? For that? How many people could be interested that it would warrant a general press release?

It may or may not surprise you to know that more than a few people in South Hillsborough could do it

without a second thought. Whether or not they would, of course, is the question. But by and large, it seems that most people these days are working hard just to keep the lights on and food in the cupboards. The personal assistant and luxury yacht will have to wait.

Given the economic conditions — and worst of all, the economic uncertainty — it should be no surprise that people are angry. That anger takes many forms from Occupy Wall Street to the Tea Party. On the surface, those two groups don't seem to have much in common, but the reality is that both have sprung up from fear. Fear of both the present and the future. That fear morphed into anger that morphed into action.

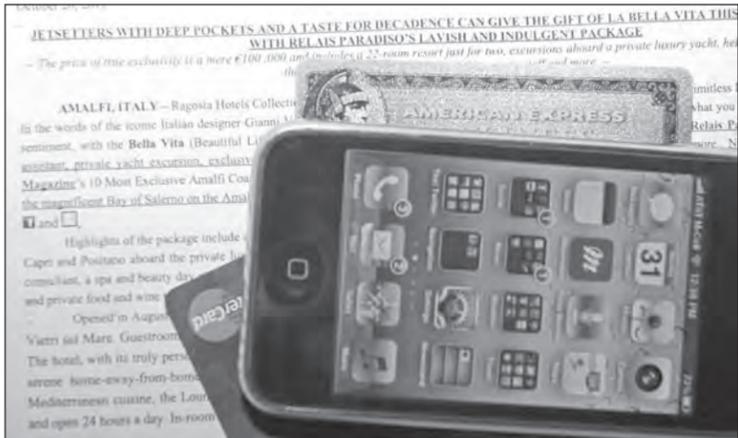
I spent the first decade of my post-college career working for very large corporations — organizations that are frequently vilified today for their outrageous profits and greed. Are large corporations evil? Yes, when they are viewed from a human perspective. A more accurate depiction of them, however, would be that they are simply soulless. As an entity, a for-profit corporation is legally obligated to

make as much money as it can for its shareholders. That is the entire purpose of its existence. Unlike humans with their philosophical pondering over the meaning of their lives, the meaning of a corporation is clear: make money, as much of it as possible.

If Walmart or Target discovered that playing the Satanic verses, read in a monotone voice, over the loudspeakers in their stores spurred buyers to subconsciously spend an additional one or two percent with no negative consequences, would they do it? Yeah, they probably would.

But while corporations have no souls, the people who work for them do. There is a Facebook page dedicated to hating the delivery service UPS. One day not long ago, I clicked on the tracking number of a package I was expecting only to see that it was needlessly being routed back and forth around the country. I clicked the "Like" button on the "I hate UPS" Facebook page.

Then I realized the UPS driver that delivers to my house is a really good guy. Do I hate him? Of course not. I know full well that he works hard and if there is anything he can personally do to make sure I get my package, he'd do it. So whom do I really hate? Do I hate



MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

The true path to wealth seems to be through having wealthy parents. Lacking that, I'll have to forgo the \$161,000 resort package. I'm having enough trouble getting Apple to take my hard-earned \$200 for a new iPhone.

the customer service person on the phone that pretty clearly didn't care if I lived or died? No, I can't hate her — my call was just one of hundreds of calls she has probably handled on her shift, most from angry people wondering where on God's green earth was the latest crap they had ordered from Amazon. That customer service person was just trying to get through another day without having her head explode.

In my career with large corporations, I never met an evil person. I even occasionally hung out with the top executives and I found none of them to be evil or even soulless. They were all good people. It turns out there is really no one to hate,

and thus any hatred I may have felt was simply misdirected at a faceless, indefinable entity. There is nothing constructive about misdirected hatred.

While the CBO report made headlines for the massive growth in income for the rich, what was often overlooked was that, on average, everyone got richer. Also, hidden in the numbers was the fact that the people earning the most tended to have at least undergraduate degrees and were older, while the people earning the least had much less education and were younger. That kind of takes the shock out of it, doesn't it?

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Students attend leadership conference

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) honored fifteen local high school students at their October luncheon, held at the Freedom Plaza Club in Sun City City Center. The students, from Lennard, East Bay, Riverview and Newsome high schools, were sent to the Youth Leadership Conferences in Tallahassee, this summer. They were provided generous grants from the SCC Interfaith Council and Community Foundation, which greatly assisted MOWW in funding this endeavor.

Ashley Wronka earns awards

Lt. Col. Gordon Bassett, Military Family Support Trust (MFST) Trustee, presents a Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Certificate of Excellence, an MFST \$250 check and Coin of Excellence to Ashley Wronka, a Junior at Lennard High School. Ashley was selected as the "Outstanding Student" at MOWW's Youth Leadership Conference in Tallahassee in May.



District Extends Water Restrictions

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board voted today to extend Phase I water shortage restrictions for the District's entire 16-county area through Feb. 29 because of a disappointing summer rainy season and an approaching winter that is expected to be drier than normal.

The Phase I order is intended as an alert to prepare for worsening conditions. Under Phase I, residents are asked to check their irrigation systems to ensure they are working properly. This means testing and repairing broken pipes and leaks, and damaged or tilted sprinkler heads. Residents should

also check their irrigation timers to ensure the settings are correct and the required rain sensors or soil moisture sensors are working properly in accordance with state law.

There are no changes to watering days or times in a Phase I water shortage compared to the District's year-round water conservation measures. This means lawn and landscape watering remains limited to a two-day-per-week schedule, and residents may only water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Some local governments have stricter local ordinances limiting lawn watering to one day per week

or using different watering hours, so residents should always check with their local government or utility before adjusting their irrigation timers.

"There were some areas of the District that received heavy rainfall at times, but overall our rainy season was not as productive as we had hoped," said Lois Sorensen, manager of the District's demand management program. "There were improvements in October, but we are expecting a drier-than-normal winter due to the La Niña weather pattern."

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**Photography Show Opening Reception*
Thursday, Nov. 3 • 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

Featured artists are Stan Lipski of Sun City Center and Bryan Weinstein of Riverview. Stan is an accomplished photographer who has won many ribbons locally and has been published in Motor Home Life Magazine and National Geographic World Magazine. Bryan's forte for the past eight years has been travel and landscape photography. His photos capture rarely viewed natural and manmade scenes from around the world. Light refreshments and music. Free to the public. The show will run through December 29, 2011.

**"NaNoWriMo": Guest Author Series
Friday, Nov. 4 • 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Join us for a National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) Event: NaNoWriMo challenges you to write a 50,000-word novel, from scratch, in the month of November. Take a short writing break and find some inspiration from an author at our NaNoWriMo author talk with Barbara Vaka, author of *Hank's Mountain, A Colorado Story* and *Pretty Maids All in a Row*.

**Great Books Discussion Group
Saturday, Nov. 5 • 10:30 a.m. to noon**

Join a moderated discussion of Sigmund Freud's classic work, *On Dreams*.

**Retirement CPR: Creating Personal Riches
Saturday, Nov. 5 • 2 to 3 p.m.**

Financial Consultant Jon Lynn, will discuss money management, factors for success, obstacles to overcome and saving strategies. This 45-minute seminar will include a 15-minute question and answer session at the end.

Adult Holiday Tee-Shirt Design!*
Saturday, Nov. 5 • 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Adults will create a design that will be transferred to a tee-shirt. Please bring in a clean white tee-shirt for yourself or someone you might give a gift to. Limit 20. Registration required at Library Information Desk or call 273-3652.

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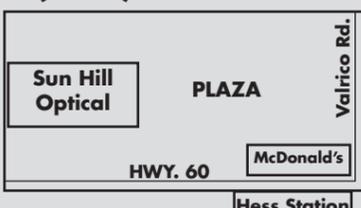
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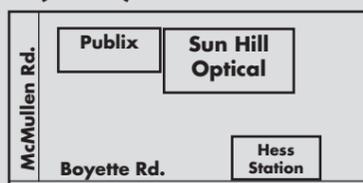
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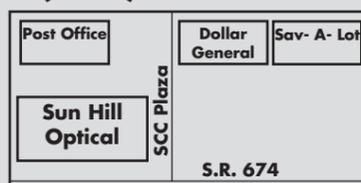
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Agriculture rebounds in Hillsborough County

Despite a sagging economy and a hard winter, agriculture has made a strong recovery in Hillsborough County. The Hillsborough County Agriculture Industry Development Program and County Extension have released the agriculture sales and acreage estimates for 2010.

According to the data, the 2010 sales estimate of Hillsborough County agriculture products is almost \$816 million, up nearly 5 percent from 2009. The total land area devoted to agriculture in the county is 258,979 acres; and although the amount of farmland has decreased 2.4 percent since 1997, the production value of the land is up 65 percent due to the increased farming of higher-value-per-acre commodities, such as strawberries and blueberries.

Hillsborough County covers more than 1,000 square miles, of which 39 percent is used for agriculture production. The county ranks as the 4th largest producer of agricultural products in the state, and 59th out of 3,076 counties in the United States. Hillsborough has 2,843 farms, the second most of any county in Florida.

Hillsborough County produces 90 percent of the strawberries grown in Florida; nearly 11 percent of the strawberries grown in the nation; as well as the most tropical fish of all counties in the state. Strawberries continue to be the highest sales crop at \$366,046,522, which is almost 45 percent of the County's total agricultural sales. Hillsborough also produces 14 percent of Florida's tomatoes and 5 percent of the tomatoes grown in the U.S.

The next highest sales crops after strawberries are:

Ornamental plants at second with \$144,403,830, accounting for 17.7 percent of annual sales.

Vegetable production at third at \$140,000,000, with 17.2 percent of annual sales.

Aquaculture at fourth with \$27,577,981 and 3.4 percent of annual sales.

Beef cattle/pasture fifth at \$20,078,142 for 2.5 percent of annual sales.

Local agriculture generates additional local economic impact by supporting related businesses such as banking, real estate, transportation, packaging, equipment, seed, agricultural suppliers and services, and marketing firms. According to a study completed in 2005, for every dollar of agricultural goods sold outside of the county, an estimated \$1.86 is added to the local economy as a result of indirect and induced benefits.

Democratic Club to meet

The South Shore Democratic Club meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, at the South Shore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way in Ruskin.

Coffee, refreshments and camaraderie are offered at 1 p.m. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. All Democrats and like-minded people are welcome.

The speaker will be Rev. Harold Brockus of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He has joined with several other clergymen and the FEA in filing a suit against the proposed Blaine Amendment.

MOAA Tournament raises money for scholarships

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Scholarship Fund and Operation Helping Hand Golf Tournament was held at Freedom Fairways, 3940 Upper Creek Drive, Sun City Center on Oct. 22. A luncheon was held immediately afterward at the Plaza Club where prizes were awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

First place winners were: Greg Budzinski; Dan Callahan; Robbie Hawk and Jo Withrow

Second place winners were: Julian Graham; Denis Bluett; Angel Reyes and Donald Quast.

Third place winners were: Jerry Brockmeir; Bob Foraker and Ed Then.

"MOAA wishes to thank all of those generous sponsors who helped to support this annual charity tournament."



First place winners from left: Greg Budzinski; Dan Calahan; Robbie Hawk and Jo Withrow and MC Andy Nash

C.A.R.E. Pets of the Week

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Faith is a female Calico cat of extraordinary beauty. Unfortunately she has had a rough time in her recent life. She was a stray for quite a while and had developed some medical ailments for which she has been treated. Faith is 100 percent back to good health and is now looking for a forever home with a loving owner. As part of her adoption she has been brought up to date on her shots, spayed and microchipped. Won't you visit C.A.R.E. with the idea of making Faith part of your family? DOB: February 2, 2010.



CASEY

Casey is a goofy Hound/Boxer mix who was abandoned by her owners. This poor girl lived in the woods for two months until someone gave her a helping hand. This is a really sweet and energetic gal. Half of her body wiggles when she sees someone approaching her kennel. Casey would be a wonderful companion for an active person/family with a fenced yard. Casey is spayed, microchipped, and current on her shots. DOB: February 2, 2009.



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Golfers scrambled for win

The winners of the Caloosa Golf and Country Club 18 hole women's league Annual ABCD Florida team Scramble October 26, were:

From left to right: Donna Gardner V.P. & Tournament Coordinator; Winners: Ann Skinner, Betty Parsley, Laura Horwath and Betty Hersey score 77; also, Congratulating the winners Jeanne Kolls President (CWGA18).

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Looking Back: A risk worth taking

■ By PENNY FLETCHER
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RUSKIN - Things had started to look bleak for the Ruskin Chamber of Commerce back in 1999 when John Cregier was elected president.

Money was tight and members knew they were at a point where something had to change.

"Bake sales and yard sales were about all we'd had as fundraisers," said Sandy Council, while recalling her time with the chamber that year. "We were really short of money for expenses and events."

That's when John got the idea to call on the expertise of a newly-made friend, Jack Laurie of Apollo Beach. Jack was a retired superintendent of schools who had recently retired to South County with his wife Irene. During his long career, Jack had had a lot of experience with both major events and marketing.

"I asked him if he wanted to take on a full-time job with part-time pay," John said. "The first thing we needed him to do was investigate ways to raise funds."

Jack was the first executive director of the chamber. Until then, it had been all-volunteer.

Everyone on the chamber board agreed they needed a major event, but the chamber had very little money to put one on.

The late Gene McRoberts, a large-scale national fish broker from Ruskin who was active in the chamber, suggested a seafood festival. He knew of several festivals around the state, one example being in Manatee County, where groups made money while putting on a memorable event that drew thousands of people to their area.

"I was scared to death," John said in an interview last week. "I had a

good board to go along with it. We had to lay out some serious money, and that was a real challenge. If we hadn't made it back, we knew the chamber would be totally bankrupt. We were running on a zero budget."

John recalled that the amount they had to spend was around \$7,000 but said he could not be sure. "It may not have been that high, but it was a large amount we couldn't afford to lose," he said. "I was really sweating bullets."

The Cypress Gardens Ski Show was called in, recalled Sandy. "Because of that, we ended up having a really large attendance."

For several years, the event was held at Bahia Beach.

Twelve to \$14,000 was taken in the first year, said Jack. "I was finally able to breathe in a real sigh of relief."

Sandy was chairwoman of the seafood festival committee and later became president of the chamber. "We decided to make the Ruskin Seafood Festival an annual event," she said. "Gradually we outgrew Bahia, and around the same time it changed ownership."

As Bahia Beach went through major change with new development, the event moved to E.G. Simmons Park on 19th Avenue in Ruskin and continued to draw large crowds each year. Last year more than 18,000 people attended.

This will be the festival's 23rd year. It will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Nov. 5 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 6 at E.G. Simmons Park, 2401 19th Ave. N.W. in Ruskin.

Like other years, seafood of all kinds will be featured, along with music, kid's games and crafts areas.

"Music will be provided by De-

mocracy, back by popular demand from last year, and a steel drum band from Oak Grove Middle School in Clearwater," said Melanie Morrison, executive director of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.

This is the first major event since the merger of the Ruskin and Apollo Beach chambers into the South Shore chamber which took place earlier this year. Because of the merger, the festival has 24 committee members which is more than ever before.

Crab racing, another favorite from previous years, will be put on by the National Crab Racing Association. Jumbo the clown; bouncy houses; a Mad Science tent; and hands-on arts and crafts will be featured as well. More information on crab racing can

be viewed at www.crabrace.com.

There will be beer and wine available for purchase in a relaxed atmosphere at The Sandbar which will be an outdoor lounge spot with cement picnic tables and landscaping.

Also new this year is a children's pirate-themed bicycle parade which will end at the official float of Ye Royal Krewe of Charlotte De Berry, an all woman's "sisterhood" group that works to better their communities.

"Gasparilla plays a large part in Tampa Bay," said Tracy Cannon-Gray, this year's chairwoman of special events. "So we thought it would be good to add some pirate theme to the festival."

Children of all ages are encouraged to decorate their bicycles and

costume themselves in either pirate or nautical theme for the parade, Sunday, Nov. 6, with line-up at 10 a.m. The parade will start at 10:30.

"We're also having a dunk tank with teachers and staff from East Bay High School in it to benefit their football team," Tracy said.

This past year, since the last festival, the Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department has initiated a \$2 fee per carload to enter its parks which will also apply on the days of the festival.

Once inside, the admittance charge to the festival is \$5 with children under 12 free with an adult.

To find out more about the festival, visit ruskinseafoodfestival.com; or call the South Shore Chamber at 813-645-3808.



NICK CARDELLO PHOTOGRAPHY

The official float of Ye Royal Krewe of Charlotte De Berry, an all woman's "sisterhood" group that works to better their communities, will be on display at this year's Seafood Festival Nov. 5 and 6 at E.G. Simmons Park. "Gasparilla plays a large part in Tampa Bay," said Tracy Cannon-Gray, this year's chairwoman of special events. "So we thought it would be good to add some pirate theme to the festival."

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Teen Night: Teen Advisory Board*

Thursday, Nov. 3 • 7 to 8 p.m.

For middle and high school students. Have a voice in creating and planning library programs for teens and earn community service hours toward graduation, scholarships and more! Refreshments provided by Domino's Pizza and SweetBay Supermarkets.

"Wee Artists" Holiday Tee-Shirt Design!*

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"Wee Artists," 3-6 years, will create a design that will be transferred to a tee-shirt. Please bring in a clean white tee-shirt. Limit 15. Adult must be present. Registration required at Library Information Desk or call 273-3652.

"Creative Artists" Holiday Tee-Shirt Design!*

Saturday, Nov. 5 • 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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"Expressive Artists" Holiday Tee-Shirt Design!*

Saturday, Nov. 5 • 12:45 to 2:30 p.m.

"Expressive Artists," 11 years and up, will create a design that will be transferred to a tee-shirt. Please bring in a clean white tee-shirt. Limit 20. Registration required at Library Information Desk or call 273-3652.

*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.

Riverview Hobby Club meets to share interests

Riverview Hobby Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Riverview Civic Center, 11020 Park Drive, Riverview.

Members gather every week to share interests in crocheting, knitting and other hobbies while enjoying coffee and each others company.

The Hobby Club helps the community by crocheting chemo hats and lap blankets for local hospitals.

For more information, call (813) 677-4527 or (813) 677-9747.

Visit the land of the sweets

The Brandon Ballet presents "Sugar Plum Fairy Tea" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Regent, 6437 Watson Rd. in Riverview.

The magically enchanting event to celebrate the story of the Nutcracker with delectable desserts, riveting storytime, and appearances by characters from the beloved ballet, including the Sugar Plum Fairy herself.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. For more information, visit www.brandonballet.com or call (813) 684-4282.

Lennard High School Theatre to present 'Date Night'

The Lennard High School Theatre will present "Date Night Edition," an evening of one-act comedies, at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 3 and 4; and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the LHS Auditorium. Doors open one half hour before show time.

Admission for all shows is \$5 for students and adults. Concessions will be sold during intermission; all proceeds to benefit the LHS Drama department for future theatrical productions.



Denise Sanchez, a junior at LHS, will perform with Storm Paz, freshman, in "An Evening of One Acts: Date Night Edition" on November 3-5 at Lennard High School.

Christmas Tea Tickets on sale

The GFWC Ruskin Woman's Club will host its annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the historic clubhouse at 503 U.S. Hwy. 41 S. in Ruskin. There will be two seatings this year: the first tea will start at noon, with seating to begin at 11:45 a.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m., with seating to begin at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased prior to Wednesday, Nov. 30. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Club members welcome children as they love to have granddaughters attend along with daughters, mothers, sisters, and friends! They ask that well-behaved little ones be capable of sitting with you throughout the tea.

The club house will be decorated for an "Angels Among Us" Christmas celebration. Homemade scones, fresh strawberries, assorted tea sandwiches and tea fare, desserts and select teas will be served.

For tickets, call Sonja Council at (813) 244-1015, or Judy Dufault at (813) 641-0152. Seating at the Christmas Tea is limited and is always a sellout. Proceeds will go toward the club's various charitable projects.



The Christmas Tea will be held at the historic clubhouse.

Surrender your unwanted exotic pet

In an effort to keep unwanted exotic pets out of Florida's native habitats, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and SeaWorld will host Exotic Pet Amnesty Day on Saturday, Nov. 5 at SeaWorld Orlando.

"We expect to get quite a few non-native animals that day, so we need to make sure we have safe homes for them," said Jenny Novak of the FWC.

"Released pets can survive in Florida's wild areas. Often, pet owners don't understand the difference between native and nonnative species, or they don't realize the possible effects releasing a nonnative species can have," she said. "This event gives pet owners who can no longer take care of their pets or no longer wish to keep them a legal, ethical option."

Currently, the FWC is looking for potential adopters in Central Florida who are experienced pet owners and are willing to provide a home for one or two more animals. All adopters must fill out the proper application forms before they receive surrendered animals.

"This isn't a free pet giveaway," Novak said. "We're looking for adopters with knowledge and expertise in caring for exotic pets, not people who have always wanted a pet and think this is an opportunity to try their hand at owning one that they don't have to purchase."

Exotic Pet Amnesty Day is free and open to the public. Exotic animals can be surrendered to the FWC at SeaWorld Orlando from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., free of charge, with no questions asked and no penalties.

"We will not penalize any pet owners who choose the responsible option of not releasing their nonnative pets into the wild. This is about curbing our ongoing problem of exotic fish and wildlife," Novak said.

A veterinarian will examine each animal, and every attempt will be

Waves Unit #55 to meet

Attention, all Women of the Military Sea Service. Tampa Bay

W A V E S Unit #55 will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 10701 Bloomingdale Avenue, Riverview. The meeting is held in St. Anne's Hall, located at the rear of the church building.

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.



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, Nov. 3 -- Bar Games from 1 to 5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4 — Feather Your Nest Game at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5 — Cabbage Rolls for Dinner at 5 p.m. Music by Double Shots from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Turkey raffle begins for Thanksgiving.

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

Monday, Nov. 7 — Bingo at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 — Come on down and socialize.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 — 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.



Boomers receive help navigating Medicare

The oldest of the Baby Boomers are turning 65 this year, the eye-opening age of Medicare eligibility. As the reality of dealing with Medicare looms large, many people find themselves uncertain about their Medicare options and the processes for enrollment.



The Florida Department of Elder Affairs' SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program, in partnership with the west Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, is prepared to provide the assistance you need to understand your options.

SHINE is an unbiased information and counseling resource that

trains volunteers to provide free, confidential health care advice to Florida's seniors and the disabled, particularly about Medicare.

Here in Hillsborough County, where one in ten residents is age 65 or older, SHINE is a vital resource. Each year SHINE serves seniors, retirees, the disabled, and other Medicare beneficiaries by providing educational presentations, informational materials, and an opportunity to speak one-on-one with a trained Medicare counselor. This year, SHINE has a special opportunity to help the wave of Boomers who are reaching the age for Medicare eligibility.

Individuals new to Medicare may enroll during their Initial Enrollment Period, which is the seven-month period (birth month

plus the three months before and after) surrounding his or her 65th birthday. During this period, beneficiaries can enroll in Medicare Parts A, B and D, or they may alternatively choose to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan with or without drug coverage.

All current and soon-to-be Medicare beneficiaries are invited to contact SHINE for one-on-one SHINE counseling or enrollment assistance by contacting the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337).

Medicare beneficiaries who do not take advantage of their Initial Enrollment Period may do so during the now earlier Annual Election Period (Oct. 15-Dec. 7), with coverage effective on Jan. 1.

Test your memory

Are you noticing changes in your memory and are you concerned about your memory? Tuesday, Nov. 15 is National Memory Screening Day and the USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute will be offering free memory screenings from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Appointments are required.)

There will also be exhibits, blood pressure screenings, presentations and information on Alzheimer's disease, warning signs and how to reduce your risk for Alzheimer's. Participants can bring a bag with all their medications for a free consultation with pharmacists.

Tours of the new Memory C.A.R.E. Center will be available for those interested. For more information or to schedule an appointment for a screening, call (813) 974-4357.

Defense Grants awarded

While addressing Gulf Power's Annual Economic Symposium in Northwest Florida, Governor Rick Scott announced nearly \$2.5 million in defense grants to local communities and organizations which support Florida military installations. These funds will continue to enhance and maintain Florida's reputation as the most military friendly state in the Nation. Of the 20 grants announced today, four will benefit Northwest Florida.

"I am proud that Florida continues to support our military bases, military service members and their families, and the defense industry through the defense grant programs," said Governor Rick Scott. "Additionally, these programs work to protect a \$65 billion economic impact, and the over 686,181 direct and indirect jobs, which the defense industry annually infuses into Florida."

Of the grants announced today, eleven are Defense Reinvestment Grants, totaling \$850,000, that have been awarded to defense communities in support of military base retention and economic diversification. The program helps communities develop and implement base sustainment and economic diversification strategies. This year, the Defense Reinvestment Grants were awarded to the Orange County Research and Development Authority, The Beacon Council Inc., Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce,

Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, The Bay Defense Alliance, City of Tampa, City of Jacksonville, Clay County Chamber of Commerce, TEAM SantaRosaEconomicDevelopment Council, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, and Highlands County.

The other nine awards announced are Defense Infrastructure Grants totaling \$1,581,245. These grants address infrastructure needs of communities which host military installations. Both programs are administered by Enterprise Florida Inc. The grants are awarded annually, on a project-priority basis, to communities hosting military installations.

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Hillsborough salutes veterans

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The ceremony will begin with the presentation of colors by a joint color guard made up of members from MacDill AFB Honor Guard and the JROTC Cadets. The National Anthem will be sung by Teresa Foss. There will be over 100 JROTC Cadets from area high schools in attendance to perform drill demonstrations and a Pass in Review.

The POW/MIA empty chair ceremony to remember those who have not yet made it home will be performed by the Scottish American Military Society and Honor Guard. A Wreath Tribute will be presented by the Gold Star Wives, Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families of America. The playing of TAPS and a rifle salute will be rendered by the Riverview Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Jeanne Bush, the Family Service Director for Serenity Meadows Memorial Park & Cemetery and the keynote speaker will be Major General Michael D. Jones, US Army Retired, formerly, the Chief of Staff at USCENTCOM.

There will be several dignitaries and a former POW that was captured at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II in attendance. The coveted Edwin Porterfield Award and Sprit Awards will be presented

Preceding this event at 9 a.m. will be the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Both ceremonies are open to the public and tented seating will be available. Following the Veterans Day program refreshments will be served by VFW Post 8108 from Riverview.

Flags honored in tribute ceremony

Serenity Meadows Memorial Park-Funeral Home-Crematory is collecting flags for a flag retirement ceremony to held at the AMVETS Post 44 located 318 Pauls Drive, Brandon.

Bring your distressed flags to Serenity or join them at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 at Post 44 for this moving ceremony.

They are collecting all flags including POW and MIA. If you have attended a flag retirement ceremony take the time to come out and honor the American Flag, and service flags that represent what our American people have fought for.

Drop off flags at Serenity Meadows Memorial Park, 6919 Providence Road, Riverview.

The Hope Fund's Breakfast and Bingo coming November 12

The Hope Fund again sponsors its semi-annual Breakfast and Bingo to benefit the children who attend the after-school and summer programs at Bethune Park in Wimauma. The breakfast takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Community Hall, at 1910 So. Pebble Beach Blvd.. It will cost \$6 and consists of a large omelet of your choice, a bagel and cream cheese or a Danish, orange juice, and coffee or tea. Bingo will start at 9:30 a.m., if you wish, play bingo for cash prizes. Bingo cards cost \$1.00. Some of the children who attend Bethune Park will be on hand to sing at 9 a.m. Tickets for the event are available at the door. All are welcome.

By attending Breakfast and Bingo on Nov. 12 you will not only benefit needy children, but you will also enjoy a Saturday morning out with friends. Because The Hope Fund has no administrative costs, all funds raised go directly to helping the children. The Hope Fund sponsors mentoring and tutoring programs, a reading program, Marathon Kids, field trips, an after-school snack program, and many more programs designed to give children a good start in life. Donations are gratefully accepted and are tax deductible. Call Robi Jackson at 634-3980 if you like working with children (Please note that all of the children speak English.) and would like to volunteer an hour a week, or more, or for more information about the Hope Fund and/or Breakfast and Bingo, or to make a tax deductible contribution. Also, check out the Fund's website at www.The-Hope-Fund.org.



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FISH TALES

Grand Slam contests everywhere

Grand Slam is what I heard everywhere this week. It was Grand Slam in the south, north, and east. Contests everywhere. If you don't know what a grand slam is in fishing it is a redfish, a snook, and a seatrout, or speckled trout, all caught in one day. You can apply for a certificate of proof of catch from MyFWC.com.

Some of the contests have rules about catching all three fish before 3 p.m. The fish that will probably be the most difficult to catch is the snook.

A grand slam takes lots of catching skills and lots of luck.

If you catch all three, the guy or gal with the most weight in the three, will win.

Grand Slam tournaments are not easy. You cannot waste your time looking for a larger fish; just catch three and check in.

Some have caught all three species in the shallows and some in grassy flats. Others say to fish around the mangrove roots. All I can tell you is that all species are out there and it is up to you to find them. Best of luck and be sure and apply for your certificate.

Oysters were plentiful in our area, but I haven't seen any edible ones lately. Several clubs, such as the Tampa Bay Watch and The Coastal Conservation groups have been restoring oyster beds.

Stone crabs are plentiful if you find the right spot. Many divers are getting enough to grace their dinner tables. You can legally only take one claw per crab. Harvest of stone crabs runs through May 15.

It is a challenge to fish after a heavy rain, as the water isn't clear. Again, wading birds could tell you where the fish are in the flats.

If you see a stingray there must be fish close by.

I met more fly anglers this week. It seems to be done by those who like a challenge. Fly fishing in salt water wasn't heard of at one time. You think of a cool mountain stream and fly-casting for trout in the fresh water not salt water.

I saw the usual catches of sheepshead and trout. Mullet are jumping in the canals waiting for a cast net.

Flounder are plentiful, you just have to drop a line to make a catch. When they are up off the sandy bottom of the water swimming around, they are hungry.

Redfish are in schools. You still may only make one catch per person per day. They are good baked and stuffed with crab meat.

Freshwater bluegill, catfish and bass are being caught in the upper Manatee, Little Manatee and Alafia rivers.

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Aleta Jonie Maschek is a member of Florida Outdoor Press.



Fish Tales
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Bass guitarist Lynne Conner, 14, rocks out with her five-string bass.

Music festival

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talent. On both counts, they are the rock of ages.

On November 12, Hovermode will rock out the South Shore Music Festival. It will be the second year for the event, which is promising to be bigger and better than last year.

From the songs they play to the instruments they use, it is clear the members of Hovermode aren't ordinary kids. Forming a successful rock band is much more difficult than working most jobs available to young people. And it is a job. Making music requires dedication, talent and lots of hard work. For the most part, flipping burgers, while certainly hard work, doesn't require anyone to put their hearts, souls and talent out for public consumption as does music.

Brothers PJ and Phil Cruz formed Hovermode. Phil, 12, is the guitarist, and a young man who oozes music, playing a Gibson Les Paul electric guitar as though the fret board was a playground for his fingers. PJ, 13, makes the wall of sound their music requires on the drums. They were joined by bassist Lynne Conner, 14, and lead singer Rachel Simmons, also 14.

"We just kind of bonded," Lynne said of the band's formation.

Lynne plays her five-string bass



Lead vocalist Rachel Simmons, 14, fronts the band.

like the professional musician she is. A five-string is an unusual choice for any bassist — the vast majority use four-string bass guitars. The five-string is more difficult, bigger to handle and requires more dexterity, but it is also a rock music machine. Fronting the band is Rachel, unabashedly belting out vocals that seem to supersede her petite frame.

"Phil and I have been playing in a band for three years, but this band has been together for about two months," PJ said.

Although a fairly new band,

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Hovermode co-founder PJ Cruz, 13, is the drummer.

South Shore Market debuts



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTOS

Organizers of the South Shore Market were pleased at the steady flow of shoppers at the market's Grand Opening Oct. 29 and 30. According to Melanie Morrison and Michael Parker, founders of the newly-formed Forward Thinking Campaign in Ruskin, about 2,000 people visited the 36 vendors during the two-day event. The market was the first event put on by the Campaign and will be held the last Sunday in every month beginning this month. To sign up as a vendor or find out more about it call Morrison at 813-919-5946 or Parker at 813-846-2000. (Pictured far left) Marni Anterton and Lisa Patella came from Largo where they bake and sell homemade breads of all kinds. (Below) Ruskin fireman Matt Saracino buys orchids from Tony Tirado and gets a lesson on how to make them thrive.



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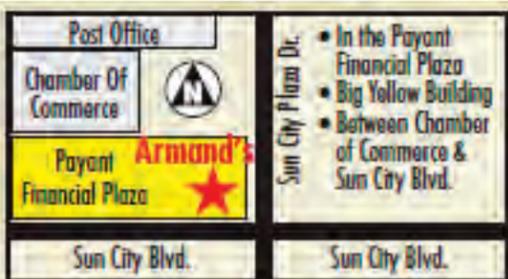
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Wave barriers help preserve nesting areas

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immediately south of the Alafia River channel, which branches to the east from the main north-south Tampa Bay ship channel. Through this channel passes the freighter and barge traffic arriving and departing the Mosaic phosphate processing plant docks, as well as numerous smaller pleasure craft coming from or motoring farther up river.

This week, however, a project aimed at halting the erosion by blocking and redistributing the wave action is being completed around the northern face of the oblong island. The “wave break” consists of eight arrays of large, pyramid-shaped concrete “wave attenuation devices” (WADs) installed in corner-to-corner sections just offshore. When complete, the WADs will stretch for 775 linear feet, creating a settled offshore reef both calming wave action and enhancing the food chain.

Each pyramid, 10 feet across at the base and weighing 5,000 pounds, is a stable barricade able to withstand the heaviest of seas, noted Tom Brown, CEO of Living Shoreline Solutions, the Dade City-based company which designed the system. The firm has installed 16 such systems in water bodies around the world and “not one of them has failed yet,” Brown added.

The acid-neutral concrete structures are hollow with perforations on the slanted sides that allow small fish and crustaceans to enter or pass through and encourage oysters, barnacles or other marine life to attach, thereby creating a sea life nursery in much the same way naturally-growing mangrove roots and sea grasses do. Pyramids facing the shipping channel also are horizontally grooved on their outward flat

sides to further interrupt and redistribute the energy of ship-wake or storm-driven waves slapping them.

The project has been years in the planning, design and engineering, permitting and then funding stages, said Mark Rachal, an Audubon field biologist. “We’re excited finally to be in the installation stage,” he added.

Financial support for the \$315,000 project has come from a combination of grant monies obtained through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation plus grant-matching funds provided by Mosaic, Tampa Electric Company, CF Industries and other donors to Audubon’s Florida Coastal Islands Sanctuaries program. Mosaic owns the islands that comprise the bird sanctuary and leases them to the National Audubon Society for its management, said Christine Smith, the phosphate giant’s Florida headquarters spokesperson.

It is expected now, Paul summed up, that the trees the Brown Pelicans and White Ibis and Roseate Spoonbills need for their nests will be protected and preserved, sturdily waiting for them come the spring breeding season, and that the oystercatchers will find plenty of nest-inviting sand above the high tide mark.

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Now in place along the north face of little Sunken Island, part of an important wading bird rookery in the Hillsborough Bay estuary, these concrete “wave attenuation devices” (WADs) are deflecting the destructive energy of crashing wave action from passing vessels and protecting from erosion both the island’s shoreline and its trees. The 5,000-pound pyramids, which have been successfully used on water bodies around the world, also are expected to attract small marine life to enhance the island’s food chain for its avian residents.



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All of these iconic, but dwindling, Florida wading birds — the Roseate Spoonbill (upper left), the Brown Pelican (lower left) and Snowy Egret (above) — nest each season on spoil islands in eastern Tampa Bay, sharing the small spits of land with abundant rats and rattlesnakes. But it is erosion of the island shorelines that most threaten their populations.

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The Manatee County Farm City Week program began in 1967 to promote a clear understanding of the economic importance of agriculture in Manatee County and the effect of urbanization on agricultural lands. Folks can participate in a number of ways, including a guided bus tour of select agricultural operations, the Cortez Village Folk Art Fishing Festival, the Faye Blackstone Memorial Junior Ranch Rodeo, and much more!

Part of the week's events is to honor individuals who have made a significant impact to agriculture and the agricultural community. Two honorees, for the Outstanding Agriculturalist of the Year and the Manatee County Agriculture Hall of Fame, will be recognized during the Kiwanis Club of Bradenton Farm City Week Luncheon on Nov. 15 and at the Palmetto Historical Luncheon on Nov. 17.

Farm City Week runs from Nov. 14-19 and is filled with a diversity of events. The theme for 2011 is Rodeo: A Rancher's Way of Life. For more information, visit <http://manatee.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Marines kick off

Join Team Creations from 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Nov. 4 at The Alley, 10221 Big Bend Rd., Riverview to kick off "Toys for Tots."

The United States Marine Corp is asking each guest to bring a new unwrapped toy for the Marine Toy Chest. Tickets are \$25 and can only be purchased in advance, space will be limited. Each ticket includes a wrist band entry for the private VIP suite room, cosmic bowling with music and laser show, snack and cash bar, meet the Tampa Bay Buccaneer Cheerleaders, and local celebrities and sponsors.

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Hillsborough Correctional Institution crafts with conviction

The Hillsborough Correctional Institution class will be donating their handmade quilts to military personnel at the Veteran's Hospital in Tampa. Sun City Center prison volunteer Judy Gerdes, standing left, will be donating the quilts to Maryann Keckler, Disabled Veteran's Representative. The center square of each quilt includes a hand painted patriotic square created by Virginia Laudano's art class at Prince of Peace Church. Laudano, also a volunteer at Hillsborough C.I., plans to have the inmates in her art class help with this project. Additional washable fabric is needed for future donations. Interested groups or individuals may call volunteer Nancy Williams at (813) 642-9121 for more information.



Inmates display their handmade quilts.



You, Me, and Business

By: Dana Dittmar, Executive Director

SCC Chamber News

Being married to the Husband means I spend a lot of time at car shows. When you own an autobody shop and your passion is cars, it goes to reason you love to look at them. In August we drove to Louisville, KY for the National Street Rod Association event that showcased over 10,000 vehicles! The vendor and builder showcase building was over 4 million square feet! It took us days to see what we saw and believe me, we didn't see everything.

The Chamber's upcoming Extreme Makeover: Business Expo won't be nearly that large, but for the first time we have over 100 vendors (112 to be exact!) and some pretty special people attending.

Mark your calendars: next Tuesday, the 8th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Hall on South Pebble Beach Boulevard.

Former Mayor Pam Iorio will be there from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to sign copies of her new book. She will be followed by Rep. Skip McKell who represents our district in Tallahassee. Rounding out our political guests will be Doug Belden, our Tax Supervisor.

In the side room, we'll have an antiques appraisal with Dale Smrekar from Downsizing Advisory Service. For \$5 per item (limit 3, please) he will give you an appraisal of your vase from Aunt Dorothy or your necklace

from Grandma Nan.

Also, the St. Pete Times will have some of their Facebook gurus there to show you how to interact with your family back up north through social media.



You, Me & Business

By Dana Dittmar

You'll be listening to music from Fletcher Music and from the South Shore Symphony Orchestra while you stroll the aisles and visit our vendor booths.

Our non-profit and charitable organizations will be outside selling all kinds of delicious food, with the proceeds going to scholarships and other worthy causes.

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There might not be 10,000 cars and we certainly don't have 4 million square feet. But it won't take you several days to go around and see everybody either! So grab the spouse or the next door neighbor and come to our Expo next week. There's a lot to see, a lot to hear, and a lot to eat!

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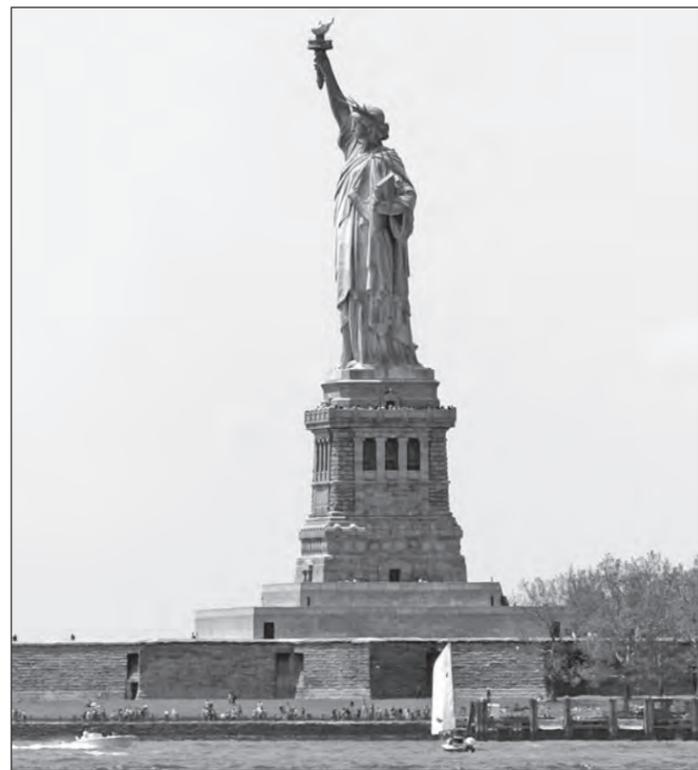
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The production to be staged at St. John The Divine Episcopal Church, 1015 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center, Nov. 15, 16, and 17 will make use of two large video screens to present highlights of Sullivan Show guests, from plate spinners and jugglers to stars of Opera, Movies, Broadway, The Borscht Belt and Ballet. The review also features a live band led by Jack Edison and Bill Rudy. Professional and community theater talent will recreate Sullivan Show performances including, Annie Hunter as Judy Garland, Troy Co-man as Nat "King" Cole, Chuck Wirick as Van Cliburn, Barbara VanEycken as Rosemary Clooney, Brian Kleinschmidt as Bing Crosby, James Faurote as Frank Sinatra, Matt Mello as Bob Hope, Teri Council as Teresa Brewer, Rick Curtis as Anthony Newley, Bill Barker as Ezio Pinza, Lew Resseguie as Rex Harrison, Kathy Straub as Julie Andrews, Chuck Collette as John Michael King, Ellen Kleinschmidt as Patti Page, Bob Garrod as Maurice Chevalier, Clint Shepherd as Sergio Franchi, and Victoria Pelagia as Maria Callas.

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SCC Halloween food drive

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Paula and David Lickfeldt hosted a Halloween party attended by about 210 people at the Sun City Center Community Hall Oct. 29. Props, including Dracula's coffin, skeleton cages and an electric chair, were handmade by co-host Michael Langjahr. DJ Carey Culp provided dance music. The party was held to benefit the food banks at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Wimauma and The Lord's Lighthouse ministry in Ruskin. About 1,000 pounds of food was collected and almost \$1,200 in monetary donations. The money will be given to The Lord's Lighthouse.



Winners of the costume contest line up to receive their prizes. Judging was done by a panel of three, Rosie Clifton, Penny Fletcher and Michael Langjahr.

A bunch of 'Nunsense'

The Pelican Player Community Theatre is bringing the raucous musical-comedy, Nunsense, the Mega-Musical, to the Borini Theatre at Kings Point for six performances, on Nov. 18 and 19; and Dec. 2 and 3. Mollie Anderson is back as Sister Mary Amnesia, along with Terry Fiset as the Reverend Mother and director of the show.

Nunsense is one of the most popular musicals ever. It's a laugh a minute as the "Little Sisters of Hoboken" attempt to stage a benefit to raise enough money to bury four members of their order accidentally poisoned by their crazy cook, played here by Enid Couse. In this mega-musical version of Nunsense, the sisters have landed additional "acts" for their show,

including three Junior Olympic gymnasts and an ex-Motown gospel star. "The result is spectacular," explains director Terry Fiset. "Not only do we have the funny songs and dialogue from the original Nunsense, we have these impressive guest artists adding a 'wow' factor that will bring the house down!"

Cabaret seating will add to the fun, so bring snacks and beverages. The seating is set up for tables of eight. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18; at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 19; at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2; and at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Dec. 3. Tickets are only \$15 and are on sale now at the Kings Point Box Office. Reservations can be made at www.pelicanplayers.org.

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Futbol and food focus of RCMA festival / fundraiser

While the National Football League heats up autumn for many Americans, it is always *futbol* season for many Latinos. Last weekend, the Redlands Christian Migrant Association Academy held their Fall Festival, featuring a soccer (*futbol*) tournament and food brought in by families and offered for sale. The event was designed to not

only provide a day of family fun but also to raise money for educational field trips for RCMA Academy students. The RCMA Academy serves children from low-income and migrant farmworker families. For more information, visit www.rcma.org.

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Girl Scouts from Troop 508 visit New England

Girl Scouts from local troop 508 recently returned from a trip to New England.

Four of the girls traveled for a five-day visit to Martha's Vineyard and Boston, Massachusetts. The girls boarded their flights at Tampa International Airport to land at Logan International where they plotted their way by bus to Woodshole, Mass., and from there, caught the ferry to Martha's Vineyard. For some girls, this was their

first plane ride. The girls stayed at a charming hostel in West Tisbury that was run by Hostelling International. There, the girls enjoyed their stay in a dormitory-style setting where they met a myriad of people, from all different backgrounds as well as overseas.

The girls visited Felix Neck Sanctuary where they participated in an Audubon birding program. They rode tandem bicycles there, only to jump in the kayak to see New

England local birds, many of them on the U.S. threatened list. The girls also took part in a bird count for another program while visiting Chappaquiddick Island. From Martha's Vineyard, they crossed back to the mainland where they again stayed in a hostel, this one very different from the laid back atmosphere of the Vineyard. They spent their time getting steeped in our nation's history by visiting places such as Faneuil Hall, the USS Constitution, Boston Common and Public Garden, and the Old North Church. They trudged through the rain and viewed Boston's history through the stories of a Ghost Tour company and got a different spin on revolutionary tales. They also took a Duck Tour through the city, while meeting staff of EF Tours.

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Dear EarthTalk: I understand that mountaintop removal as a way of coal mining is incredibly destructive. Didn't a report come out recently that named major banks that were funding this activity?

-- Seth Jergens, New York, NY

Yes it's true that many major banks invest in companies that engage in the environmentally destructive practice of mountaintop removal (MTR) coal mining, whereby the tops of mountains are removed by explosives to expose thin seams of recoverable coal. The wasted earth and other materials are either put back onto the mountain top in an approximation of their original contours, wreaking havoc on local ecosystems and biodiversity, or dumped



Mountaintop removal site

into neighboring valleys, polluting lakes and streams and jeopardizing water quality for humans and wildlife

According to the non-profit Rainforest Action Network (RAN), this dumping—especially throughout Appalachia where MTR is most prevalent—“undermines the objectives and requirements of the Clean Water Act.” The group adds that some 2,000 miles of streams have already been buried or contaminated in the region. “The mining destroys Appalachian communities, the health of coalfield residents and any hope for positive economic growth.”

This past April, RAN teamed up for the second year in a row with another leading non-profit green group concerned about MTR, the Sierra Club, in publishing a “report card” reviewing 10 of the world’s largest banks in regard to their financing of MTR coal mining projects. The new 2011 version of “Policy and Practice” takes a look at the MTR-related financing practices of Bank of America, CitiBank, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, GE Capital, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, PNC, UBS and Wells Fargo.

What did they find? Since January 2010, the 10 banks reviewed have provided upwards of \$2.5 billion in loans and bonds to companies practicing MTR. While some of the banks—Chase, Wells Fargo, PNC, UBS, and Credit Suisse—adopted policies limiting their financing of MTR, few actually pulled funding in place from any such activities upon adopting such policies. Citibank, despite announcing publicly in 2009 that it would limit its involvement in MTR, doubled its investments in the business in 2010.

RAN and the Sierra Club are also keeping a close eye on UBS which, soon after stating that it “needs to be satisfied that the client is committed to reduce over time its exposure to [MTR],” went ahead and acted as a paid advisor on the merger of Massey Energy, which operated the West Virginia mine where 29 men died last year, and Alpha Natural Resources. This merger created the largest single MTR company in the country, now responsible for some 25 percent of coal production from MTR mines.

The report card grades each bank based on its current position and practice regarding MTR investments, and calls on the banks to strengthen their policies and cease their financial support for coal companies engaging in MTR. “The ‘best practice’...is a clear exclusion policy on commercial lending and investment banking services for all coal companies who practice mountaintop removal coal extraction,” says RAN.

RAN and the Sierra Club hope that by exposing the impact these banks are having on the environment through their financing programs, they can help alert the public and policymakers to the need to outlaw MTR coal mining altogether.

CONTACTS: Rainforest Action Network, www.ran.org; Sierra Club, www.sierraclub.org.

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This program is back by popular demand. Master Gardener John Dawson’s fascinating lecture will focus on how Manatee County’s first settlers would have used herbs in their daily lives. Learn how herbs were used for food, flavorings, medicines, teas, alcoholic beverages, dyes, inks, pesticides, deodorants, cosmetics, oils, poisons, and expressions of passion.

Parking and admission to this program and the park are free. Reservations are appreciated. For more information, call Christine A. Brown, Special Events Coordinator at (941) 741-4075 or e-mail Christine. brown@manateeclerk.com.

Animal Shelter Expansion

To help in the efforts to make Manatee County a no-kill community, Napier’s Log Cabin Horse and Animal Sanctuary, inc. has recently acquired 13.5 acres of land to expand its continuing efforts to help the animals of Manatee County. Of the 13.5 acres, 3 acres has been set aside as a second location for the rescue of dogs facing euthanization. The other acreage is for the rescued horses and horseback riding that helps offset feed cost. visit www.NapierFamilyFarm.com for days and hours available for horseback riding there is no age limit or experience necessary.

The Sanctuary wants to play a major roll in helping make Manatee County a no-kill county. There is a large number of adoptable dogs and cats that are needlessly being euthanized for no other reason than lack of space. The Sanctuary’s new facility “New Beginnings Kennels” will help house

these adoptable animals until a new adoptive home can be found without fear of euthanization as the Sanctuary is a no-kill 501(c)(3) animal rescue operating since August of 2004 in East Manatee County.

New Beginnings Kennels is now open to the public. All dogs at the kennels will be available for a \$65 adoption donation and will be neutered/spayed, have current shots including Rabies, de-wormed, microchipped for ID and come with 30-days of FREE pet insurance for unforeseen illnesses.

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Trinity welcomes new members

Trinity Baptist Church recently welcomed several new members. Pictured from left to right are: Dorothy and Barry Myers, Pastor Ed Schafer, Mike Zwissler and Aileen Engel. For information on the church, call 634-4228.

Crafts, food, fun and fellowship

Mark your calendars, for the UCC Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Community Church, 1501 La Jolla Ave.



Left to right Larry Piechoski, Linda Shaw, Regina Evans, and Louise Grabert.

New members welcomed

The United Community Church, 1501 La Jolla Ave, Sun City Center welcomed seven new members into their church family. The service was very meaningful and a reception was held, to meet and to greet everyone.



PHOTO BY HAZEL MARTIN

Seated left to right: Kathie Koren, Lynn Field, Joyce Rich, Patricia Harrell, and Elaine Tosoian. Standing left to right: Senior Minister Dr. Michael Evans, J. D. Stanlake, Bobby Rich, Moderator Anne Ginevan, Vice Moderator Bruce Grabert

NCWS Raises The Bar

NCWS (Nondenominational Christian Worship Services) is honored and grateful to announce they have exceeded \$60,000 in donations to local non-profit organizations. These organizations include: SCC Emergency Squad, Samaritan Services, Salvation Army, LifePath Hospice, Good Samaritan Mission, Samaritan Alzheimer's Auxiliary, Mary & Martha House, Reddick Elementary School & SCC Patriots Club.



NCWS leaders in the picture are from L to R: Jim Butner, Steve Molnar, MaryAnn Innis, Phyllis Butner, and Eileen Eletto.

Like to play games?

The Council of Catholic Women of Prince of Peace Catholic Church invites anyone who likes to play cards or any board game to make up a table in advance and attend the monthly Dessert Card Party from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9 in Conesa Center.

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For more information, call (813) 633-2460.

Fine Arts concert features trio



The second Fine Arts concert of the 2011-2012 season at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb West, Sun City Center, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The featured artists will be the well-known and popular Robert Winslow (organist at St. Andrew Church) joined by University of South Florida music professors: Kim McCormick on flute and Amy Collins on oboe.

Tickets at the door are \$9. Season tickets for all remaining six concerts are \$35, available at the concert or at the reception desk of the church. For more information, call 634-1252 or 642-8125.

SCC Unitarian Universalists are grateful

On Nov. 3, SCC Unitarian Universalists' guest Dr. Robert P. Tucker presents "Please, Say 'Thank You!'" November's great American holiday is Thanksgiving. Yet, most of us have trouble being sufficiently appreciative of what others do for us. Dr. Robert P. Tucker will remind us why everyday gratitude is so important in everything we do.

On Nov. 10, Gin Kohl Lieberman, executive director of the Humanists of Florida Association (HFA), will speak to the Fellowship about the humanist philosophy and the goals of the Florida association.

Coffee and conversation starts at 7 p.m., in the Beth Israel/Henry Gibson Social Hall at 1115 Del Webb, East, Sun City Center. The programs begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 813- 633- 23491

Pornography addressed

Christian Women's Connection presents David Canton, director of Florida Family Association. David will detail their fight against pornography and undesirable content on television and magazines. The presentation and luncheon will be held at Club Renaissance, 2121 South Pebble Beach Blvd. on Thursday, Nov. 10. Luncheon begins at 11 a.m. and program follows from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Reservations or cancellations before noon Monday, Nov. 7. Cost \$17 inclusive.

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Area Obituaries

William E. Brindle

William E. Brindle, 71, of Sun City Center died on September 20, 2011. He was born in Louisville, KY and raised in Salem, IN. He proudly served in the United States Coast Guard for 24 years retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Robert and son, Mark. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; daughter, Kristine Walker; stepchildren, Melissa, Michael and Matthew; four grandchildren and sisters, Dorothy Doering, Jeanie Blevins and Linda Rider. Interment will be at Sarasota VA National Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sun City Center Emergency Squad.

Odes Holland

Odes Holland, 92, died October 20, 2011, at his home in Apollo Beach. He is survived by his loving wife Catherine, his children, Gloria, Carl, and Kay Holland, and his beloved dog Sassy. He was born in Lee County, South Carolina, and was recruited to play football by what is now Clemson University. He began his career in land development in South Carolina with Robert E. Lee & Company, moving to Florida in 1953. As vice president of the company, he played an important role in the development of Apollo Beach and other Bay area communities. Faith was an essential part of his life, and he sought to live guided by its principles. Contact Gloria Holland by email hollandgloria@yahoo.com or at 645-4183, 645-4573, 04 767-4354

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

1 John 3:21-22



Frances A. Hatfield

Frances A. Hatfield, 87, a nine-year resident of Sun City Center, formerly of Pompano Beach, Florida, went home to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, October 15, 2011. Frances was born and raised in Davenport, Iowa, one of 11 children born to Glenn and Hazel Hatchitt. In 1945, she married her high school sweetheart, H.C. "Swede," who predeceased her in 2001. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Linda Ann and son-in-law Richard; sisters Margaret Ehlers, Sun City Center and Mary Lou Geisler, North Port, Florida, plus many beloved nieces and nephews. Frances excelled in public speaking; was a young member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, serving as a chapter and federation president; she served as secretary to the Sterling McClellan American Legion Post Auxiliary, was active in her church, an intrepid Girl Scout leader and worked as a teachers' aide in the Broward County School system until her retirement. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, cooking, collecting open salts and travelling. An extraordinary daughter, wife, mother, sister and aunt, Frances will be lovingly remembered for her devotion to God, family and friends; as our amazing family historian; for her courage in embracing challenges, living life with great spirit, optimism, determination and a wonderful sense of humor. She lives on in our hearts till we meet again in The Lord's Presence! A celebration of her life will take place on Sat., Nov. 5, 11 a.m., at Sun City Funeral Home, Sun City Center. Flowers are welcome or memorial gifts can be made to: First Christian Church of SCC, c/o Dr. David Campbell, 725 Elkhorn Drive, SCC 33573 (Note:Hatfield Memorial) - or - HIS International, Inc. (Note:Hatfield Memorial), P.O. Box 8323, Columbia, SC 29202-8323. Burial will be at Florida National Cemetery, in Bushnell, at a later date.

The Journeymen Southern Gospel Quartet to perform

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, is proud to announce that recording artists, The Journeymen Quartet, will be returning to perform in their ongoing Thank God Its Variety Concert Series at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening, Nov. 11.

A donation of \$5 is requested at the door on the night of the concert. For more information about this and other concerts and special events at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, call Jeff Jordan, Director of Music and the Arts, at (813) 634-2539.



The Journeymen

IN CONCERT



Welcoming new members

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church recently held an orientation luncheon to welcome newcomers to the church. In the front row, are Dorothy Grubich, Shirley Hutchins, Annette Caito, Carol Collins, Becky Vollrath, Norma Hanrahan and Mary and John Isaac. In the back row are Beverly Burroughs, Victoria Moss, Steve Caito, Sue Blakeley, Richard Vollrath, Lori Coursey, Howard Olson and Fr. Tracy Wilder.

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.



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MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

Hovermode, a rock band made up of members ranging in age from 12 to 14, during a practice session last weekend. The band will be one of the headline acts at the South Shore Music Festival on Nov. 12.

Music festival

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they are already stage veterans, having recently competed in the Teenage Battle of the Bands at the Hillsborough County Fair and at the Sacred Heart Fall Festival in Pinellas Park.

PJ went on to say that their musical influences range from the Sick Puppies to Led Zeppelin,

Jimmy Hendrix and the Beatles. The Sick Puppies came into being in the late 90s, just about the time the members of Hovermode were born. The rest of the bands had ceased to exist long before that, but their music remains. Now that music is driving four young people in Riverview from their school hallways to the stage as a headline

act at the South Shore Music Festival.

Last weekend, the band practiced in the garage of a Riverview home while the parents made up the audience sitting in the driveway, sending applause and suggestions out between songs.

"They are so busy with this, they don't have time to get in trouble," said one parent with a smile.

Hovermode will join One Night Rodeo, a rising star from Bradenton on the country music scene. One Night Rodeo recently won the Great American Country Star competition on GAC TV. Also joining them will be 10th Concession, a Tampa-based pop/rock band that has played throughout the southeastern U.S.; Southern rock and blues band Diablo Canyon; country and rhythm and blues artist Dustin Seymour; and contemporary country artist Alex Hayes.

Mike Self and Jason Bush founded the South Shore Music Festival last year.

"South Shore has some wonderful events that people from all over come to," Self said. "Everyone loves music. It's about business, non-profits, and local and regional artists working together to make a community stronger, fun, and exciting."

Like all of the big South County events, the festival will include lots of food and a special area for children known as the Kids Zone. The Kids Zone will have inflatable rides, games and a reptile discovery show. Children under 12 are admitted to the festival free of charge.

General admission adult tickets are \$15, with tickets for children ages 12 to 17 at \$8. Tickets for seniors age 65 and over and for members of the military are also \$8. The festival organizers suggest bringing lawn chairs, but coolers and drinks from outside of the festival are not allowed.

Tickets and more information about the event are available online at www.southshoremusicfestival.com.

While you are there, be sure to check out Hovermode and prepare to be amazed at what a group of talented young musicians can do after a lot of hard work.

For more information about Hovermode, visit their Facebook page by searching for "Hovermode", or visit their page on ReverbNation at www.reverbnation.com/hovermode.

Observations

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richer can be found in the latest Apple iPhone. Both my wife and I use and enjoy iPhones. Our phones are a few years old now and are showing some wear so we decided it was time to upgrade. It has been a few weeks since Apple released the iPhone 4S so I thought, no problem, we'd just walk into a store and buy one. Not so much, it turned out — people are still lining up for them.

In order to get an iPhone 4S, you have to go to a website to reserve one. Each night at 9 p.m., the website is updated with the latest inventory. On the first night I tried it, the inventory in both the Brandon and Tampa stores was completely wiped out when I visited the website at 9:05 p.m. The next night, I discovered that the site is actually updated a few minutes before nine, but within milliseconds, nearly everything was gone. At 8:58 p.m., the site showed a few available models that were more expensive than I was willing to buy. By 25 seconds after 9 p.m., even those models were gone.

What must it be like to have people lining up, pleading to spend literally hundreds of dollars, saying, "PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE MY MONEY!" only to be told to try again tomorrow? Even more amazing, this has been going on for weeks. How impoverished can we be? As a society, how angry can we be? It all depends upon

your perspective, I guess. More people than ever seem to be hurting and 275 percent is a big raise for a small number of people. But then again, welcome to the world.

Perhaps it's all bread and circuses. Keep the unwashed masses amused with an iPhone now and again while the seriously rich party on in 22-room Italian luxury resorts with helicopters and yachts. Besides, I'm fairly certain I discovered the one true path to wealth through my growing obsession with reading the wedding announcements in the Sunday *New York Times*, showing page after page of spectacularly handsome and successful young people getting married. Almost without fail, each of those young people has something in common (besides being spectacularly handsome and successful): they all have really rich parents.

So there it is: the real path to wealth is by being wealthy in the first place. Yes, the rich are getting richer, but it would appear that a bubble is forming among the one percent group. That sort of income growth simply isn't sustainable. Sooner or later, Mom and Dad's money will run out. But if your parents still have the coin, feel free to shoot me an email and I'll send you the details on the Italian resort. Perhaps with a little haggling, you could get them to throw in an iPhone or two. But don't count on it.

Life's Outtakes

What to remember when it comes time to apologize

By DARIS HOWARD

Harvest is almost over in our little community. By all indications it went quite well because most of the husbands and wives are still speaking to each other. There are a few that are refusing to sit on the same pew at church, but I expect that will smooth over by about December. The worst I heard of was that one husband chewed out his wife for "inattentive driving" and she left and walked back to the house until he came and profusely apologized.

This reminds me of an experience I had in the recent past. I was asked for some help from a neighbor to get his hay crop in. His bale wagon broke and he needed someone to help work on a truck loading it by hand. At one point his wife popped the clutch, tumbling hay off the back of the truck. He came flying down the piler on the side of the truck, his face beat red, and then he remembered I was there. He took a deep breath and said to his wife, "Drive more carefully!" He then climbed back on the truck and she turned to me and said, "I'm glad you're here."

His education consists of a barely squeaked out high school diploma. He is a rough looking character, with a big beard and a rough haircut, looking much like a mountain man, and many in the community regarded him as a bit of an ornery fellow. I even do, though he was my friend. However, as we stepped into his small, rough house for lunch, his small children were hiding and, as he came in the door, they tumbled out of their hiding places attacking him with squeals and giggles. He rolled around on the floor, playing with them, as his wife set the table. He complimented his wife on her cooking and her love for him showed through her smile and the sparkle in her eyes.

In contrast, I went to help another man, well educated and highly respected in the community. We worked with the few cattle he had on his hobby farm. He was impa-

tient with his children and short with his wife when she asked him when he would be ready for lunch. After we finished and we stepped into his large, beautiful house, his children hid from him in their rooms and his wife trembled nervously when he was angry because dinner was not ready immediately.

My wife gently reminds me that sometimes when I work outside, my demeanor changes and I am impatient and hard to work with. As I saw the contrast between these two men and thought about my own deficiencies, I remembered a quote from Elbert Hubbard's Scrapbook, "The place to take the true measure of a man is not in the darkest place or in the amen corner, not the cornfield, but by his own fireside. There he lays aside his mask and you may learn whether he is an imp or an angel, cur or King, hero or humbug. I care not what the world says of him: whether it crowns him boss or pelts him with bad eggs. I care not a copper what his reputation or his religion may be: if his babies dread his homecoming and his better half swallows her heart every time she has to ask for a five dollar bill, he is a fraud of the first water, even though he prays night and morning until he is black in the face...But if his children rush to the front door to meet him and love's sunshine illuminates the face of his wife every time she hears his footfall, you can take it for granted that he is pure, for his home is a heaven... I can forgive much in that fellow mortal who would rather make men swear than women weep; who would rather have the hate of the whole world than the contempt of his wife; who would rather call anger to the eyes of a king than fear to the face of a child."

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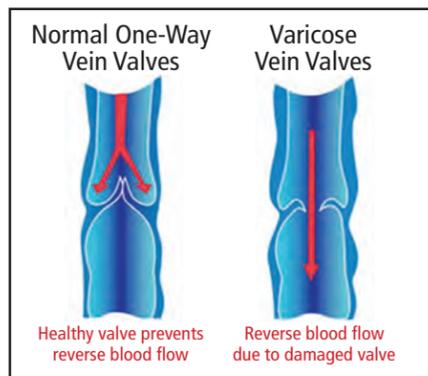
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