



The Crossing church is coming to South County, initially at Lennard High School in Ruskin. See the full story on [page 2](#)



Last week's flooding was a reality for many, including *Observer News* writer Mitch Traphagen who lives on a canal off the Little Manatee River. See his **Observations** on [page 7](#)

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Whatever happened about...

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SCC community management

A new three-year, dollar-savings contract with the retirement center's management firm is to get formal approval by directors on the Sun City Center Community Association board during a regularly-scheduled meeting July 11. In SCC, such firms handle day-to-day management of the various amenities located on the multiple community campuses.

Contract fees paid The Continental Group in 2013 and 2014 will be less than paid in 2012, said Chuck Collett, board vice president. In 2015, the fee will be the same as in 2012, he added. Collett was one of five members on a committee composed of directors and residents who evaluated potential management contracts.

Ten community management firms took part in an "industry day" giving them an overview of the community and two subsequently responded in full to a Request for Proposals (RFP) – Continental and Vesta, Collett said. Vesta currently manages Kings Point amenities and under another name participated in the condominium community's purchase of its amenities several years ago with a bank loan of about \$53 million.

The new contract is effective January 1. Collett also noted that Lyn Reitz, Continental's current on-site manager in SCC, is expected to continue in that position.

Ruskin's Firehouse Cultural Center

County Commissioner Sandy Murman is to join the board of directors overseeing development of the Firehouse Cultural Center in Ruskin's former fire station.

Murman, who represents district one which includes Ruskin as well as South Tampa, is expected to join the board's

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Through dementia's eyes

The number of people suffering from dementia is forecast to explode in the coming decades.



A set of gloves with plastic liners work to simulate the loss of sensory nerves and fine motor skills. Setting a table or hanging clothes suddenly became an exercise in frustration.

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Anything new or different can be a challenge of extreme proportions. It doesn't matter what it is: a telephone, clothing or personal care products. The smallest changes, the most minor things can cause confusion, anxiety and even fear. Having dementia doesn't necessarily mean a person has lost their mind, many victims are aware of their struggles and that awareness makes life even more difficult. They can remember what life was like before. Perhaps only in flashes of memory, but they can remember that life was never this frustrating or so hard.

On June 19, Sun City Center Senior Living, a senior living and residential memory care facility, offered the family members of dementia victims a look through their loved one's eyes. The Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) is designed to provide very personal and hands-on insight into the challenges, fears and frustrations experienced by those who suffer



MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTOS

The Virtual Dementia Tour includes a set of goggles that simulate the loss of central and peripheral vision, much like a victim of dementia would suffer.

from dementia. Second Wind Dreams of Marietta, Georgia, an organization dedicated to fulfilling the dreams of elderly people, created VDT. It has gained worldwide recognition as a proven training method for people caring for those with dementia. The tour includes a unique set of goggles, headphones, gloves and shoe inserts, all designed to simulate the loss of central and peripheral vision, the loss of hearing and increased confusion and the loss of sensory nerves and fine motor skills. It is a way for caregivers

and family members to be in the shoes and to see through the eyes of patients and loved ones who suffer from dementia.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, in the United States someone is diagnosed with that disease every 69 seconds. While Alzheimer's victims make up the largest category, dementia comes in many forms. Currently 24 million people suffer from dementia. In the next few decades, the number suffering from some form of dementia is expected to reach 84 million

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Dog Daze *Take extra precautions to keep pets healthy in the heat*

By PENNY FLETCHER penny@observernews.net

SOUTH COUNTY — No, the headline isn't misspelled.

This story isn't about what they call the "Dog Days of Summer," the 40-day period between July 1 and early September when Sirius (the Dog Star) rises and sets with the sun.



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTO

Dogs at the C.A.R.E. animal shelter in Ruskin have several neat ways to keep cool in the play yard.

It's about the shock- or daze- that pets (especially dogs) can suffer if not cared for properly during this period of long, hot sultry days.

In fact, many die from heat stroke and related conditions each year simply because pet owners do not know the dangers- or warning signs- of trouble.

"Sadly Ruskin Animal Hospital continues to see dogs suffering from heat stroke every year," said Dr. Hal Ott, founder and owner of Ruskin Animal Hospital and Cat Clinic. "Most of the cases are from people leaving their pets in a car, even with the windows cracked, and then getting distracted while shopping. But we also see dogs tied out in a yard without water or shade in 107-110 degree temperatures."

Both situations are illegal yet people continue to do it, he said.

James Judge, media coordinator for BluePearl Veterinary Partners- the emergency service that takes calls and recommends where to go for treatment for veterinary clinics after hours and on weekends and holidays- said the first choice is always to keep pets in an air conditioned environment during the heat of the day.

But he knows that isn't always possible.

"If your pet does become overheated, spray the animal down with room temperature or cool water, but never ice water," he said. "Ice cold water causes a decrease in blood flow to the skin and heat can't escape the body, which makes heat exhaustion symptoms worse. And don't give your pets sports drinks or electrolyte supplements. Dogs cool off by panting and do not sweat like people. Supplements like sports drinks can actually harm animals and make pets sick."

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Church captures attention through real life events; offers free movie July 15

■ By PENNY FLETCHER
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RUSKIN — Two native boys — one growing up in Tampa and the other in Ruskin — didn't know how their futures would be woven together until recently.

Now though, they're working in unison to open a new campus of The Crossing Church. It will be the third campus and will temporarily hold services in the gymnasium at Lennard High School in Ruskin.

The pastors say they hope to have a deal closed soon at the old Beall's building in Sun Point Plaza on State Road 674.

The story of The Crossing Church and its mixed inter-generational congregation is quite unique.

"I was pastor of The Pointe Church in Riverview when the Crosstown Community Church in Tampa asked me to come be its new pastor," said Lead Pastor Greg Dumas. "It was an honor to be asked, but I didn't want to leave my congregation, and suggested instead that we merge."

They did, forming The Crossing Church in the building formerly used by Crosstown Community, 10130 Tuscany Ridge Drive, Tampa (east off Causeway Boulevard between U.S. 301 and Interstate 75.)

They also have a Celebration campus- and yes, Celebration is not a church term in this sense but a town near Orlando — and are about to open one in South County. They also hold separate Spanish services at the Tampa location at 1:30 on Sundays.

The interdenominational church has grown by leaps and bounds.

"Any given Sunday we have about 5,000 worshippers and



The Crossing Church, which has a campus in Tampa and one near Orlando, is about to open a new campus in South County. Starting with a core group of 450 they hope to have about 1,000 members by the time they launch their services and programs in September. Meanwhile, beginning July 15, some things will start taking place that residents can attend.

about 9,000 people call our church home," Dumas said.

Dumas was born in Tampa in 1969 but moved with his mother when he was seven years old to Oklahoma. After playing some football in college he attended the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and received his master's degree in theology there.

"I got recruited to Brandon in 1998 and felt like I was coming home," Dumas told me in an interview June 28. His decision to start The Pointe was because he saw that there were many people

in the area who did not belong to any denomination and he felt they would need a church.

He was right, almost immediately drawing about 500 people, and working up to 1,000 in just a couple of years.

When he was asked to preach at Crosstown, the merge brought two 1,000-person congregations together and all kinds of ministries were born both in the local communities and in poor countries.

One secret of the Crosstown's success, as described by some of the teenagers that packed the

separate building behind the main Tampa church, is that the pastors give sermons relevant to their lives and they then separate into small groups to discuss them, talk about their troubles and concerns and pray for each other.

The children and teens have lively "rock-type" music with lighting like they would find familiar from a rock concert or on line.

"The key is reaching them where they are," said Joey Adkins, who will be the campus pastor at the new church opening in South County.

Instead of ignoring new technology, they are embracing it, using the Internet for live podcast services, Twitter and Facebook for notices and followers, and various forms of media to get the word out.

Adkins, 31, and his wife April, gave away tickets at AMC Regency Theaters in Brandon June 28 to introduce people to their "At the Movies" series.

"The sermons will be based around the themes of the movies, relating them to everyday life," Adkins said. "It's like Hollywood meets God. We're doing things like *The Book of Eli*, and *Brave*. We talk about it, give the sermon, and then we show the movie. After that, there will be a meal."

This is a good way to keep people involved in the summer when attendance usually goes down, he added.

The idea for "At the Movies" was born at Life Church in Oklahoma, where Pastor Dumas spent some time in his youth.

Although regular services will not begin at the South County location until Sept. 16, there will be several pre-opening events

at Lennard, including the movie "Soul Surfer," following an 11 a.m. service on July 15.

Then on Aug. 12 there will be another 11 a.m. service at Lennard and Aug. 18 there will be a Back to School Bash where backpacks will be given away there.

The Big Launch will be Sept. 16, with weekly services and local ministries continuing on a regular basis after that.

Adkins is excited to be back in his hometown of Ruskin.

"I grew up here and moved away to New Hampshire and Georgia and came back for family responsibilities about four years ago," he said.

Since then, there has been one opportunity after another in ministry and he says he knows he was meant to return at this time.

To find out more about The Crossing Church and its locations and events, visit crossingonline.org or call (813) 626-0783.



Pastor Joey Adkins, born and raised in Ruskin, will be the campus pastor at the new location of The Crossing Church at South Shore, soon to be held at Lennard High School until a deal currently in the works will — hopefully, Adkins says — allow them to open a church in the Sun Point Plaza.

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Sun City Center seniors tackle survey to define their future community

■ By MELODY JAMESON
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SUN CITY CENTER – Residents here – all 10,300 or so of them – soon will have opportunity to put pencil to paper and help re-design parts of their community.

A professionally prepared, comprehensive survey, evolving solely from opinions expressed by residents themselves, is being mailed with first class postage to each of them this month, whether they are still in town or summering in another state.

Their confidential responses, tabulated by a team of impartial university researchers, are expected to become their directions to the community's elected leadership regarding future capital improvements.

And those directions are foreseen as the focal point of a community town hall later in the year, leading possibly to a referendum vote on long range plans by the Community Association membership as the year ends.

The six to eight month study is being conducted by Erika Matulich, PhD, a marketing research professor at the University of Tampa and a business consultant with some 20 years of experience, including with other active retirement communities. She recently wrapped up an assignment in Kings Point.

The SCC study was set in motion by CA board directors after residents in February emphatically turned down a leadership proposal to refresh the community's central campus – some of it dating back 40-plus years – with a pair of new structures to expand meeting/entertainment space and to relieve business office overcrowding, along with adding a café and a few other updating features.

The \$3 million plan was to have involved a low-interest bank loan repaid over 10 years with revenues accruing from re-sales of SCC homes to incoming first-time

buyers and locals buying multiple homes as investment properties.

CA members readily agreed to increasing the one-time resale fee from \$1,200 to \$1,500, but balked at using a bank loan as an immediate financing mechanism in order to capitalize on lower loan rates and falling construction costs triggered by a national recession.

While CA directors engaged Matulich and her team to solicit, tabulate and report residents' visions of the future community, they have not been privy to results, they told *The Observer* last week. Directors have not participated in any of the consultant's discussions with residents, have not seen the survey questions, much less had a hand in framing them, and will have no access to any of the responses, Chuck Collett, the board's vice president said.

Pressed for their understanding of what the process is uncovering as it progresses, Ed Barnes, board president, said they were aware that 11 focus groups involving 130 or so resident volunteers had been pulled together by the consultant for extensive conversations about community needs and desires. Beyond that, he added, "it's been strictly hands off" and details have been managed only by Matulich.

Directors have been advised they eventually could see the finalized survey questions, said David Floyd, board secretary, but only to ensure that they are SCC-centric and do not, for example, relate to Kings Point.

The approach emphasizing confidentiality will continue in connection with collection of survey responses, Matulich has asserted. Each resident's survey mailing will include a pre-addressed envelope which will return the answered questions directly to her offices at UT. Residents also can seal their responses in the

envelopes and deposit them in a locked box designated for the purpose in the CA central campus office. The consultant said she periodically will pick up responses from the box accessible only to the professional team. Following tabulation, all responses will be stored in a secure facility and destroyed after a year, Matulich added.

CA directors may have no specific or factual knowledge of how resident concerns and objectives now are shaping up, but community buzz indicates most, if not all, of the focus groups devoted considerable time to talking money; the CA income streams, how capital improvements should be underwritten, and best approaches to covering operating expenses.

Casual conversations around town also point to community communications – particularly between the CA board and residents – as another top topic in the focus groups.

Residents at random suggest that ideas like their library mod-

eled on a Barnes & Noble bookstore, complete with coffee bar and comfortable seating, books and magazines, has much appeal, as does a residents' "clubhouse," a sort of senior hang-out with light food and beverage service.

And a pool designated for children would please both grandparents with visiting family and swimming residents sans youngsters in tow, they say. Then, the technologically attuned call for making buildings WIFI friendly.

They talk, too, about insufficient parking in the community, sometimes acknowledging they understand everyone always wants to park close to public doors, putting those parking spaces in short supply. Lacking concrete solutions for that problem, residents have wondered aloud if a punch card system, or perhaps cards with dollar amounts pre-loaded, might be answers to complaints about guest fees. And when it comes to generating monies, they've even suggested that selling naming rights to community buildings trump borrowing funds.

What, if any, of this turns up in survey questions, responses – or, ultimately, in the consultant's report – is not yet known. Matulich said the survey is structured to pin down which amenities are most valued by SCC homeowners, how residents see those features being paid for, and how plans should be communicated to the community.

Both the consultant and CA directors have indicated they anticipate tabulation of survey results in August and early September.

Matulich emphasized the importance of answering every question, including personal ones related to demographic data, in order to produce an accurate picture of community preferences. Residents who do not use the survey as "a voting tool," she noted, should not expect the right to complain later about what is happening in the community.

What directors want, Barnes said, is a "totally independent, unbiased and objective" assessment of community needs as CA members see them in order to look ahead.

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Volunteers gather to build a really big sandbox in Ruskin MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

More than a dozen members of the Oak Grove Church of God gathered at the Grove Point community in Ruskin on Friday and Saturday to help build a mega-sandbox for children in an RCMA child care center in the community. Church members also planned arts and crafts activities during construction for the 60 children at the center. Grove Point is among 18 child care centers and programs operated in Hillsborough County by the non-profit RCMA, and is among 75 RCMA centers statewide. All RCMA facilities serve low-income families, primarily in farming communities. For information about RCMA, visit www.rcma.org.

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Dog Daze

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Chris Vergallito and Joann With of C.A.R.E. no-kill animal shelter in Ruskin had several good ideas to share.

The C.A.R.E. shelter is air conditioned of course, but some dogs are in large caged areas outside and all use the outdoor play yard.

“Always make sure there is some kind of shade or shelter available,” Vergallito said. “See how those two are under the picnic table?” As she spoke, two dogs were playing under a picnic table in the shade.

Then she suggested a trick I had never heard of before which I will definitely use because I am sometimes gone for long hours, and although my 11-year-old beagle-basset has the run of a fenced-in shaded backyard and access to our screened in porch, I am sure she gets hot from time to time when left outside.

“Mold some dog toys into a big block of ice,” Vergallito suggested. “The ice will last a long time if it’s in a big block. The dog will lick at it and chew to get at the toys, so it’ll be fun for her to do when she’s by herself.”

While Vergallito and With discussed using Jello molds and other kitchen things, I pictured my big girl more with a large block frozen in a plastic bucket or tub.

Another thing I noticed at C.A.R.E. was dogs playing in a baby pool. Why not take an old tub or baby pool out of the garage and fill it with enough water for a dog to play in when he or she gets overheated? Some breeds naturally like water anyway and like to splash around.

Two of the shelter animals were doing just that as I was interview-

ing their caretakers.

Not walking or exercising the dogs during the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the hottest months was suggested by every expert interviewed.

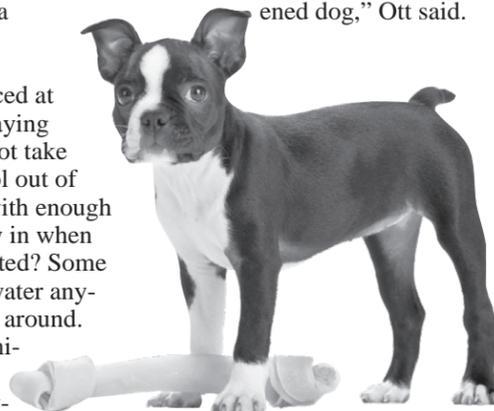
But Vergallito told me about someone she knew who had a great Dane that died because the owner thought it was safe to walk the dog during the heat of the day.

“She just collapsed, and of course she was too heavy for her owner to pick up and carry anywhere, and they were far from home, so she died,” she said.

Dr. Ott said if heatstroke or any heat-related condition is suspected, time is of the essence when seeking treatment.

“Some people still think the ice bath is the answer but the icy water constrict the blood vessels so the heat can’t escape,” Ott said, practically mirroring the statement made by Judge, spokesman for the emergency veterinary help line.

“The best treatment is to wet the dog — and its head — and take it to the nearest veterinarian’s office with the car windows down so air can flow over it while you’re driving. It is always a mistake to drop the temperature too quickly on an already weakened dog,” Ott said.



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July events at Hillsborough County's Parks and Recreation Centers

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The 2012 Band Jam/Skate Jam will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 at the Brandon Skate Park, 5720 Providence Rd. The event, to be held annually, features five to six participants competing at a time in a skate jam by doing skateboarding tricks one after the other. Local bands will play live music during the event. This is a free event.

For details on the 2012 Band Jam/Skate Jam, call the Brandon Skate Park at (813) 477-0196.

Sign up for Park Ranger Nature Educational Programs at 10 a.m. and at noon on July 7, 8, 21, and 28 at Lettuce Lake Park, 6920 E. Fletcher Ave. in Tampa (meet inside Visitor Center)

These programs provide a variety of fun and informative guided activities for children ages 9-15. The fees are: \$5 per child accompanied by an adult; free for adults with children; \$5 per adults without children. Park entry fee is \$2 per vehicle up to eight people. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Only cash payments are accepted at this time.

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Florida has a rich history, and these tours include a look into traces of what happened 200 and 300 hundred years ago. After the tour, participants can enjoy the cool air-conditioned exhibits in the interpretive center located inside the Visitor Center.

It is suggested participants wear walking shoes and cool clothing, and carry water. Binoculars and a camera are welcome, and will definitely make this a memorable trip. Pets are not permitted on the boardwalk. Park entry fee is \$2 per vehicle up to eight people.

For more information or to register, call Carol A. Legan, Lettuce Lake Park, at (813) 987-6204.

Charles O'Connor of Riverview earns highest honors

Charles O'Connor of Riverview has earned Highest Honors for the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year at the University of New Hampshire.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.7 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.5 to 3.69 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.2 through 3.49 are awarded honors.



Standing L to R, front row: John Prinz, Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader and James Davis, Asst. Scoutmaster; back row: Ryan Davis, Kippy Woodin, Colton Lewis, David Amshel, Cody Mofield, Cameron Mofield, and Christopher Mofield.

South Hillsborough Elks honor Flag Day

Elks Lodge #2672 recently held their annual Flag Day Ceremony with the scouts of the B.S.A. Troop #661 presenting the flags. Bill Baker gave the history of Flag Day. BHS-JROTC Mathew Knippel performed the thirteen folds of the flag. Knippel was chosen Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year and for the Cadet Command Award which he was awarded a plaque and ribbon. Nora Baker was chairman of the event.

Graduates ready to enter business world

The following graduates were among the 540 students who graduated from Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, FL) on May 20, 2012:

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POSITIVE TALK

Let's prepare now for the coming year

Why not take this second half of the year to get ready for next year? There seems to be a natural tendency in most offices and homes to put off starting anything new until after January 1. You do not have to start the projects but if you use this down time to plan your start, it will give you a boost when you put your plans into action. You will hit the ground running so to speak.



Positive Talk
By William Hodges

Here are some ideas to help you get organized. Some of them are so basic you will wonder why I'm talking about them. If so, you probably are already organized, so pat yourself on the back and smugly watch the rest of us race around.

First, look at your desk or work area. Can you see the top of it? I happen to believe that I was born with the lifetime task of covering flat surfaces and adding interest to them through the liberal use of clutter. I had a friend, a fire marshal, once declare my desk a class-three fire hazard. Clutter may be interesting but it can also be defeating. Most times

my desk gets that way because I cannot decide what to do with a particular piece of paper. My solution is to just leave it there although I know that's not the right thing to do—be ruthless in throwing things away and keep only those things you will be working on in the very near future on your desk or work area. By the way, just in case you are wondering, near future is defined for this purpose as less than three days.

Second, I recommend you use some kind of calendar method that is easy for you to maintain. I have struggled with the more formal planning systems, not because they are so hard to use, but because they require that I put some order into this creative chaos I call life. Using a calendar, look into the future and plan when you will have free time to do any work you need to get done. This job will be easier next year because you will be able to go back over your records and see when those blank spots occurred. It will also allow you to pencil in all the meetings that you are committed to that occur on a regular basis.

Third, sit down and make a wish list of all the things you would like to get done in the next year. Don't try to do it all at one time. Take a piece of paper and title it "THINGS TO DO NEXT YEAR." Put that paper on the corner of your newly cleaned desk and look at it often. Add to it as the week goes by and at the end of the week, try to prioritize the tasks. What do you need to do first? As a guide to what to do first, I like the WIN (What's Important Now?) principle. Apply that principle whenever you get stuck and need direction.

Fourth, start another list for the equipment, people and other resources necessary to get started on the priorities you have set in step three. You may find that you are lacking some resource to attain a particular goal. Acknowledging that fact, you may have to change the priority.

I have a friend who does very little planning and his excuse is that he does not have enough control over life for his plans to have any hope of success. Dwight D. Eisenhower didn't have much faith in plans either and here is what he said, "In preparing for battle, I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." He believed that even if the plan did not succeed, he was better able to cope with what did happen than if he had not gone through the planning process. I believe that is true for all of us. I think now I've talked myself into cleaning off my desk; that will take care of today.

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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Fire truck bays are undergoing renovations.

Firehouse converting to Cultural Center

An old firehouse rests on the banks of picturesque Marsh Creek in Ruskin. More than half a century past, Ruskin's Commongood Society, as one of its last official acts, donated the Marsh Creek land to Hillsborough County for the building.

The 1950s-era structure housed Hillsborough County's firefighters, rescue crews, trucks, and emergency medical services.

Until just a short time ago, firemen functioned in their cramped, obsolete facility just off Shell Point Road and Highway 41. Despite significant challenges, they dispatched superb—often heroic—services to an ever-growing and increasingly diverse population.

The firemen are now in new digs on College Avenue. Their old building, with its intriguing provenance, remains. "Repurposing" is now the name of the game on Marsh Creek. A host of local volunteers and support organizations are collaborating to breathe new life into the old firehouse. Its new incarnation: The Firehouse

Cultural Center.

The tired old building is undergoing tweaking. Where fire trucks once drove in and out of large open bays, a compact performing arts venue is taking shape. Where firemen tried to squeeze naps in between a huge volume of calls, a multi-purpose arts classroom/studio is already seeing action. Tiny shower stalls are morphing into ADA restrooms. A sprinkler system and emergency exits will meet safety codes. A new HVAC system will ensure the comfort of audiences, performers and other artists.

The project scope is ambitious and work is in progress. Demolition, construction and cultural activities go on concurrently. Construction workers, volunteers and artists mingle betwixt, between, and—it seems—almost symbiotically among each other.

The goal: Complete major construction by September 1. The vision: Firehouse Cultural Center is fully operational in time to host a full season of events and activities

Heart healthy nutrition classes offered

Brandon Regional Hospital is offering a community education class called Heart Healthy Nutrition. The next class will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 in the Palm Room of Brandon Regional Hospital's cafeteria, 119 Oakfield Dr., in Brandon. Seating is limited and reservations are advised.

For more information and to register, call (813) 653-1065 or visit BrandonRegionalHospital.com.

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I don't believe my time is more valuable than anyone else's; we are all on this earth for a very short time. I think we are all just in pursuit of happiness.

In pursuit of happiness

The woman sat in front of an empty storefront on 7th Street in Ybor City working hard on turning palm fronds she had gathered — fronds that would otherwise had been swept into the trash — into beautiful flowers and crosses. Next to her, in a small, beat up rolling suitcase contained her entire life. All she had in the world was right there with her. She worked hard on the palm fronds and laid the results out on the sidewalk for the tourists to look at and hopefully purchase.



Observations
By Mitch Traphagen
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I picked up one that she had made into a rose and asked her how much she wanted for it. She said whatever I felt like paying, she was on the streets so she knows times are tough. I asked her how much people typically give her and she said \$3 to \$5. In looking at the rose, I figured there was probably an hour's worth of work involved in it, perhaps more. It was beautiful and she had taken great care in making it so. I gave her \$10 for which she expressed her sincere gratitude. She may have been homeless, but she wasn't a victim. She was doing what she needed to do to get by in life. She wasn't asking for handouts, she was working to provide something of value in exchange for much needed cash, just like most of us do. And to me, particularly given the beauty of her work, her time and skill was worth at least \$10 per hour. It matters not that she's homeless; her time on earth is no less valuable than mine. Thinking about it now, I should have paid her more.

I asked her if I could take her photograph and she agreed. I took it with a camera that cost \$2,000 when new — more than 600 roses at the going the rate. I sometimes think that I work hard, but I have to think some more about that. In my opinion, the homeless woman had me beat in that regard.

Was the woman happy? I don't know, I can't imagine it's easy to be living on the streets. Florida is a rough place to be poor and nothing can be done about that. The weather draws both the wealthy and impoverished alike. While Florida is not known for its social safety net, the reality is that it can't be everyone's safety net. If you are going to be homeless, particularly during the winter months, Tampa trumps Chicago or Minneapolis. There isn't a social safety net big enough for the number of people that would need to take advantage of it.

But, again, this woman wasn't seeking a handout. With her

beautiful work laid out on the sidewalk in front of her, she was a businesswoman doing the best she could. While she may not have been happy about living on the streets, she wasn't complaining about it either. She wasn't asking for something for nothing. She was offering her skill and time and a product of her own making in exchange for money. She was making her own way in the world. I sincerely hope that it eventually leads to a better life for her, perhaps with a home to call her own.

I think the phrase, "the pursuit of happiness" makes it sound like some elusive place that we struggle our entire lives to find. I think that is mistaken. A more apt phrase, perhaps, would be "the pursuit of happier-ness". Whether one is a homeless person making roses or a wealthy hedge fund manager, we are all looking for better days. But we need to keep in mind that today is pretty good, too.

Two weeks ago, I wrote about how Men's Health Magazine listed the Tampa Bay area as among the saddest places in America. Now it turns out that Men's Health has just listed Tampa as being the vainest city in America. Excuse me?

I'm trying to picture the scene here: "Well, I think I'll go out and refill my anti-depressants and then stop off for a few Botox injections or a workout at the gym."

I don't think so. I'm starting to think that Men's Health just has it in for Tampa.

Michelle and I live in a house on a canal off the Little Manatee River. During Tropical Storm Debby, we had flooding in a big way. In fact, the day after the worst of the storm came the worst of the flooding. The house was literally an island with water on all sides — at least that water which wasn't making its way inside. It wasn't the most pleasant experience of our lives. But as the storm started and the water began rising, Bev, our next-door neighbor, called to ask if we were OK. That's just like something people in our collective vision of a great America would do, you know, in Small Town America and places that aren't sad, depressed, and totally engrossed in themselves.

Glenn and Norma Jean, our neighbors on the other side, offered to let us stay in their house, which was high and dry. That offer was even extended to

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Kids' Program/Event Highlights

July 5-11

Teen Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, July 5 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Prospective teen volunteers are invited to attend this informational session. Topics will include the application process, filling out school forms, shelving guidelines, and volunteer expectations.

Family Story Time

Thursday, July 5 • 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.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, July 5 • 7 to 8 p.m.

For teens in grades 6-12. Join the Teen Advisory Board to get involved with the library's teen programs or earn community service hours for graduation, scholarships and more. Funding provided by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

Baby Time

Monday, July 9 • 1:35 to 1:55 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10 • 11:35 to 11:55 a.m.

Wednesday, July 11 • 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.

Super Science Monday: Gravity

Monday, July 9 • 3 to 4 p.m.

For kids ages 5-12. Join them for an interactive, hands-on afternoon and experiment as we turn the library into a science lab! Registration is required. Call 273-3652 or ask at the Information Desk at the Library. This is a school early-release Monday.

Teen/Adult Drawing

Monday, July 9 • 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join art instructor Tim Gibbons for this interesting class exploring drawing techniques with pencil, charcoal and pastel. Limit 20. Registration required. Visit the Information Desk or call 273-3652. Free event is funded by the Friends of SouthShore Regional Library.

Toddler Time

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

Wednesday, July 11 • 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, July 10 • 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 11 • 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.

Windows 7: Introduction and Computer Basics

Tuesday, July 10 • 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn the parts of a window, how to navigate in the Windows environment, and file management. Learn about the parts and basic terminology of computers. Also covers basic purchasing considerations. Registration is available one hour prior to the beginning of the program.

eBooks and eReaders

Wednesday, July 11 • 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Learn about the library's eBook services. Registration in person required no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the program.

HCC ranked 9th nationally in Associate Degree production

Hillsborough Community College is the country's 9th leading producer of associate degrees according to a new report published in the June edition of Community College Week.

Using data assembled by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics which compared over 1,200 community colleges in the United States, HCC awarded a total of 2,951 associate degrees during the 2010-11 academic year among two-year colleges, a 13% increase over the prior year.

Additionally, HCC saw an overall increase of 20% in the number of degrees awarded to minority students, making the college the 11th largest producer of degrees

for minority students in the country. Specifically, HCC ranked 19th in awarding associate degrees to African American students and 14th in awarding two-year degrees to Hispanic students.

In discipline-specific rankings, HCC ranked 5th overall in the production of liberal arts and sciences associate degrees, 25th in the production of all health professions and clinical sciences degrees, and 20th in the production of all associate degrees in nursing.

According to HCC President Dr. Ken Atwater, "Ensuring the successful completion of our students is of paramount importance to us at HCC. These rankings are a testament to the efforts of our faculty, staff, and, most importantly, our

students."

HCC is a comprehensive community college with five campuses located throughout Hillsborough County. HCC offers three degrees: the associate in arts (AA), the associate in science (AS), and the associate in applied science (AAS) degree.

The AA degree parallels the freshman and sophomore years of a four-year bachelor's degree. In Florida, the 2+2 system guarantees graduates with an AA degree acceptance as juniors into the state university system. HCC also offers more than 64 AS, AAS degree programs, as well as over 85 certificate and PSAV programs, which lead to immediate entry into the workforce.



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Riverview Chamber hosts membership luncheon

The Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership luncheon took place on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at The Regent, 6437 Watson Road, Riverview, FL. The luncheon was hosted by the GRCC networking group, Taking Care of Business and featured food from 16 member restaurants. More than 200 chamber members and guests took advantage of the chance to sample food from Barnacles, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chick-fil-A at Lake Brandon Village, Costco Wholesale, Fred's Southern Kitchen, Hawthorne Village Retirement Community, Hilton Garden Inn Tampa/Riverview/Brandon, Lupton's Restaurant & Catering, Copper Bell Café, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Riverview Sandwich Shop, S&S Tacos/Pizzas & Stuff, Saladworks, Sweet Bay Supermarkets, Thai X-Press, Uncle Mikes Smokehouse, and The Original Leena's Chocolates.

The Greater Riverview Chamber also welcomed new members First Baptist Church of Riverview, Northwestern Mutual Investment Services, Professional Enhancement & Development, LLC, Rossi Construction, Inc., Streams Datalight Technologies LLC, and Welcome Wagon.

Following the recognition of new members and renewing members, members of Taking Care of Business spoke on their satisfaction and the advantages they have received by joining the networking group. For more information, contact the Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce office (813) 234-5944 or visit us online www.RiverviewChamber.com.

RVHS band to hold fundraiser

Riverview High School Shark Attack band comprised of approximately ninety members is holding car washes this summer to raise \$22,000 to participate in US Bands National Marching Band Championships at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD the weekend of Nov 9-12.

The car washes will be held on Saturday July 14 and Saturday August 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Burger King 9660 US 301 S., Riverview.

Donations are appreciated.

Energy Camp organized

FLATE (Florida Advanced Technological Education Center), the National Science Foundation Center of Excellence for high-tech manufacturing, in conjunction with Hillsborough Community College—South Shore campus—is organizing its second, annual summer energy camp.

The camp will be held July 9-12 at HCC-South Shore Campus in Ruskin. During the camp 25 students from Beth Shields Middle School in Ruskin, currently enrolled in Hillsborough County's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program, will learn about different facets of renewable energy technologies.

Students will engage in hands-on activities that will introduce them to fossil fuels and their impact on the environment, and learn about the science of electricity generation. They will also learn about solar cells, solar thermal energy, wind energy, environmental care, fuel-cells, home efficiency and ocean energy.

For more information on the energy camp call Nina Stokes at (813) 259-6587, email stokes@fl-ate.org, or visit www.fl-ate.org/projects/fesc.html.

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Ruskin VFW Post #6287

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

Thursday, July 5 — VA Hospital at 5:30 p.m. Bar Bingo at 6 p.m.

Friday, July 6 — Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m.



Saturday, July 7 — Fun Day from noon to 6 p.m. Games for all kids. Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Bouncy House, Dunk Tank. Music by JP Price Band from 7 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, July 8 — Fire in the Hole from 1 to 4 p.m. Music by Bert & Sassy from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Monday, July 9 — Planning Meeting at 6 p.m. House Meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10 — Games in Lounge from 1 to 5 p.m. Kitchen open from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 11 — Chamber Meeting and After Hours Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

You, Me, and Business

By: Dana Dittmar, Executive Director

SCC Chamber News

Hope you enjoyed Independence Day and celebrated safely. Now make a pledge that from this day forward, you will remain independent and free of scams that target small businesses.

Like the one in Monroe, LA, where a small plumbing company narrowly escaped a widespread phishing scam when they received an email from the Better Business Bureau claiming a customer complaint had been filed against them. Believing it to be legitimate, they clicked on the link which downloaded multiple viruses on two of their computers. Fortunately, they had systems in place which detected the bugs and removed them.

Phishing scams appear to be legitimate. They come from reputable entities such as the FBI, Microsoft, the IRS or the Better Business Bureau. Remember, those entities don't contact anyone via email. The viruses downloaded capture credit card numbers, social security numbers and bank details.

Another common scam that affects residents and businesses alike is the "over payment" scam. You list something for sale on Craig's List or your store is selling a certain item. The buyer sends you a check which is "accidentally" over the asking price. They ask that you deposit the check and send

them the overage. But the check – even a certified one – bounces and you are out the whole amount.

Also be careful of phone calls from anyone professing to be with the Yellow Pages, asking you to verify your address, phone number, etc. for their directory. The business is then billed for a listing or an ad the company never requested. When the business refuses to pay, the scammer threatens legal action. Legitimate Yellow Pages representatives do not operate this way. Think about it; if the phone company book calls you to verify your phone number? I mean, if they just dialed it, don't they already have it?

This next one sounds safe, but can actually cost you some dollars. You come into the office one morning and find an unsolicited fax in your machine offering you amazing deals on health insurance, office supplies, landscaping, you name it! But if you fax the sheet back, it goes to a premium number which charges you a few dollars per minute for a fax that will take a good while to go through. Look for the number – the premium rate service number is 190. Don't dial it!

These are but a few of the scams out there targeting small businesses. And new ones pop up every day. Keep in mind the old adage, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



You, Me & Business

By Dana Dittmar

Field of Honor ceremony planned

The quarterly Field of Honor Ceremony sponsored by the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 14 at the Veterans Memorial Park located at 3602 U.S. Highway 301, Tampa just south of the Florida State Fairgrounds. This ceremony will honor the casualties of the last three months who have died while participating in operations Enduring Freedom by the reading of their names and the planting of an American Flag in their memory next to the thousands of flags already in the Field of Honor.

Hosting this ceremony will be the American Legion Riders from Alafia Post 148 in Riverview. Opening remarks will be made by Walt Raysick the President of the Veterans Council followed by the presentation of colors, the singing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the Legion Riders will take turns reading the names of the fallen and during this very moving ceremony all in attendance are asked to come forward to pick up a small American Flag and to place it in the Field of Honor in memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. A special tribute will be made by Mr. Craig Gross (Gold Star Father) whose son Frank Goss US Army was killed in Afghanistan in July 2011. The ceremony will conclude with the playing of taps and the rendering of a rifle salute by the Riverview Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

For more information, contact Walt Raysick the Veterans Council president at (813) 653-4924 or by e-mail at wraysick@verizon.net.

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SAVVY SENIOR

How to Find Help Paying for Your Hearing Aid

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any resources or programs that help seniors with the high cost of hearing aids?

Can't Afford To Hear



The Savvy Senior

By Jim Miller

Dear Can't,

It's unfortunate, but millions of Americans with hearing loss don't get hearing aids because they simply can't afford them. Hearing aids are expensive, typically costing between \$1,000 and \$3,500 per ear, and most insurance companies including traditional Medicare don't cover them. While there's no one simple solution to finding affordable hearing aids, there are a variety of options you can look into that can help.

Check Insurance

Your first step is to check with your health insurance provider to see if it provides any hearing aid coverage.

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, you need to know that while original Medicare (Part A and B) and Medicare supplemental policies do not cover hearing aids, some Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans do. If you have an Advantage plan, you'll need to check with your plan administrator.

Medicaid also covers hearing aids in some states to people with very limited means. Your county

social service office can give you more information.

Or, if you're a federal employee or retiree, hearing aid coverage may be available through some insurance plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Or if you're a veteran, the VA provides free hearing aids if you meet certain conditions such as being compensated for any service-connected disability or if your hearing loss is connected to military service. See va.gov or call 877-222-8387 to check your eligibility.

Financial Assistance

Depending on your income level, there are various programs and foundations that provide financial assistance for hearing aids to people in need. Start by calling your state rehabilitation department (see www.parac.org/svrp.html for contact information), or the nearest chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (hearingloss.org) to find out if there are any city, county or state programs, or local civic organizations that could help.

There are also a number of non-profits that offer hearing aids at deeply discounted prices, or for free. Some good ones to check out include:

HEAR Now: Sponsored by the Starkey Hearing Foundation (starkeyhearingfoundation.org, 800-328-8602), this program provides hearing aids for people with net incomes below \$19,058 for a single or \$25,743 for couples. Your only costs are a hearing test and an application fee of \$125 per hearing aid request.

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project: Offered through some

Lions clubs throughout the U.S., this program provides the opportunity to purchase new, digital hearing aids manufactured by Rexton for \$200 per aid, plus shipping. To be eligible, most clubs will require your income to be somewhere below 200 percent of the federal poverty level which is \$22,340 for singles, or \$30,260 for couples. Contact your local Lions club (see lionsclubs.org for contact information) to see if they participate in this project.

Sertoma: A civic service organization that runs a hearing aid recycling program through its 500 clubs nationwide, refurbishes them, and distributes them to local people in need. Call 800-593-5646 or visit sertoma.org to locate a club in your area.

Audient: This program (audientalliance.org, 866-956-5400) helps people purchase new, digital hearing aids at reduced prices ranging from \$495 to \$975 for one hearing aid, or \$990 to \$1,575 for a pair. To be eligible, your income must be below \$27,075 for a single or \$36,425 for couples.

For a list of more programs, visit the Better Hearing Institute website at betterhearing.org, and click on "Hearing Loss Resources," then on "Financial Assistance." Or, call the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders at 800-241-1044 and ask them to mail you their list of financial resources for hearing aids.

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

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Quilting programs offered

Between the Covers: Quilting Basics

For adults from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday July 7 at the Ruskin Library in Pauline Dickman Lawler Community Room. Learn the basics of quilting from local fiber artist Nina Tatlock. Bring a project you are working on, a finished accomplishment to share, or simply an eager attitude to learn something new.

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Book to Film Screening: How To Make An American Quilt

For adults from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 at the Ruskin Library in the Pauline Dickman Lawler Community Room. Enjoy a film screening featuring a popular movie, followed by a discussion on the book as part of the adult summer reading program.

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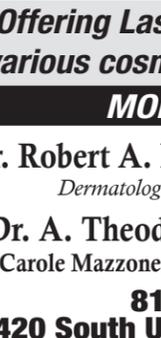



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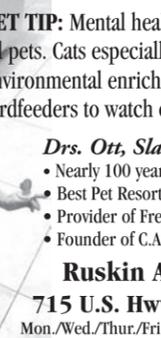
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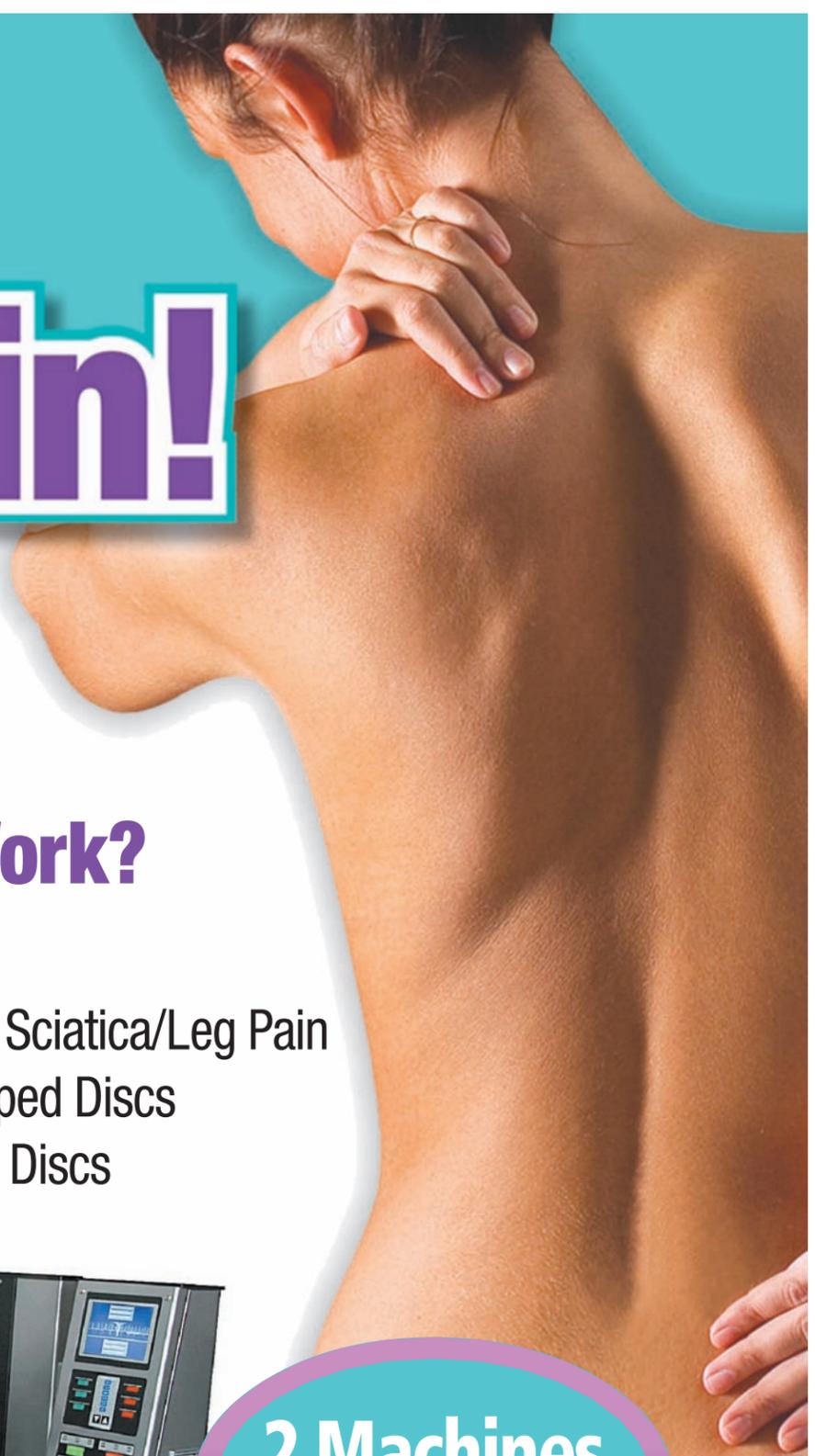
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Through dementia's eyes

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or higher, which could create the largest crisis in the history of health care. Now is the time to learn more about dementia and according to Second Wind Dreams, "Learning to create a positive environment for those with dementia can only come from attempting to walk in their shoes." At Sun City Center Senior Living, family members did just that.

On a bright June day, two women in the prime of their lives, wearing goggles, headphones and gloves, had to be walked hand-in-hand with a staff member down a hallway to a darkened apartment at the residential facility. They were instructed to perform simple tasks such as folding up and putting away towels, setting a table, filling a water glass and hanging up clothes.

One of the women uttered negative statements, talked to herself and ultimately had to ask for help. Both women wandered, a classic behavior of dementia in which the person is trying to find a familiar place or something they think they need to find. Neither were able to fully complete all of the simple tasks, tasks that would not warrant a second thought for someone who does not suffer from dementia. The women walked away with new insight into what it means to be impaired with dementia. Everything changes, from what you see and think about things to not being able to perform even the simplest task. Even something that might have been imperceptible previously can cause a sensory overload, making the person wander in the hopes of finding a refuge.

"We have to stimulate the minds of our residents," said John Perkins, executive director of Sun City Center Senior Living, "but there's a very fine line between not enough stimulation and too much. We have an activities program that is designed for those with dementia. Our staff is trained for this — for difficult situations or even difficult residents. We tailor the care and services to the needs of the residents."

Sun City Center Senior Living currently has 130 residents, primarily in assisted living, with 46 residents in their memory care unit. One major difference between the two sides of the facility is in the level of care. Assisted living is largely independent while memory care is much more staff-intensive. Many more services are offered to those in need of memory care. If the projection for the increase in people suffering from dementia proves true, those services will be ever more in need.

The situation is serious enough to warrant federal action. On May 15, President Obama presented the National Plan to Fight Alzheimer's Disease. The plan, which includes \$100 million in the 2013 federal budget, is designed to optimize the quality of care, to expand support for people with Alzheimer's and their families, to enhance public awareness and engagement, and to track ongoing progress and drive improvements in the plan and in treatment. The signature piece of the plan calls for preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer's disease by 2025. If that comes to pass, a monumental health care crisis may well be

averted.

At Sun City Center Senior Living, residents enter the memory care unit through a variety of means. In some cases, family members seek out solutions such as that offered by residential facilities. Family members care for the majority of people with dementia at home, but while that may seem to be the ideal solution to the growing problem, family members frequently do not have the time or the ability to provide the level of care needed by those who suffer from dementia. In other cases, residents transfer over from assisted living, perhaps alone, perhaps the husband or wife in a couple needs more care than a spouse can provide, even in an assisted living environment.

"In assisted living, residents are living independently, we help them with meals and so on," Perkins said. "We provide them with services for things they can't do for themselves. A difference between our assisted living side and the memory care side is the ratio of staff to residents. Much more care can be provided in memory care. A certain percentage of our residents will transition between assisted living and memory care. That transition can be abrupt or more gradual."

On the current course, virtually no one will be untouched by the growing problem of dementia and the care required by the victims. Your spouse, your parents, and even you may only be looking at a matter of time before it comes to your doorstep. Planning and preparation is something almost everyone should consider. With the Virtual Dementia Tour, people

can gain new insight and a great deal of empathy for what their loved ones experience day by day, minute by minute. And hopefully with each passing day, the resources to help those impacted by dementia will improve and increase.

"Because dementia affects so many people, we believe it's important to do our part to promote a greater understanding of what it is like to live with this devastating and widely misunderstood disease, Perkins continued. "For families with loved ones who have dementia, a lot of people tell us they wished they had known about this place sooner. It takes a special person to be a caregiver for dementia.

It takes a very strong person. For family members who are caregivers, reach out for help. There are a lot of resources out there."

Perhaps the first step involves walking in the shoes and seeing through the eyes of a person with dementia. On June 19 in Sun City Center, a group of people in the prime of their lives did just that.

For information about the Virtual Dementia Tour, visit [Second Wind Dreams at www.secondwind.org/vdt](http://SecondWindDreams.com).

For information about the National Alzheimer's Project Act, visit aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa.

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Observations

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our big, spoiled dogs. I couldn't believe anyone would be so generous. They were going to be gone for the evening so they just gave us the keys. When the flooding finally started to recede, we went over to check on their house. On the kitchen counter, they had left out two drink glasses with a bottle of Irish cream in the refrigerator, assuming we'd need it if we had to evacuate. Had that happened, they certainly would have been correct.

The generosity and compassion shown to us by our neighbors is anything but sad. These are good people that I know aren't found everywhere but, by and large, have reminded me that people really do care for their neighbors. People really do care for things beyond

themselves.

Maybe we're not so sad in the Tampa Bay area. And I can't begin to figure out the vanity thing. Last week we were thwacked by a storm, but people picked up, carried on and helped their neighbors do the same. Sure, as I watched the water reach the threshold of our front door, I felt the inclination to be sad about it and play the victim. Why does bad stuff always happen to me? How could I be so unlucky? Why do people say stupid and mean things on the Internet? OK, so I wasn't necessarily thinking about the last one during the flooding, but I frequently do wonder that.

Regardless, what a load of hooley for which I am ashamed of myself. Even if water had inundated the

house, how could I be sad? I was worried about a bunch of stuff; stuff that can be replaced. I realized after the storm that my pursuit of happiness is on a pretty clear and easy path. I should be counting my blessings rather than wondering why an entire metropolitan area in paradise could be sad, and worse

yet, inadvertently counting myself into that lot.

Me, sad? Sheesh. Although I forget it far too often, I have no reason to be sad. If I need a reminder of that, all I need to do is start counting. I'll start with my friends Steph and Jerry and continue on to my neighbors, Bev,

Glenn and Norma Jean, my wife, my home, my job and much more. And in that list, which I know would be embarrassingly long, would be a rose made from a palm frond by a homeless business woman. Like life itself, that rose is beautiful. Seeing it makes me happy.



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Tropical storm Debby came and went

The past week was full of torrential rains from tropical storm Debby, who was sitting out there in the gulf. Do you think it meant no fishing took place? Not really, there were those who did fish in this weather. Some who fished in the flooded streets caught fish. Those fishing from private piers also made catches.

If your boat is dry-docked, check it out, if your trailer needs repair take care of it.



Fish Tales
By Jonie Maschek

Remember during the summer boats galore are on the waterways, so drive carefully, obey the rules, watch the weather, only sail together and never alone. I want you to make a safe trip home.

Aleta Jonie Maschek is a member of Florida

Outdoor Press.

Big Draw turns 5

October marks the fifth year anniversary of The Big Draw. The Big Draw Studio is going strong and the SouthShore Arts Council is happy to announce the anonymous donation of \$500 to be used for Big Draw classes this year. They would like to challenge their members to donate too in the hopes of doubling or even tripling this amount. There are more than 150 members in the SAC and if each were to make a small donation of \$10 they could triple the \$500. The money will go towards funding the drawing and painting classes for this year's Big Draw.

To find out more about past Big Draw events and artists go to www.southshoreartsCouncil.org and click on The Big Draw link. Anyone wanting to make a contribution can send it to the SAC. Their mailing address is: SouthShore Arts Council, PO Box 1613, Ruskin, FL 33575.

Another fundraising project they hope to get started this summer is the "Best of SouthShore" photo calendar. They invite everyone to submit a photo of their favorite thing or place in the SouthShore area. Send your photos via email to info@southshoreartsCouncil.org

The SouthShore Regional Library has invited members of the SAC to display their art at the library this August. The show will run for the entire month. In addition to wall space for paintings and 2-D art there will be a glass display case with three shelves for smaller pieces such as glass, ceramics, jewelry and puppets. If you are interested in participating email a description of your work and the approx. size to info@southshoreartsCouncil.org or call 610-8326 and leave a message. There is a July 12 deadline for submitting art work.

It was unsafe for boating; even the owners of the bigger boats stayed home.

I scanned computer news and saw that a dead whale washed ashore in northwest Australia with a hundred or more sharks feeding off it.

In Tampa, a shark jumped over the Bayshore railing in the high flood waters. Water was so deep, that several people were paddling kayaks on Bayshore Boulevard.

This was not a hurricane, only a tropical storm. It closed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge for three days.

Often I am asked: "Where are the fish? This week, to tell you the truth, I hope they come back after this storm."

I do know that before the storm the tarpon were still soaring around Tampa Bay. Anglers were enjoying catching and releasing this giant game fish. This trophy fish has been a challenge to many anglers.

Prior to the tropical storm this week, great catches of largemouth bass were caught in our fresh water flows of both the Little Manatee and Alafia Rivers. I had no information from freshwater anglers, if the storm affected their fishing.

Gag grouper season will soon open. I hope that the storm hasn't pushed them into smoother waters.

Before the tropical storm, the red snapper bite was on. Also there were reports of yellowtails schooling around.

Regardless of the weather, sheephead are always waiting to be caught. I talked to some private pier anglers who said that is all they caught this week. I will tell you, these anglers probably were the only ones fishing this week.

When you are weathered in, it is a good time to clean out your tackle box. How many lures do you have that you haven't used in the past year? How are your hooks? Do they need sharpened? Check your line on your poles... are they frayed? Is your line old? Does your reel need some oil, or attention?

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Area Obituaries



Virginia "Ginny" Carter

Virginia "Ginny" Carter of Sun City Center passed away Friday, June 29, 2012, at Vitas Hospice in Pembroke Pines, FL. She spent the last few months living with her son Gary Carter & family. She is survived by her 4 children: Linda Seales (John); David Carter; Cathy Flick (Bruce) and Gary Carter (Tammy); 3 granddaughters: Heather Harris, Meredith Guzman and Jordan Seales; 2 grandsons: Kristopher Carter and Dylan Carter; 3 great grandsons; Brandon Harris, Luke Guzman, Cruz Guzman and 2 great granddaughters: Grace Harris and Lourdes Guzman and a brother Emory Jackson. She was born and raised in Miami, FL, graduated from Miami Edison Sr. High School and was a member of the concert and marching band & orchestra. She attended Walsh Business School and was a member of Phi Rho Zeta Sorority.

She was employed at the Blood Bank of Dade County in the Serum Lab which was founded by Dr. John Elliott who was a Blood Researcher & Scientist. It was discovered she had a rare type of blood which he used in research for over a year. She was employed over 20 years by the University of Miami Medical School at Jackson Memorial Hospital in the House Staff/Residency Program where she handled the doctors' payroll. She was a member of the Mayan Society at the Museum of Science Miami. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother for 5 years with her 2 sons. She was a former member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in North Miami and served on the Altar Committee. Upon retirement she relocated to Sun City Center where she became interested in Genealogy and joined the South Bay Genealogy Society. In October, 1999 she became a Charter Member of the German American Club of SCC. She was also a member of DAR. She is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in SCC. She was an avid traveler until her health got in the way. Her love was her family, home and ancient history & cultures. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church Sun City Center or Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund, 5430 N.W. 33 Ave., Ste. 100, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. There will be a gathering of friends & family on Saturday, July 7, between 1-4 p.m. at her residence, 2052 Heathfield Circle, Sun City Center, FL.

Jerry W. Foppe, Major USAF (Ret.)

Jerry Foppe was a native of Illinois who moved to Sun City Center, Florida with his wife, Jane, in October 2003. He was a retired Air Force Officer, Senior Engineer, and Financial Consultant. He held a Bachelors of Science Degree in Chemistry from Saint Louis University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Utah. As an Air Force Officer, he was honored as an Outstanding Young Man of America and a TOP Gun in Radar. Among his military awards and decorations he was the recipient of the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service during the Vietnam War while serving as the Chief Controller of a Radar Site in Kao Kai, Thailand. While serving as the Director of Operations of the 601st Tactical Air Control Wing in Germany, he also served

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Jerry W. Foppe obituary continued as the United States Representative to the Air Defense Software Committee in NATO Headquarters in Belgium. After retiring from the Air Force, and a 10 year career as a Senior Engineer and Program Manager with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Jerry became a Financial Advisor with American Express Financial Advisors in 1993 when he relocated from Maryland to Bonita Springs, FL. In 1998, he became a Financial Consultant with Calton & Associates. He is the Past President and member of the Board of Directors of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Sun City Center Chapter. He also is the Past Vice Commander and member of the Board of Directors of the Military Order of World Wars. Jerry and his wife, Jane, who is a retired Special Education Teacher of autistic students with Hillsborough County Schools, have 2 children: Dr. Mark Foppe, an Emergency Medicine Physician who lives in Boynton Beach, Florida, and Jennifer Louis, a CPA and President of Emergent Solutions Group who resides in Vienna, Virginia. They have wonderful grandchildren that loved him dearly.

Internment will be held Monday, July 30 at 9:30 a.m. at Sarasota National Cemetery. Celebration of Life Gathering will follow at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Sun City Center from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Donations may be made in his memory to LifePath Hospice in Sun City Center.



James R. "Buck" Leavine

James R. "Buck" Leavine, 89, of Ruskin, Fla passed July 2, 2012. He was born in Mulberry, FL on December 16, 1922 to Roy and Laura (Rogers) Leavine. He served as a Marine in the Pacific Theatre during World War II and worked in farming and later at Leisey Shell and Caloosa Shell. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, grilling and later in his life, he discovered how much he enjoyed traveling with his grandsons, Kyle and Kevin. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bettie. Survivors include his daughter, Pamela (Bob) Johns, a son, Gordon (Robin) Leavine, and three grandsons, Kyle Johns, Kevin Johns, and Jamie Leavine. The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2012 at the funeral

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home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday, July 9, 2012 at Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, Fla. Burial with military honors will be in Ruskin Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to LifeCare of Brandon, 122 North Moon Avenue, Brandon, Fla 33510 Arrangements by Sun City Center Funeral Home (813) 634-9900

Gloria V. Puga

Gloria V. Puga, 63, born on August 4, 1948 went behind the veil on June 25, 2012. She is survived by her husband of 40 years Juan J. Puga; two sons, Jesus E. Cortez, Demetrio M. Cortez and three daughters, Janie Rangel (Jose Rangel), Jennifer Ojeda (Ricky Ojeda), Ana P. Vasques (Juan C. Vasquez); two brothers, Alfredo Cortez, Roberto Cortez; two sisters, Juanita Puga, Maria A. Cortez; 15 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be dearly missed. The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Richard Robenhorst

Richard Robenhorst, 84, of Sun City Center, Florida died peacefully on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

He was born in Hammond, Indiana, to Fred and Helen Robenhorst, where he spent his childhood. He graduated from Hammond High School and joined the United States Navy in 1945. Upon his return he enrolled in Tri State College in Angola, IN., and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering HVAC. He was a partner in Air Products Equipment Co. of Elk Grove Village, IL. Upon his retirement he started his own firm of R.A. Robenhorst Co., Inc. Building Maintenance Contractors, in Munster, Indiana. He sold his company in 1994 when he finally retired to Sun City Center, FL. for a life in the sun.

He is survived by his wife Angeline; 2 children, Pamela (Dan) Klawinski of Seminole, FL, Fred (Lisa); grandchildren Veronika and Julia of Northbrook, IL; a sister Mary Coleman of Valparaiso, IN. and several nieces and nephews. A brother Daniel and sister Joan preceded him in death.

He was an avid golfer and led a neighborhood golf group for many years. He loved every minute of it. Golf was his passion for 50 years and he excelled in the game with many awards and trophies to his talent.

The cremation was performed by Zipperer's Funeral Home. Please go to www.zipperersfuneralhome.com

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The Chaple Family.

United Methodist Church welcomes new associate pastor

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center welcomes their new Associate Pastor, Reverend Roberto Chaple. Rev. Chaple joined the ministerial staff of the church on July 1 and will be assisting Pastor Warren Langer as well as continuing to develop the Hispanic ministries of the church.

Roberto was the lay leader of the Cuban Methodist Church until he felt the call to ministry and attended seminary. After being awarded a seminary degree, he went on to earn a B.A. and Masters degree in English with a concentration in English Education. Rev. Chaple helped to create the Methodist Evangelical Seminary in Cuba that has continued to thrive graduating Pastors and Lay Leaders in spite of the adverse Cuban political environment. Roberto's work with the Seminary came under increasing scrutiny with much of his ministry being shut down by the communist government. To escape this, he and his family moved to Mexico where he taught English for a year at the Palmore School and the Autono-

mous University of Chihuahua. The violence of drug lords and political unrest in Mexico forced the family to consider another move. This past Fall, Roberto and his family crossed the border into the United States and claimed political asylum here. They moved first to Miami and shortly thereafter moved to West Palm Beach where he served in a Hispanic congregation for five months.

With the reappointment of Reverend Dan White to the Indiana Conference, the United Methodist Church began a national search for a suitable replacement. Rev. Chaple's extraordinary experience and winning personality made him the best candidate for this important position. The Church warmly welcomes him and his family to this congregation and to the community. Roberto, his wife Yamiley and their twin 16-year-old sons, David and Daniel, live in Ruskin.

To learn more about the United Methodist Church of Sun City center, visit their website at www.sccumc.com.

Recheal Brate makes Dean's List

Junior Recheal Brate of Wimauma, received the Dean's List Award at Clearwater Christian College for scholastic achievement during the 2012 spring semester. In order to be recognized for this award, honorees are required to earn a GPA between 3.50 and 3.90 on a 4.00 scale.

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Christian Women's Connection to enjoy luncheon

The Christian Women's Connection's program will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. at Club Renaissance, 2121 South Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center. The program will be a fashion show by Bon Worth. Ann Combs, inspirational speaker, will discuss "Decisions, Decisions! How do we know how to make the right decision?"

The optional meal is always tossed salad with grilled chicken. If you request the optional meal, tell your server at the luncheon.

Make your reservations or cancellations before noon on Monday, July 9. The cost is \$17 inclusive. Christian Women's Connection will be charged for all reservations not honored.

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

To make a reservation for July, call Gail Green 813-634-2159, or Tara Flood 813-383-7540.

Fitness, fun, and fellowship designed for seniors

Community members are invited to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sun City Center for an hour of fitness, fun, and fellowship every Friday at 1 p.m. Ethel Webb, Certified Senior Fitness Instructor, leads the group in exercises designed to help seniors gain balance, coordination, and strength so they can enjoy their "Golden Years" and recover more quickly from illnesses and operations. This co-ed hour combines aerobic and strengthening exercises geared for the older adult. Ethel not only describes how to perform the exercise, but also explains which muscles and daily tasks it will help.

The class is free and meets in the Fellowship Hall of the church located at 1239 Del Webb Boulevard, West. Some seniors attend and perform the whole hour while standing. Others with canes and walkers do the exercises while seated or holding on to a chair. To join the fitness group, call Nancy Metcalf at 633-1538.

It's Culinary day

Simmons Loop Baptist Church is sponsoring a culinary day at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17 in the church fellowship hall. A demonstration will be given on how to prepare meals for the freezer to aid at getting the family back to the table. It is a free presentation for women, men, and teens. No childcare is provided. Bring a canned food item for the church's food closet like canned soup, canned meat or another non-perishable. The church is located at 6610 Simmons Loop Road, Riverview.

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Big Buck Expo planned

The Southeast's largest hunting and fishing expo is back at The Lakeland Center for a huge weekend of family fun Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 13-15. This show features many great outdoor activities, hunting and fishing seminars and more than 200 vendors with amazing equipment, information and special deals. R.J. & Jay Paul Molinere from History Channel's hit show Swamp People will be meeting fans on Friday

and Saturday. Advance Tickets for the event include admission all three days and are \$12 for adults, \$5 for youth 17 and Under and kids under 6 are free! All military personnel (Active & Retired) and First Responders receive free admission compliments of Regal Motors of Lakeland. Tickets are available day of show at The Lakeland Center or advance tickets may be purchased online at www.southern trophyhunters.com.

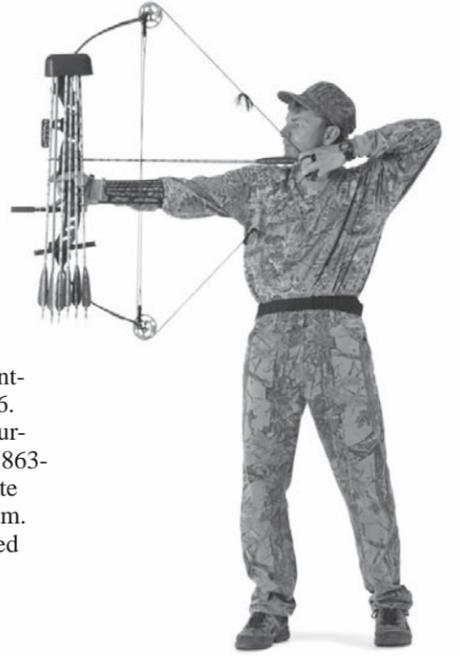
The Big Buck Expo is open Friday, 3-8:30 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hunting and fishing enthusiasts will enjoy several exciting expo changes including an unbelievably large fishing tackle liquidations area offering deals on name brand items up to 70% off! The Big Buck Expo will also host the National Wild Turkey Federation State Calling Championship inviting the state's best callers to compete for huge cash and hunting gear prizes! Fun for the whole family, kids will enjoy the National Wild Turkey Federation Daisy Jakes trailer where they will be able to test air rifles with a special shooting range. The Muzzy 200 Club will be on display showcas-

ing more than a dozen bucks who scored over 200".

World renowned hunting expert Hank Parker will also be making appearances on Saturday and Savage Outdoor Television's Mike Stroff and Spook Spann will be providing seminars all weekend. For a full listing of expo features and events visit www.southern trophyhunters.com or call 334-699-3976.

For ticket information or purchase, call the Box Office at 863-834-8111 or visit their website at www.thelakelandcenter.com. Tickets may also be purchased through the 24-hour toll free phone line at 888-397-0100.



Whatever happened about...

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next meeting this month, her office said this week. The district commissioner recommended a \$100,000 county expenditure which currently is being applied to necessary upgrades of the firehouse structure.

The firehouse board, working through its sponsoring non-profit entity, the Ruskin Community Development Foundation (RCDF), presently is trying to finalize a building lease agreement with the county.

St. Joseph's Hospital South

Land clearing on the newest South County hospital site is proceeding with vigor as plans for a formal groundbreaking in October are taking shape, Lisa Patterson, spokesperson for the locally-based network of acute care facilities, said this week.

St. Joseph's South, a 110-bed, multi-specialty hospital, is to be built on the south side of Big Bend Road at Simmons Loop, with opening foreseen in 2015.

Timeframes outlined in the

new hospital's Certificate of Need, an approval mechanism of the regulatory Florida Agency on Health Care Administration (AHCA), call for getting underway this fall, Patterson noted, and the October beginning has been pinpointed. A specific date within that month has not yet been set aside for the formal ceremonies, she added.

The first building to be constructed is a free-standing medical arts or medical offices structure in the northeastern corner of the 70-acre site, according to site plans. The new medical services center itself is positioned on the western portion of the site, with entry from Simmons Loop.

The several St. Joseph's Hospitals are part of a growing network now called simply Baycare, St. Joe's South is expected to bring to South County residents a range of similar services in a facility much like St. Joe's North opened by Baycare last year and serving the northern reaches of Hillsborough County.

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