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Children crowd into SCC

A line of children trick-or-treat door-to-door, or rather, trunk-to-trunk, during the Fun Fest at the Sun City Center United Methodist Church on Halloween evening. In all, an estimated 2,500 children attended the event.

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More precious than gold, sharing moments captured at mission

By Melody Jameson

RUSKIN – Hungry, in search of almost anything to eat, he got to the mission on a bicycle, his only transportation.

Fed, given spare food gladly, he also was invited to church services. He returned and soon became a welcomed regular, presented with a Bible of his own. Then, suddenly, he was gone.

Backtracking revealed he was attacked by a loose dog while riding the bike, suffered severe dog bites on his feet and legs, landed in a hospital. There, visitors from the mission found him, encouraged him, awaited his discharge.

He recovered, but soon had to ask if the mission could help him with medication. He needed \$2. Contrary to mission policy, the cash was given with a request for the purchase receipt. Soon he produced the receipt. The discounted prescription cost had been only half the amount. Gratefully, he returned the unused dollar.

Such moments are not uncommon in the missionary field. These fleeting reflections of unaffected human to human consideration ennobles both givers and receivers, as each gives as well as receives. The moments can show up at any time, demonstrated gleefully on the smooth innocent face of a child invited to fill his first new backpack as he prepares for school where his native tongue is not the teaching language. Or in the words tumbling joyfully from a young Hispanic mother who's just learned she has an advocate who can navigate mysterious governmental systems – and is, blessedly, bi-lingual, too. Or, in the wordless expression of gratitude offered by a grizzled homeless Anglo in need of a shower and clean clothing, more accustomed to being rousted than to humane respect.

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Annual window to change Medicare policies closing fast!

By Penny Fletcher

SOUTH COUNTY- One small change in an insurance policy can make a big difference.

What if your doctor doesn't accept your health plan anymore? Or a medicine you take regularly is no longer covered under your current plan?

These are only two of the long list of reasons experts advise everyone to check their Medicare policy before the annual window to change policies closes at midnight Dec. 7.

"It's very important that you review your policy because every year the insurance companies change something," said Jim Mulcahy, area coordinator of five counties, including Hillsborough, for SHINE; Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders. (Those coming to Florida from other states may recognize this program as SHIP. Only Florida and Massachusetts call it SHINE.) "If you just assume things are the same as before you could end up going to your doctors and finding out they no longer take your insurance. You could be stuck seeking new providers after the fact."

It's always better not to risk having surprises, said Anna Lonas, an independent health care advisor who explains policies to South County residents on a regular basis. Because Lonas is an independent agent and does not work for any one insurance company, she and others like her can look for the policy that is best for each individual, depending on their circumstances.

"What's good for one person isn't always good for another even though it may look

like they have similar circumstances," she explained. "Everyone's health care needs are different. Having your own advisor you can call upon during the year with questions is an important factor in your health care."

Whether you meet with Lonas in Sun City Center at one of her regular stops including the Kings Point Clubhouse or call a SHINE volunteer at 800-963-5337 or rely on 800-Medicare (800-633-4227) all the experts agree it is important to check your coverage during the annual enrollment period which extends from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7.

"We advise everyone to take a close look at their policy during open enrollment," said Paula Nelson at the West Central Florida Area on Aging. "That way there shouldn't be any surprises."

People turning 65 should consult someone about their initial sign-up for Medicare three to four months before their birthday so they can understand exactly what action they need to take on their part to best serve their personal situation, Lonas said.

She pointed out that higher premiums could be charged in some cases if a person does not sign up when they are first eligible.

"There can be penalties," she explained. "And this makes it very important people turning 65 take their Medicare whether they need it then or not."

People with what Medicare terms "credible coverage" may sign up later without paying a higher premium, Mulcahy said. "This would be the case if you or your spouse had coverage through a job that ends after you turn 65."

Upon the end of employment, taking COBRA or something else offered by the former employer or employment-based insurance company instead of Medicare is a costly mistake made by many people over 65, experts agreed.

"Take your Medicare as soon as you become eligible," is the advice of all who were contacted.

"Part A (hospital insurance) is automatically placed on you at 65 because people pay it in through FICA all during their working years," Mulcahy said. (FICA is the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, which is actually a prepayment into Social Security through the government tax system.) "It's the Part B (medical insurance) where you make choices."

Part B is where you can choose either regular Medicare or from a variety of "Medicare advantage plans" that are HMO's or PPO's. People taking regular Medicare also have to make choices about supplemental plans to cover what Medicare does not, while some advantage plans are used to cover all health care needs in one bundle.

"Each person's needs are different and that's what you must consider when choosing a plan," Lonas said.

To find out more visit www.medicare.gov, the official government site for Medicare; SHINE; or any independent agent who can compare plans free of charge in time to get your application in and approved before the deadline Dec. 7.

Where every weekend is a seafood festival

When the construction industry dried up, Steve Fagan found the answers to his future by looking to the past. You can't get seafood more fresh than from the Mullet Shack.

By Mitch Traphagen
mitch@observernews.net

RUSKIN -- Near Steve Fagan's Mullet Shack at the Ruskin Seafood Festival was a tent with a sign that read, "Mullet School." In the tent, along with information about the coastal temperate and tropical water fish, was a photo of two pairs of hands holding a net. The hands belong to Fagan's son and grandfather; they were making the net by hand.

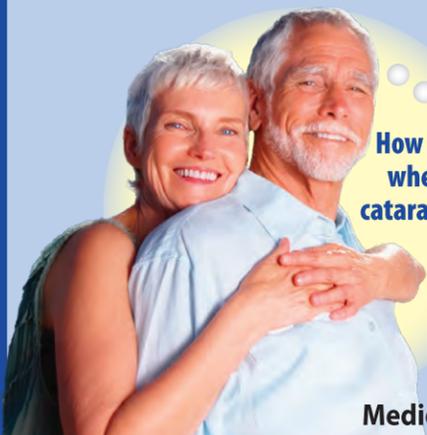
When the construction industry went south years ago, Fagan didn't just throw up his hands and give up; he looked to his past and began throwing out nets. His grandfather was a mullet fisherman, as were his father and his uncles.

"It's a heritage thing," Fagan said. "My son is getting good at it, too."

Every Saturday and some Sundays, Fagan pulls his red Mullet Shack to the corner of U.S. Highway 41 and Big Bend Road to sell mullet as fresh as anyone can buy. He does most of his fishing on Friday and fires up the smoker on Saturday morning before daylight to serve his customers later that day.

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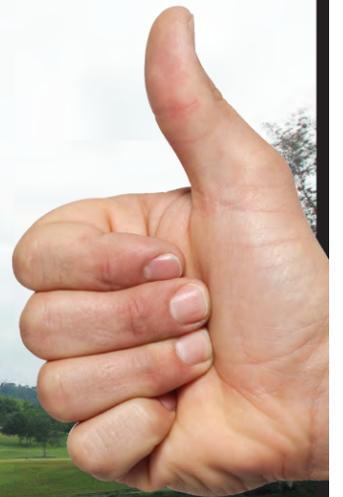
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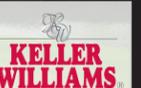
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Precious Moments

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Actually, moments like these occur frequently at The Lord's Lighthouse Ministry initiated in 2009 by Bill and Dora Cruz in what many would consider their retirement years. Shifting their "golden years" to a back burner, the Cruzes and several of their children have been endeavoring to take up some slack in South Hillsborough County since government went into recessionary contraction, reducing services formerly provided in a neighborhood center, closing local offices, concentrating remaining efforts in Tampa, 40 miles distant.

The stats tell part of the story, says Doreen Cruz Riviera, eldest of the six Cruz offspring and office manager handling intake Monday through Wednesday at the Lighthouse headquarters on Ruskin's St. John the Divine Episcopal Church campus. During its first eight months of existence in 2009, a total of 2,797 services were delivered, she notes. That number nearly quadrupled during the first full year of operation in 2010 when 11,534 services and food baskets were provided and bumped up again in 2011 when the number of services and baskets totaled 12,560.

Both the figures and the daily experiences at the mission substantiate that the culturally, socially, economically diverse South County hosts both considerable wealth and hunger-inducing poverty side by side on a continuing basis.

The Lighthouse founders are most familiar with the latter. William Cruz, Sr., grew up in Puerto Rico, one of 10 children. "And there were many times when we were hungry,



MELODY JAMESON PHOTO

Keeping careful records is one good way to stretch resources at The Lord's Lighthouse mission and Doreen Cruz Rivera, its office manager, (center, seated) always is able to advise her parents, mission founders Bill Cruz, Sr. (left) and Dora A. Cruz (right), of the number of Thanksgiving food baskets that will be needed by those who depend on the mission pantry for nourishing meals. The mission, not yet four years old, now is providing about 13,000 services and baskets each year from its current headquarters on the campus of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Ruskin.

went hungry," he recalls. It made an early – and lasting - impression on him.

Raised in a section of PR cultivated by the Presbyterian Church, young Bill Cruz set his sights on a career in the clergy, feeling specifically called to missionary work. He also reasoned, he relates, that his mate would have to be a special individual. He found Dora Ayala singing in a church choir. They were married in 1952, he was ordained in '59 and together they began ministering careers in PR that eventually would bring them to the U.S., first to New Jersey and then to Florida.

While he served as pastor of New Jersey churches, Dora undertook the multiple roles of pastor's wife, mother to their growing family and career employee in the vast Federal Aviation Agency. Their focus increasingly became outreach to farm worker communities. This

dedication would link them to South Hillsborough in 1983 and with a substantial Hispanic population imported for farm work, existing mostly on agricultural wages. Some were trying to put down roots as year around residents, others were still migratory, following crop harvests to the north before returning at season end, and most led subsistence lives unable to get real economic and social traction in the larger society.

Bill and Dora Cruz established Good Samaritan Mission on a prominent corner near the Baptist Church in Balm. Relying on faith, donations and a constant willingness to talk, spreading the word about their mission and its needs, the Cruz family built Good Samaritan into a center offering multiple layers of help to the farm worker community – physical, educational, emotional, spiritual,

A quarter century later, with Dora in her late 70s and Bill pushing 80, they "retired," leaving Good Samaritan in the hands of their son, Bill Cruz, Jr.

But that real slow down was not yet to be. Looking back on 2008,

the elder Cruz recalls that Sharon Van Loan, local Realtor and a member of the Episcopal church congregation, began pointing to the many needs of the Hispanic population clustered around Ruskin. Before long, Father Tracy Wilder, St. John's rector, was engaging in conversations on the subject. And, on Palm Sunday, 2009, the first service in Spanish was conducted in St. John's sanctuary under auspices of newly organized The Lord's Lighthouse.

Today, LL is an incorporated not-for-profit as well as a designated 501 © 3 under the federal IRS code, overseen by a nine-member board of directors headed by the senior Cruz and for which Van Loan serves as vice president. It's day-to-day operations are kept humming by part-time volunteer staff including daughters, Laura, Eva and Mayda, each contributing specific skills. Another invaluable volunteer is food finder Paul Doucette, whom the Cruzes call "a great blessing."

The location may have changed, but the mission is the same, the Cruzes assert, as are the needs and the constant scramble to fill them.

At the present time, the Lighthouse menu of services includes a food pantry, clothing for every member of the family, crisis intervention, advocacy on many fronts, translation help, assistance with Medicaid, food stamps or other benefits, emergency support and, of course, spiritual counseling. It all depends – some days shakily - on donated goods and contributed time.

This week, Dora wondered aloud about food items to fill Thanksgiving baskets as expected help from a Tampa organization had fallen through and Lighthouse pantry shelves were nearly empty. The void also was emphasized by the mission's "wish list" in its current newsletter. Among the nine items: any non-perishable foods, dry pinto beans, rice, baby food, cereals, cooking oil and Maseca flour. Any sizes of diapers and some 8.5 by 11 copier paper also would be gratefully received, it was made clear.

And then, in the next breath, she's talking about the "miracles," large and small, that punctuate their lives. She cites the time absolutely nothing was left in the pantry by noon when someone called suggesting an immediate \$150 grocery shopping trip and another \$50 food donation was made before the day's end. Then there was the lady who wanted to know if she could get a bath at the mission and confessed she needed underwear. Just such a package had been donated. "Doreen reached under her desk – she's got a small warehouse under there – and pulled out fresh underwear." Dora remembers.

Looking ahead, the Cruzes speak mostly of expanded hours and additional services and enhanced abilities to help the poor at the Lighthouse. At 84, Bill says he not yet thinking about dying, adding that "I've been instructed by my Lord to give in spite of other considerations." His wife of 60 years agrees, with the simple declaration that "there's such a joy in sharing."

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Positive Talk: Teaming Up For America

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By William Hodges

As I started to leave, he said he had nothing to give me for my help. I assured him his smile was payment enough but he pressed on. He said that although he had

no tangible gift, he believed I was the kind of person who would appreciate some words his father had given him when he was a lad. He told me that his father had said if he practiced what they said, he could trade them for riches far greater than silver or gold. He then repeated for me the following poem.

*If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing.
If you love him, if you like him tell him now.
Don't withhold your approbation till the parson makes oration.
And he lies with snowy lilies on his brow.
For no matter how you shout it He won't really care about it.
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed.
If you think the credit's due him now's the time to give it to him.
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.*

If he had given me \$1,000 that day, it would not have compared to the gift of that poem. The \$1,000 would now be long gone but the poem is still with me. It is still working its magic in my life and I hope in the lives of those with whom I have shared it. Since 1980 I have closed every seminar and

speaking engagement with that wonderful bit of wisdom. It is also printed on my business card.

I hope you will find these words as valuable as I have and they will inspire you to not only appreciate others but to tell them you do. Let I forget, thanks for reading my column. Without you, there would be no column.

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. (Bright House channel 950, Verizon channel 30) and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (BH channel 949, Verizon channel 36). The shows can also be viewed at www.hodgesvideos.com. Phone: 824-641-0816. Email: bill@billhodges.com Website: www.billhodges.com

Correction

Dr. Michelle Halcomb is an associate of Zamikoff, Klement, Jungman and Varga D.D.S., P.A. located at 703 Del Webb Blvd. W. Ste. B in Sun City Center, FL 33573. It was incorrectly reported in an Oct. 25 article titled "Got crowns? Caps? You may want to rethink that whitening job" that she was with Sun City Dental Center. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Free Alzheimer's screenings offered on National Memory Screening Day

The USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute encourages community members to be proactive about memory health by taking advantage of free, confidential memory screenings and information about memory loss on National Memory Screening Day, Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (reservations required).

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National Memory Screening Day, an annual initiative founded by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, is held each November during National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. On this day, guests will enjoy health screenings, medication reviews with a clinical pharmacist, exhibit booths, and information on successful aging. Health screenings include blood pressure checks, memory screenings, hearing screenings and computerized balance assessments, including tremor screenings offered through the USF Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center (6th floor of Byrd Alzheimer's Institute).

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Riverview Women's Club hosts "A Night in Sicily" fundraiser

An Italian feast awaits those who go to "A Night in Sicily," organized by the Riverview Women's Club and scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Summerfield Crossings Golf Club.

Tickets are \$25 per person, which entitles attendees to an Italian buffet dinner featuring Chicken Parmigiana, Penne Pasta with red and/or white sauce, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, Tiramisu and coffee, iced tea or soft drinks. There will be a free wine tasting between 6 and 7 p.m., with a cash bar available.

Events scheduled for the evening include a silent auction, a 'wine pull,' and a re-stock the bar raffle.

Proceeds from "A Night in Sicily" benefit the Riverview Student Scholarship Fund. Sponsors for the evening include, at \$500, Master Kim of W. Kim's Martial Arts Academy in Valrico; at \$250, Carole Sell, CPA, of Riverview; and, at \$100, Kanetta Denk of Premier Designs, Neal A. Stubbs, DDS, of Stubbs Orthodontics in Brandon, and Joe Burkeson of Square-One Inspection Service.

At Home Auto Care & Michelin roll out soccer balls, tires and cash to support RAYS AYSO

The Michelin Soccer Program and At Home Auto Care, Inc. donated more than \$2,280 in both funds and equipment to RAYS (Ruskin Area Youth Sports) AYSO. (American Youth Soccer Organization).

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certificate, Michelin donates \$2 to the soccer organization for each tire sold during the program.

Julie Gale of At Home Auto Care, Inc. in Ruskin is an avid supporter of the program. "The Michelin Soccer Program is an incredible way to connect with families and young players," she said.

"Michelin really believes in youth and making sure they are safe and healthy," said Don Byrd, vice president of Marketing for Michelin Americas Small Tires. "This program is the perfect partnership of all those elements. We look forward to continuing to grow and donate even more equipment and funds in 2013."

To learn more about the Michelin Soccer Program, visit www.michelinsoccer.com/?league_ overview. To find out more about At Home Auto Care, Inc., contact Julie Gale, (813) 645-0339, at 2003 S U.S. Highway 41 in Ruskin or visit www.athomeauto.net.



Students of the Month at Apollo Beach Elementary School

Smiles adorn the faces of Apollo Beach Elementary's Students of the Month. In alphabetical order, they are: Kelsy Arteaga, Jake Baksa, Elena Belof, Kyler Bevill, Sadie Bowen, Maya Brown, Jonah Budemeier, Brianna Cook, Alivia Cullimore, Stephen Difede, Katie Driggers, Carly Farnell, Allison Garcia, Kaitlyn Hanley, Amani Haskins, Aubrey Haskins, Austin Hurlburt, Eric Jaehne, Bailee Juszczuk, Eliina Lick, Nico Loaiza, Cooper Martin, Jordan Mihok, Devin Mitchell, Ethan Mojena, Connor Newell, Brayden Nystedt, Jaeden Rasmussen, Grace Ryan, Timmy Stinson, Kennedy Warbritton, Anna Wright, Sam Wright, AGP: Gavin Henley, Patrol: Elizabeth Cameron.

Build a gingerbread house!

It's the gingerbread house time of year. Offer your family a sweet delight this holiday season by attending a Gingerbread House Workshop on Friday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Children and families will build and decorate one gingerbread house with icing and candy during the workshop, which will be held at the Firehouse Cultural Center, located at 101 1st Ave. NE in Ruskin. Registration is required at either the Ruskin Library Information Desk or by calling (813) 273-3652.

The workshop is funded by Friends of the Ruskin Library.



Community yard sale Nov. 10 benefits victims of Sandy

Champion Self Storage in Ruskin is holding a community yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Organizers have donated a table to Tina Frerichs Castillo, who will be on hand to accept donations of clothing, blankets, shoes, etc., to be sent to those who have lost all their belongings as a result of the storm. There will also be a table of items for sale from which the proceeds will go directly to the victims of the Hurricane. Donations of items to sell will also be appreciated.

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In SCC: An event shows how things could be

By Mitch Traphagen
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If there were anything resembling Utopia among the realities of human transgression, sin, and frailty, it probably would look much like what took place outside of the Sun City Center United Methodist Church on Halloween evening. Huge numbers of children and young people were there having a great time with older people. It would seem that's just how the world should work — both groups have so much to share with the other.

Cars and golf carts lined up, with license plates from Florida, Illinois and other states, and on the bumpers were stickers advocating both Obama and Romney. There was no discord; people came here simply to give children a wonderful and magical day. The cars were lined up to allow the children to go door to door — or rather, trunk to trunk — to trick-or-treat in a safe and fun environment. It was successful beyond anything words can describe. Free hotdogs and nachos, lots of games with older people cheering on the children, and, as the sun set, a retiree helped a little girl with butterfly wings into an inflatable bounce house, resulting in the unrestrained joy of a child and the lightened soul of a senior. An older woman cheered from the heart as a child dressed as a Boy Scout pitched a rubber ball to knock down a stack of cans.

More than 200 seniors were doing something nice for a bunch of children they don't even know (and in saying "a bunch of kids" I mean thousands, literally thousands of children). In the process, they did something nice for the parents of those children. And they most as-



MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTOS
A child dressed as Scooby Doo trick-or-treats at the Sun City Center United Methodist Church Fun Fest on Halloween evening. An estimated 2,500 children turned out for the event.

surely did something nice for anyone there to witness it. There is little doubt that almost everyone left that scene feeling energized and hopeful.

"This is fun," one retiree said with a smile as a small fairy tale princess looked shyly up at the man and opened her bag to receive the candy he purchased for her. For each of the retirees, it was an expensive proposition. At least 2,500 children made their way down the row of parked cars, played the games that ended with children reaching their small hands into buckets of candy for treats, or happily munched on nachos and hotdogs served up by people with no vested interest beyond wanting to give children the unrequited gift of a wonderful Halloween. It was a gift that in many cases the parents simply could not afford to provide. Gas for the car or dollars for the electric bill would take priority

over candy and, in some cases, even costumes.

The hundreds of volunteers who made it happen were from all faiths and backgrounds. Judy Kramer, a columnist for The Sun newspaper, and her husband Oscar were volunteers at the event and said that all evening, people were commenting on how this is how the world should work, with people coming together and joyously, selflessly bringing happiness to others, and in the process unintentionally bringing happiness to themselves. The people of Sun City Center have so much to offer children, especially those who may need all the help they can get. And, in turn, the children have so much to offer the seniors. They offer the unlimited promise of life from brand new eyes, energy and gratitude with every shy "thank you" as a candy bar or lollipop landed in a bag held by tiny hands. They offer shared

laughter and cheers as a tossed plastic ring landed on a small, inflatable spider earning a treat and a smile, or the joy of success when the third or fourth putt managed to get the golf ball through the hole on the two-foot long putting green of the "Pumpkin Golf" game.

According to Linda Whitt, one of the organizers of the event, the purpose was to provide a safe and fun environment for the children of South Hillsborough. More than 2,500 kids attended, with 2,000 hotdogs, 2,500 nachos with cheese, 500 sno-cones and 2,500 bags of popcorn adding to the fun. Jumbo the Clown was there, along with a handful of bounce houses and games designed by the volunteers. It was made possible by contributions from McDonald's and Winn Dixie, along with generous contributions from the generous hearts of the many volunteers. The Sun City Center Emergency Squad, the SCC Security Patrol, and the Radio Club of SCC provided safety and traffic control services.

Music from the Oasis Praise Team led by Jeff Jordon permeated the autumn air, and popcorn and sno-



cones that colored young tongues red or blue were passed out as children waited for games and treats. The seniors gave from their hearts, but they got something in return. The shy "thank you's" filled back whatever their hearts gave and then some. Twenty-five hundred children left happy that evening. That, too, is how the world should work. On Halloween night in Sun City Center, it did.



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Every Weekend

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“I enjoy doing it,” he said. “Sometimes you can get them, sometimes you can’t.” During the times of the former, he’ll set up on the corner on Sundays, too. Some of his catch will go to his wife as she makes the popular mullet spread they also offer.

For the Seafood Festival, held at E.G. Simmons Park last weekend, he had to get a lot of them — 600 pounds, to be exact.

“I fished Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for this,” he said while standing outside of the Mullet Shack during the Seafood Festival.

“On Friday I was a little short and, this is no joke, I said, ‘God, I’m a little short here’ and something told me to go down to this other place and I caught 70 pounds in 30 minutes.”

Taking a bite into a mullet sandwich from the Mullet Shack trans-



MITCH TRAPHAGEN PHOTO

Steve Fagan in front of the Mullet Shack at the Ruskin Seafood Festival last weekend.

ported me back to some of the happiest days of my childhood when my family would vacation next to a lake and I’d spend time fishing with my Dad. The fresh fish were the best back then and that’s exactly how Fagan serves it up. After all, the fish sandwiches and smoked mullet that thousands of people enjoyed at the Seafood Festival were swimming in the bay just a day or two prior.

Fagan has studied the mullet’s habitats and their uses around the world. He says that not only is it low in calories, but in some places it is also used for medicinal purposes.

“Just come on down and try it,” he said. “It’s a real good eating fish. I’d like everyone to come down and just try some smoked mullet.”

He has what he calls the Mullet Bible, a hand-written notebook of stories that include generations of his family fishing for mullet. Steve Fagan looked to his past and found answers for his future. He is making a living for his family off the

water, just as those who came before him did.

He is also hoping to find a permanent home someday for his Mullet Shack. A gentleman first and foremost, he doesn’t want to set up near someone else’s turf; he doesn’t want to take anything away from someone else. “We have morals,” he said.

For now, home is on the southeast corner of U.S. Highway 41 and Big Bend Road on Saturdays from 12 to 6 p.m. You can go for the freshest possible mullet and home-cooked sides, you can go to hear Steve talk about mullet fishing, you can go, like me, to have a great lunch and remember what things were like before things got so complicated in the world. For Fagan, it’s really not all that complicated. Sometimes the best answers to present and future problems are found in the past. The work is hard, but he has generations of his family to help out, both in spirit and with hands calloused from working the nets. It’s a good life.

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Whatever Happened About...

By Melody Jameson
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Manatees, Plus

With cooling of Tampa Bay and Gulf waters each year at this time, come manatees from up and down Florida's coasts to convene in the warm clean discharge of Tampa Electric Company's power generating plant at the western end of Big Bend Road north of Apollo Beach. And for the 27th season, the utility has opened its Manatee Viewing Center, including the interactive manatee education center as well as its tidal walk enabling close-up connection with the far-roaming mammals now in manatee convention.

Several new features have been added this year, according to Cherie Jacobs, Tampa Electric spokesperson. The outdoor butterfly habitat has been expanded to include a garden of native and Florida friendly plants, the former shell parking area has been paved with environmentally-considerate permeable concrete, sidewalk has been constructed and a separate walking trail nearly a mile long, offering self-guided tours of a subtropical Florida landscape, is to open in December, she said.

Attracting about 200,000 visitors during a 5.5-month season, the 50-acre Manatee Center hours are 10 AM to 5 PM every day, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, through April 15, 2013. Parking and access to the center's features are free of charge.

Mr. Mayor

Elijah Heath has been named Honorary Mayor of Greater Riverview following recent conclusion of the annual major domo race conducted as a fund raiser by the Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce.

During the competition, Heath,

a financial adviser in the Edward Jones office at Fishhawk, raised about \$2,700, half of it going to his chosen charity, the Rotary Club of Fishhawk-Riverview Foundation. Two other contenders for the honorary title, Molly Blanton and Mary Boyd, also raised substantial sums. The three candidates this year pulled in an aggregate total topping \$6,000, half earmarked for support of chamber programs and half going to the candidates' charities. Those beneficiaries are the Boys Scouts, Kids Place of Tampa Bay and YMCA Camp Christina.

Heath will be ceremoniously installed during the chamber's annual meeting in January.

Forgetfulness Check

In recognition of National Memory Screening Day next week, Hillsborough County Aging Services will be providing free and confidential memory screenings Tuesday, November 13, at the Ruskin Senior Center. The hours of availability are 9 AM to 4 PM that date.

Such screenings can be useful for individuals concerned about memory loss or related problems, those who are experiencing warnings signs of dementia or Alzheimer's Disease or those who may be at risk because of a family history of Alzheimer's, according to Carol Michel, a communications coordinator for the county. Anyone interested in establishing a sort of baseline for future comparisons also can benefit from the evaluation, she added.

Appointments for screenings at the Ruskin Senior Center, 901 6th Street SE, can be made by telephone at 813-672-1107. The screenings will be conducted during the same hours on Tuesday at the Brandon Senior Center, 612 North Parsons Ave.



Attention all Veterans

The Disabled American Veterans SCC Chapter 110 that assists Veterans and surviving spouses with VA claims has relocated. The chapter now utilizes the meeting room of the security office located at 1005 N. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center. It provides support to Veterans and surviving spouses in need of assistance with:

- Applying for initial VA Benefits
- Requesting reevaluations of current benefit status
- Applying for surviving spousal benefits

Appointments will be available each Monday from 2 - 6 p.m. There are no fees for service and all Veterans are welcome.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call Darrell Katz at 813-260-3692.

South Hillsborough Elks Lodge #2672 Upcoming Activities



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Monday, Nov. 12th - Blue Plate Special for all Elks and their guests, \$7 a person, Menu: Cornish Hen with all the trimmings and dessert, only 50 tickets will be sold.

Monday, Nov. 26th - Blue Plate Special for all Elks and their guests, \$7 a person, Menu: Meatloaf with all the trimmings and dessert, only 50 tickets will be sold.

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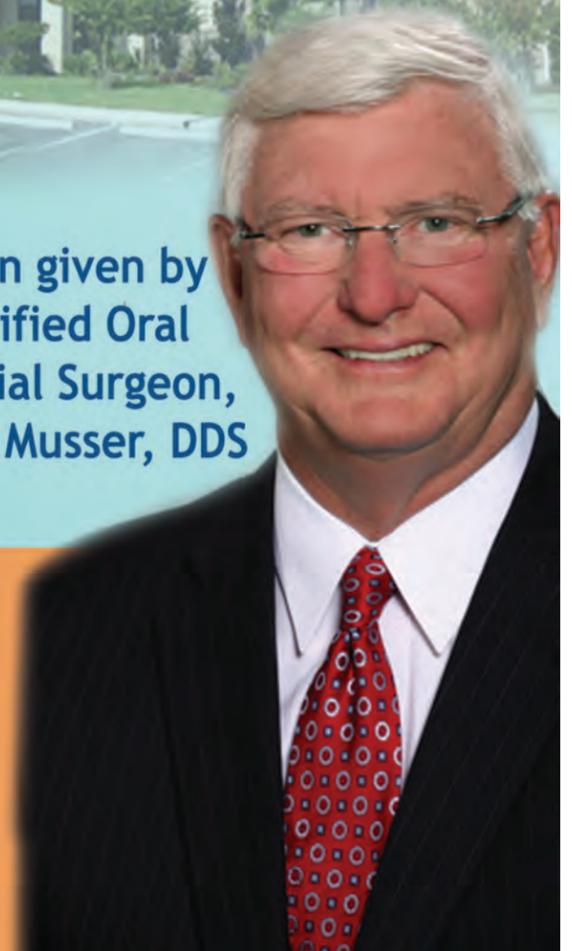
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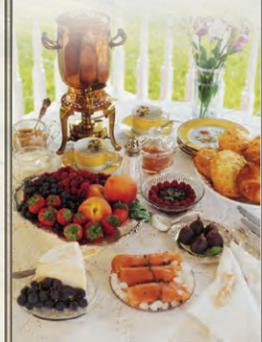


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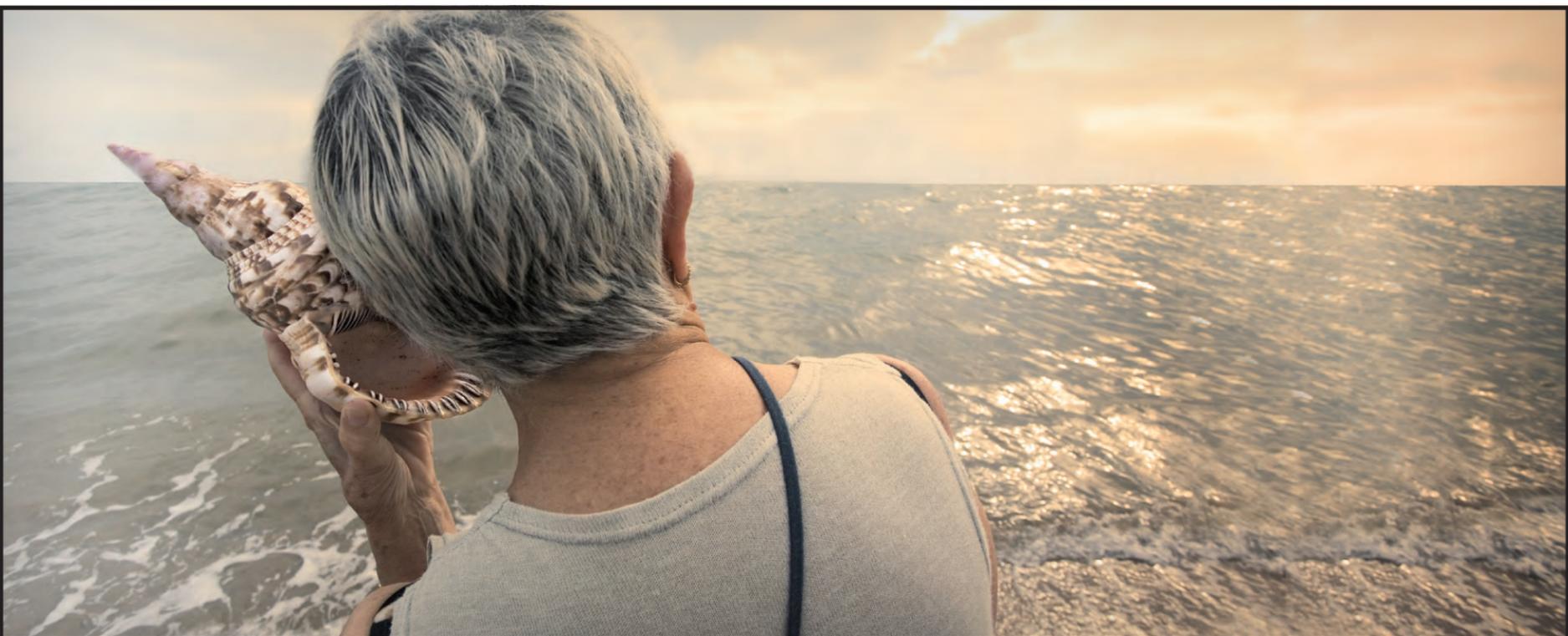
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Scenes from the Seafood Festival: Bigger and better each year



The 24th annual Ruskin Seafood Festival took place last weekend under picture-perfect Florida skies, with thousands of people from around the Tampa Bay area visiting E.G. Simmons Park for the biggest event in South Hillsborough. Seemingly larger every year, the festival included a wide variety of vendors serving seafood and other specialty foods, an arts and crafts show, a boat show, a children's activity area featuring Jumbo the Clown, live entertainment on the main stage, a wide variety of South Hillsborough-related vendors and "hands on" educational exhibits including a walk-through interactive bus from Mosaic and greyhounds up for adoption from area greyhound rescue and adoption organizations. Next year's festival is now less than a year away, visit www.ruskinseafoodfestival.org for more information. For more photos, visit The Observer online edition at www.observernews.net.



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Stephanie Foster in the Little Harbor booth helps a young visitor with his selection of the free Tootsie Rolls.



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Honoring Veterans With a Parade

The annual Ruskin VFW Veterans Day Parade will take place on Saturday, November 10, beginning at 11 a.m. The popular and well-attended parade will run much of the length of U.S. Highway 41 through the community. Come out to cheer on our past, present and future veterans, high school bands and service organizations as they honor those who serve and defend our freedom.



Pancakes Before the Parade

The Southshore Rotary Club will hold a pancake breakfast at the Ruskin VFW Post 6287 at 5120 U.S. Highway 41 on Saturday, November 10. The event will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., just before the start of the annual VFW Veterans Day Parade in Ruskin. For information about the VFW, visit www.vfwpost6287.com. Above, Rotary Club members Charlie Cramer and Dr. Stephen Murray spread the word from a booth at the Ruskin Seafood Festival.

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Fish Tales: Manatee viewing moves to prime time

The Manatee Viewing Center opened for a new season Nov. 1. The Tampa Electric Manatee Viewing Center in Apollo Beach at 6990 Dickman Dr. is open and free to the public, drawing thousands of viewers through April 15, 2013.

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It's a great place to take out-of-town guests. For more information call (813) 228-4289.

As Hurricane Sandy blew by on the East Coast, it curtailed our boating most of the week, as we

experienced high winds and rough waters.

I saw some real honest-to-god anglers this week who said they didn't mind the weather, rain or shine, windy or calm. Whether they were driving through heavy traffic or sitting in a boat all day, they were having a great time in the outdoors whether they made a catch or not. They just enjoy the fresh sea breeze, the roar of the waves, the solitude away from the city noise, the fresh air, the smell of fish, and the sound and sights of them in the water. It made no difference to them if they caught a fish or not.

I hope you park your boat safely at night. This week there was a report that some anglers gassed up their boat the night before they went fishing, got up early to pick up buddies, drove the Interstate for an hour before getting to the launching spot, made the launch ... and the boat wouldn't start. Some

'kind soul' needed gas, and took every drop that they had put in the night before. I know the cost of gas is high, and some anglers tell me that they don't enter the big tournaments now because it costs more to enter than can be won.

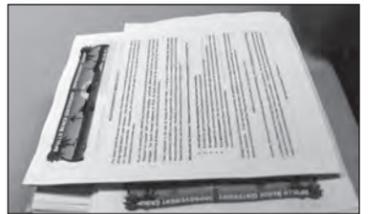
Flounder are on the prowl in warm weather, and you can make a catch as they are out feeding on high or low tide. Some catches we saw this week were larger than usual bay catches.

Red fish are out there in schools, and many report that catches have been made of larger than legal size and they had to spend the day catching and releasing. You may keep one not less than 18 inches or more than 27 inches.

Outdoor mullet fries are taking place in many backyards this time of the year, since the Florida sun shines in the winter as well as the summer. Seems many political parties are taking place before the Presidential election. Some are making hush puppies with yellow corn meal and onions, others with cheese grits, all served with a



By Jonie Maschek



ABWIG to hold town hall meeting

The Apollo Beach Waterway Improvement Group, known as ABWIG, will hold an open house town hall meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15 beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Beggins Century 21 offices on U.S. Highway 41 North in Apollo Beach.

Agenda items for the meeting include: update of the three entrance channel dredging project; Apollo Beach Nature Park beach replenishment plan; update of the funding for the project; update of the schedule for the project; and a guest speaker from Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation.

At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a question and answer period, as well as guidelines for how to get involved.

For further information, visit ABWIG at www.abwig.org, visit the ABWIG place on Facebook or write to ABWIG, P.O. Box 3251, Apollo Beach, FL 33572.

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“Krewe with a Cause” keeps amputees on the move

By PENNY FLETCHER
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SOUTHCOUNTY- Ye Notorious Krewe of the Peg Leg Pirate, Inc. has been keeping amputees on the move since it first came into being in 2004.

A 501-C-3 tax exempt organization, the Krewe has provided prosthetics of all kinds: legs, ears and even one nose. Its special IRS tax status allows donors to take donations off their tax return.

“We work very closely with Ruskin VFW Post 6287, The Shriners Childrens’ Hospital in Tampa, and many other partners to give scholarships and financially support amputees all over the world,” said Fundraising Chairwoman Denise Reiter.

The Krewe partners with other groups too, including the Marine Corps League 1124 in Zephyrhills, to provide hand cycles to amputees. It also supports two amputee parks, one in Virginia and the other in North Carolina.

Because of its charitable work, it has been admitted to the Inter-Krewe Council Inc., which is a Tampa-Bay-based council formed in 1992 to foster a spirit of cooperation and camaraderie among member Krewes and to provide a forum for information about area parades and other Krewe-related activities.

As for the Krewe of the Pegleg Prate it has been extremely active in fundraising for amputees of all kinds.

“We’ve given \$42,000 in scholarships to children all over the world,” Reiter said. “And non-scholarship help (including prosthetics and other devices to veterans and children) in the amount of \$140,000.”

Money is also designated to help The Tampa Shriners Childrens’ Hospital and to pay for families’ hotel rooms while they are in the area for treatment.

Admiral Joe Hocter spent the last week of October working on the lead float for the Ruskin Veterans’ Day Parade Nov. 10. This year the Krewe will be the host float and carry dignitaries, including the local VFW Commander and District Commander, and Tony Zipperer of Ruskin who is the current Commander of the Krewe.

Each float takes somewhere between 700 and 800 hours to build and decorate, Hocter said.

The past two years the floats made by the Krewe have won Best Float in that parade, and have also taken the honor of Most Original float in the Bradenton Parade.

But even though they also take part in parades, including Gasparilla, fun and games isn’t what the Krewe is really about.

The Krewe was founded by Ruskin resident Shirley Huber

after she lost a leg in an automobile accident. Started with just a few members, the number has now grown to 45.

Anyone can apply but the key to being selected for membership is that the applicant be a community-minded person who is truly interested in helping amputees.

Events are held throughout the year to raise money for amputees like the Halloween party at Smoky Bones in Brandon Oct. 27 that gleaned \$5,500, which includes “in-kind” donations as well as cash. Some of the types of “in-kind” donations it receives are help with its website and time and materials for making the special bicycles.

“There’s something everyone who chooses to help can do,” Reiter emphasized.

The biggest event each year is the Annual Sporting Clays Benefit Shoot, which will be held for the eighth time on Feb. 23. The event is held at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays in Land O’ Lakes and 100 percent of the money raised will go directly to amputees said Hocter.

“We don’t use one dollar of it for anything, including costs. We give every cent,” he added.

Partnerships with many area businesses have made it possible to do remarkable things for amputees and their families including purchasing a tricycle for a 4-year-old who was missing one leg and both arms at birth and modifying it so he could turn the wheels with his chin; sponsoring six children a year in 2008 and 2009 at the week-long Adventure Amputee Camps in Virginia and North Carolina with several Krewe members driving to the camp in Virginia to put on a Pirate Party; and providing a tricycle for a child who had lost a leg in a boating accident.

Marty, a single father of three who asked that we only use first names of his family because of his under-age children, said he was introduced to the Krewe by physical therapist Pam Versage at the Tampa Shriners Childrens’ Hospital.

Marty had premature twin girls who are now 13, born at weights of 1 pound 10 ounces and 2 pounds 7 ounces. The larger twin did not have any disabilities but the smaller twin, Lexi, got a blood clot when she was one week one and doctors had to amputate a leg.

Since then, the family has returned to Shriners every few months for adjustments on a prosthetic leg as Lexi grows, and a whole new leg is molded every year. Marty said the legs look very lifelike in both color and muscular tone.

Meanwhile, the Krewe has supplied her with a hand tike like

the one pictured along with this story which she rides voluntarily at the Sporting Clays event to show donors what their help is accomplishing.

“She can hardly wait for the event each year,” Marty said. “As she outgrows the bikes we give them to younger kids and she gets a larger one.”

The tricycles have three wheels, linked pedals, Velcro foot straps and Velcro straps to hold the child’s body upright.

The Krewe says donations may be directed toward specific projects if donor’s desire and sponsors at each level receive tangible benefits as well as a good feeling, including recognition certificates or plaques, banner promotions of their business at events, invitations to join the Krewe at a parade or possibly free tickets to the Shooting Clays event.

To find out more about the Krewe visit www.peglegpirate.com and click on “contact us.”



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With the help of sponsors and donors the Krewe provides these specially-made tricycles that are made so that a child with one leg can pedal and those with one hand or arm can steer. Velcro is used to strap the child on the bike. This youngster, Nahomi, allows her photograph to be used to show donors what the crew is really about.

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Performers in the musical are, from left: Aaron Philips as the Sultan, Gabby Fitzpatrick as Scheherazade, Francis Karas as Nefario, and Alyssa Weimer as Dinny.

Lennard HS students perform musical *The Stories of Scheherazade* Nov. 15 & 16

The Lennard High School Drama department is pleased to present *The Stories of Scheherazade*, a musical romantic comedy, at its auditorium in Ruskin on Thursday and Friday evenings, Nov. 15 and 16, at 7 p.m.

The Stories of Scheherazade is a heartwarming romantic comedy that tells the classic Arabian Nights' tale of Scheherazade and the Sultan... with hilarious twists. According to Holly Talley, LHS drama teacher, the musical

provides a large cast of over 20 students with an opportunity to showcase their singing and dancing talents.

"This will be a very entertaining musical for the entire family," she says. "I think children and adults will enjoy the colorful costumes and lively music, as well as the humorous story."

Tickets (\$5 for children or students, and \$10 for adults) will be on sale at the LHS Auditorium one half-hour before show time.

Prudential Realty sponsors Nov. 18 fundraiser

A festive fun evening is promised by organizers of the 7th Annual Fundraiser on behalf of The Sunshine Kids Foundation, which is dedicated to children with cancer.

Sponsored by Prudential Florida Realty, the event will be at the Kings Point North Clubhouse on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.).

Tickets are available at \$18 per person donation, and include a dinner catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill, raffles of many new items donated by local merchants, and a new variety show produced by the Pelican Players.

For more information, call (813) 642-1500.

Cockroach Bay Preserve is Audubon topic

J. Richard Sullivan, Environmental Scientist/Manager, Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve, will talk about "Hillsborough's Newest Preserve" at the November meeting of the Eagle Audubon Club.

The program starts at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Banquet Room of the Kings Point North Clubhouse in Sun City Center.

Audubon meetings are open to the public. Social time and refreshments start at 1:30 p.m.

Food Trucks return for MOSI After Dark

The Museum of Science & Industry is hosting another Food Truck Rally, as a part of its MOSI After Dark (MAD) event series, on Friday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to try food from the area's coolest food trucks, enjoy great games and music, and experience the Museum of Science & Industry at night. Guests can conquer MOSI's Sky Trail® Ropes Course and Zip Line in the dark, and check out Ian Fleming's James Bond in *Skyfall* on Florida's largest and only IMAX DOME Theatre.

Admission to the Food Truck Rally is free. Additional fees apply for Sky Trail attractions and IMAX movies, and MOSI general exhibits will feature discounted pricing. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (813) 987-6000.

Learn about estate planning at ABW luncheon

The Southshore Charter Chapter of the American Business Woman's monthly dinner meeting on Monday, Nov. 19 will deal with the importance of estate planning, not only for business women, but women in general.

The speaker will be Diana Coen Zolner, an attorney who practices in the areas of estate planning, elder law, probate & estate administration, wills and guardianships.

Topics at dinner will cover the basic documents recommended to have in place and why. She'll also discuss business succession planning.

Networking and sign-in will start at 5:30 p.m.; dinner and the program will start at 6 p.m.

The location is Sandpiper Grille, 1702 S. Pebble Beach Blvd. in Sun City Center. The price will vary, since attendees will order their choices off the menu.

To RSVP, contact Deb Adams by email deb.adams@bmo.com, or call (813) 649-0400.

Southshore Regional Library

Kids program/event highlights

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Veterans Day Holiday

All libraries will be closed Sunday, Nov. 11 and Monday, Nov. 12.

Toddler Time - Tuesday, Nov. 13, 10:05 a.m. and at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10:35 a.m.

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

Story Time - Tuesday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m.

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

Baby Time - Tuesday, Nov. 13, 11:35 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10:05 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.

"Creative Artists": Let's Create! - Thursday, Nov. 15, 4 p.m.

"Creative Artists", 7-10 years, will join our art instructor and have a fun afternoon creating an art project to take home. Limit 22. Registration required at either the Information Desk or by calling (813) 273-3652.

Teen Night: Anime Club - Thursday, Nov. 15, 5 p.m.

For middle and high school students. Come join us for an evening of Anime and Manga! Spend some time with other teens who love to read Japanese Manga and watch Anime straight from Japan! Refreshments provided by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library

Family Story Time - Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 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.

Motion Commotion - Friday, Nov. 16, 10:05 a.m and at 10:45 a.m.

For children ages 2-5 with their caregivers ~ Join us for this fun and very interactive preschool music and movement program as we shake some sillies out.

Membership with the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library helps provide the funding for free programs offered at the Library. If you would be interested in becoming a Member of the Friends of the Library, please call Jim Duffy at (813) 634-1396 or visit www.southshorefriends.com.

Workshops offered at Small Business Information Center

Hillsborough County Economic Development Department's Small Business Information Center (SBIC) is offering more than two dozen free or inexpensive workshops throughout November and December at various locations. The workshops are designed to assist potential and existing business owners start or expand their small, minority, veteran or women-owned businesses.

The workshops tackle topics and issues that are important to today's small-business owners and are planned to help improve networking skills, marketing strategies, financing opportunities, bookkeeping, and overall business plans.

Free workshops offered during November and December include:

■ **Bookkeeping Essentials** – Learn how to maintain necessary records, accounts receivable/payable, payroll, sales taxes and other procedures.

■ **Business KIT** – Learn the basics for starting a small, minority or women-owned business. Topics include: Smart Start Your Business, Preparing a Business Plan, SBA Programs, Loans and Financing, Managing Your Money, Marketing, IRS Regulations and Grant Availability.

■ **Business Plan Series** – At the conclusion of this four-part series, participants will have all the necessary components to create their business plan.

■ **Doing Business with Local Government** – This workshop will cover how to register with lo-

cal agencies, how to find bidding opportunities and assistance.

■ **Food Industry Series** – This two-part series will provide the basic requirements for operating a restaurant, catering business or a mobile food dispensing cart (e.g., hot dog cart) as well as how to market a food industry business.

■ **Getting Your Business Online** – Ready to get on the worldwide web? We will discuss how to locate a website host, site design, best practices, design software and eCommerce. This is a basic class.

■ **Marketing Series** – This two-part series will introduce marketing fundamentals, help clarify target markets, discuss competition, develop marketing strategies, and teach techniques to enhance a small business.

■ **SBA Loans and Other Programs** – Learn about various SBA Loans and requirements, as well as other programs such as HUB Zones and 8(a) firms doing business with the government.

The SBIC's complete calendar of workshops and additional information are available at: www.hillsboroughcounty.org/sbic/. The SBIC's website also includes additional information for local small businesses, such as links to local, state and federal regulations, answers to frequently asked questions, and recommended best practices.

To register for a workshop or find out more information, log onto the website or call the SBIC at 813-914-4028, Option #4.

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

C.A.R.E. is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For directions, visit www.CareShelter.org or call (813) 645-2273.



Gemma

Gemma is a gorgeous white and black female who recently gave birth. After all that work is finally finished, she is looking forward to a forever home where life will be easier. She has a black patch over one eye, but her face is white otherwise. Please stop in to C.A.R.E. to look at this friendly beauty. She is current on her shots. As part of her adoption she has been microchipped and spayed.

DOB: Approx. January 2, 2012.



Phoebe

Phoebe is a sweetheart! She is a Hound mix who was abandoned at a fruit stand with her sisters. She is going through obedience training and is a good student. She has been crate trained, too. She loves people and is good with other dogs. She can often be found goofing off in the doggy pool after romping in the play yard with her furry pals. Phoebe is spayed, microchipped, and current on her shots.

DOB: February 2, 2012.

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Upcoming Events

- Monday Night.....Bingo. Free hot dogs.
- Tuesday Night.....Bar Cards.
- Friday Night.....Feather Your Nest
- Saturday, Nov. 10.....5 p.m. Taco Salad.
-6:30 p.m. Music by Eddie Shannon
- Sunday.....6 p.m. Feather Your Nest. Free
-hotdogs during games.

For more information, call (813) 645-2922.



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, Nov. 8 - Bar Bingo 6 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 9 - Fish Fry 4:30-7 p.m. Music by 'You 2 Kan' at 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 10 - Ruskin Veterans Parade
- Sunday, Nov. 11 - Fire a Steak 1 p.m. Music by 'You 2 Kan' at 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 12 - Line dancing 6 p.m.; Treasure Hunt 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 13 - Games in Lounge 1-5. Kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

Strength-Training Tips For Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can lifting weights help with age-related health problems? At age 70, I have diabetes, arthritis and osteoporosis and recently read that strength training could improve my conditions. What can you tell me?



By Jim Miller

Looking for Help

Dear Looking,

A growing body of research shows that strength-training exercises can have a profound impact on a person's health as they age – and you're never too old to start.

Regular strength training, done at least two nonconsecutive days a week, helps you build muscle strength, increases your bone density and improves your balance, coordination and stamina. It can also help reduce the signs and symptoms of many chronic conditions like arthritis, diabetes, high

blood pressure, back pain, depression and obesity. And some studies even show that it helps improve cognitive function too.

Safety First

For the most part, strength-training exercises – especially if you start conservatively and progress slowly – are safe for most seniors, even those with serious health conditions. But if you have health concerns or if you are currently inactive, you should talk to your doctor about what may be appropriate for you. A good self-help resource to help you find an appropriate, safe exercise program is the "Exercise and Screening for You" tool at easyforyou.info.

Getting Started

If you've never done strength-training exercises before, you may want to work with a personal trainer for a few sessions to help you develop a safe and effective routine you can continue on your own. They cost anywhere from \$20 to \$100 per hour. To find one, ask your health care provider or contact a good health club or

fitness facility in your area. You can also search for one online at reputable sites like acefitness.org or ideafit.com.

If personal training isn't an option, there are lots of great senior strength-training videos you can purchase to guide you through a wide variety of exercises that you can do at home. Collage Video (collagevideo.com, 800-819-7111) sells dozens of age and fitness appropriate DVD's at prices usually ranging between \$10 and \$20.

Also see go4life.nia.nih.gov, a resource created by the National Institute on Aging that offers a free exercise DVD and guide that provides illustrated examples of exercises you can do at home to strengthen your body. You can order your free copies online or by calling (800) 222-2225.

Senior Classes

If you don't like exercising alone or need some motivation, consider joining a gym, or call your local senior center to see if they offer any strength-training exercise classes. You should also check out SilverSneakers (silversneakers.com, 888-423-4632) or Silver&Fit (silverandfit.com, 877-427-4788). These are fitness programs offered in thousands of fitness centers, gyms and YMCAs throughout the U.S. that offer special classes designed for older adults. These programs are available only to seniors that have certain Medicare supplemental policies or Medicare Advantage plans.

Equipment

If you work out at home you'll probably need to invest in some equipment. While some strength training can be done using your own body weight (like push-ups, sit-ups and leg squats), hand weights, ankle weights, medicine balls, resistance bands or rubber tubing are all great tools for strength training. You can find all these products at sporting goods stores, or online at amazon.com for around \$10 or less. Cans of soup, water bottles or plastic milk containers filled with water or sand could also be used (like small hand weights) for resistance.

Another great strength training tool you should know about is the Resistance Chair (it costs \$280). This is an all-in-one home fitness system that helps seniors maintain and improve their strength from a safe seated position with minimal risk of injury. To learn more see vqactioncare.com or call (800) 585-4920.

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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More than 86,500 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida are likely eligible for, but are not enrolled in a program called Extra Help. This program offers qualified beneficiaries assistance with their Part D (prescription drug plan) costs. In addition, many individuals may qualify for assistance paying their Part B premiums. Many of those who need help the most don't know about these valuable benefits and how SHINE can help.

Audubon sponsors fall and winter nature camps at Lettuce Lake Park



Lettuce Lake Park and the Tampa Audubon Society have announced new camps unique to Lettuce Lake Park, designed for people ages 9 to 90. Each camp will have a specific theme, and participants in all camps can also tromp through the woods, and walk the boardwalks to learn about birding, hiking and take photos.

All camps start at 8:15 a.m. and run to 2:15 p.m. Participants should bring their digital cameras and/or binoculars, lunch, snacks and drinks.

• **Gift Making Thank You Camp**
3-day camp, Nov. 10 – 12, \$90

This camp salutes veterans, friends, family and furry friends. Attendees will create art, bird-feeders, place-cards, mats, peanut brittle, candy and soap.

• **Nature Art Camp**
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• **Florida's Native Animals**
5-day camp, Dec. 26 – 30, \$140

This camp includes a day at Nature's Classroom on Dec. 27 with the cameras (ours and yours!). Enjoy taking photos of panthers, bears, bobcat, alligators and more.

• **Camping in Florida**
4-day camp, Dec. 31, 2012 – Jan. 3, 2013, \$120

This camp includes making stereo cans, lint bundles, char cloth, one match fires, tents, fishing, hiking, knots, boiled acorns, pine needle tea, orienteering, where to go camping, and what to bring camping.

Registration can be done at the Audubon Resource Center in Lettuce Lake Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on any Saturday or Sunday, or by calling (813)727-5478.

For additional information on the fall and winter Audubon Nature Camps at Lettuce Lake Park, contact the Tampa Audubon Society at (813) 987-6204.

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Fundraising can be fun and rewarding

The World of Suzie Vong will hold its annual fundraiser for local Teachers of the Year and the scholarship fund sponsored by the American Business Woman's Association on Friday, Nov. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each year as part of their anniversary celebration Suzie and her staff select a community recipient to be honored. Once again they have chosen the Teacher of the Year from local elementary schools: Cypress Creek, Wimauma, Ruskin, Apollo Beach, Sessums and Reddick. With 2 daughters who attended local elementary, middle and high schools Suzie feels these teachers should be rewarded for their commitment to their students. "Good teachers deserve recognition for their efforts. They often spend numerous hours and personal funds satisfying the needs of their students, our children," she emphasized.

Part of the celebration will include well known artist Virginia Laudano who will set up an art exhibit. Barbara Migliaro will showcase high fashion costume jewelry, Peter Zebo from Candle Delights will provide gift ideas, Maran Silks will have their silk plants on display and Lynn Wise will bring plenty of Miche bags for the ladies.

Entertainment by the Music Avenue will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 12 Lotto tickets will be drawn each hour plus a 50/50 raffle will go to a lucky winner. Don't miss this event! Bring your friends and show your support for the local teachers of the year and the American Business Woman's Association's scholarship fund.

The World of Suzie Vong is a full service salon located at 3820 Cypress Village Shopping Center, SR 674 across from Home Depot. A complete line of hair services is available including cuts, coloring, highlighting, frosting, foil, perms and styling plus eyelash and eyebrow tinting, waxing and a wide array of nail services, both manicure and pedicure. Gift certificates may be purchased. Seven hair stylists and a nail technician are on hand to serve you.

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 -Randy Crofton

Prep football results

The final score may look lopsided but the 2-7 Riverview Sharks put a bit of scare into undefeated Durant in Riverview on Friday. The Sharks defense pressed hard, forcing turnovers and twice almost stopped Durant at the goal line. The night ended with Cougars winning 57-27.

In other South County prep football action:

- East Bay (4-5) defeated Brandon (1-8) 7-6
- Bloomington (4-5) fell to Plant (8-1) 20-51
- Spoto (3-6) fell to Lakewood (8-1) 17-34
- Lennard (0-10) fell to Dunedin (5-4) 6-48

Games this week:

- Riverview hosts Gaither
- East Bay visits Strawberry Crest
- Spoto visits Wharton
- Bloomington visits Newsome
- Brandon visits Jefferson

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In Black & White: Beauty, character still reside in wooden boats

I'm glad to be home. Last week brought the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show and the opportunity to get tossed on my buns by the outskirts of Hurricane Sandy—actually I did a face plant—whilst I prowled and compared all those new boat models and the latest in electronics.



By Bob Black

And here's the fun of it: The item that tickled my fancy was not a new fishboat or bit of

electronic wizardry. It was a wood boat. A runabout. Just like those wonderful speedboats of our youth—boats made of a rich brown mahogany, boats with single- or double- or triple-cockpits. Boats that were found on every river and lake in the nation but now mostly reside in places like Lake Tahoe or antique and classic boat shows like Clayton, NY or Mount Dora, FL.

The most famous of these, of course, were the Chris-Crafts. Remember that marvelous speedboat in *On Golden Pond*? My friend, Gordon Houser, who lives in Sarasota now, helped stage that sad crash scene. Gordon is a veteran of the marine industry who served many years as Chris-Craft's most knowledgeable and agreeable vice president of marketing. He now judges antique and classic boat contests.



The wonderfully old-fashioned HackerCraft 28 (foot) Triple Cabin Family Edition has a beam of 7'3" and is powered by either a 425 hp or a 650 Mercury High Output engine. The boats have an enlarged second cockpit which, the company says, "serves as a grand sitting/entertainment area."

Well, there before my very eyes on the grounds of the Fort Lauderdale Show, was a tent full of HackerCrafts, including a new model teamed with and named in partnership with the Tommy Bahama line of sportswear. It's a 27-foot open cockpit that shines with 15 coats of hand-brushed varnish and took 1,400 hours for master craftsmen work to build.

Years ago, when I was the manager of the Norwalk, CT Boat Show, we brought in a dozen wood boats as an attraction, including Guy Lombardo's old raceboat, Tempo III. We put them up by the front gate of the show. Now, if

you've ever been to a boat show, you know guys will make a fist and pound the side of a fiberglass boat. It's called hull thumping. It's related to tire-kicking at an auto show. But with a wood boat, guys (and ladies, too) put their hand up on the hull and actually caress the boat. It's quite amazing to watch.

They make HackerCraft boats today up at Fort Ticonderoga, NY, on Lake George. And if you've never been to Fort Ti, it's a treat in itself. The Brits built the fort to control water traffic at the confluence of Lake George and Lake Champlain. It's a great Revolutionary War historic site and battlefield.

John Hacker built his first production boat in 1904 and by the 1930s, his boats were racing and had won dozens of trophies and set a handful of speed records.

The day of wood boats came to a virtual close in the 1960s when fiberglass technology took over. Those who hung onto the old ways, like HackerCraft and the Century Boat Company, started saying that "If God had wanted us to have fiberglass boats, He would have invented fiberglass trees." The 1964 National Powerboat Show in New York's old (and beloved) Coliseum was about half wood and half power that year with a sprinkling of alumni and steel hulls. By the 1965 show, fiberglass almost filled the halls, but I do remember a television crew (and

television news crews with their great big cameras were a rarity in those days) asking if they could saw a hole in the hull of the wood Matthews cruiser so they could photo the inside. The producer said he knew you couldn't do that to fiberglass or steel boats. Riiiiight!

Perhaps the nostalgia has something to do with it. I learned (sort of) to waterski behind a mahogany Chris-Craft. I've loved the looks of them since (as my mother used to say and I have yet to understand the phrase) Hector was a pup. I stroke their hulls as you would a favorite horse or dog — at boat shows. They're beautiful, and they have character.

And isn't that what life is all about? Beauty and character?



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Col. North will be in attendance from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., selling and autographing copies of his latest book, *Heroes Proved: A Novel*. The retired Marine Lieutenant Colonel, military historian, political commentator and current host of the Fox News Channel program "War Stories With Oliver," North will have around 700 copies of his book to sign and sell. His previous books have been New York Times best-sellers, as this one no doubt will be.

We are the first location to sell this new book! They are not in stores yet!

Merl Reagle is also the Sunday crossword creator for the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and over 40 other major newspapers. *Games Magazine* has called him "the best Sunday crossword puzzle author in the U.S."

He made his first crossword puzzle at age 6 and sold his first crossword to the New York Times at age 16 (the youngest person ever at the time). He was one of the stars of the 2006 puzzle documentary

Wordplay, along with Bill Clinton and Jon Stewart, and he appeared on "Oprah" that same year.

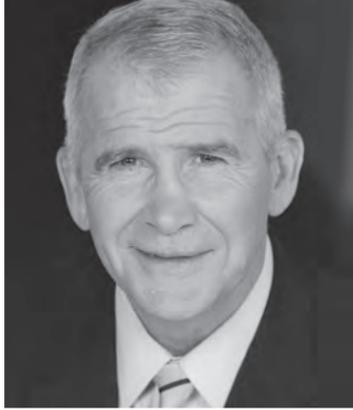
In 2008 he appeared as a character on "The Simpsons," where he played himself and did his own voice. In September he created the puzzle for the National Brain Game Challenge, an all-skill, solve-at-home crossword contest benefiting the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

If you are a crossword junkie like I am, this is a highlight and a delight!

But don't forget all of our businesses, civic groups and charities! We will have lawyers, plumbers, handymen, home health agencies, banks, financial planners, remodelers, and interior decorators. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be there along with authors and gem and antique appraisers. The Emergency Squad will be there taking blood



By Dana Dittmar,
Executive Director
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Col. Oliver North pressures and Gettle Automotive Group will have snazzy new cars for you to see.

No need to leave for lunch; several of our local civic and charity organizations will be on hand cooking up all kinds of treats for you to eat. You'll have your choice of baked sweet treats to hot dogs, pulled pork and much more.

You might come just for the door prizes! There will be plenty to enter, so bring your lucky charms and see what you take home!



Liberty Manor salutes Vets Nov. 10

Liberty Manor's Salute to Veterans 2012 will take place Saturday, Nov. 10 from noon to 6 p.m. In addition to free refreshments and beverages, the event will include an Honor Guard from USF, music, games and a noted guest speaker: Daniel Ruth of the *Tampa Bay Times*.

In addition, there will be tours of Liberty Manor, "the first-ever residential of its kind for veterans." The location is 10015 N. 9th St. in Tampa.

For more information, call (813) 352-7856, or visit libertymanor.org.

2nd Annual Guardian Toy Run set for Nov. 17

The Second Annual Guardian Toy Run will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17, starting at 10 a.m. at Tampa PC Networks, 11946 Boyette Rd. in Riverview.

The ending point will be The Rack, 1025 Brandon Blvd. in Brandon.

Although this is a motorcycle event, all are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The entry fee is one new toy and \$10. This fee includes food and drinks, a t-shirt and a raffle ticket.

More than 32,000 children in Florida are abused, abandoned, and neglected and even with approximately 7,000 volunteers more than 5,000 of those children do not have a Guardian ad Litem.

The Guardian Toy Run helps Guardians provide toys for the children they advocate for. Some of these children are in group homes, foster homes or transitional homes. Many times, they do not receive much for Christmas. This drive will help meet this need.

Sponsors of the toy drive include Tampa PC Web Design, Taylored Business and Office Solutions, Graphics Kat Designs, The Rack, Braille-Works, and Big Frog Custom T-Shirts.

To register, contact Bryan Taylor at (813) 400-0448.

Elder Affairs SHINE Program seeks volunteers

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs, along with the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, is seeking people to join the award-winning SHINE team of volunteers. This program helps elders make informed decisions about Medicare, health insurance and prescription drug plans.

SHINE volunteers provide individual counseling and assistance to elders and their caregivers about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare plan choices, long-term care planning and prescription discount drug programs. Volunteers may also make educational presentations to community groups and participate in local health fairs, senior fairs and other outreach and educational events.

If you'd like additional information about this opportunity and would like to become a SHINE volunteer in Hillsborough County, call the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging at (813) 740-3888, ext. 5593.

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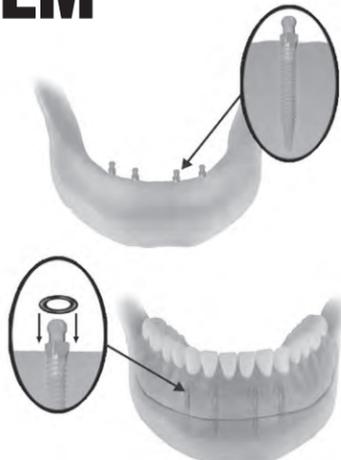
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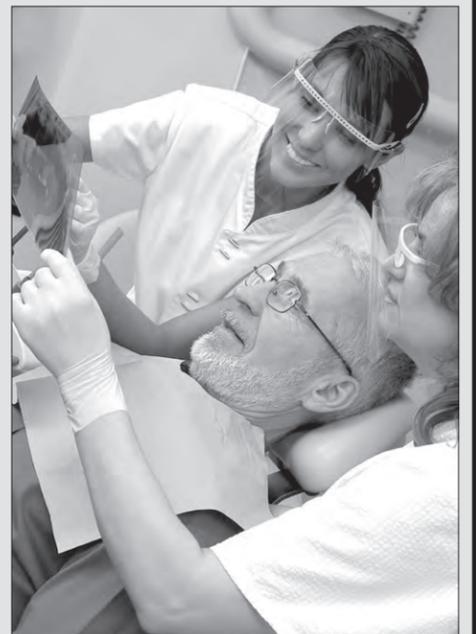


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Area Obituaries

Edith Mikula

Edith Mikula, 90, of Sun City Center, died Oct. 20, 2012. She led a life of courage and resilience. Born in Slovakia, she had a wonderful life, marrying Joseph in 1942. World War II and the Communist takeover of her country brought great challenges. Imprisoned by the Communists because of her husband's anti-Communist underground movement, she endured mental torture and threats. Released briefly, to implicate others, the underground helped her escape with, at her insistence, her two daughters ages 5 and 6. Enduring a 40-hour journey of walking, crawling and swimming, they made it to the American zone of Austria on Nov. 1, 1949. Reunited with her husband, they came to America in 1950. Working hard, they built a life for themselves and their daughters in Detroit, Michigan.

Edith was loving, strong, charming, caring, vital and active until a few months ago. Preceded in death by her daughter Katherine (1988) and husband (1998), she will be deeply missed by her daughter Susan, granddaughters Clare and Laura, great-grandchildren Joey and Gemma, and her loving and wonderful caregiver Rachel Rose. A memorial service was held Friday, Oct. 26 at Prince of Peace Church in Sun City Center.

Loren W. Smith

Loren W. Smith, 75, of Ruskin, FL, passed away at home Oct. 18, 2012. He was born March 13, 1937 in Jefferson County, Iowa, the son of Oren W. and Ethel E. (Willis) Smith.

Loren contracted polio at age 16, affecting his legs. Even so, he played golf for many years.

The Late Effects of Polio (PPS) caught up with him in 1997, so he had to quit work and ride an Amigo scooter to get around. He defeated many opponents playing shuffleboard seated on his scooter.

He worked as a design mechanical engineer at Clark Equipment Co. and Kellogg Co. in Battle Creek, MI, and Brown & Williamson in Macon, GA.

Loren enjoyed travel, photography and computers. He published newsletters, first for the Middle Georgia Camera Club, where he won many ribbons in photography competitions. He was also editor and publisher of the Southern Hillsborough County Post Polio Syndrome Support Group, and the preparer and publisher of the RiverBreeze telephone book.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Dawn (Fisher-Taylor); his twin sister Bonnie (Norm) Dixon; brother Laird (Janet) Smith; children Loren Wayne 2nd, Jeff, Sheryl (Frank) Tobar; stepchildren Cande D. (John) Wendel, Rick and Bob Taylor; and many grand and great-grandchildren.

The memorial Service was Oct. 20 at RiverBreeze MHP, where he is remembered as a past president of the Board of Directors.

Raymond T. Valentine

Raymond Thomas (Ray) (Ray/Ray), 79, passed away Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012 at home in Sun City Center, FL. Ray was born May 30, 1933. He was the youngest of six children born at home in Plymouth, CT.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucian and Anna (Ollie) Valentine; brothers Jimmy Valentine, Bobby Valentine and Ed Valentine.

Ray leaves behind two sisters, Vivian Miller of Wilmington, NC, and Jane Kasper of Terryville, CT, and several nieces and nephews.

He was active in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951-1954; Virginia State Police from 1955-1964; and the U.S. Federal Government, 1965-89, retired.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Beverly; a blended family of son William H. Valentine (Capt. U.S.N. Ret.) (Sue) of Alexandria, VA; daughter Deborah Valentine of Harriman, TN; step-daughters Michelle L. DeMaio (Eugene) of Willington, CT; Dawnn R. Turner (Paul) of Columbia, SC; and stepson Scott C. Kramer (Amy) of Elgin, SC.

He also leaves five grandchildren: James Valentine (Nicole), Benjamin Valentine (Shannon), Justin De Maio (Gen), Ashleigh Turner, and Ryan Turner; and several great-grandchildren.

Ray was a member of the Caloosa Golf and Country Club for many years. He was an avid golfer all of his life until health issues challenged his game.

Service will be private at the family's convenience.

Biblical figures will come to life at Trinity Baptist

Christian dramatist Clyde Annandale will present his interpretation of fisherman-disciple James during the 10:30 a.m. service at Trinity Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 11.

During the 6 p.m. service, he will portray Israel's famous King David.

For 35 years Clyde Annandale has been on a mission to bring to life the words, stories, and people of the Bible through his one-man dramatic portrayals. Annandale lived in Jerusalem for three years and wrote many of his scripts by the Sea of Galilee and in the cafés in Jerusalem. One of the highlights of those years was his portrayal of King David before Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in honor of the 50th anniversary of the statehood of Israel.

There are no tickets nor charge to attend. The public is welcome.

For more information, contact Trinity Baptist Church, 702 Del Webb Blvd. W, Sun City Center at (813) 634-4228.

Prince of Peace hosts Ministry Fair

Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City Center will host its annual Ministry Fair from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15. All are invited to come to the parish hall and learn more about the various ministries and volunteer opportunities available at Prince of Peace.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Members of the parish will also host a plant sale outside the Conesa Center.

For more information, visit www.popcc.org or call the parish office at (813) 634-2328. Prince of Peace Catholic Church is located at 702 Valley Forge Blvd. in Sun City Center.

Good Samaritan holds dinner and auction

Tickets are still available for the Good Samaritan Mission's first annual Appetite for Success Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction.

This festive event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 at its location at 14920 Balm Wimauma Rd. in Wimauma. The event begins at 4:00 pm and will include dinner (catered by the South County Culinary School) and special music. They will be updating everyone as to what God has been doing at the Mission as well as casting a vision for the coming year. Tickets prices are: \$25 per person / \$40 per couple / \$175 for party of eight. For tickets and additional information, call (813) 634-7136. Consider joining and bringing a friend to hear about their Mission.

Ruskin Aglow announces meetings

Ruskin Aglow will meet at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17 at Palm Garden, 3800 Upper Creek Dr., Sun City Center. Carol Holm, treasurer of Aglow will be sharing. Go early for fellowship.

The group's Christmas party will be Saturday, Dec. 8 at Denise Jurgensen's home: 10423 Ashley Dale Dr. in Riverview. This will be a covered-dish, meeting at 10 a.m. and the party at 11 a.m. Call her at (813) 677-9595 if you know what you are bringing. Meat and beverage are provided.

For more information, call Gloria at (813) 633-9613.

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We often speak your name.
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until we meet again.

Happy Birthday
We miss you,
Love, Gil, Keavin, Sherell,
Ron, Kim, Kelly, Lori, Ryan
and Krisi



Couple speaks on 'Day of the Dead' in Mexico

Linda and Wayne Conklin were welcomed into membership in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of SCC on Thursday, Oct. 25 just prior to their presentation of a service describing the "Day of the Dead" annual celebration in Mexico (where they lived for almost five years). Personal photographs highlighting the pageantry and scope of the festivities were projected onto a large screen as Wayne provided commentary. It was very informative and surprising to learn how this native ritual has been tolerated and even somewhat incorporated by the Catholic Church in Mexico.

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Violin and piano recital at United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, will host a duo recital by violinist Matitahu Braun and pianist Gary Wolf on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. They will perform the *Sonatina in D Major, Opus 137, No. 1* by Schubert, the *Sonata in G Major, Opus 96* by Beethoven, the *Sonatine in E Minor, Opus 80* by Sibelius and the well-known *Sonata in A Major* by Franck.



Violinist/Violist Mati Braun is a native of Israel, where he graduated from the Israel Academy in Tel Aviv. He came to America in 1962 to study at the Juilliard School, where he received Artist and Post-Graduate diplomas and was the recipient of the prestigious Naumburg Prize. In 1969 he joined the New York Philharmonic, a position he held until 2006. He also served as Principal and Solo Violist with the Dallas Symphony in the late 1970s. Braun is well known as a recitalist and chamber musician. He teaches violin and viola, works with students and professionals coaching orchestras and chamber music groups and presenting master classes. Braun has performed through the country as a soloist with many orchestras and chamber groups. His latest CD is *Voices of Time: Works for Solo Violin and Solo Viola* by Bach, Biber, Prokofiev, Sung and Varga.

Pianist Gary Wolf has performed as a recitalist and ensemble musician throughout the United States and Europe. Dr. Wolf conducts workshops, master classes, clinics for teacher groups, and has taught many award-winning students. He holds the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Cecile Staub-Genhard. He previously studied with Gordon Terwilliger and Adrian Pouliot at Wichita State University, and also as a Fulbright Scholar with Kurt Neumuller at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. Dr. Wolf taught at the University of Denver, the University of South Florida and as Distinguished Professor of Music at the University of Central Florida. He is presently a Professor Emeritus at UCF and an Adjunct Professor of Piano at Rollins College.

A donation of \$5 is requested at the door on the afternoon of the concert. For additional information about this and other events and activities at the United Church of Sun City Center, contact Jeff Jordan, Director of Music and the Arts, at (813) 634-2539. To learn more about the United Methodist Church of Sun City center, visit its website at www.sccumc.com.

Brandon Christian Church holds flea market

Brandon Christian Church, at the corner of Lumsden and Bryan Road in Brandon, will hold its Annual Flea Market on Saturday, Nov 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Proceeds will go to Family Promise of Brandon to help homeless families.

Post election ruminations

The Rev. Roger Fritts, minister of the Sarasota Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church, will lead the Thursday, Nov. 8 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of SCC service in exploring the attitudes and feelings we have toward our political leaders. The apt title of his sermon is *Leadership: Idealizing and Disappointment*.

The service begins at 7:30 p.m. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meets in the Henry Gibson Social Hall of Beth Israel Synagogue at 1115 E. Del Webb Blvd. Open to all.



Brittany Mruzcek and Jose Rivera will be featured singers at St. Stephen's holiday concert.

St. Stephen Catholic Church sponsors Navidad en Las Americas concert

The Christmas Holiday is an ecclesiastical holiday revered in the hearts of every Hispanic-American. It is steeped with traditions dating back hundreds of years, and is greeted every year with such anticipation, careful planning, and mystical symbolism

that it has become a celebration like no other.

The public is invited to celebrate this holiday at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Valrico on Friday, Nov. 30, when the church hosts its *Navidad en Las Americas* concert and musical 'travel' through eight Latin American countries (Argentina, Peru, Columbia, Honduras, Panama, Mexico, Cuba, and Puerto Rico).

The concert will highlight traditional Christmas songs in Spanish and English, featuring the talented voices of visiting guest artist Brittany Mruzcek, and local artists Jose Rivera and Mariachi Guadalupeno Den San Clemente.

Accompanying the guest singers will be musical group 'Enlaces,' Lorna Barroso, Angelica Chica, Miguel Oquendo, Ramon & Sonia Barroso and Chris Westfall.

The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets \$12.00 adult / \$15.00 at the door. Tickets are available at St. Stephen Catholic Church Main Office, 5049 Bell Shoals Rd. in Valrico, (813) 689-4900, or Ave Maria Catholic Store, 222 Bryan Rd. in Brandon (813) 689-3561.

Proceeds from the event will help benefit the new St. Stephen Catholic Church Building Campaign.

For additional information, contact George Miecycjak at (813) 541-1690, miecycjak@aol.com or check the church's website: www.ststephencatholic.org.



Redeemer women to meet Nov. 14

Board members of the women's organization (Women of the ELCA) of Redeemer Lutheran Church recently met to plan the new season. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14, starting with a breakfast served by the Board at 9:30 a.m. A media presentation will feature the organization over the past years and will be followed by a program on female homeless veterans. Redeemer women/guests are invited to attend.

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South Shore Music Makers is seeking jazz musicians, opera singers

Dominick Galati, president of the South Shore Music Makers, is assembling musicians and singers for two more major music ensembles starting this fall in Tampa Bay's south shore.

The first group, Main Stream Jazz, will be a new 16- to 18-piece professional jazz ensemble that will play the music of major jazz composers and arrangers, such as Stan Kenton, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Cole Porter, Jimmy Dorsey, Thelonious Monk and more.

Galati, a professional Big Band musician for 57 years and a jazz musician since his late teens, is looking to assemble a group that could perform for any occasion, from concerts, to dances, banquets, and shows.

The second group he is forming will be a new opera company for the South Shore, to include not only soloists but also a full orchestra and chorus. The Conductor/Artistic Director for this new company will be Maestro Robert Gutter, a world-famous conductor who has moved to the South Shore from the Carolinas and Europe. Maestro Gutter has spent more than 30 years conducting opera as well as teaching conductors.

Specifically, Galati is seeking
1) Soloist opera singers (both male and female in all ranges). Although Galati's group has three soloists already, they are looking for several more.

2) Singers for the chorus.
4) Anyone who loves music and

would like to volunteer their time to be part of this now-forming musical organization.

Those who are interested in becoming part of the South Shore Music Makers should contact the group at musicmakers@ocalnet.com.

Elder Helpline supports caregivers and their aging parents

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Teen/Adult Abstract/Process Art - Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

In an ongoing series "How Do You Make Art Anyways," Instructor Phyllis Alexandroff will guide participants in the history, methods, techniques, and knowledge base for abstract or process art. Individuals will work with paper in cutting, folding and tearing, and clay. They will complete their project on the second night, Nov. 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participants need to be able to attend both classes. Limit 20. Registration required at either the Information Desk or by calling (813) 273-3652.

eBooks for PC, MAC, Nook, Kobo, Sony and other eReaders - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10:15 a.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 Freading. Limit: 20 Presented by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium.

SouthShore Needle People - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.

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

Master Gardener: The Why's and Wherefore's of Hydroponic Gardening - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Join Master Gardeners, John & Terrie Lawson of Hydro Harvest Farms, and learn about the incredible world of hydroponic gardening from a couple with a local business here in SouthShore.

Google: Connect and Utilities - Thursday, Nov. 15, 12:15 p.m.

Learn how Google's communication features provide a new way to keep in touch with friends, get ahead in school, and stay organized. Learn how to use Google Utilities to create and store documents using cloud storage, access a music collection remotely and translate text. Learn how to navigate with Google Maps. Limit: 20

Book Discussion: *The Finkler Question*, by Howard Jacobson - Thursday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m.

Julian Treslove, a professionally unspectacular BBC worker, and his old school friend Sam Finkler, a popular Jewish philosopher, meet with their former teacher, Libor Sevick, and reminisce over their struggles with self-identity, anti-Semitism, women, love and the past.

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Acrylics workshop at Old Hyde Park

At 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday, Nov. 8), at the Old Hyde Park Art Center, award-winning, well-known artist Libit Jones will present a free demonstration on "Addicted to Texture: Working with Acrylics." The demo is open to the public.

This free demonstration will be followed on Saturday, Nov. 10, with a Jones-led workshop

on the same topic from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The workshop will instruct in a "fun textural application of paint using fluid acrylics on treated hot press paper" followed by "negative and/or positive paintin and glazing."

The cost is \$50 for members of the Art Center; \$65 for non-members.

Other classes include all Media with Dee Lobo, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays; ART for Seniors with Lyla Haggard, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays; and Sculpture with Candace Knapp, 9:30 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

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Buck-a-Bag Book Sale is Saturday at SouthShore Regional Library

The Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library are having a book sale.

The Buck-a-Bag Used Book Sale will be held in the Library Community Room on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shoppers can fill a plastic grocery bag with fiction, nonfiction and paperback books for only \$1.

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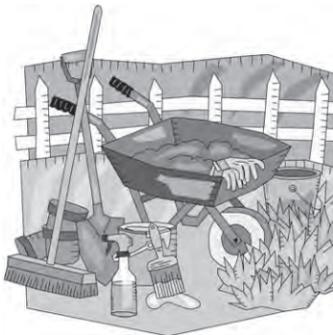
The Hillsborough County Master Gardener Program received three awards at the 2012 Master Gardener Continued Training Conference that took place in Clearwater the first week of October. Every year this conference presents Awards of Excellence and special recognitions for Master Gardeners. The awards are:

- **Educational Materials** for the preparation of a newsletter article and fact sheet,
- **Extension Awareness** for

the Plant Park GreenFest in cooperation with Hillsborough County Extension Service and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

■ **Written or Verbal Mass Communications** for the radio program Garden Talk that airs at WTIS 1110 AM Inspiration Radio.

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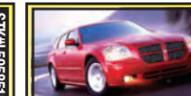
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What you've missed if you've been gone since May!

► By PENNY FLETCHER
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SOUTH COUNTY — The *Welcome Back* edition always reminds me of the words to the theme song from the 1970s TV series, "Welcome Back Kotter," and I can't get them out of my head.

So "Welcome back, your dreams were your ticket out —"

Welcome back to that same old place that you laughed about —"

Of course, in the case of snowbirds returning before the North freezes over, usually their dreams consisted of seeing family and life-long friends in their old hometowns up North and if they laughed about Florida — especially the beautiful area of south Hillsborough County — it was usually in a good way.

Being gone all summer though, snowbirds did miss some local action so this story is here so everyone can catch up!

■ In May: All editions of this newspaper ran a special tribute to Aleta Jonie Maschek as she entered her ninth decade. Local residents know Jonie as the columnist for *The Observer News* and *The Current's* weekly "Fish Tales" report, but the extensive tale in the May 24 edition tells of a lifetime career in the major media including how Jonie managed to break through the wall of male domination of media that existed in the 1940s and make a name for herself flying around the country reporting for large organizations and how she eventually landed at Tampa's television station WFLA as Director of Continuity. Since then she has written a series on Hillsborough County history that is available



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In May, Aleta Jonie Maschek turned 90 and that hasn't slowed her down one bit. She may be known for her weekly *Observer News* column, *Fish Tales*, but there is so much more to Jonie.

in libraries across the county and kept up with freelancing stories and columns, and at 90, she's writing a new book.

■ Also in May, valedictorians and salutatorians at three South County high schools were honored and their high goals shocked and amazed readers who were still talking about them weeks later after the graduations had been held.

■ County officials joined SouthShore Library advocates and friends to formally recognize the efforts of Sun City Center resident James Harkins IV who worked

tirelessly for the James J. Harkins Plaza outside the South Shore Library that bears his name and is the only outdoor pavilion of its kind in the Hillsborough County library system.



■ A new satellite office for the Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance held its Grand Opening at its new satellite office, 201 14th Ave. S.E. in Ruskin where people can look at daily lists of available jobs, type resumes, and ask questions of staff about what's available and how they can best go about applying. The new office is in partnership with the county's Family Health and Social Services & Aging Department, which makes it a one-stop shop where county services and various types of temporary aid can also be offered to the unemployed and underemployed.

■ In June: Grants of \$4 million were approved to build two more villages of affordable housing at Bayou Pass in Ruskin which was specifically designed to aid first-time homebuyers. The grants were made to a nonprofit developer, Florida Home Partnership, and work was started soon after as people began to apply.



■ The Pelican Players awarded Julia Fagot and Lucas Coura \$8,000 in college scholarships to pursue the arts and a host of academic scholarships were given by many civic and fraternal organizations to students for various colleges, universities and trade academies.

■ Fifteen-year-old Luis Rivera of Ruskin took the Silver Gloves State Boxing Championship for 2012 and won against the Georgia state champion in the Regional Junior Olympics in North Carolina. Known as "El Gallo Negro," Rivera trains with Coach Rolando Barrientos and Assistant Coach Arnie Rodriguez in Barrientos' Ruskin back-yard gym and ring.



■ Also in June, five months after her 12-year-old son Diego was shot by a stray bullet that just happened to fall from the sky where the boy was standing, Sandy Duran began the Bullet Free Sky Campaign to raise funds for firearms awareness. Donations and purchases of \$5 bracelets were (and are) being used to educate the public about shooting bullets into the sky at random to celebrate holidays. Thankfully the younger Duran has made it through multiple surgeries and has now turned 13. Bracelets are available at the South County Chamber of Commerce with offices in Ruskin and Apollo Beach; the Firehouse Cultural Center in Ruskin; and the Chakra Center in Sun City Center. To find out more, visit http://www.fireflyhalu.com/bullet_free_sky.html.

■ The county began construction that will eventually quadruple the size of the wastewater plant that can

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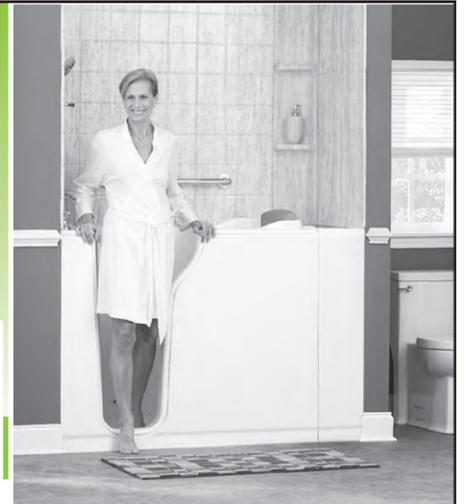
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■ Toward the end of June Tropical

Storm Debby pounded Tampa Bay with wind and rain, bringing flooding and power outages to some in the area, mostly in the Sun City, Ruskin and Wimauma. In Sun City Center, more than 2,700 customers briefly lost power as well.



Mitch Traphagen photo

■ Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County put on a magic show at the Firehouse Cultural Center. The large space at the new cultural center allows for activities that were not possible at the local libraries. About 160 children took part in the event given by Joey and Alexandra Evans June 28.

■ In July: The Crossing Church, which has campuses in Tampa and Orlando, began holding services at Lennard High School in Ruskin, gathering a core group of about 450 people. Lead Pastor Greg Dumas and Pastor Joey Adkins said they hoped to find a more permanent location

where they can implement the same services, programs and community outreach in South County as they have in their other areas.

■ Sun City Center residents began a survey to express what they want for the future of their community. A professionally-prepared comprehensive survey that evolved from the opinions previously made known by residents was mailed to all residents of the community whether they lived on site or in another state. The responses will be used to determine how future capital improvements will be made; what will be built and what will be expanded. Results eventually leading to a referendum on how their dues money will be spent.



Mitch Traphagen photo

■ Sun City Center Senior Living (both an assisted and full care residence) offered the family members of dementia patients a look through their loved one's eyes with a program called the Virtual Dementia

Tour to give insight into fears and frustrations they might not otherwise understand. Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia are predicted to explode in the population in the coming decades, speakers said, with the number affected directly with related diseases reaching 84 million or higher.



Penny Fletcher photo

■ South County's Cancer Resource Center opened, housed at South Bay Hospital, providing wigs and scarves and other things to cancer patients who come in and ask for them. Volunteers made it clear people do not have to be referred, or even be patients of a local doctor or hospital to receive help. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the small shop takes donations of many kinds. Wig shampoo, baby shampoo and

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■ Apollo Beach resident John Costa was charged with grand theft, dealing in stolen property, defrauding a metal recycler and for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription when arrested, as reported by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. According to the sheriff's office report, Costa, 31, allegedly removed approximately \$20,000 in scrap metal without permission from his employer and

sold it for \$8,355 to an industrial recycling company.

■ U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. William Graeff, 492nd Fighter Squadron pilot from Apollo Beach, represented the United States at one of the world's most prestigious air shows, held in Farnborough, England. The air and trade show is held once every two years. Interested in flying since childhood, he now pilots an F-15 Strike Eagle, a hypersonic long-range fighter jet frequently used for strike missions that go in without an escort. The show enables visitors to get an up-close look at the planes and latest military and commercial technology and also to speak with those who fly them.

■ Community planning for Balm came together with an Open House held where residents could see a draft prepared by county planners based on public meetings where they had described their vision for their

community. Lisa Silva, principal planner on the project, was on hand to discuss what many called a "pedestrian-friendly village." The first goal was determined to be to "maintain and preserve the rural and agrarian characteristics, atmosphere

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U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. William Graeff, 492nd Fighter Squadron pilot talks with Charles Bolden National Aeronautics and Space Administration administrator July 10, 2012, during the Farnborough International Air Show in Farnborough, England.

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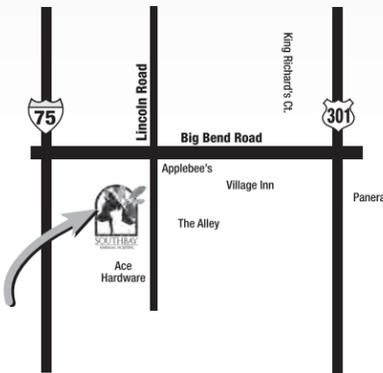
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and quality of life of residents.” Other goals include infrastructure improvements, effective services to lower crime and maintain a safe and secure environment. The plan was written with a 2035 perspective of what residents expect their community to grow into in the future.



Melody Jameson photo

Operation Fight the Blight.

■ In August: Removing junk and trash in yards was the motive behind Operation Fight the Blight led by Hillsborough County Code Enforcement officers in a 10-day sweep that focused on residential areas in a large section of eastern Ruskin. The epicenter of the sweep was the area between Shell Point Road and College Avenue East bordered on the west by U.S. 41 and on the east by Interstate 75. The Ruskin clean-up campaign was the fourth since November 2011. Vacant properties accounted for much of the problem because they invite illegal activity, code enforcement personnel said.



Melody Jameson photo

Toxic Chinese drywall being removed in SCC.

■ A large rebuilding effort began in Sun City Center as toxic Chinese drywall was removed from some homes from floor to ceiling in a drywall remediation project by Sierra Residential Construction. The effort follows years of unexplained illnesses and repeated repairs. Four large houses on Rimini Vista Way that were

among the last to be built by WCI Communities before the company went into bankruptcy were gutted and essentially rebuilt from scratch within their exterior walls. Of the 70 residential properties in Sun City Center and Kings Point containing substantial amounts of the toxic material, about 20 were on track for remediation at the time the rebuilding began and the news story written.



Mitch Traphagen photo

Women-owned companies help at shelter.

■ Women-owned companies joined forces to improve the Mary and Martha House shelter in Ruskin giving the kitchen and dining areas a new look. Mary and Martha House provides temporary shelter to battered and homeless women and their children and has many outreach programs in the community as well as longer-term transitional housing. To find out how to help, visit www.marymarthahouse.org or call Executive Director Laurie Kepler at 813- 645-7874.

■ Riverview was ranked among the best 100 places to live in the United States by CNN's Money magazine. The “Best Small City” ranking was earned by such factors as housing availability, educational opportunity, crime rate, leisure and cultural activities, climate and weather conditions.

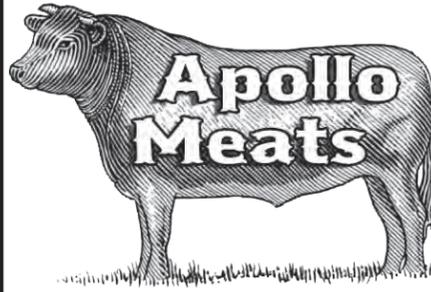
■ A campaign to dredge channels in Apollo Beach that began with a donation of \$50,000 by Tampa Electric Company topped out its \$175,000 goal when Mosiac donated another \$50,000 to the project and dredging is set to begin in April.



Somebody Cares Tampa Bay.

■ In September: For the first time ever an event under the umbrella of Somebody Cares Tampa Bay came to South County. Carefest 2012 was

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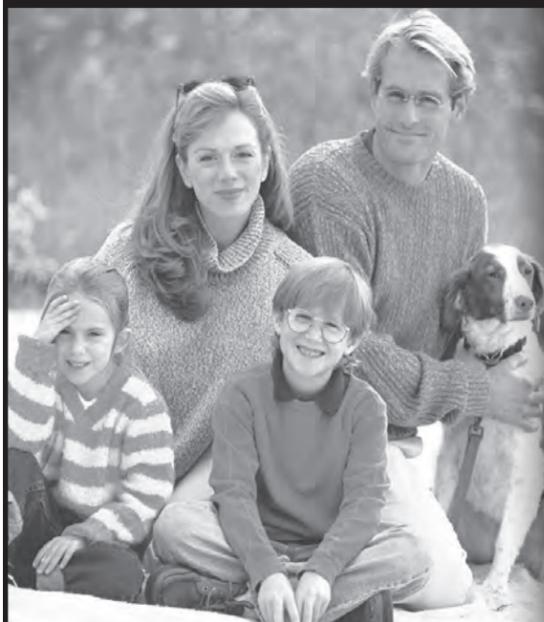
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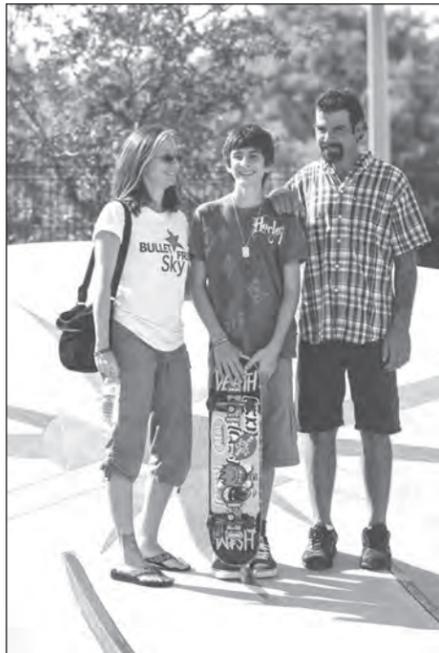
Wimauma. Reddick Elementary School is seeking community members to join its School Advisory Council. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month and last no more than 1 hour. For more information call Stacey Kaminski at 813-634-0809 x 237.

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headed up by Norman Blanton pastor of Ruskin's Foursquare Church. Blanton had previously begun Somebody Cares Plant City while he was the pastor of a church there and was familiar with how to get the event started. With the help of other denominations and individuals in South County, there was a day of cleanup and repair for some who pre-qualified as needing assistance (such as someone below the poverty level or disabled who was being fined for junk or debris in their yard or who needed basic home repair or paint). The sign-in and after-event luncheon and service were held at Ruskin's Destiny Church.



Mitch Traphagen photo
Diego Duran with his mother and father.

■ The Apollo Beach skateboard park opened after being named for Diego Duran, the 12-year-old Ruskin boy who was shot earlier in the summer by celebratory gunfire. (See the Bulletin Proof Sky entry for June for details of Duran's ordeal.)



Penny Fletcher photo
Newly furnished lobby at the SCC Chamber of Commerce.

■ The Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce finished its renovation and has a whole new look. Volunteers and local businesses donated time and materials for everything from paint to murals on doors and windows. According to Dana Dittmar, the chamber's executive director, the renovation began one room at a time some time ago and eventually led to a day of community volunteering when painters and other workers labored long and hard to get to the final result.

What would have cost more than \$50,000 if the chamber had to pay retail cost about \$4,000, Dittmar said.

■ A job fair at the Regional Service Center in Ruskin exceed all expectations as more than 250 job-seekers met with prospective employers. The new job center is a joint project of the Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance and Hillsborough County's South Shore Regional Service Center. The Job Fair was the brainchild of County Commissioner Sandra Murman who, with her staff members, helped work the event. To find out more about what jobs are open; what companies are hiring or taking applications; or to learn how to write resumes or apply for a job online, or any job-connected service, residents may visit the service center at 410 30th Street, Ruskin, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or log onto www.workfortamp.com.

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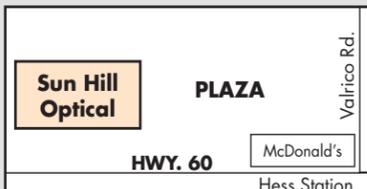
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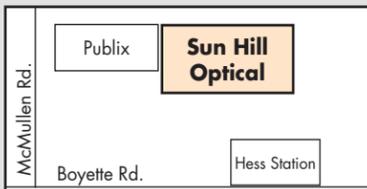
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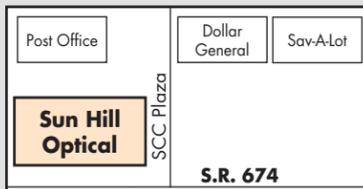
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■ In October: Professor Melanie Hubbard of Ruskin was featured at the annual Times Festival of Reading, after her 70-page book, "We Have With Us Your Sky," containing 49 works of poetry described by Hubbard as "snapshots of dreamscapes," was published by Subito Press, a literary publisher affiliated with the University of Colorado. It is available at the publisher's website, on Amazon, and in a variety of other places.



Melanie Hubbard

■ Twenty candidates for national, state and county offices were invited to stump in South County at a public event at the new Hilton Garden Inn in Riverview located in the Crescent Office Park off U.S. 301. From seats in the U.S. House of Representatives to local County Commission candidates, the forum gave each one three minutes to briefly introduce themselves and their position on whatever major issue they could fit into that timetable.

■ Results of a community survey taken in July (see July entry in this story for survey details) came back and surprised community organizers that most residents said their top priority would be a community café. The results are now in the hands of a "Blue Ribbon" panel charged with mapping out how this can best be accomplished. The results formed by this panel will be presented to

residents by Dec. 15 and will serve as a basis for a plan of expansion.



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VP Joe Biden in SCC.

■ Vice President Joe Biden spoke at Sun City Center Community Hall during his Florida tour in mid-October.

■ A preferred route for high voltage power lines was mapped by Tampa Electric Company and is now going before regulators. The route for a 230-kilovolt transmission line to

meet future demands for power goes through Balm parallel to County Road 672 to a point near State Road 39 and then crosses the roadway and angles through unoccupied acreage owned by Mosaic phosphate company and extends to the north edge of State Road 674 into Polk County.

■ The 100-year-old Ruskin Woman's Club building, once home to the President of Ruskin College, is in need of major interior repairs and renovations and is seeking help from local construction and maintenance businesses and/or monetary donations.

■ Following years of effort, hospital executives and elected officials broke ground for St. Joseph's Hospital-South on its 72-acre Big Bend Road campus. Between 300 to 400 jobs will be created when a free-standing, 40,000 square-foot medical office building, four-story hospital, and 80,000-square-foot medical testing and office structure are built in the next two-and-a-half years. The hospital plans to

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■ *The Riverview Current*, sister publication to *The Observer News* and *The SCC Observer*, changed its name to *The Current* and has extended its coverage area into FishHawk Ranch, Bloomingdale, and South Tampa. Residents in those areas are encouraged to send their press releases to news@observernews.net.

Hopefully by now residents who have been away for the summer are caught up with the local news they've missed and are preparing to have a spectacular and fun-filled winter season in south Hillsborough County.

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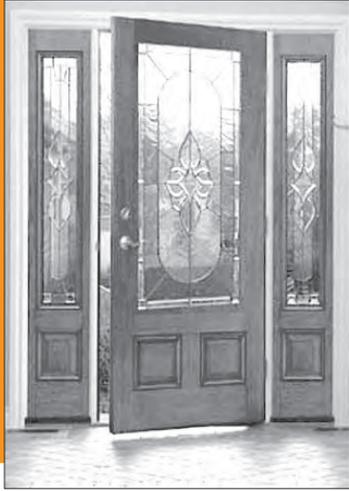
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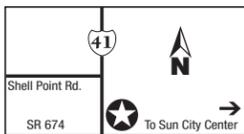
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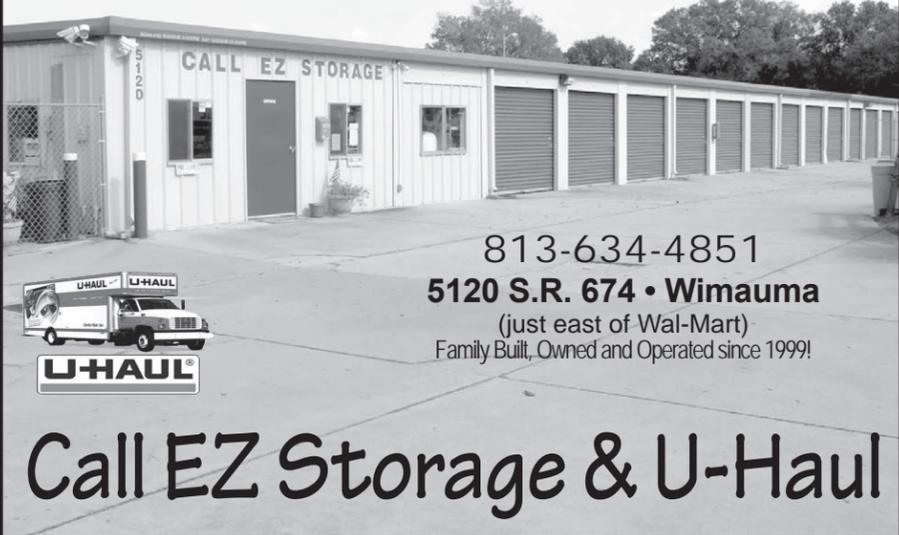
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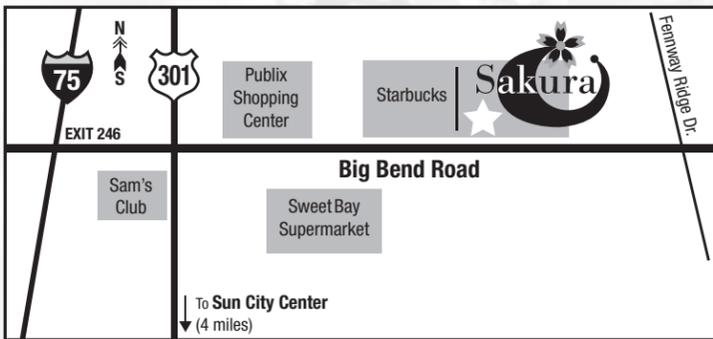
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The SouthShore Regional Library turns six years old

November is the 6 year anniversary of the opening of the SouthShore Regional Library. In celebration the library is hosting these special programs for adults throughout the month.



■ Enjoy an afternoon of traditional Irish and Scottish music on Tuesday, November 13 from 2:00-3:00 pm as Matthew Gurnsey performs Celtic Music. Through the marriage of wit and finesse, Gurnsey charms his audiences, sweeping them into tales of wayward voyages, unrequited love and the vibrantly colorful lives of the everyman beloved of many Irish tales. His unique talents with traditional Celtic instruments such as the concertina, bodhran, bones and mandolin, add an air of authenticity to each piece and his

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■ On Friday November 16 from 4:30-5:30 pm meet a park Ranger from Lettuce Lake Park at the Florida Wildlife Series event. This month the topic will be venomous snakes of Florida. Learn what could be slithering around in your own backyard. This is a family friendly program the kids might enjoy too!

■ As November is Native American Heritage Month, Captain Rick Rhodes will be at the library Saturday, November 17 from 3:00-4:00 pm presenting his program, The Trail of Tears. Learn more about the Trail of Tears and the plight of Eastern Native Americans during the period 1800 to 1840 with special focus on the Cherokees.

■ Enjoy an evening of astronomy and stargazing at the library's Star Party Tues., November 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Astronomy enthusiast Craig MacDougal, former planetarium director at MOSI, will lead a brief discussion on stars, planets, and moons. Immediately following will be an outside viewing of the night sky through telescopes. Kids of all ages will enjoy seeing these celestial wonders!

All of these programs are funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library who will be hosting a Book Sale November 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books for just \$1. The SouthShore Regional Library is located at 15816 Beth Shields Way Ruskin, FL 33573. All programs are Free to attend! For more information call 813-273-3652.

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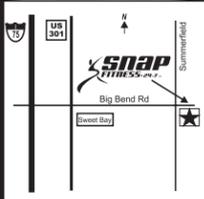
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