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MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

Riverview Elementary's first grade was treated to a performance by the Hammerhead Steel Drum Band. To the best of the band's knowledge, they are the only all acoustic, stationary and marching steel drum band in Florida, if not the entire world. **See page 26.**



MELODY JAMESON PHOTO

A dangerous intersection has residents looking for a more pronounced method of warning drivers of its perils. Another life was claimed last week at this troublesome spot. **See page 3.**



MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTOS

A tall volunteer tackles the application of new paint around a doorway.

A Mom's mission to help vets and soldiers grieve

Kelly Kowall stood on a beach and asked God for a 'burning bush' sign. Then a large caliber bullet washed up at her feet.

■ By MITCH TRAPHAGEN mitch@observernews.net

RUSKIN — Kelly Kowall needed a sign. She didn't want a nebulous sign subject to the interpretation of the moment. She needed something serious, something strong. It had been only a year since her son Spc. Corey Kowall had been killed in Afghanistan while en route to lending aide and support near his base.

"I jumped into my boat and went to an island, just walking around, talking to God," Kowall related. "I said, look, God, if you really want me to do this, I'll do it; but I need a sign. And not just a little sign, I need a burning bush sign."



Kelly Kowall during a momentary break on Thursday.

In the time since her son's death, Kowall had become aware of a crack in the support system for veterans and soldiers. Across the nation, people drive around with yellow ribbons on their vehicles and say they "support the troops" but sometimes, frequently perhaps, more than symbols and words are needed. Sometimes, the big, strong men and the selfless, courageous women of the world's most powerful military need more than that — they need a shoulder to lay their heads on.

They need someone to understand just what had been lost: soldiers they depended upon, soldiers who protected them, soldiers they thought they should protect, brothers and

See **HELPING VETS, SOLDIERS**, page 16

Out of work? Check South County's newest job resource

■ BY PENNY FLETCHER
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RUSKIN — South County residents who are out of work no longer have to travel to Brandon or Tampa to check the lists of available jobs.

A new satellite office for the Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance held its Grand Opening May 9 at its new satellite office located at 201 14th Avenue S.E., Ruskin, where staff posts new jobs daily and keeps all available jobs in a database.

The office is one of nine Workforce Alliance offices in Hillsborough County; three one-stop full service and six satellite offices.

The South County office is a satellite but has full time staff that can answer questions and also assist individuals.

The best thing is that the office is in the South County Resource Center, and is in partnership with the county's Family Health & Social Services & Aging Department.

"This means we can work together to serve whole families," said Dee Fridella, manager of social services in that office. "If the family has needs other than employment, they can refer them right then in the same trip."

Carrie Clark, Workforce Alliance supervisor for South County explained the services they can provide potential employers and

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Historic structure returns to its roots this weekend

■ By MELODY JAMESON
 RUSKIN — Most working artists aiming for an appreciative audience seek out an appropriate gallery frequented by that certain type of art aficionados.

Maybe something on the funky side in New York City for the Andy Warhol followers. Or perhaps a place in more staid Seattle for those devoted to Thomas Kinkaid. Or, there's always glass and chrome Dallas where eclectic tastes embrace a whole range of styles.

But no, not Jerry Pontes, the painter of seascapes with lighthouses firmly anchored underwater and of structures whose windows on the world resemble eyes that just may see and of Manta Rays so realistic they appear ready to float off the canvas.

"Why go the conventional route, when you can chart new ground," he says with the kind of offhand nonchalance a young and definitely unconventional Jack Kerouac might have displayed. Especially when you can, at least

for a weekend, take a restored historic house back to its roots.

Pontes, who calls Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, home base, has brought his line of "Twisted Fish" driftwood sculptures and shore scenes in acrylic on canvas

to the setting in Ruskin where local artistic endeavor began — the music, drama and arts center of the first Ruskin College that now is the home of dancer and choreographer Conrad Peterson.

And, in a twist on the usual gallery showing but definitely more appropo to the subject,

See **TWISTED FISH**, page 17



MELODY JAMESON PHOTO

At work in his borrowed studio adjacent the historic structure that was the first Ruskin College's Music, Drama and Arts Center — now restored as a private home — Artist Jerry Pontes (right) and Conrad Peterson (left), owner of the property, discuss various pieces to be exhibited this weekend on the site. The public is invited to the unique outdoor showing which is to include both the artist's "Twisted Fish" wood sculptures and seascapes on canvas.

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Rural intersection turns deadly, again and again

■ By MELODY JAMESON

RUSKIN — Once heard, seen, smelled, the tons of colliding metal powered by igniting fuel, twisting together, separating crazily, spilling shattered glass, personal possessions, vehicle fluids, human blood, broken bodies, leave imprints hard to erase.

Witnesses, as well as the drivers and passengers so intimately involved, take away recollections not easily buried. They can disturb sleep and deter work.

Just ask Aaron Cook and his family whose home for the last three years has overlooked a deadly intersection here. And it happened again last week where 30th Street crosses 21st Avenue S.E.

Cristy Jean Brock, just 41 years old, drew her last breath at about 7:30 Tuesday morning (May 8) in that intersection when her 1992 Chevrolet Camaro was struck on the driver's side by a 2006 Chevrolet HHR driven by another Ruskin woman, Vician Bolan, 59, according to Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office reports.

Brock had approached 21st from the south on 30th and pulled into the intersection as Bolan endeavored to drive through it, eastbound on 21st. This time, neither driver was traveling at excessive speed, both under the posted 40 MPH speed limit, witnesses estimated.

The HHR, however, outweighed the Camaro by 1,000 pounds, and is higher as well as wider on a longer wheel base. Both General Motors products, the bulky SUV and the sporty Camaro have been subjects of several recalls for a variety of reasons, according to reputable automotive internet sites. The only traffic controls are two

30-inch stop signs on 30th, one for drivers approaching 21st from the south, the other for drivers approaching on 30th from the north. Both sections of 30th are dead ends, while 21st is a primary thoroughfare for Kings Point, Sun City Center and parts east looking for a fast, unhampered route to U.S. 41 as residents from the west aim for sites in and around the retirement centers.

Cook was standing on his property in the northeast corner of the intersection with his young son, he said, waiting for the multiple school busses that each morning during the academic year pick up elementary, middle and high school students, returning them to the same corner each afternoon. They all saw the deadly collision, heard the twisting of metal, scattered as the out-of-control vehicles lurched toward them, and began to wrestle with the reality of death, so sudden, without warning.

For Cook and his son, it was not the first time. They both witnessed the 2009 crash in the same intersection when three young children died. That one was attributed to alcohol.

Cook's father, John Cook, a long-time resident of the area who formerly owned the property where his son now is beginning the foundation for a new home, told *The Observer* he can recall at least 10 fatalities in the same intersection over the last 30 years. Three generations of Cooks now want to put an end to crashes in the intersection, to the devastations inflicted on families left, to the gruesome tasks of collecting personal effects from the roadways and tending lifeless bodies in their front yard.



MELODY JAMESON PHOTO

Peaceful on a sunny afternoon, the intersection of 21st Avenue S.E., crossed by 30th Street S.E., (above) is the very picture of country quietude - until vehicles tangle on the lane-lane pavement and lives are lost, injuries sustained, families ruptured. It has happened many times over the last three decades, and now residents in the area are calling for traffic control devices to slow speeds, warn of school children waiting for buses, and raise awareness among drivers.

The situation is taking a heavy toll on his family, Aaron Cook said this week. His wife has begun to question whether the family should continue to try to make their home on the corner, he said, casting doubt on the new home he was planning. His daughter, in middle school, is expressing the same fear that death a few feet away is both unpredictable and inescapable. His son, still in elementary school, may have seen more than he successfully can process, Cook noted.

Looking ahead, the husband and father ponders if fencing around the new home or a planted hedge to complement the full-grown trees on the road frontage is sufficient protection for the children who get home from school before he and his wife return from work. Will such measures stop the rolling,

bouncing, careening vehicles whose drivers have lost control before they hit the house, he asked rhetorically. "But this was where we wanted to be."

There are possible remedies that could be undertaken by county authorities, he added. In fact, he carefully diagrammed what he believes is the best plan under the circumstances. His concept calls for at least one set of speed bumps on 21st east of 30th for westbound drivers and two more sets on 21st west of 30th to warn and slow eastbound vehicles. He'd also like to see a blinking caution light to alert eastbound drivers to the crowded school bus stop ahead.

Most important, he said, is making the 21st and 30th intersection a four-way stop with lighted stop signage, encouraging drivers to halt completely, and

to take note of other vehicles, regardless of direction.

Hillsborough traffic engineers, however, gave the suggested traffic control devices a lukewarm reception this week. Neither speed bumps nor rumble strips are suitable for "a collector arterial" road such as 21st, said Steve Valdez, spokesman for the traffic engineering section. Such road additives would serve more to encourage clustering of slowed traffic, thereby inviting rear-end crashes, Valdez said.

The same circumstance could be expected if the 21st and 30th intersection were made a four-way stop, with or without lighted signage, he added.

On the other hand, the intersection is on the engineers'

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Friends are indispensable in life's travel

Robert Louis Stevenson said, "So long as we are loved by others, I should say that we are almost indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend." If that is true, it behooves us to make and keep all the friends we can. I would hate to wake up one morning to find the name of my last friend in the obituary section of the paper and feel I was now useless. There are people reading this column right now who have found themselves in that situation. The reason they outlived their friends is they quit making new ones or failed to maintain contact with the ones they had.

Here are some ideas for making new friends.

- Join a church, club or organization that has people with interests similar to yours. Don't just join; be sure you become active in the group. Start out slow, but work up to a leadership position.
- Volunteer your time to a worthwhile activity such as reading for the blind or driving for Meals on Wheels. If you do not know where to volunteer your time, call your local United Way office. They will refer you to a group with needs matching your talents.
- Take an active interest in your community government. Attend

open leadership meetings, or sit in with the school board while they debate the direction of your local schools.

• For those who are not inclined to socialize much, but would still like someone to talk to, the Internet may be your answer. I have made friends from all over the world with whom I talk on a regular basis via Facebook and Skype. (You can find me on Facebook at William N. Hodges.)

• Present an open presence to everyone you meet. The world is full of lonely people. If you will remain open to new friendships, they will appear like magic.

The second part of having friends is keeping them. We probably lose more friends through neglect than any other cause. Here are some ways to keep friends.

• Help them whenever you can. I remember someone telling me he was mad at a friend, but since that friend had helped so often in the past, he could not break off the friendship; he owed him too much. Maybe one of the ways to keep friends is to keep them in your debt.

• Stay in contact with your friends. Send cards on special occasions. Every once in a while, pick up the phone and call just to let them know you were thinking about them. When you read in the paper a friend has received special recognition, send a note expressing your joy.

• Speak well of your friends at all times. I think the portrait you paint of those you call friend is really a self-portrait. By what you say about them, your friends will see you.

In the vegetable garden, the crop must be tended and new seeds must be planted if I hope to continue to have a bountiful harvest. The same is true if you wish to be indispensable in the garden of life.

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"



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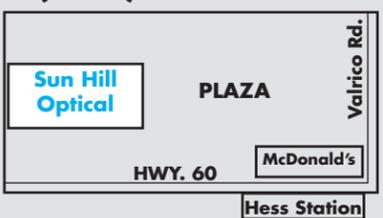
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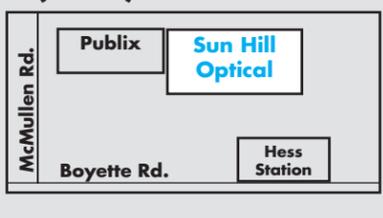
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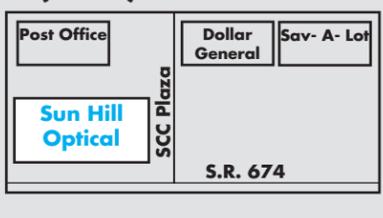
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Thursday, May 17 — Bar Bingo at 6 p.m. District 12 Bingo at James Haley Hospital at 6:45 p.m. Men's Auxiliary Meeting at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 18 — Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Music by You 2 Kan from 7 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, May 19 — Chris Dog Track Races, Sarasota.

Sunday, May 20 — Fire in the Hole from 1 to 4 p.m. Music by Bert & Sassy from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Monday, May 21 — Open.

Tuesday, May 22 — Games in Lounge from 1 to 5 p.m. Kitchen open from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23 — Open.

Made in America concert planned

The community is invited to a spring concert presented by the Eastern Hillsborough Community Band at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 3315 Bryan Road, in Brandon.

The band will perform music by American composers and arrangers during the concert, titled Made in America.

The event is open to the public, and donations will be accepted. Reservations are not required.

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Kids' Program/Event Highlights May 17-23

Teen Night: Anime Club

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Family Story Time

Thursday, May 17

7 to 7:30 p.m.

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

“Creative Artists”: Let's Create!

Saturday, May 19 • 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

“Creative Artists,” 7-10 years, will have a fun afternoon creating an art project with Minnette Webster. Students will work on a project to take home and do a group project for display at the Library. Limit 20. Registration required at the Information Desk or by calling 273-3652.

Funding for this program provided by a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center.

Baby Time

Monday, May 21 • 1:35 to 1:55 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22 • 11:35 to 11:55 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m.

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



Pongo's Marionette Follies

Monday, May 21 • 3 to 3:40 p.m.

Join them for this fast paced musical marionette show featuring an array of stunning string puppets. Puppet acts featured are a bird on a trapeze, a bear on a unicycle, a wild tiger act, and many others.

This is a school early-release Monday.

Toddler Time

Tuesday, May 22 • 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. and 10:35 to 10:55 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23 • 10:35 to 10:55 a.m.

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

Story Time

Tuesday, May 22 • 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23 • 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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



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RIVERVIEW UNIT



The Boys & Girls Club (Riverview) hosted the Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Team's monthly meeting on May 4. Fred Spencer, The Boys & Girls Club (Riverview) Director, spoke to the team about the beautiful facility located at 6809 Krycul Ave., Riverview, and their future plans for additional community programs. Members were able to tour the facility and enjoy the enthusiasm from Spencer and his staff regarding their current program offerings. For more information, call (813) 443-0629 or visit [www. http://www.bgctampa.org](http://www.bgctampa.org).

Riverview chamber ambassadors tour Boys & Girls Club

Brandon Regional Hospital's medical staff awards 14 scholarships

The medical staff at Brandon Regional Hospital this year awarded fourteen \$1,000 'doctors scholarships' to students graduating from local high schools. The awards will be presented to students at a presentation on Tuesday, May 22 by Brandon Regional Hospital's Chief of the Medical Staff Dragos Zanchi, MD. The following individuals were selected to receive 2012 medical staff scholarships:

- Nicolas Taylor -- Riverview High School
- Thiara Gonzalez -- Spoto High School
- Stephanie Williams -- East Bay High School
- Samantha Sorce -- Bloomingdale High School
- Betty Yang -- Lennard High School
- Louisa Pastorius -- Durant High School
- Caleb Gilkinson -- Brandon High School

In addition, the following dependents of employees were also selected to receive the scholarship awards:

- Janet Jain
- Melissa Puthosseril
- Emily Buti
- Deniece Javier Ramos
- Kristy Perez
- Sophia Pothen
- Alexander Murphy

Dr. Zanchi will present each of the award recipients with a check for their scholarship award and acknowledge the next steps in their future education on May 22. The scholarship money comes from the medical staff's annual dues. Dr. Zanchi served as chair of the committee and oversaw the process and selection of the students.



Gibsonton Elementary's Terrific Kids recognized

Gibsonton Elementary's Terrific Kids are recognized for being outstanding examples of what it means to be Confident: Isaiah Gay, Josue Castillo, Amalia Mota, Jaiden Villalta, Alberto Castillo, Austin Simpson, Courtney Stearns, Trinita Yorks, Sannitra Cowen, Roselyn Avalos, Korin Reed, Victoria Lewis, Madison Campbell, Victoria Morales, Jackie Nesbit, Jacqueline Capilla-Alvarado, Jovanny Lopez-Barron, Alberto Chanelo Jr., Aveline Kalbach, Zachary Bryant, Esmeralda Suastegui, Alana Pesina, Kyou Young, Kim Pham Nguyen, Cheyenne Greenlese, Sara Gibson, Ashton Polk Gilmore, and Robbie Gibson.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

Adult Tricycles for Boomers and Beyond

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about three-wheeled bicycles? I'm 67 years old and would like to take up recreational bike riding but don't trust myself on a two-wheeler.

Unbalanced Bonnie

Dear Bonnie,

Three-wheeled bikes – also known as adult tricycles – are a great cycling option for older boomers and seniors, especially those who have concerns with their balance or stamina. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you shop for one.

Safer Cycling

If you'd like to take up bike riding, but worry about falling, an adult tricycle is a smart option to consider because of the stability it provides. With a tricycle, you can ride as slow as you want without ever losing your balance and you can put both feet on the ground while seated, which is very reassuring for many older riders.

In addition, adult tricycles are also made with a low "step through" design making mounting and dismounting much easier than a traditional bike; they come with big tires that ensure a smooth ride; have raised, ergonomic handlebars that are easier to reach and grip; and offer oversize seats (some even have backrests) for comfort and support. And, other than the frame, tricycles use the same standard components as traditional bikes do, so replacement parts are readily available, and repairs are not an issue.

Types of Tricycles

There are literally dozens of different types of adult tricycles to choose from with prices ranging anywhere from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. To help you figure out the right kind of tricycle that meets your needs and budget, here's a breakdown of the different styles and costs, along with some popular models to checkout.

Upright: If you're primarily interested in a leisurely ride around the neighborhood for pleasure, fitness or running errands, upright trikes are a good choice. These are traditional upright-positioned tricycles that come with rear cargo baskets and limited gear options usually ranging from one to three-speeds. Some popular models in

this category include the Schwinn Meridian Adult Tricycle sold at Walmart and Target for around \$270, the Sun Traditional 24 trike (see sunbicycles.com) that retails for around \$375, and the Torker TriStar three-speed (torkerusa.com) which costs around \$500.

Recumbent: These are the lower-to-the-ground, stretched-out frame tricycles that allow you to recline with your legs positioned in front of you. Available in various styles, recumbent

trikes are very comfy, easy on the back and aerodynamic which make them ideal for long rides. See terratrike.com, sunbicycles.com, industrialbicycles.com, trailmate.com and bikemania.biz for a nice variety, but be aware that recumbent trikes are more expensive than upright models, typically ranging between \$800 and \$2,500.

Tandem: If you plan to ride primarily with your spouse or another partner, you may want to get a tandem tricycle that comes with two seats (front and back), or you can get a double seat tricycle with the seats side-by-side. You can find these types of bikes for around \$1,000 to \$2,000, at the same websites that offer recumbent trikes.

Folding: If you like to travel or if you have limited storage space, tricycles that are designed to fold up to fit in tight spaces are another popular option. The Adventurer Three-Speed Folding Trike which sells for \$390 at adventurebikes.com, Kent Westport Folding Tricycle sold at Target and amazon.com for \$300, and Walmart's Port-O-Trike 3-Speed Folding Tricycle for \$400 are three good folding trikes to consider.

Electric: If you need a boost from time to time, electric tricycles are hybrids that have pedals and an electric motor, so you can exercise when you want or you can sit back and let the trike do the work. Some good options include the EW-88 electric trike at electricwheelstore.com for \$1,200, and the Cabbike 3 Electric Tricycle offered through cabbikes.com for \$979.

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.



The Savvy Senior

By Jim Miller

Moonglow has dance exhibition

Moonglow Dance Club will hold their monthly dance from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 at Community Hall at 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd.



LELIA and CARL BLEVINS

For more information, call Claire at (813) 642-0171.

Lelia and Carl Blevins will perform a dance routine at intermission. In American Rhythm and American Smooth the Blevins have competed in USA dance competitions all over the country. Moonglow will be delighted to have Carl and Lelia perform once more for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Buddy Canova plays at Moonglow. He is a favorite of the membership and is sure to please. BYOB and snacks. Club provides water, ice, cups and napkins. For the summer months, the attire for ladies and gents is dressy casual.

Join them for a great evening. Members are free, guests are \$5 at the door. See you there.

Problem solving team to World Finals

Students from Progress Village (PV) Middle Magnet School of the Arts won first place at district and state level Odyssey of the Mind competitions earlier this spring, and now will compete in the World Finals 2012 in Iowa May 23-26. Odyssey of the Mind World Finals is the final competition in determining the world champions. To receive an invitation to World Finals, a team must place first or second at the state competition.

All participants created a community and solved a community problem. Since PV is a school for the arts, students created an 8-minute performance to present their solution to the problem. Students created their own skits, props, costumes, and set for the performance beginning in September. While creating their set, they also learned about recycling and reinventing uses for items to stay within their small budget.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and world level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program. The team needs to raise \$10,000 to cover costs of their travel and lodging expenses. If you would like to support Progress Village students on their quest to the World Finals, or make a monetary donation, call Johannah Gebur at (813) 671-5110.

Silverliners International to meet

The members of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of Eastern Airlines Silverliners International will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 7 at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant, 2425 Rocky Point Drive North, Tampa for a luncheon and meeting.



Silverliners is an organization composed of former flight attendants for Eastern Airlines. They also invite former flight attendants of other airlines to join.

Hillsborough County residents may call Barbara Reed at (813) 671-3078 or Janice Henry at (813) 837-4312.

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FISH TALES

Grunt -- funny name, tasty fish

Did you know, that since 1989 Hillsborough County taxpayers have purchased more than 5,200 acres along the Little Manatee River.

The Little Manatee River starts north of Ft. Lonesome near the Polk County line and meanders through palmettos and cypress. The river is also part of the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve, and is considered one of Florida's cleanest waterways.

This river is in our backyard and is teeming with many fish. Due to our summer weather all winter long we have had early arrival of the fish that usually arrive in the spring.

Some anglers turn up their nose at funny named fish. For instance those that are called grunts need not be overlooked and thrown back or used for bait. Really this fish is one of the most tasty. Some think that if they catch grunts, people will think that they don't know how to fish or they will ruin their reputation as a top angler.



GRUNT

Another advantage to fishing for grunts is that this fish will take any bait. You don't need to worry about what you put on your hook. This fish will eat anything.

Grunts come in many shapes and sizes. The average size is two pounds. There are black grunts, black margate, plain margate, and Spanish grunts. The Florida grunts are bluestriped, white grunt, cot-

tonwick, and French grunt.

The Florida grunts are the bread and butter of the fish world and always a good fish to eat. This fish is one that if you can't find any other fish, spend your day catching grunts, as it will take a pan full for a good meal.

It is reported that since the big new moon, larger than usual redfish are showing up. This is still a restricted fish and one per person per day. It is legal for more than one only on the East Coast, not here.

We had a few days of restless winds last week, but fishing continued to be good. Many were out chasing schools of amberjacks.

Baitfish have been plentiful out in the deep blue this week and there has been no problem getting the baitfish of your choice if you can throw a cast net in a circle over a school of baitfish.

Red grouper catches are great for those fishing the deep waters.

Spanish mackerel are surfacing for those who are fishing for them. This fish is a good tablefare.

Pier fishing has been great this week, for not only sheepshead, but also whiting and trout.

Freshwater fishing has yielded many freshwater catfish and large-mouth bass.

Pan fish are plentiful from stump knockers to blue gill in our fresh water pits, lakes, and freshwater upper rivers.

Cobia are still wandering all over the bay waters. This is a fighting game fish and may take an hour to boat.

Tarpon are staying in our warm waters, jumping and soaring in the air.

Flounder have surfaced from the sandy bottoms to feed. Incoming or outgoing tide is the time to catch them. It is a lean white meat fish and a great tablefare.

Many have been seen cast net-

ting for mullet. They are plentiful in canals, rivers and part of the bay waters.

This is the month of May with school soon closed for the summer, so plan now for a fishing trip for the entire family. Take advantage of our area where the best vacation wonders of the world are all around us. We have parks, camping, fishing, horseback riding, boating and all of the sunshine in the world.

Aleta Jonie Maschek is a member of Florida Outdoor Press.

Hillsborough County lawn watering returns to once a week

Hillsborough County may have gotten some overnight rain, but effective immediately, tighter water restrictions are now in effect. This includes limiting lawn watering to once a week.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District has declared a Modified Phase II Water Shortage for the Tampa Bay area, including Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. The declaration is in response to drier-than-normal conditions following last year's below-average rainfall, which has caused low water levels throughout the district's 16-county region.

The new schedule for watering established lawns and landscaping throughout Hillsborough County, including the cities of Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace, is:

- Addresses ending in 0 or 1 – Mondays
- Addresses ending in 2 or 3 - Tuesdays
- Addresses ending in 4 or 5 – Wednesdays
- Addresses ending in 6 or 7 - Thursdays
- Addresses ending in 8 or 9, locations with no address, and locations with mixed addresses (such as office complexes and shopping centers) – Fridays

All watering must be done before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. The tighter restrictions apply to all residents - not just customers of public utilities - and most water sources. That includes private wells, and ponds or lakes that are used as alternate irrigation supplies.

Reclaimed water customers are exempt from the water restrictions, although these customers are encouraged to use only what they need.

Other highlights of the Modified Phase II Water Shortage restrictions include:
Hand-watering - residents may hand-water plants and shrubs, or use a drip irrigation system in landscaping beds, on any day – but only before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

New sod and landscaping – Days 1-30, may be watered any day. Days 31-60, watered approximately every other day – even-numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. An irrigation system zone can only be watered if the new material comprises at least 50 percent of that zone.

Vehicle washing – commercial car washes and fundraising car washes are allowed at any time. Individuals may wash vehicles once a week, on the designated watering day for the address.

Pressure washing – allowed as needed for safety and other necessary purposes.

Homeowners associations – cannot require pressure washing, lawn replacement or other activities requiring additional water use.

The tighter restrictions are in place until at least July 31.

For complete information on these and other restrictions in unincorporated Hillsborough County – as well as links to information from the cities of Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace - visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org/water. Or, call (813) 275-7094 for a recorded message, or the Water Conservation Team at (813) 272-5977, ext. 43991, during regular business hours.

Party on the patio

The Showcase All-Stars will be putting on a spectacular night of free music from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 2 at Music Showcase at 402 Oakfield Drive in Brandon.

The Showcase All-Stars is a group comprised of teachers at Music Showcase. The group, led by vocal and drum teacher Walter Chism, wants to raise money for music scholarships for children who want to take music lessons but can't afford them.

Raffle tickets will be sold and donations will be requested. The group also wants their first "Party On The Patio" to show off their talents and inspire young musicians to keep practicing so they can enjoy music their whole lives.

The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs to the outdoor concert where folks can dance and sing along to the music. Food and drinks will be sold.



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Such a good girl

Dr. Dani McVety from Lap of Love is a remarkable woman. She came to our house to help us through one of the hardest things we've ever had to do — and she did help us with her calm and gentle spirit and her good soul.

When Dr. Dani walked in, Sadie was lying on the floor struggling to breathe, but she immediately got up and wagged her butt and her tail for her visitor. And then she gave her a kiss. Sadie saw a good soul, too.

"I heard someone say that it was dogs that domesticated humans," Dr. Dani told us.

I had never considered that before, but I believe it. Sadie made me a better human; there is no question about that.

The day that Sadie died Michelle told me a hard truth: Sadie was

struggling to stay alive only for me. Somehow, I was the lucky one who bonded quickly with Sadie and she always stayed close to me. She would follow me from room to room. In the evenings, I had to share my half of the love seat so Sadie could curl up into the crook of my arm. At night, I left a large corner open for her on the bed so she could fall asleep next to me. I was a very lucky guy.

Michelle was right. The only quality of life that Sadie had left was moving from room to room with me and even that was becoming difficult for her. In the past few days we napped together on the floor and though it was getting harder for her to jump up onto our bed at night, she still managed it. But she couldn't sleep. Her lungs were filled with tumors

and it must have been easier for her to breathe with her head up. I would pet her; she'd lay her head down for a few seconds or even a minute, and then she would pick her head back up again to breathe. I kept asking her to use my body as a prop but she didn't.

I'm not sure how Dr. McVety does it; how she deals with the emotions that she sees on a daily basis. I'm sure that Michelle and I, broken down in tears, were not the exception. I can only imagine that the gratitude — and I'm talking pure gratitude in our case — makes up for it. She made Sadie's passing easier, not only for Sadie but also for us. Dr. Dani somehow made the impossibly difficult easier. She is a unique and compassionate woman; a person unlike any I have ever met.

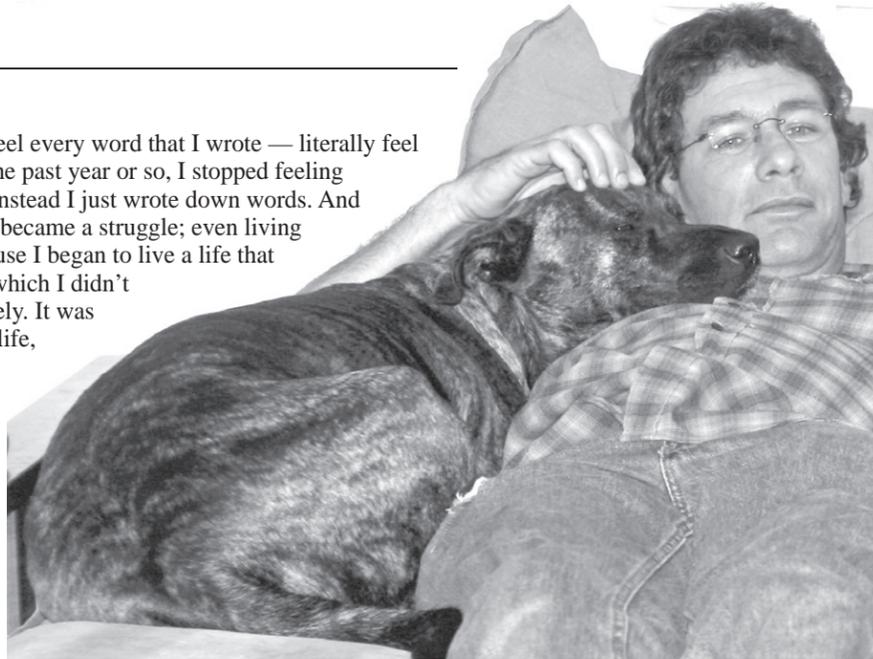
She gave us hugs when she left with Sadie and as she left a huge hole opened up in my life and in my soul. I immediately felt the emptiness in Sadie's absence and it hurt so very much. It still hurts.

Even at the end, Sadie helped me. She made me a better person. While we were taking naps on the floor, tears would form in my eyes and I realized that over the past year — maybe longer — I've let calluses grow over my own heart and passion. I let myself harden in ways that I had never expected. I don't know what caused it, perhaps problems in life, perhaps just middle-aged cynicism. It must have happened gradually because the only indication that it had happened was confounding to me, until Sadie showed me otherwise.

At one time, I could feel every word that I wrote — literally feel them. Somehow, over the past year or so, I stopped feeling things as I used to and instead I just wrote down words. And then, of course, writing became a struggle; even living became a struggle because I began to live a life that was not mine, a life in which I didn't feel things so passionately. It was a safer and less painful life, to be sure, but it was a muted life. I stopped being me. Lying next to me, even while laboring to breathe, Sadie softened those calluses and reminded me of my passion for so many things in life. She gave me my life back. I know it's not a magic switch and everything will be all better at once, but she got me started back on the right path. Now it's up to me to stay on that path. I wish I didn't have to do it without her.

Sadie was never "just a dog." I can still see her eyes as she looked at me. She didn't see the horribly flawed human that I am, her love was unconditional. I can't imagine that I deserved it, but I frequently thanked God for the incredible blessing of being able to take care of her. Although in truth, she took care of me.

Our house is eerily and uncomfortably quiet. Sadie was not a loud dog, but her presence is deeply missed. Something positive about her filled this place for all of us. Sadie was still a puppy when Sammy came to live with us from CARE. He was the size of a football and Sadie took care of him. Each night before bedtime, she would clean his face and she continued that ritual as he went



MICHELLE TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

I was lucky to have a friend like Sadie. It's easy to fall into a sense of despair over a loss and, for now, that's what I plan to do. Just for now.

from football to polar bear in size. She did it on her last night with us and Sam is nearly nine years old. I've tried to take over for her, using a warm washcloth to wash his face at night. I know it's not the same, but I hope it helps. He clearly misses her. We all miss her. The tears haven't stopped yet, and I'm struggling to understand what happened. Sadie deserved to grow old.

None of us are new to loss and it's easy enough to fall into a sense of despair, to wail and moan and feel sorry for yourself. But for now, that easy sounds pretty good. Just for now. Soon the realization will come that Sadie brought joy to my life and that joy will never die.

During my travels, I would call Michelle each night and when she would sign off with "I love you Mitchell," I could hear Sadie's tail thumping in happiness in the background. She knew those words. Over the years, while I

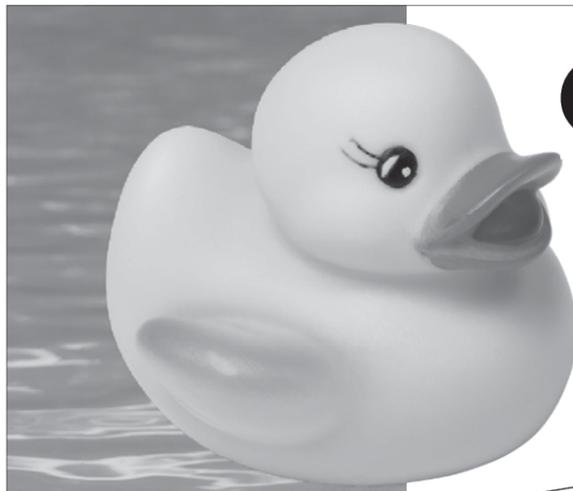
gently stroked her head, I made it a point to tell Sadie that I loved her and that she was a good girl. When I was away, Sadie heard me tell her that over the phone, and even though I wasn't there to pet her, she might still feel like my hand was stroking her soft fur. I don't know if that really worked, but right now that's all that I have left.

You are such a good girl. You are my girl. I love you, Sadie.

P.S. Michelle and I are very grateful for the emails and good thoughts last week. Thank you sincerely. For those who wrote to tell of their own recent losses, we grieve with you. And thank you to Dr. Hal Ott and the Ruskin Animal Hospital for the card and kind note. Finally, thank you for reading this column. I promise that it won't become "Mitch's Maudlin Musings". I know there is a tremendous amount of joy out there and we will celebrate that.



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By: Dana Dittmar, Executive Director

SCC Chamber News

A year and a half ago, when I first came to the Chamber, I did what all new executives do – I cleaned out old files and set up new ones. I moved some furniture around and hung up some photos and diplomas. Over the months, I've added some lamps and vases and called it good. The space was mine.

But something still wasn't right. It just didn't have the proper feel to it. So, I brought out my trusty book on feng shui and read up on the chapter 'How to Increase Prosperity in Your Office.'

For those of you who are scratching your heads over the term 'feng shui,' it is the ancient Chinese art of the placement of things to maximize flow or chi energy. Before you scoff, consider China has been doing it for centuries and they hold the mortgage on our country, so it must be working...

The book said to place a sailing ship near the front door with the bow facing into the room. The sailing ship is the ship of commerce and it represents business and money coming into the office. The book also said it was important to have a sailing vessel, not a steam liner. (Remember the Titanic?)

It just so happens, I inherited a beautiful sailing ship model which was on a credenza in the Chamber office when I got here. Its hull and sails are made of bone, and it stands well over two feet high. It's a four-mast ship and very impressive. Unfortunately, I had let it stay where it was when I got here – with the bow pointing out the door!

As I moved more furniture to create that high energy flow, I cleared out more clutter – you CAN have too many photos – and moved the sailing ship closer to the door with the bow facing inward.

I also removed the trash bin residing in the northwest corner of the office, which also happens

Microirrigation workshop offered

Learn how to convert a high-volume irrigation system into a low-volume irrigation system for landscape plants at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 23 at Hillsborough County Extension Service, 5339 County Road 579 in Seffner.

This Retro-Fit Workshop will teach participants how to convert their existing high-volume irrigation system into a more efficient, low-volume microirrigation system for landscape plants. Microirrigation saves water and helps the homeowner control the exact amount of water each plant receives.

The free workshop will be held in the Conference Center at the Hillsborough County Extension Office, 5339 County Road 579 in Seffner.

Pre-registration is required at <http://hillsborough.ifas.ufl.edu>.

For more information, call Virginia Overstreet at (813) 744-5519 ext 54144.



You, Me & Business

By Dana Dittmar

to be my work energy corner. No wonder I've been lethargic and tired lately! I had a trash receptacle in my energy corner. I was throwing my energy away!

The following week, one of our member companies called us asking if they could be one of our Annual Gold Sponsors – to the tune of \$5000! A week later, another company came on board for the same amount! Several businesses who had 'forgotten' to renew their dues in January suddenly wanted to pay their bills. Our golf tournament was a huge success last week and we're adding new members almost every day.

Office Manager Kristy has threatened bodily harm to anyone who touches or moves the sailing ship from its current spot. And me? I'm so high energy right now; it's as if I'm 10 years younger. No more trash in my power corner.

Does feng shui really work or is it mind over matter? Major corporations pay tens of thousands of dollars for feng shui consultants to design offices and work spaces. Lots of home designers do the same thing. All I know is, we're not moving that sailing ship, and I'm looking for one to go on my foyer table at home. Facing in, of course.



Local student graduates from the University of Tampa

Courtney Corrin Driggers, a Ruskin, FL resident, graduated from The University of Tampa on May 6. Driggers graduated cum laude with a bachelor of music education.

Driggers is a 2008 graduate of East Bay Senior High School, and is the daughter of Phyllis and Rocky Driggers of Ruskin, FL.

At UT, Driggers was the president of the chamber singers and the recipient of the 2012 Music Vocal Performance and Music Service award.

The commencement ceremony included more than 1, 200-degree candidates. The commencement speaker was Dennis W. Zank, chief operating officer of Raymond James Financial and CEO of Raymond James & Associates (RJA) and a 1982 MBA graduate of the University of Tampa.

The University of Tampa is a private, residential university located on 105 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and real-world experience in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University serves 6,738 students from 50 states and 122 countries. Approximately two-thirds of full-time students live on campus, and about half of UT students are from Florida.

Republicans to meet

The Greater Sun City Center Republican Club will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, May 24 in the Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce Banquet Room. Social time is at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 2 p.m.

Judicial candidates Joelle Ober, John Grant, Mark Wolfe and Johnnie Byrd will be featured. Joelle is defending her County Judge seat and Mark Wolfe is defending his Circuit Judge seat.

Other declared candidates for local offices were notified of this meeting and some of them will be in attendance.

Membership dues for 2012 are due and payable at this meeting and memberships are available for those wishing to become a member.

The meeting is open to all Republicans and like-minded voters. Attend and bring a friend.

Memorial Day celebration planned

At 10 a.m. the Veterans Memorial Park Museum Committee will be dedicating the newly placed American Eagle Monument near the entrance to the park with a brief ceremony and ribbon cutting.

This will be followed at 10:55 a.m. when the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County will conduct their annual Memorial Day Celebration at the Veterans Memorial Park and Rear Admiral Leroy Collins, Jr. Museum. The event will begin when two members of the Phantom Airborne Brigade parachute into the park while carrying the American and POW flags. Colors will be presented by the US Central Command Color Guard from MacDill AFB. There will be patriotic music by Charles Haugabrooks who will be performing for his 15th consecutive time on Memorial Day. The Scottish American Military Society will conduct the POW/MIA Empty Chair Remembrance

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

In observance of Memorial Day, The Observer News office will be closed Monday, May 28

Advertising and press release deadlines will advance as follows:

- Classified ads..... 4 p.m. • Friday, May 25
- Display ads..... 11 a.m. • Friday, May 25
- News Releases 4 p.m. • Thursday, May 24

Celebration. There will be the presentation of a wreath to honor the Hillsborough County Fallen Warriors. The Riverview Detachment of the Marine Corps League will fire a rifle salute and play taps. The Keynote Speaker will be Brigadier General Charles Q. Brown Jr. USAF, Deputy Director, Operations, US Central Command, MacDill AFB. Additional speakers will be Commander Philip Kapusta, (SEAL), USN, USSOCOM, MacDill, AFB, Frank Strom, Hillsborough County Veterans Affairs Manager and Walt Raysick President of the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Following the ceremony refreshments will be provided by VFW Post 8108 Auxiliaries, Riverview. For further information please contact Walt Raysick at 813-653-4924 or wraysick@verizon.net.

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Local golf cart shop moves to the front

The Golf Cart Shop of Sun City, also known as Alumacar of Sun City Center is getting a new location. The popular golf cart business is stepping to the front by moving to the A-1 Connection building located at 1509 Rickenbacker Dr. in Sun City Center. With the move comes frontage on S.R. 674, a gorgeous showroom that quadruples the square footage of their service department and complements their customer service.

The golf cart business will remain one of the only dealers in Hillsborough County that converts and sells new low speed vehicles and services all makes and models. They sell, service and rent HDK, Club Car, EZ Go, Yamaha, Alumacar, Gem Car, Columbia Par Car, Tru-Ryde, Melex, and Fairplay.

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DELANEY

Delaney is a lovable ball of joy! She arrived at the shelter in the back of a pickup truck with her brother and mom. Bobbi (Corgi/Australian Shepherd mix). Delaney is super sweet. She is always looking for somebody to scoop her up and cuddle her. She seems to enjoy the company of other dogs also. Delaney is smart and motivated easily by food. She has started basic obedience training at the shelter and is doing well. Delaney is a very active breed mix so she would do best in a home where she can get lots of mental and physical stimulation. She is also a goofy puppy on top of all of that! This is a really wonderful gal who wishes someone would come and give her a forever home soon! As part of her adoption, Delaney will be spayed, microchipped, and brought current on her shots. DOB: Feb. 2, 2012.



PUMPKIN

Pumpkin is a beautiful, orange, female cat. Unfortunately, her owner could no longer care for her. Pumpkin hangs out on the lanai while patiently waiting for a loving person to stop by C.A.R.E. and bring her home. She is just waiting for a loving new owner. Pumpkin is spayed, microchipped, and current on her shots. DOB: March 2, 2009.



Hillsborough County donates another 2,600 calling cards

Hillsborough County Commissioners presented 2,600 phone calling cards, destined to help soldiers who have been deployed across the globe to stay in touch with their families, to the MacDill Air Force Base Airman & Family Readiness Center 6FSS/FSFR and the 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion of the U.S. Marine Corps reserve.

The cards, totaling 170,000 minutes of talk time, were earned through the County's ongoing participation in the national Cell Phones for Soldiers program. Hillsborough County is a proud, four-year supporter of the non-profit, family-run organization, which provides the calling cards in exchange for receiving outdated and unwanted cell phones.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded in 2004 by two Massachusetts teenagers who wanted to provide deployed and returning U.S. troops a cost-free way of communicating with their families. Since its inception, the organization has recycled 10 million cell phones and provided troops with pre-paid calling cards equating to 150 million minutes of free talk time. The organization sends out 12,000 calling cards a month.

Hillsborough County participates in the program by sending surplus County cell phones, and phones collected in boxes located at County facilities. Since August 2008, the County has collected more than 6,800 phones and donated more than 408,000 minutes of talk time to military men and women.

The local drop boxes are at the following locations:

- Bloomington Regional Library, 1906 Bloomington Ave., Valrico
- Brandon Regional Service Center, 311 Pauls Drive, Brandon
- County Center Lobby, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa
- SouthShore Regional Library, 15616 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin
- SouthShore Regional Service Center, 410 30th St. SE, Ruskin

Preventing Obesity

According to the Healthy Kids Healthy Future website, one in five children is overweight or obese by age 6. To combat that trend in our community, Hillsborough County's Head Start/Early Head Start program took steps that have been recognized on a national level.

Let's Move! Child Care initiative recognized the Hillsborough County Head Start/Early Head Start program for its exceptional work to promote young children's

health and prevent childhood obesity.

Hillsborough County's Head Start/Early Head Start is one of only 20 early education and child care programs and networks in the nation to receive this recognition.

It was selected for its exceptional work to promote and implement the goals of Let's Move! Child Care, including using creative strategies, engaging families in obesity prevention efforts, and overcoming challenges to get children moving and encourage healthy eating in the early care and education setting.

Let's Move! Child Care is a nationwide call-to-action to empower early education and child care programs to make positive health changes in children that could last a lifetime. The initiative focuses on five goals:

- 1) Physical Activity: Provide 1-2 hours of physical activity throughout the day, including outside play when possible.
- 2) Screen Time: No screen time (time with TVs, videos, DVDs, computers, video games, and handheld devices) for children under 2 years. For children age 2 and older, strive to limit screen time to no more than 30 minutes per week during child care, and work with parents and caregivers to ensure children have no more than 1-2 hours of quality screen time per day, the amount recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

3) Food: Serve fruits or vegetables at every meal, eat meals family-style when possible, and no fried foods.

4) Beverages: Provide access to water during meals and throughout the day, and do not serve sugary drinks. For children age two and older, serve low-fat or non-fat milk, and no more than one 4-6 ounce serving of 100 percent juice per day.

5) Infant Feeding: For mothers who want to continue breastfeeding, provide their milk to their infants and welcome them to breastfeed during the child care day; and support all new parents in their decisions about infant feeding.

Child Care Aware of America and University of North Carolina. For more information about Let's Move! Child Care, visit www.healthykidshealthyfuture.org, created and hosted by Nemours.

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by Michael Cooper



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Fundraiser is a Success



The East Bay Girls' Flag Football team raised money for the team recently at Burger King on U.S. 301 and Big Bend Road. General Manager Stacy Hatfield was gracious to allow the team to use the facilities for a car wash fundraiser. The players are thankful to Hatfield and those who supported the team with donations. Money raised will be used for the team's end of season banquet. For more information on the flag football team, visit www.ebhsirlsflagfootball.com.



Brandon Regional Hospital to offer weight loss seminar

Brandon Regional Hospital, a Bariatric Center of Excellence, announces that it will offer a special seminar on surgical solutions to weight loss at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 31 in the Oakfield Medical Plaza, 262 South Moon Avenue, Classroom B, Brandon. Seating is limited and reservations are advised. For more information and to register, call (813) 653-1065 or visit BrandonRegionalHospital.com.

Obesity is one of the major health concerns in our nation. It can lead to hypertension, diabetes,

reflux, sleep apnea and many other conditions.

Those who attend will have an opportunity to learn how their health and life can be transformed by the various surgical solutions to this problem. Alfredo Fernandez, MD will explain the various surgical procedures: Sleeve gastrectomy, laparoscopic gastric bypass and gastric banding. Dr. Fernandez will be available to answer questions and concerns of all those who attend, and will provide the information needed to eliminate risks of the above health conditions.



Children have fun looking for aquatic critters in collection pans filled with river water.

H-2-Ohhhh!

Check out H-2-Ohhhh! Aquatic Reflections from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 2. FREE family-friendly fun! Participants are asked to pre-register for H2Ohhh! at www.campbayou.org.

There will be several aquatic activity tables set up on the 'big lawn.' Plus, since it is National Trails Day, there will be hikes that highlight water-related facts. For instance, did you know that our native prickly pear cactus is a great survival plant for people as well as animals? The flowers produce edible fruit and the prickly pads can be peeled away to provide a moist snack when water is scarce.

Participating organizations include Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, Tampa Bay WaterAtlas and ConserveItForward.org.

Can't make the event? You can still enter the prize drawing by filling out the survey on the registra-

2012 Graduation information

Brandon High School
Thursday, May 31 • 8 p.m.
Florida State Fairgrounds (Expo Hall)

Principal: Carl Green
Anticipated # of Graduates: 506
Valedictorian: Alicia Dillow
Salutatorian: Danielle McCutchen
Class President: Marlee Taylor

East Bay High School
Tuesday, June 5 • 8 p.m.
Florida State Fairgrounds (Expo Hall)

Principal: Maria L. Gsell
Anticipated # of Graduates: 455
Valedictorian: Kendall MacDonald
Salutatorian: Juan Monsalve
Class President: Sophia Sobrito

Lennard High School
Friday, June 1 • 8 p.m.
Florida State Fairgrounds (Expo Hall)

Principal: Craig S. Horstman
Anticipated # of Graduates: 309
Valedictorian: Xiaodong Lu
Salutatorian: Julian Couture
Class President: Melina Santos

Riverview High School
Monday, June 4 • 8 p.m.
Florida State Fairgrounds (Expo Hall)

Principal: Robert Heilmann
Anticipated # of Graduates: 540
Valedictorian:
Ashley Nichole Brown
Salutatorian:
Emily Anne Kettenburg
Class President: Jasmin Folks

South County Career Center
Friday, June 1 • 3 p.m.

South County Center Pavilion
Principal: Sandra Bailey
Anticipated # of Graduates: 70
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Salutatorian: Juan Monsalve
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MEETINGS

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

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

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

MEALS



Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.

Friday Fish Fry from 5 to 7 p.m.

Sunday Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon

CANTEEN HAPPENINGS

Bar Bingo Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 17 -- Bar Games at 3 p.m.

Friday, May 18 — Feather Your Nest Game at 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 19 — NO DINNER. Music by Calvin O from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 20 — Feather Your Nest Game at 6 p.m.

Monday, May 21 — Bingo at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22 — Come on down and socialize.

Wednesday, May 23 — Wings and Things at 5 p.m. OH SO GOOD! Bar Games at 6 p.m.

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





PENNY FLETCHER PHOTOS

Chris Rivera, left, director of services for Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance, joins with Dee Fridella and Carrie Clark at the Grand Opening of South County's Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance office May 9. The work force office is in Hillsborough County's South Shore Resource Center, 201 14th Avenue S.E., Ruskin, where Fridella is health and social services manager. The workforce office will be manned by Projects Director Carrie Clark, right.

Out of work?

■ Continued from page 1

employees. People searching for jobs have access to computers, Internet, faxing and telephones. There are resume-writing classes; job referrals and placement assistance; and career guidance.

Working with the Employ Florida Program on the Internet at www.employflorida.com, people may post their resume, perform job searches, and access salary information.

There is a priority service for veterans and help for people who are drawing welfare and/or food stamps through the Ticket to Work program.

"The county has a program on Tuesdays and Thursdays that helps with the 'do's and don'ts' of job applications and interviews too," said Fridella.

"Operating from a state-wide database, we try and match employers and employees whenever possible," Clark said.

Although it is not possible for the Alliance to share the names of the people it assists, Clark described a case where a homeless single woman needed not only a job, but also other services. She referred her to Fridella.

"We were able to get her temporary shelter, medical help and a bus pass for her job search," Fridella said. "She qualified for

the county's health plan and became employed in a rather short time, on April 30."

The job search database is state-wide, Clark explained.

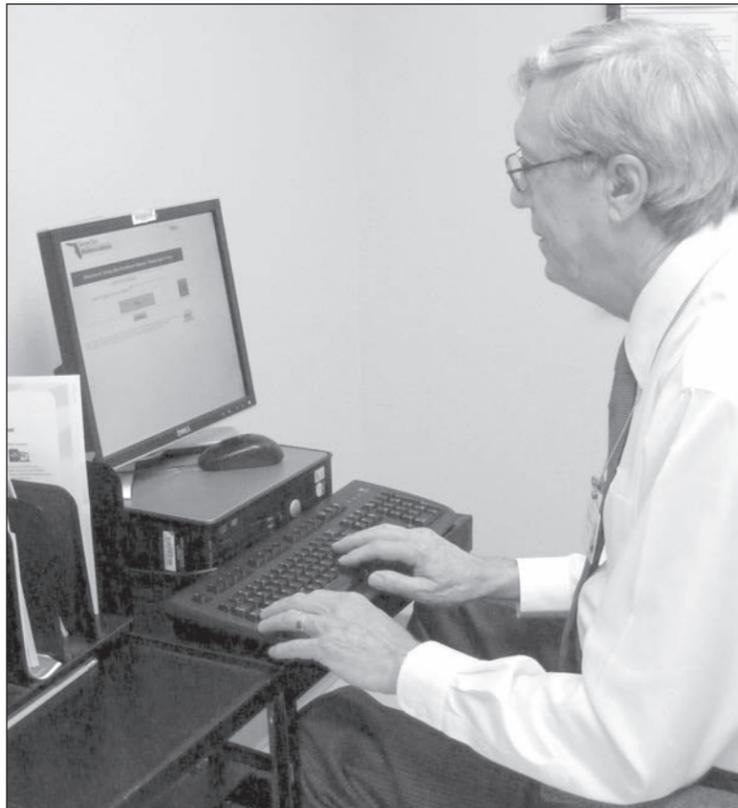
"According to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's monthly job placement reports," said Deborah Vega-Hofmann, spokeswoman for the regional offices of the Workforce Alliance, "since January of 2012, nearly 10,000 Hillsborough County residents have been placed into employment through Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance."

It averages helping about 2,500 people a month, according to an annual breakdown supplied by Vega-Hofmann.

Workforce Alliance also gives STEP Courses, covering topics like resume writing, introduction to basic computer skills, building your resume workshops, and how to come across well in job interviews.

Financial classes are also offered to the general public that include forming good budgeting and spending habits.

For more information about the Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance, drop by the new South County office or visit www.workforcetampa.com or call (813) 397-2055.



Paul Kress of the Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance inputs new jobs into the system.

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This year they have ten excellent restaurants offering discounts. They include: Apollo's Bistro, Beanie's, Beef O'Brady's, Bella Cucina, Copper Penny, The Docks, Ozzies Buffet & Grill, Seafood Dive, Shenaniganz, and Sunshine Cafe (who just opened). Donate \$10 and save up to \$50.



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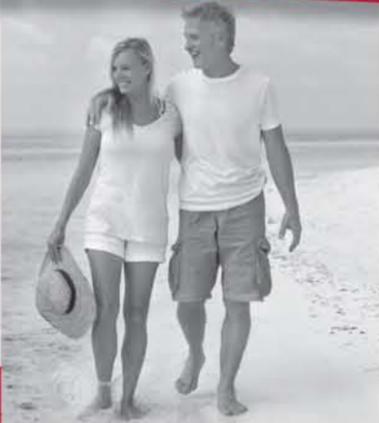
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CAPT Petrucci graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1961, was designated a Naval Aviator in 1963, and served in the Navy for 25 years. His flying assignments included being a squadron commander. He has over 7,500 hours of pilot time. Since retirement, CAPT Petrucci has assisted local high school students

in their efforts to be admitted to the Naval Academy. His talk explained the whole process. Two of the students he started working with four years ago will be graduating from the Naval Academy on May 29.

CAPT Petrucci's talk was the last for The Silver Osprey Squadron until this coming September. If you wish to be informed of future programs, call CDR Roger Kennicutt, USN Ret. at 813-260-3221 or e mail him at silverosprey@yahoo.com. To attend meetings, your only requirement is to have an interest in Naval Aviation.

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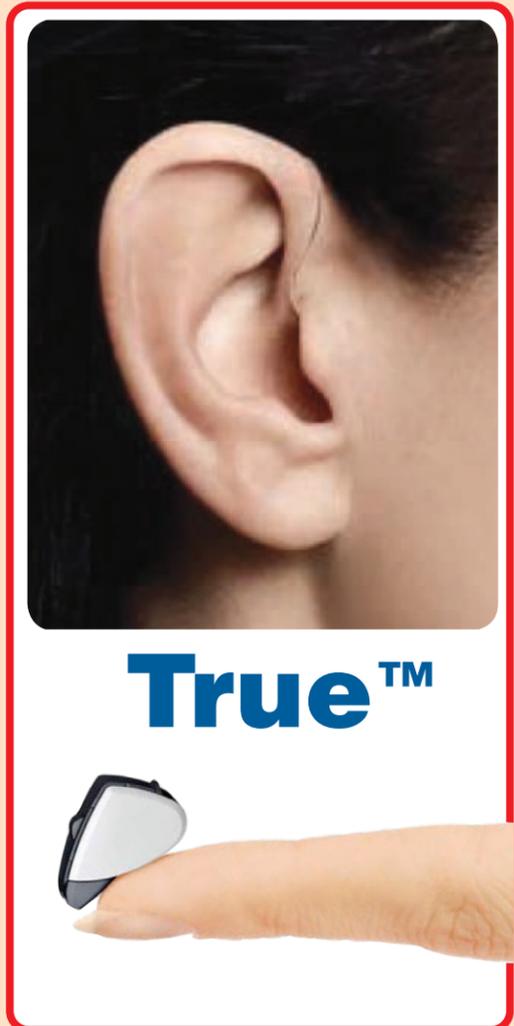
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Helping vets, soldiers

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sisters in arms who were taken from them senselessly. Men and women they loved now gone in the horror of war. Thoughts and feelings that are difficult to discuss but impossible to escape.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Administration recognizes the problem of grief in soldiers returning from combat but acknowledges that little has been done to deal with it. Men and women serving together in a unit frequently form bonds that go beyond description and the understanding of anyone who has not "been there." Soldiers depend upon the members of the units with their very lives. In an environment in which not even the next breath can be taken for granted, the bonds form quickly and deeply. Even the military acknowledges that the attachment and bonding between soldiers are necessary elements for unit cohesiveness.

In chapter 11 of the Department of Defense *Iraq War Clinician Guide*, a section entitled *Traumatic Grief: Symptomatology and Treatment for the Iraq War Veteran* by Ilona Pivar, PhD, says that symptoms of grief are different from the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and depression.

"Although research into the prevalence and intensity of grief symptoms in war veterans is limited, clinicians recognize the importance for veterans of grieving the loss of comrades," Dr. Pivar wrote. She went on to describe that from a limited sample of Vietnam combat veterans, "grief symptoms were detected at very high levels of intensity, thirty years post-loss."

Kelly and Corey loved boating and being on the water. But Corey's calling was serving his nation. Sometime after Corey's funeral, Kowall began a non-profit organization that involved taking soldiers and veterans and families of veterans out on to Tampa Bay as a way to say thank you. She quickly began to realize that the boating trips were more than just a ride on the bay. Being on the water with someone who understands was a healing experience.

Her first thought was to buy a houseboat in order to provide housing to veterans to not only help with their grief but also to train them to be mentors for other returning vets. Kowall quickly realized that a houseboat alone wouldn't be enough. She wanted to serve more soldiers and veterans than a houseboat could handle.

Factors that may influence the development of prolonged grief syndrome include: survivor guilt; feelings of powerlessness in not being able to prevent the death; anger at others who are thought to have caused the death; anger at oneself for committing a self-perceived error resulting in the death; tasks of survival in combat taking precedence over grieving; not having an opportunity in the field to acknowledge the death.

— *Traumatic Grief: Symptomatology and Treatment for the Iraq War Veteran* by Ilona Pivar, PhD

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Among the litter on the ground was a plastic irony — a child's toy soldier amongst discarded cigarette butts.

Twisted fish

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Pontes' "Twisted Fish" will "swim" in all of their brightly colored glory outdoors around the property, he said last week.

The showing is slated for 10 AM to 3 PM on Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, at 410 4th Avenue SW, west of the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce office in downtown Ruskin. It is open to the general public at no charge.

Peterson, whose career as a choreographer included work for the late Michael Jackson, several years ago bought the former college arts center that also had housed some of Ruskin's most notable citizens.

He was committed to restoring the structure with as much authenticity as possible in what he has called "a real labor of love... sometimes more labor than love."

While updating kitchen and bathrooms to meet 21st century standards, Peterson also has set out on the ground floor an array of antiques collected during his travels through several continents. In addition, he made an unexpected but equally historic installation behind the original large red brick fireplace that warmed Ruskin College students nearly a century ago.

The first floor of the house, which the former dancer admits was at times a source of frustration and picked up the

nickname "Misery Mansion," will be open for a conducted tour on Friday afternoon and again on Saturday afternoon, he said, "barring bad weather."

Pontes' outdoor exhibit of combined woodcraft and works on canvas is "today's perfect counterpoint" for the restored college arts center, Peterson noted. "His somewhat warped sense of humor that can be

so evident in his art and is so contemporary showcases the historic house by going to the opposite extreme," he added.

Not unlike other artists who have been attracted to the road less traveled, Pontes has explored many occupations in his life, he said. He has piloted commercial fishing vessels, built boats, bought, repaired and sold furnishings from eras

past and "bummed around" several countries, he added, often sketching as he went. "I'm probably a vagabond and a rebel first, with a little mystic and thinker mixed in," he summed up.

The artist, who has exhibited his work in other Florida locales, including Key West and Cedar Key, said he plans to remain in Ruskin through May.

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Something of a seaman at heart, Jerry Pontes has interpreted a wide variety of fish and other sea creatures in his colorful "Twisted Fish" collection created in drifted woods collected from the beaches of North Carolina's Outer Banks. If they could talk, Pontes says they would advise "Gulfstream water courses through my grain, giving me kinship to all the Old Salts who have lived and died along these treacherous seas. Shipwrecks and gales are my heritage and Blackbeard himself dined on my forefathers." The Pontes exhibit is open to the public Friday and Saturday, without admission charge.

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Mon., May 21 • 2:30-3:30p.m. • Parkinson's Support Group facilitated by Eden Feldman, MSW who is the Director of Outreach at the USF Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Center. If you have Parkinson's, or are caring for someone with this disease, be sure to attend this support group where needed assistance is readily available!

Tues., May 22 • 10-11 a.m. • Aging and Crisis: Beyond Legal Planning presented by Sanchez & Baietto, LLC – Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services. Well intentioned adult children often think they know what is best for their parents; all the while aging parents may have their own expectations. Heap on top of that the storm of a crisis, and the result can be a disaster. This seminar will discuss and provide answers for these difficult situations and the issues they bring up such as unexpected health crisis and long range financial and health planning.

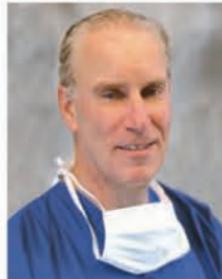
Wed., May 23 • 2:30-4 p.m. • Diabetes Support Group. Please join Rachelle Hatcher, LPN from Comprehensive Home Health Care as she facilitates our support group "Everyday Basics of Diabetic Care".

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Top Ten real estate deals

At this week's Top 10 homes spotlight at www.toptenrealestatedeals.com/ we have a look at some of the country's most expensive real estate for sale, and the sometimes sad stories behind these mega million dollar homes. Fleur de Lys in Bel Air, California is the current king of pricey estates at \$125 million. It was inspired by France's 17th Century Vaux-le-Vicomte and built by billionaire David Saperstein and his former wife of 23 years, Suzanne, in 2002. This 35,046sf mansion now belongs to Suzanne, which is one of the perks she won in her divorce settlement from David.

Versailles in Windermere, Florida is another French palace knock-off, but this one is not quite finished and it is having a big sale. Timeshare king David Siegel and his wife, Jacqueline, started building this

90,000sf estate during the Florida housing boom as the largest home in America. However construction stalled a few years ago when both the Florida housing market and timeshare sales crashed. The home was for sale at \$75 million but the price was recently reduced to \$65 million. Tack on an additional \$25 million if you want a finished palace. The house has been in Florida's extremely slow foreclosure proceedings since May 2011.

John Werner Kluge was best known as the founder of Metromedia (now Fox TV). He died at the age of 95 in September 2010. Mr. Kluge donated his Palm Beach estate Casa Sin Nombre to Columbia University. The entire oceanfront estate consists of four buildings, 21,000sf, 9 bedrooms, 11.5 baths and even a small casino. Columbia

is trying to sell it for \$59 million.

So, in case you are interested in any of these homes and need a little something extra to help pay the mortgage, Sothebys has a gold mine for sale in Arizona that seems to have tons of gold ore just waiting for anyone with a shovel and \$43 million. Gold Hill is a 100-year-old historic mine on 117 acres. According to the Sothebys listing, the mine contains 30,000 tons proven gold ore, another 350,000 tons that are either probable or possible, and another gold vein discovery they call the Old Coup vein. At \$1500 an ounce, seems like a good deal.

Hulk Hogan finally sold his Clearwater home for \$6.2 million - it was originally priced at \$25 million; a new castle home in Miami complete with a moat is for sale at \$10.9 million; and TV pioneer and hula-hoop

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Flowers and flags conveying messages of sorrow are clustered (above) near the intersection where Cristy Jean Brock lost her life last week, the latest in a list of fatalities at the intersection largely unmarked by traffic control devices.

Deadly intersection

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radar and the most recent fatality there did prompt immediate trimming of the heavy overgrowth of vegetation in the southwest corner which could impair views of oncoming traffic, the spokesman asserted.

Acknowledging that two-lane 21st is a long, flat straight-away inviting higher speeds, Valdez said the existing stop signs on 30th could be replaced with larger 36-inch versions, that white stop lines can be painted on north and south 30th, that additional speed limit signs could be posted along 21st theoretically aiding enforcement by local patrolling law officers and that a pair of flashing speed feedback units could be placed on 21st near the intersection with 30th for the next several months.

Asked when such measures might be installed, Valdez estimated "within a month," adding "everything we can do, we will do."

Cook, however, was not overwhelmed. He pointed to

another, similar intersection a few blocks north and west of his location - the 24th Street and 14th Avenue S.E. crossing near the U.S. weather station. While 14th is a more heavily traveled east-west roadway than 21st, the four way stop where 24th crosses it does not slow or cluster traffic and rear-end crashes are not prevalent there, he contended. The engineers' rationale for not using a four-way control on the lesser traveled 21st where so many have met death seems to defy logic, he added.

So, this week and next week and the following week, the sheriff's office will keep open the traffic fatality investigation. One local family sorrowfully will say farewell to a daughter as another works on healing injuries. Cook and his children will wait for buses, along with many other youngsters from the area, eyeing a barely controlled intersection warily. And no one will know how long before the next killing collision there.

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South Hillsborough Elks Lodge #2672 Upcoming Activities

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

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

Monday 28 – Memorial Day Indoor Picnic – 5 p.m., Build your own Nathan's Hot Dogs with all the trimmings, homemade potato chips, music by Bryan, all for \$7.

Sunday June 10 – Flag Day – 3 p.m.

Saturday June 23 – Summer Dance - \$5, details to follow. For more information call 813-645-2089



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Freeze the wine left over after company (that bit in the bottle). Put it in zipper baggies to add to your sauces, etc.

Judi

More Absorbent Towels

This may not save a bunch of money, but it does make a difference after a shower. When you wash a load of towels, do not put any fabric softener in the washer or the dryer. The towels will be much more absorbent.

Linda N.

Natural Weed Removal

I use a kettle of boiling water to kill the weeds that grow in the cracks of our sidewalk. I just pour it on the weeds (especially at the root) every day until they die. This works pretty good and is safe for kids and pets after treatment.

Melissa W.

Cheap Stress Reducer

I found a great way to reduce stress! I went to a local dollar store and bought a coloring book and crayons. It's unbelievable that just coloring can reduce stress. It's great and inexpensive! Plus, it gave me the chance to "be a kid again."

Lilly

A Cleaner Microwave

Microwaving some foods, like baked beans or soup, can leave a mess in your microwave from all the splatters. Instead of wasting a piece of wax paper or plastic wrap to cover the food, use a plate instead. If a tight seal is not required, this also works when covering foods in the refrigerator.

Kristin Z.

Handy Laundry Stain Treatment

I filled an empty hand soap dispenser with laundry detergent and put it in the bathroom. Naturally, I marked it so everyone knows it's detergent, not hand soap. Now when my preschooler undresses for a bath, I can hand scrub the stains out right away and watch her bathe at the same time. It also gets the stains out before they set in.

B.

Cleaner Windshields

My windshield wipers didn't seem like they were doing a decent job, so I bought new ones and had my son replace them for me. I was disappointed to see the new ones seemed the same. My son told me to make a paste out of baking soda and to clean the entire windshield. It dissolved the road grime that windshield cleaner didn't touch and made it as good as new!

Arlene W. in Olympia, WA

Deodorant Choices

As a female, I prefer unscented stick deodorant/antiperspirant because I don't like the scent to compete with my perfume. I have discovered that men's unscented stick deodorants/antiperspirants tend to be bigger and cheaper. As they have no scent, it doesn't matter. Now that I'm past the packaging, I am saving every day! Also, I have more options when using coupons.

Deb

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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April is the time of Spring and New Beginnings!

Wednesday Dinners are Chef's Choice

Wednesday May 23 • will be Linda's famous Liver -n- Onions
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Thursday Dinners are Tacos and Burgers from 5-7 p.m.

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Friday Night • Steak / Fish / Shrimp Dinner includes burgers and sides from 5 - 7 p.m., Karaoke Kat at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday May 19 • Derby Night fried chicken, entertainment, door prizes, \$6 per person starts at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday is Sport Sunday • at 3 p.m. with beer specials, wings and free pool and bar games

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Saturday May 26 • Community Service Fund Raiser- Ham dinner, Bake Sale, Auction, Entertainment to follow the \$6 dinner.

Worms to go

Learn how to make great compost by using worms at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13 at Hillsborough County Extension Service, 5339 C.R. 579 in Seffner. The cost is \$30 and registration is offered online at <http://hillsborough.ifas.ufl.edu>

Vermicomposting is the process of using worms to break down organic matter into nutrient-rich compost. The workshop will include a presentation on vermicomposting and a hands-on session to create worm bins. Participants will learn how to care for their worms, how to harvest worm castings, and the best uses of worm castings in a garden.

Each household will be provided with all the materials they need to build a worm bin. Participants will only need to provide newspaper or paper bags. For more information, contact Monica Raguckas or call 813-744-5519 ext. 54146

Enjoy regular or unleaded cars and coffee

Presented by Cianfrocca Auto Detailing, and held at the Copper Bell Cafe on June 30 from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at 11228 Boyette Road, this car show is free, and is a true Cars and Coffee meet where everyone can show off their "rides" and eat a delicious sit down breakfast. Full breakfast menu available and kids eat free with an adult purchase.

For more information, call 813-409-2630.

Dr. Holly Williams closes her office

Dr. Holly Williams, DO has closed her office for personal medical reasons as of March 19, 2012. Her office requests all patients to contact their insurance company for assistance in finding a new doctor. Sign a release at your new doctor's office and mail it to PO Box 3223, Riverview, FL 33568 and your records will be transferred to the new doctor.

American Legion Post 246 to meet

American Legion Post 246 will meet Friday, May 25 in Community Hall, Room 3, 1910 South Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center, FL. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9 a.m. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Camilla D. Thompson, MPA, Chief, Voluntary Service, James A. Haley VA Hospital.

Camilla D. Thompson was appointed Chief of Voluntary Service of the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital on April 10, 2011.

She received a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a Specialization in Health Care Policy and Administration from the University of Baltimore's College of Public Affairs in 2003 and her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from South Carolina State University in 1993.

Free and discount passes now available

Hillsborough County is proud to offer members of the military and first responders FREE and discounted annual Regional Park passes to all Hillsborough County Regional Parks.

Passes can be obtained beginning Monday, May 14, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Branchton Regional Parks Office, 15502 Morris Bridge Road in Thonotosassa. The County is considering additional pass purchase locations in the future. Cash, check and major credit card payments are accepted for the discounted pass.

The FREE lifetime family entrance pass is for Hillsborough County residents who are:

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Surviving spouse and parents of deceased members of the US Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserves who have fallen in combat

Surviving dependents of deceased First Responders killed in the line of duty who reside in Hillsborough County

There is a 25 percent annual regional park pass discount for:

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Active duty members of First Responders who live or work in Hillsborough County

Hillsborough County employees
 Those wishing to obtain free or discounted passes, must provide proper documentation as outlined in the policies:

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- Military - Policy 10.08.00.00

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The free and discounted passes do not include the boat launching pass, which is \$100. Regular cost for an annual regional parks pass is \$50 for an individual, and \$100 for a family.

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Adult Program/Event Highlights May 17-23

Word: Paragraph and Advanced Formatting
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Learn paragraph formatting from setting margins to line spacing and how to create bulleted and numbered lists. Tabs, headers and footers, numbering and inserting page numbers, page borders. Previous experience with Microsoft Word is recommended. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program.

Book Discussion: Chef by Jaspreet Singh
Thursday, May 17 • 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Mesmeric, mournful and intensely lyrical, *Chef* is a brave and compassionate debut about hope, love and memory set against the devastatingly beautiful, war-scarred backdrop of occupied Kashmir.

The Seminole War of Florida 1835
Saturday, May 19 • 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Jerry Morris, living history interpreter and author of *Fort King Road*, discusses Florida's Second Seminole War with demonstrations of an 1835 United States soldier's uniform, an 1816 flint lock musket and other soldier equipment and rations. Co-sponsored by The Seminole Wars Foundation.

"Wee Artists:" Let's Create!

Saturday, May 19 • 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

"Wee Artists," 3-6 years, will have a fun afternoon creating an art project with art instructor Minnette Webster. Student's will create a project to take home and do a group project for display in the library. Adult must be present. Limit 15. Registration required at the Information Desk or by calling 273-3652. Funding for this program provided by a grant from the Community Foundation of Sun City Center.

Internet: Introduction and Google
Tuesday, May 22 • 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet and related terminology. Learn how to use Google to find information and tips for evaluating what you find. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are recommended. Registration is available one hour prior to the beginning of the program.

eBooks for PC, MAC Nook, Kobo, Sony and other eReaders
Tuesday, May 22 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Learn how to check out and download free library eBooks to read onto a PC, Mac, Nook, Kobo, Sony and other eReaders. Explore Adobe Digital Editions and learn how to check out a library eBook using OverDrive and Freeding. Limit: 20. Presented by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium.

PowerPoint: Introduction

Wednesday, May 23 • 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Learn the basics of slide design and layout to create a professional-looking presentation. Limit: 20.

Deaf and Hearing Connection Telephone Distribution
Wednesday, May 23 • 1 to 3 p.m.

Presented by Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI). FTRI provides free specialized equipment and training to qualified Florida residents who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. The equipment enables them to place and receive phone calls.

SouthShore Needle People

Wednesday, May 23 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

UF to establish Faroe Island research center

With the support of a Major League Baseball star, a new University of Florida research center on an island settled by the Vikings could lead to breakthroughs about a rare genetic disorder and potentially change the course of care for high blood pressure and other common conditions.

UF College of Medicine researchers studying a genetic condition called glycogen storage disease type III, which prevents children and adults from properly processing sugar stored in the body, have received support from the Johnny Damon Foundation to establish a new research center on the Faroe Islands, located in the North Atlantic Ocean between Norway and Iceland. Because of the isolation of the island chain, genetic diseases are common there, making it a fertile ground for researchers.

"Johnny Damon has no connection to this disease, so his willingness to help means a lot to me," said David Weinstein, M.D., a professor of pediatrics in the UF College of Medicine and director of the UF Glycogen Storage Disease Program. "We hear often about problems in sports, but we don't frequently hear about athletes who go out of their way to help people. We could not do this without his support."

Type III glycogen storage disease is one of the rarest forms of the disease and is linked to all the places where the Vikings settled more than 1,000 years ago. The disease occurs because of a genetic glitch that prevents children's bodies from properly processing glycogen, stored sugar the body uses as fuel throughout the day. In children with this disease, stored sugar accumulates in the liver and muscles, including the heart, often causing it to grow so

large it cannot function.

One in 3,000 people on the Faroe Islands has glycogen storage disease, or GSD, compared with about one in 100,000 in the United States. In addition, one in 22 people on the islands is a carrier for the disease, a statistic Weinstein suspects may be linked to other conditions prevalent there, such as high blood pressure and high levels of fats called triglycerides. Because Faroese people consume mostly fish, meat and root vegetables — there is only one fast food restaurant in the country — the high prevalence of high cholesterol and high triglycerides among the population is a mystery, Weinstein said.

Working in collaboration with the Faroese government and scientists there, UF researchers will study not only glycogen storage disease but also how it may link to some of these other common problems.

"The textbooks all say when you are a carrier for genetic diseases, that you are normal and have no effects," Weinstein said. "We think the textbooks are wrong. We have evidence already from dogs that are carriers for GSD here that carriers of disease have mild manifestations. The way it may present is as high cholesterol and high triglycerides or it may be a cause of kidney stones. Common problems we deal with all the time may be due to being a carrier for this disease. This study will help not only islanders but could show that we should be treating common disorders in a different way."

For example, if a link is found between glycogen storage disease and high cholesterol, the research may show that precise doses of cornstarch — the common treatment for some types of GSD — could be a safer and more effective treatment to combat cholesterol in

carriers than the medications currently used, Weinstein said.

With no other foundations funding type III glycogen storage disease research, the Johnny Damon Foundation's continuing support and \$16,000 donation earmarked specifically for the new research center is particularly significant, Weinstein said.

"For us, this donation was an opportunity to support research that could make a difference in the lives of children living with what can be a devastating disease without the right therapy," said Arden Czyzewski, executive director of the Johnny Damon Foundation. "We are also excited that this work could potentially help advance understanding about other common health conditions that affect people across the world."

Damon currently plays for the Cleveland Indians but is perhaps most well-known for his play with the Boston Red Sox when the team won its historic World Series in 2004 and for his five years with the New York Yankees, where the team also won a World Series.

At UF, home to the largest center in the world for the liver forms of glycogen storage disease, Weinstein sees patients with the type III GSD from every continent except Antarctica. He started working with patients on the Faroe Islands in 2008 after meeting a German doctor who frequently visited the country to treat children with the disease. With Weinstein's help, the health of children on the island with the disease has greatly improved, said collaborator Runa Olsen, M.D., a pediatrician at Queen Alexandrine's Hospital on the Faroe Islands.

"It is very exciting, the fact that we are establishing a research community on the island is very good for other diseases, too," Olsen said.

Valencia Lakes West Women's Club selects four for scholarships

The Valencia Lakes West Women's Club is proud to recognize and award \$10,000 in Scholarships to four outstanding and deserving students of Lennard High School. For the third year in a row, the Women's Club has successfully sponsored multiple fundraising events to recognize the hard work and outstanding efforts of local high school students.

This year's scholarships were awarded at Lennard High School's Awards Ceremony on May 10 in the auditorium. Club members are delighted that Dr. Earl J. Lennard will be present at the Women's Club's monthly meeting at Valencia Lakes Clubhouse at 11 a.m. on May 19 when the recipients will once again be introduced and honored.

The Women's Club Scholarship Committee selected 7 students for personal interviews from the 17 applicants. From those 7, the following 4 students were selected to receive a \$2,500 scholarship:

Julian (Ian) Couture is heading to Duke University to study engineering with a minor in music and currently ranks number two in his class of 320 students. Andrew Jones plans to major in marketing at Florida International University.

XiaoDong (Dee Dee) Lu intends to study electrical engineering with an emphasis in nanomaterials at the University of South Florida. She plans to earn both her Master's and Ph D degrees and wants to do research on thermoelectric generators with an ultimate goal of developing body heat as a renewable energy source. She is slated to be valedictorian for the Class of 2012. Arian McCumber will attend Marist College to study creative writing and publishing. Ranked third in the senior class, her long term goal is to publish her own book.

Many of these students have risen above extraordinary difficult circumstances. Each have availed themselves of multiple opportunities for community service and involvement. For many, they will be the first in their families to attend and graduate from college. All of these well-deserving students are a source of hope and pride for their families, school and community. Valencia Lakes Women's West Club is proud to recognize their accomplishments and wish them success in all their future endeavors.

Chris Corr receives gubernatorial appointment

Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of Chris Corr, a former resident of Apollo Beach, to the University of Florida Board of Trustees.

Corr, 48, of Lake Lure, North Carolina, has been the executive vice president of AECOM since 2008. Previously, he was executive vice president of real estate for the St. Joe Company from 1998 to 2008 and a senior manager with the Walt Disney Company from 1992 to 1998. His extensive community involvement includes serving on the Florida Board of Governors for the State University System from 2011 to 2012 and on the Florida Council of 100 Board of Directors since 2009. In addition, he served on the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission from 2008 to 2010, on the Florida Constitution Revision Commission from 1997 to 1998 and in the Florida House of Representatives from 1990 to 1992. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida. Corr will serve for a term beginning May 7, 2012 until Jan. 6, 2016.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

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Helping vets and soldiers

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survived. Time heals all wounds. No one has a magic wand and no magic words can make things all better. By any measure, grief and bereavement are one of the most difficult aspects of human life in even the best and most supportive of circumstances. But imagine what it must be like if there is no opportunity to grieve or if grieving could result in further loss of life, perhaps even your own. Soldiers in a combat situation simply don't have the luxury to experience that most difficult situation. Doing so could be fatal for them or for others. Tears could blind their eyes to mortal threats.

Dr. Pivar went on to say that, "Soldiers who lose their comrades in battle have been known to make heroic efforts to save them or recover their bodies. Some soldiers withdraw and become

loners, seldom or never again making friends. Any sign of vulnerability or "losing" it can indicate that they are not tough enough to handle combat. Delaying grief may well postpone problems that can become chronic symptoms weeks, months and years later."

Kelly Kowall was talking to God on an island beach. She asked for a sign, a burning bush sign that would help her to know if she should dramatically expand her plan to help returning veterans deal with their grief. As she asked for the sign, she turned towards the water and she saw that God answered her.

"I took two more steps and a wave washed up and it deposited a bullet at my feet," she said.

It was a large caliber bullet. How it could have been washed up from a wave is anyone's guess. But Kowall knew. She had her answer.

Bob Perez, the owner of a

waterfront mobile home and RV park on 22nd Street NW in Ruskin offered to sell her the property on favorable terms. Many of the units were in various states of disrepair due to abuse and neglect by past tenants, but the basics were all good. In fact, the basics were great. In that park, Kelly Kowall could envision Key West colors and the peaceful, tranquil setting she needed, just the setting needed by the soldiers and veterans she plans to help. It is a place where a shoulder will always be available to lay a head upon; a place to make peace with the inexplicable.

Kowall, a certified life coach, enlisted the aid of friend and founder of Grief, Inc., Darcie Sims, PhD, and other mental health care and educational professionals to develop a peer-mentoring program to help soldiers and veterans deal with their losses. In doing so, she'll not only help those who arrive at the beautiful campus she is building, they will go on to help others, thus greatly expanding the reach of the program and making a big step towards bridging a crack in the veteran support system.

Trash from cigarette butts to piles of old tires were found in corners of the property. The structure of the buildings was good, but after years of neglectful tenants, floors needed to be torn out, steps repaired and broken appliances discarded. The former owner of the property warned Kowall that she had her work cut out for her.

"I know I should be scared, but yet at the same time I just feel that God and my son and others up in Heaven are holding my hand and keeping me safe," she said. "This is a lot, it should be overwhelming. I have to keep focused on just one step at a time. When my son died, I could only focus on the next minute or even the next breath."

Now she is focusing on helping others take their next breath. Project Corregidor (taken from a nickname given to Corey by his grandfather) is alive and well. On Thursday, May 10, sixty people, which included many from Keller Williams Realty in Apollo Beach and Sun City Center, came out to hold her hand — and to pick up trash, a paint brush and to handle everything from floors to broken appliances. There is much to



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Eyes in the Sky's Project Corregidor founder Kelly Kowall speaks with volunteers on Thursday, May 10. Nearly 60 people turned out to help clean up a mobile home park that she plans to use as a training center for returning veterans and soldiers suffering from grief.

be done yet, Kowall's need for assistance won't go away anytime soon, but she has taken big steps forward on an infinite journey. It is, of course, a journey with no end for her or for the soldiers who find themselves laying their heads on her shoulder at this little corner of peace on a river.

Through the program, she hopes to have an impact in lowering the suicide rate, the divorce rate, and the drug and alcohol abuse that is on the rise around military bases across the country. At this former mobile park in Ruskin, Kowall found the safe environment she needs to make that happen.

She still hopes to buy a houseboat someday to use in the program. But right now she's focusing on the emerging dream on her new property. Kelly Kowall is taking things one step at a time.

Eyes on the Sky's Project Corregidor is a 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization. For more information on how you can help Kowall and our veterans, visit www.favebe.com or write to FAVE Project Corregidor, P.O. Box 3547, Apollo Beach, FL, 33572. Sponsorships, memberships, tribute or memorial donations and volunteer opportunities are available. The Iraq War Clinician Guide from the Department of Defense may be found on the web at www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/manuals/iraq-war-clinician-guide.asp

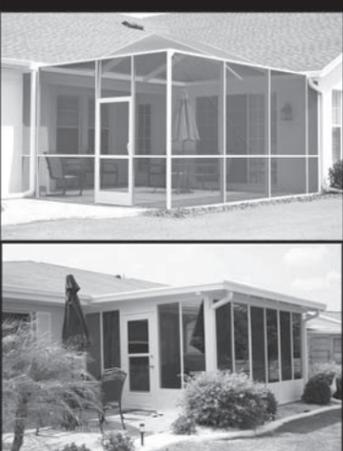
In addition to several individual volunteers, the following South Hillsborough businesses stepped forth to help Kowall with her dream of serving veterans in need:

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Commissioner Murman kicks off fishing tournament

Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandra Murman kicked off the South-Shore Professional Fishing Tournament May 10, with a dinner held at Little Harbor Resort in Ruskin. The professionally organized and managed tournament raised money for the benefit of children's programs in South Hillsborough. The three programs selected this year were Out of School Time programs administered by the Rural Social Services Partnership, and mentoring programs sponsored by the SouthShore Rotary Foundation and the YMCA's Camp Cristina. Commissioner Murman was the honorary chairperson of the event that began with a children's tournament on Thursday and ended with the pro tournament on Saturday. The event was hosted by the Resort and Club at Little Harbor. Murman is pictured above with event sponsor Mary Ann Wilhelm of Wilhelm Heating & Air Conditioning and Captain Steve Hoffman of SouthShore Anglers.



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Area Obituaries



Barbara JoAnn (Six) Marriott

September 3, 1942 --- May 10, 2012
Barbara graduated cosmetology school in Kansas City, and worked in that field in the Missouri area for 45 years. She moved to Florida in 2005 and worked for Sweetbay Supermarkets before becoming ill. She spent life enjoying family, friends, flowers, fishing and the outdoors. She also cherished her customers. She is survived by three children: daughter, Tracy Lynn, Jefferson City, Mo.; son, Robert Berkstresser and wife Shawndel, Riverview Fl. and son, Ralph Berkstresser and wife Lisa, Waukegan, IL.; plus many grandchildren and great grandchildren. It was her request that all be thanked for the outpouring of love and support that was shown to her during her illness. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Zipperers Funeral Home of Ruskin, Fl. Special thanks to LifePath Hospice, Sun City Center Hospice House for their care and support.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Westminster Presbyterian Church of Versailles, 208 North Fisher, Versailles, Mo. 65084

Georgia B. Wade

Georgia B. Wade, 94, passed away Friday morning, May 4, 2012. She was born November 3, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois. She received her Bachelor and Masters degree at Northwestern University in Education and taught for 35 years in the state of Illinois. She was active in the Kappa Delta Sorority. She enjoyed retirement at Sun City, Florida for over 20 years indulging in her favorite activities of dance, water ballet, and golf.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Margery Moore and Hugo Edward Anheiser and her husband of 49 years, Jean Davis Wade.

Georgia is survived by her 2 daughters, Georgia Roth (husband Robert) of Bend, Oregon and Margery Wightman of Buda, Texas; her 4 grandchildren Robert Roth, Timothy Roth, Heather Wineinger and Diana Ferguson; and 5 great grandchildren Hayden, Mae, Henry, Owen Roth and Kale Wineinger.



Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:2-3



Movie Night in SCC planned

The movie 'War Horse' will be showing at 6 p.m. on June 8, at Sun City Center United Methodist Church, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West. Be greeted by the aroma of coffee and popcorn complimented by homemade cookies.

"War Horse" takes place in rural England and Europe during WWI and is about a horse named Joey that was tamed and trained by a boy named Albert. See what happens when both Joey and Albert are forced apart and experience the extraordinary journey they take as they go through the war.

New Beginnings Fellowship welcomes Patsy Dollins

Patsy Dollins will minister by way of music at 6 p.m. on Saturday May 19, New Beginnings Fellowship located at 1120 27th St. SE Ruskin. She is a regular at "The Farm" on the last Friday of each month. She writes and performs her own gospel/country style music. Don't miss out on this evening of great music.

For more information call Pastor Lewis Brady at 654-1018.

Community Foundation of SCC provides funding

The Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center recently awarded \$11,050 to provide better restrooms and sinks at a pair of child care centers for low-income families.

The money was awarded to Redlands Christian Migrant Association, which operates 18 child care programs and a charter school in southern and eastern Hillsborough County. The Immokalee-based RCMA is Florida's largest nonprofit child care provider.

"We care for children in 75 low-income neighborhoods and I can tell you it's rare for any of these rural communities to have neighbors as caring and generous as Sun City Center is to Wimauma and Ruskin," said Barbara Mainster, RCMA's Executive Director.

The grant comes from the Hadley and Helen Hill Fund at the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. It will pay for two projects:

- \$8,550 will cover construction of new restrooms at RCMA's Ruskin Infant Child Development Center.
- \$2,500 will replace two sinks in RCMA's Wimauma Groves Child Development Center.

Calvary Lutheran invites children to SKY

A summer kids' event called Sky will be hosted at Calvary Lutheran Church from 6-8 p.m. June 11 to June 14. At Sky, faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust God, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with Fly Away Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 7:45 p.m.

Kids at Sky will join an international missions effort to squash malaria with the ELCA Malaria Campaign—sending thousands of mosquito nets to protect children.

Sky is for kids from 3 years old to 5th grade and will run from 6 to 8 p.m. each day. Adult study is available each night also. This free VBS program also includes dinner! For more information, call 813-645-1305.

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Pastor Lewis Brady pictured with top hog Ehren Newberry Jr.

New Beginnings Fellowship holds Spring Hog Killin'

The semi annual Hog Killin' is a time when the congregation brings in their "Piggy Banks" they have been "fattening up" with spare change for the past few months. This time a total of \$615 was brought in to apply towards the church's insurance bill. The "Top Hog" this Spring was named "Little Oinker" and was brought in by six-year-old Ehren Newberry, Jr with a total of \$122.20.



NCWS keeps on giving

Jan Huber center, Assistant Chief, Public Relations for the Sun City Center Emergency Squad is pictured receiving checks totaling \$2006 from (L) Betty Uber, pianist for Nondenominational Christian Worship Services, and (R) Ev Villa, liturgist for NCWS. The donations were from the love offerings for the month of April. Assistant Chief Huber shared her appreciation to NCWS for their consistent yearly support, which will enable the squad to continue serving the residents of SCC 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. For more information regarding NCWS, the all-volunteer outreach Christian ministry, call Jim Butner at 634-3114.

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Calvary Lutheran to host touring choir

Stop by Calvary Lutheran Church at 7 p.m on June 19 at 5309 US 41 N., Apollo Beach. for a memorable and inspiring evening with The Experience Touring Choir. They are a performing ensemble of high school youth from Christ Lutheran (ELCA) Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Their purpose and mission statement is to Tell the Story of Christ to others through contemporary song, drama, dance, signing, and much more. The youth have written the script, blocked the scenes, selected the music, and worked on every aspect of the production over a period of five months. They Tell the Story of a filmmaker who sets out to do a documentary on today's Christian church. This performance is free and open to the public.

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.
 Romans 12:16



UF researchers, use dual strategy to fight Type 1 diabetes

University of Florida researchers teamed with colleagues at City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, Calif., to devise a new combination therapy that reverses established Type 1 diabetes in mice.

The findings, which appear in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*, set the stage for the development of a new human therapy for Type 1 diabetes that is effective over the long term.

The two-step regimen involves bone marrow transplantation and substances that promote the growth of cells that produce insulin, the sugar-regulating hormone that is missing in people who have Type 1 diabetes.

"If our therapy is successfully translated to humans, patients will be able to have a life without Type 1 diabetes — that's the exciting part," said senior author and UF collaborator Defu Zeng, M.D., an associate professor of hematology and hematopoietic cell transplantation at City of Hope.

Type 1 diabetes arises when the

body's immune system attacks cells in the pancreas that produce insulin, whose job is to move sugar out of the blood so it can be converted to energy. As a result, glucose builds up in the blood, causing organ damage. More than 1 million people in the United States live with Type 1 diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And more than 30,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. People who have the disease must take insulin injections to survive, but insulin supplementation does not cure Type 1 diabetes nor prevent complications such as blindness, kidney disease and heart disease.

The only existing therapy that can reverse established Type 1 diabetes is transplantation of a type of pancreatic tissue called islets, which contain the insulin-producing beta cells. But chronic rejection is a big problem with that approach, and the diabetes-reversing effect lasts only about three years. In addition, to get enough cells for each patient, two or three donors have to be found.

Researchers have continued to explore various ways to counteract the body's attack on insulin-producing cells. They have developed methods to blunt the action of immune system cells against beta cells. And previous experiments have shown that in the early stages of Type 1 diabetes, some insulin-producing cells still exist and can be cajoled into action. But at advanced stages of disease, those cells are mostly destroyed.

The researchers concluded that a dual approach that prevents the immune system from killing beta cells, and, at the same time, replenishes the supply of beta cells was needed.

They used a growth hormone and another chemical to stimulate the production of new beta cells. In so doing, they verified that the treatment could induce new insulin-producing cells in mice whose immune system is programmed to kill those cells. And it turned out that the new cells came not just from the replication of existing cells, but also from the transformation of other kinds of

cells.

"It's conceptually a new way to go after Type 1 diabetes treatment, and lends strong support to the idea that beta cells can — and do — come from a source that is not beta cells undergoing replication," Wilson said.

The findings suggest that, given the right stimulation, patients with diabetes could produce the needed cells on their own instead of having to wait for transplants from donors.

But by itself, generation of new beta cells was ineffective at reversing late-stage Type 1 diabetes in the mouse models, because the immune system kills those cells as soon as they appear. First, the researchers had to create a safe environment that would allow the new cells to survive. For that, they explored an option more commonly thought of as a treatment for leukemia. Bone marrow transplantation has been shown to help the immune system learn how to recognize and tolerate newly formed insulin-producing cells. Together, the therapies did

the trick, reversing late-stage diabetes in 60 percent of the mice in the study.

"This gives a mechanism where you could use this bone marrow engraftment combined with growth factors to reverse established diabetes — that, I think, is the really big thing there," said David Serreze, Ph.D., a professor at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, and an adjunct associate professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, who was not involved in the current study. "The individual components had been known before, but it was a very ingenious way of pulling them all together."

The UF collaborators and Zeng are working to form a national collaboration to further investigate and develop the new combination therapy.

"This is not going to be in the clinic tomorrow," Serreze said. "But is this something you could envision being used sometime in the future? Oh, absolutely."



Riverview Elementary students get into the beat at cultural center

By MITCH TRAPHAGEN mitch@observernews.net

The entire first grade at Riverview Elementary School visited the Firehouse Cultural Center in Ruskin on Thursday for a performance and program with Hammerhead Steel Drum Band. To the best of the band's knowledge, they are the only all acoustic, stationary *and* marching steel drum band in Florida, if not the entire world. The tight performance incorporated a variety of objects used as drums, from the traditional to trash can lids. The band is a frequent performer at Busch Gardens and other Florida theme parks as well as at schools and other cultural venues. In all, the Firehouse Cultural Center hosted four school time performances last week, including one on Tuesday in which the entire first grade of Ruskin Elementary walked to the center for two performances of *Pirates and Seafaring Tales* by Katie Adams. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office was on hand to escort the walking students back and forth. The programs were made available through a partnership with the Arts in Education Program with Hillsborough County Schools and the Arts Council of Hillsborough County. For more information about the Hammerhead Steel Drum Band, visit www.hammerheadsteeldrums.com.

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