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Winn-Dixie Supermarkets supplied enough cupcakes to make two "100" designs for the celebration.

Centenarian Celebration falls short of world's record

By **PENNY FLETCHER**
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South County's 2014 Celebration of Centenarians was its largest ever, with 30 people 100 years or older, or who will reach their 100th birthday this year, in attendance.

Last year's attendance was 23, and organizers thought this year's might break the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

"It would have," said Charlotte Clark, one of the six-person committee that put the event together, "except that Clearwater recently had a similar event that drew 39."

The 30 honored were mostly from Sun City Center, where the event was held in Community Hall on May 8, but invitations were for anyone in the area who was — or is about to be — a centenarian.

Winn-Dixie Supermarkets supplied enough cupcakes to make the number 100 on two large areas on a table making them look like two cakes. Other sponsors included Harriet's Flowers, Lanese &

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HCC breaks ground for new science and technology lab

By **PENNY FLETCHER**
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The South County branch of Hillsborough Community College broke ground this week for its new two-story, 36,424-square-foot science and technology building.

"This will enable us to offer many more prerequisites for nursing and other premed studies than we have had before," said Allen Witt, campus president. "Students who have families and jobs will be able to take many classes online, and then use their actual class time for the things that require being present in the classroom."

"They will be able to take many more courses here as well, and go on to study medicine at the University of South Florida or elsewhere much more quickly," he said.

The building will have four non-organic chemistry labs, one organic chemistry lab, four multipurpose biology labs, eight classrooms and two computer classrooms, Witt said.

Construction began immediately after the official groundbreaking and is scheduled to be completed April 4, 2015.



Artist's rendering of the new science and technology building at Hillsborough Community College SouthShore campus.

Classes in the new building will begin with the fall semester of 2015.

"It's important to note that the labs are being designed so they may also be used as classroom space," Witt said. "This will give us flexibility as we continue to grow."

Witt said that when the school opened, about 400 students were expected to enroll, but it opened with 1,652 students instead, immediately exceeding all estimates.

The new building will also have four offices and a suite for deans. Like the other buildings on the

campus, the new one will be a LEED-certified green building. LEED is a nationally certified building program authorized by the U.S. Green Building Council for environmentally friendly buildings.

Open spaces will be enclosed and climate-controlled, Witt said.

The campus has 18 portable buildings because of the large number of students who were not projected to be enrolled when it was first built. The staff will not be getting rid of all of these when the new addition is completed.

"We have grown so much faster

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In some medical situations a geriatric care manager is the best option for families who don't know where to turn when a loved one is in medical distress.

By **LIA MARTIN**

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When Barbara Millstein fell in her Sun City Center home last July 21, she injured her pelvis. She was assured that with proper treatment, including physical therapy, her condition would

Geriatric concerns

improve without surgery. Little did Barbara know that her fall was only the beginning of a monthslong medical crisis that took her entire family and a senior's advocate to solve.

Barbara's case is an example of how an older patient became a "vulnerable person" at the mercy of those persons and facilities who would exploit her and her situation without regard for her personal wellbeing.

And that is why legislation passed this year by state lawmakers to protect the rights of elderly and disabled residents is so important.

House Bill 409, the "vulnerable persons" bill, was passed to protect the elderly and disabled by redefining the statutory definition of exploitation of vulnerable adults. It also increases penalties for those who steal seniors' identities and holds caregivers accountable for negligence. The bill awaits Gov. Rick Scott's signature.

After Barbara fell, her husband Jerry said that on one occasion after the physical therapy, something went wrong and the pain in her hip worsened. She also became less mobile as the weeks went by.

"In late September, she was in the bedroom and collapsed," Jerry said. He said that emergency

services took Barbara to a local hospital. In the emergency room, her temperature was recorded at 104 degrees when she was admitted, he said.

"Meanwhile, her mind was going south," Jerry said.

"None of them were talking to me."
— Jerry Millstein

When surgery to fuse her vertebrae was suggested, Jerry called their son Mitchell, who flew to Florida. Jerry and Mitchell decided to cancel Barbara's operation. "None of them were talking to me," Jerry said. "No one was explaining why her mind was going bonkers."

Jerry said Barbara ended up in a nursing home, where her condition was not improving, mentally or physically. By then, Jerry and Mitchell were joined by the Millsteins' daughter, Cheryl Schairer of Virginia Beach.

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Dr. Allen Witt, right, president of the HCC South Shore Campus, and professor Mustapha Lahrach, science program manager at the college, go over the final plans for the new science and technology building that will enable nursing and other premedical programs given at the school to go to a whole new level.

Martial arts summer camp

Tampa Bay Martial Arts Academy, at 6038 U.S. 41 N. in Apollo Beach, will offer martial arts summer camp, starting Monday, June 9, the first day of summer break. The camp, for children going into kindergarten next fall through 5th Grade, is available weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can sign up for the summer, by the week, or even just two or three days a week. The last day of camp is Monday, Aug. 18, the last day of summer break.

Besides martial arts classes, the academy has field trips, behind-the-scenes tours of businesses and supervised swimming almost every week. There are also craft times, educational game times and just plain play times. The camp offers family rates and specials. For more information, call Nancy at 813-649-0020 or visit its website at www.tbmaa.com.



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Stormwater grates stolen

Vandalism has sunk to a new low as stormwater grates went missing last week from two local shopping centers. The Thriftway Plaza in Ruskin and MiraBay Village in Apollo Beach, both on U.S. 41, were victims of this dangerous practice. The MiraBay theft was in a less conspicuous area of the parking lot, but the two missing grates in Thriftway Plaza were in central locations in the parking lot where there is a good amount of traffic. Plaza manager Tom Cairns said the situation could be disastrous for a vehicle whose driver is unaware the grate is missing. Anyone who notices a grate missing that has not been barricaded or marked is urged to call the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office at 813-247-8200.

HCC new building

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 than anyone expected," Witt said. "They didn't think the need in this part of the county would be so large when it was planned. So we will not take all the portables away. We know our growth has always exceeded expectations."

The construction team for this project includes architects Reynolds Smith and Hills, civil engineer Stantec, MEP consultants Volt Air and

construction manager Cutler Associates. The project budget is approximately \$9.8 million.

The HCC South Shore Campus was built on a 100-year-old tomato field donated by the Dickman family, one of Ruskin's original founders.

Since its opening in 2008, HCC's South Shore Campus has grown to serve more than 6,500 students. During the 2013-2014

school year, enrollment for this campus grew 7.3 percent.

Hillsborough Community College serves more than 46,000 students annually at five campuses and three centers throughout Hillsborough County. HCC is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For additional information, visit www.hccfl.edu.

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Lennard High teacher competes for national education award



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Student Chadwick Edouard works with Kelly Zunkiewicz in her pre-calculus class at Lennard High School in Ruskin.

■ By **KEVIN BRADY**
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A math teacher at Lennard High School in Ruskin is among the final 10 nominees for a prestigious \$25,000 education award.

Kelly Zunkiewicz is also the only Florida teacher still in the running for the Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice. More than 1,000 teachers had been nominated.

Zunkiewicz, a former teacher of the year at Lennard, teaches pre-calculus and Advanced Placement calculus and is also a math coach, helping other teachers.

“She started here right after college and has gotten better every single year,” said Lennard princi-

pal Craig Horstman.

“She has a strong background knowledge of her discipline and knows what she’s talking about. She also has a great personality and can relate to the students. She just knows how to be a teacher. She just has it.”

Launched in 2012, the \$25,000 Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice is an annual award for exceptionally effective teachers working in high-poverty public schools. No more than five teachers are awarded the prize each year.

Of the more than 1,000 teachers who were nominated for the prize, 800 applied by writing essays, compiling letters of recommendation and sending in videos. The list of applicants was further whittled by an unannounced visit to the teachers’ classrooms by a member of the prize committee. Zunkiewicz was the only teacher chosen from Florida.

The last step is an interview with the committee that Zunkiewicz completed last week in Brooklyn, N.Y. She was one of 10 finalists interviewed. The committee will announce the winners next week. As many as five can be selected.

Zunkiewicz, a Ruskin resident, said she is honored and excited to be among the finalists.

“It’s a great thing not just for me but for my students and the school,” she said.

Zunkiewicz credits her parents for helping her becoming a successful teacher.

“My mom was a first-grade teacher for 35 years and my dad was a small-business owner, so I saw what they went through and how hard they worked.”

“Ms. Zunkiewicz is an amazing young woman dedicated to our student population,” said Lisa Greenaker, a Lennard science teacher.

Principal Horstman said Zunkiewicz is constantly looking to improve. “She is very reflective about what she is doing in her classes,” he said. “She is always taking professional development courses and not willing to remain stagnant.”

“I just want the best for my students, knowing how hard they will be pushed outside,” Zunkiewicz



Kelly Zunkiewicz works with students in her pre-calculus class, which scored first in the county on their final exams over the last three finals. Their class average was 92.6 percent in January.

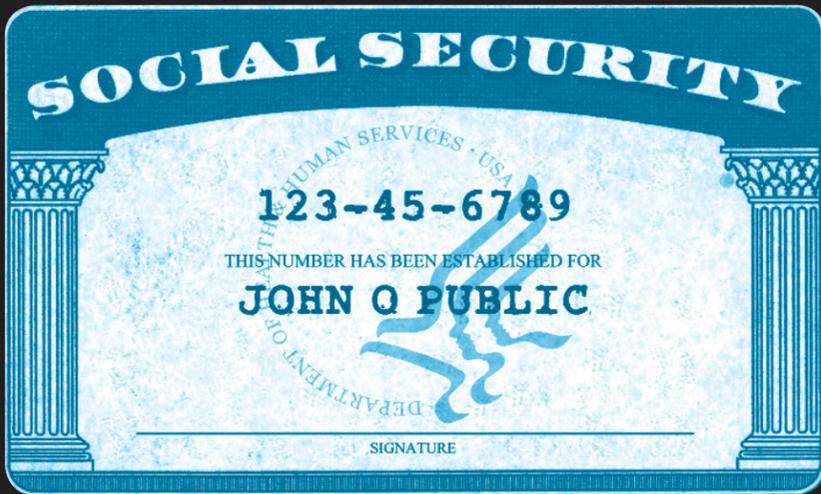
said. “I have high expectations for them and want them to succeed. At the same time, I have compassion for them. They know I care and understand why I am pushing them so hard because they see the benefit of it. They are wonderful kids and work really hard.”

In addition to receiving \$25,000, each Fishman Prize winner participates in an intensive summer residency. They reflect on their classroom practice, explore the larger issues that shape their profession, and write a short paper on the elements of effective teaching. The residency allows the winners to share their expertise with educators across the country without taking time away from the classrooms, where they do their best work.

The prize is named for Shira Fishman, a math teacher currently teaching at McKinley Technology High School in Washington, D.C.

A former mechanical engineer, Shira became a teacher through The New Teacher Project’s (TNTP) highly selective DC Teaching Fellows program in 2004. Her knowledge of math and her passion for teaching have inspired and motivated her students ever since.

TNTP is a national nonprofit committed to ending the injustice of educational inequality. Founded by teachers in 1997, TNTP works with schools, districts and states to provide excellent teachers to the students who need them most and advance policies and practices that ensure effective teaching in every classroom.



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Positive Talk: Prepare to be lucky

There is an adage that says, "The harder I work, the luckier I get." I am not alone in thinking this is true. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The right merchant is one who has just average of the faculties we call common sense; a man of a strong affinity for facts, who makes up his decision on what he has seen. He is thoroughly persuaded of the truths of arithmetic. There is always a reason, in the man, for his good or bad fortune — in making money. Men talk as if there were some magic about this. He knows that all goes on the old road, pound for pound, cent for cent — for every effect, a perfect cause — and that good luck is another name for tenacity of purpose."



By William Hodges

Training and knowledge, along with commitment, are certainly some of the keys to success. Emerson also said, "All successful men have agreed in one thing — they were causationists. They believed that things went not by luck, but by law; that there was not a weak or a cracked link in the chain that joins the first and last of things." Are you prepared to make things happen? Are the links in your chain strong enough to hold you through tough times or are you trusting to luck?

Meal-and-a-Movie blood drive this weekend

On Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., a bloodmobile will be on site at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 815 Providence Road, Brandon.

All blood donors will receive a coupon for a free lunch buffet from Golden Corral and a voucher for a free movie ticket, plus a wellness checkup that includes blood pressure, temperature, iron count and a cholesterol screening. For more information, call 800-682-5663.

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Every two seconds someone needs blood. Blood that is donated today will likely be transfused within two to three days. The turnaround is that fast, the need is constant.

Steps you can take to guard against identity theft

A seminar on identity theft, scams and how to protect yourself will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd.

Presented by the SCC Community Station of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the seminar is free, but seating is limited.

Call for a reservation and directions: 813-242-5515.

I think that the first link must be how we define success. For some, it is money; for others, it is respect. Power certainly is how some would define success. But it does not matter how others define success; it is how you define it that makes the difference. Try to write in 25 words or less what you would deem as success in your life. Maybe determining the words you would like said of you when you leave this earthly home will help you to get started.

Once you have established how you define success, look around for people who have achieved what you want to achieve. They are the next link in your chain. If they are close, try to make personal contact with them. If that is not possible, write to them of your admiration and ask them to tell you what they think are the most important things that one must focus on to achieve what they have achieved. Be as specific as you can in your request. Simply saying to them, "How did you become a success?" is much too broad. Ask a more specific question such as, "What are the five things I can do to...?" You fill in the blank.

Listen to the responses you get and forge them into strong links by taking appropriate action. Are you a causationist? Do you make things

happen — or do you sit around and wonder what happened? In the days of ancient Rome, the small country of Italy took over most of the known world. They did it because they had Caesars who were so committed to their task that they burned their ships rather than even think about retreat. Can you muster that same resolve?

Now go to work. Somewhere in Africa a lion and a gazelle are waking up this morning. Each must be prepared to run, but the stakes are different for each. One will run for his supper; if he loses, he just goes hungry. But if the other loses, it is all over. What is your impetus

to run? How much do you want that thing that you have defined as success? There is a caution, and I think it is an important one. Be sure that in link one, you have defined success as that which will make you truly happy. Keep in mind that we pay for all we have with all we are, and in the end we must determine if it was worth it.

Finally, if you are unwilling to do any of this, there is still a chance for you, according to the Bible. Ecclesiastes 9:11 says, "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to

men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all." But do you wish to trust your life to chance? You could end up being lunch.

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, that 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: 813-641-0816. Email: bill@billhodges.com Website: www.billhodges.com

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4th annual Chamber Cup Classic Golf Tournament

By **LIA MARTIN**
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The business ServiceMaster 24 Hour Restore won the Chamber Cup this year. They won the coveted navy blue blazers and have ownership of the championship cup for a year, plus all four enjoy an individual trophy.

Derek Povich won the Longest

Drive for Men, Judie Schafers won the Longest Drive for Women, Jim Raymond won the Closest to the Hole, and Larry Tisch won the Putting Contest this year.

"The tournament was a huge success because of the support of all of our sponsors," said Dana Dittmar, executive director of the Sun City Center Chamber. "We couldn't have provided the food and beverages nor the prizes and gifts if it hadn't been for them."

There were 100 golfers playing on 25 teams at the Apollo Beach Golf Club.

"I can say that we truly had a chamber of commerce day while enjoying beautiful weather," Debbie Caneen, SCC Chamber president, said. "Many of our chamber members donated door prizes to highlight their businesses, so most everyone was a winner! It was a great afternoon for all!"

Sponsors of the 4th annual Chamber Cup Classic Golf Tournament event were South Bay Hospital, Howies' Plumbing, Precious Coins and Gold, Association Benefits International, Lanaese + Associates, *The Tampa Tribune*,

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Breakfast was sponsored by Manatee Healthcare System, lunch was sponsored by the Ruskin Methodist Youth Group, the Superticket was sponsored by Freedom Plaza,

beverages were sponsored by FirstLight Home Care, golf carts were sponsored by T. Gregory Jacobs DDS and Bryan R. Thatcher, and the putting contest was sponsored by ServiceMaster Clean.

Raffle ticket winners received a gift basket offered by Café Di Luna, a deluxe coffee and tea gift basket offered by Turner Cole Co., a golf gift basket offered by Gator Maintenance and Janitorial, three golf coaching sessions offered by Delia Skye, one hour of IT consulting offered by K10 Simply IT Technologies, a one-hour massage offered by Riverview Chiropractic, four hours of labor offered by Labor Finders, lunch at One Buc Place offered by the Buccaneers, one hour of bowling and shoe rental offered by The Alley, an ice cream basket offered by First Financial Group, a deluxe snack basket offered by SunTowers, golf for two at Freedom Fairways offered by Brookdale Senior Living, and a golf guest basket offered by Serenity Meadows.

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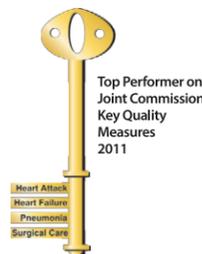


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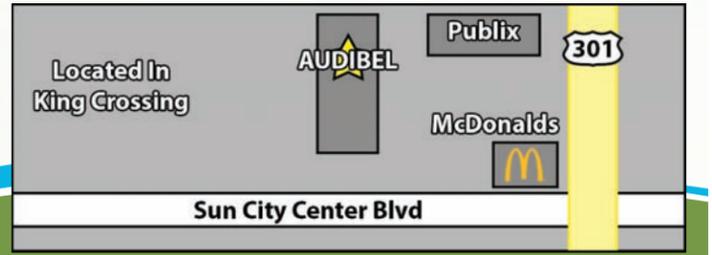
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Gibsonton Elementary School's Terrific Kids of the Month

The following students were recognized at Gibsonton Elementary for showing their peers how to have confidence: Rynoniah Nolan, Aiden Oyola, Devin Lapointe, Anthony Castillo, Alanna Thompson, Elijah Abrams, Sergio Merida, Noah Frantz, Marc Estrada, Angel Garcia, Lyric Oglesby, Shyanne Wylder, Paige Phillips, Melany Gonzalez-Alvarado, Tristan Perkins, Tayla Wood, Josue Castillo, Adelini Abrams, Jorge Huapilla, Justin Williams, Tessa Starke, Tucker Gillette, Christopher Wilson, Jordan Dulaney, Karen Jackson, Madison Campbell, Alyssa Hobbs, Brianna Boudreau, William Handcock, Julian Abrams, Angelica Sifuentes, Hailey Gillette and Ashton Polk.

SouthShore Regional Library Kids program/event highlights

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Teen Game Zone — Thursday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.

Teen gamers, come join us as we plug our Xbox 360, Wii and PlayStation into our large projector screens for two hours of gaming.

Bedtime Stories — Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.

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

Teen Advisory Board Meeting — Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.

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

Adult/Teen Watercolors — Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

Join art instructor Diane Simon and brush up on your watercolor skills and techniques. All levels welcome. Limit 22. Registration at the Information Desk or call 813-273-3652. Funding for this program provided by a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center.

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

Alexander Rethwisch inducted into honor society

Alexander Rethwisch of Riverview was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Rethwisch was initiated at Florida State University.

Rethwisch is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

HOMESCHOOLING

Pros and cons of teaching your child at home

The third article in a series by guest columnist Barbara Baker of Riverview on parents' questions about homeschooling.

By BARBARA BAKER

With the rise in interest for homeschooling (7-15 percent per year nationally), parents considering this option may want to weigh the pros and cons. In researching the factors to consider, it became apparent to me that the advantages and disadvantages are not always so black and white.

For example, the Homeschool Companion, a website for homeschool families, states: "While you and your child can still seek non-scholastic teams and other competitive hobbies, this generally requires prior interest in a topic. The school system, on the other hand, provides several competitive paths for children to try without provocation."

On the plus side, homeschooling provides a unique opportunity for the parent to bond with her child, to develop teaching styles and tools tailored specifically for the child, and to share the learning experience.

Flexibility is also a major plus. Lesson plans can be customized not only to the student but to the parent as well. Imagine combining a math lesson with the weekly grocery shopping. Your child learns addition, subtraction, even multiplication, while you get your shopping done.

Individual attention is another plus. Your child's individual struggles can be more easily identified and corrected with gentle encouragement from you as opposed to a teacher trying to do that in a classroom full of 30 or more students. And guess what? No student-teacher conferences! You already know what is going on.

Consider safety. Parents have more control over bullying, violence and exposure to drugs or alcohol.

There are freedoms, as well. Emotional freedom from peer pressure. Religious freedom to incorporate religious beliefs into the fabric of the

child's education and daily life.

Karen Tierny, a Riverview resident and 17-year veteran of homeschooling, says, "When I first started, I was so excited to see the books I could use to relate my children's education to the Christian values and beliefs I hold."

There is also physical freedom. Parents no longer have to revolve around the school schedule. Doctor/dentist visits can be scheduled conveniently, and family vacations can be planned during off-season times.

One of the often touted downsides to homeschooling is socialization. Yet this, too, is a gray area. While homeschool students spend less time with student groups, today they have options that weren't available when the pioneers of modern day homeschooling were getting started. Co-ops, in which a group of parents and teachers take turns volunteering time and talents, offer a variety of socialization opportunities, from field trips to chess clubs, to sporting tournaments, dances and music recitals. With proper planning, the socialization opportunities are there for the taking.

A major concern for parents is financial. If a parent gives up a job to educate a child at home, he or she must consider the sacrifices and adjustments that may have to be made. For some, this is a deal breaker. For others, not so much. If the job the parent has is part-time, some of the financial loss may be made up with gains from saving on things like commuter costs, professional clothing and dry cleaning, and school uniforms. Work-at-home opportunities may also play a part.

Another concern is the constant interaction. Parents of a traditional schoolchild are generally assured of approximately 40 hours a week when the child is not in the home. Some parents need that break more than others.

Clearly, there are many factors to consider.

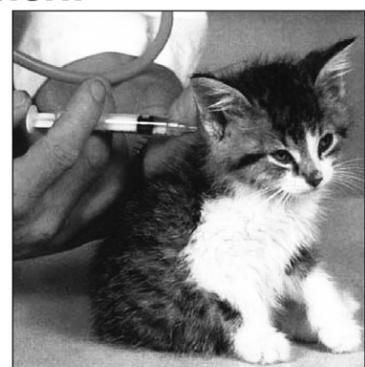
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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

The article "Sierra Club barred from tour of proposed ferry, park," by Penny Fletcher, published 5-11-2014, is an eye-opener. It calls attention to the need for more parks for our growing citizens. It is clear that birds, unlike people, can move around to areas that suit them very easily. They just fly away. Not so with human beings, who are hampered by laws and Keep Out signs all over the bay to restrict their every move. To demonstrate just how bad this has become, look at the unbelievable growth in red-marked areas on the article illustration. These note the off limit to people bird preserves. In particular, note their locations: all along the shores of Tampa Bay. I think the new South Shore sports-minded generation will want their children to enjoy beach, dock and boat launch facilities so that they can enjoy what we, the more senior individuals, enjoyed before the nesting crowd walled off the bay.

To focus on boat launching into Tampa Bay, all we have in Hillsborough County really is E.G. Simmons and Williams Parks. You can't count on substandard Cockroach Bay ramp and parking, low-bridge-restricted Common good [sic] Park ramp, low-tide-restricted Dominick [sic] Park ramp, and dangerous incline Wild Cat Creek ramp. As has been seen so many times in the past, all, in particular both Simmons and Williams's ramps, get overloaded, particularly when the weather is nice.

Let's look at why this has surfaced now and will get worse. First it was Amazon, with its 1,000 worker force in Ruskin. Then it was Bass Pro Bass Shops in Brandon, followed by Gander Mountain, and finally Sports Authority. All these outfits will attract the younger sports-minded customers and hire sports-minded employees, who will locate close to the work places. What will they find: Not much because most of the boat ramp access to the water is in Manatee, Clearwater, and Pinellas counties.

But wait, I forgot there is the HMS Global Maritime need for a ferry terminal to MacDill Airfield Base [sic]. The proposed location is the undeveloped Fred and Idah [sic] Schultz Preserve at the southern tip of Hillsborough County in the Kitchen area with a 3-acre proposed boat basin. Once the four boat launch ramps are added, the large 1,000+ space parking lot could easily be used whenever car parking for the ferries are light, most likely on weekends. A perfect parking fit, with a nominal parking fee to insure [sic] the lot remains clean and has an organized appearance. This location will certainly cut down on wasteful boat traffic and trailer traffic to and from distant ramps and beaches.

This ferry terminal location will continue to attract more business activities to serve the growing young sports-minded population. It could also go a long way to attracting a new ball park on this side of the bay in the event that the Rays want to relocate. Hillsborough County should approve the HMS Global Maritime project without further delay, and add a nominal grant to cover the four boat ramp design and construction costs.

Charlie Feldschau
Sun City Center

Dear Editor,

A recent story on *The Observer News* quotes Gail Parsons commenting on the High Speed Ferry Project and the Schultz Preserve. She was identified as Vice Chair of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club. The views expressed by Gail Parsons were her own and do not reflect the official position of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club.

The Tampa Bay Sierra Club endorses and supports the Tampa Bay High Speed Ferry Project. This position was adopted at the June 5, 2013 meeting of our Executive Committee by a vote of seven to one, with one abstention. As a result of that vote, I was directed by then-Chair Marcia Biggs to draft a letter of support to each of the Hillsborough County Commissioners. ...

Tampa Bay Sierra expects the Ferry Project, with commuter ferries connecting south Hillsborough County and MacDill Air Force Base, to replace up to 62,000 vehicle miles on our highways per day, significantly reducing air and water pollution in the Tampa Bay area. Cleaner air and water makes the county more livable and attractive — for people and wildlife — and for economic development and tourism.

In Tampa Bay, motor vehicles are the major source of air pollution. From 2007-2009, Hillsborough County reported 21 days when ozone levels were high enough to issue health warnings — the highest number in the state. Hillsborough County received an F-rating by the American Lung Association for ground-level ozone pollution, known as smog, which is produced when heat and sunlight cook tail-pipe emissions.

The ferry can reduce CO2 emissions by up to 6000 tons per year and NOx pollution by up to 16 tons per year. Nitrogen is a major pollutant to Tampa Bay. Vehicles discharge oils and toxins onto our roads, which pollute wetlands and waterways through stormwater runoff.

Tampa Bay Sierra believes the High Speed Ferry project will shift the development/transportation paradigm for the rapidly growing area in South Hillsborough County. Providing a premium transit option that works will incentivize transit-oriented development and promote options such as buses, bikes and sidewalks in the place of ever-wider roadways. No other transit option has the potential to move so many people for so little cost.

We continue to support the expeditious development and funding of this innovative, transformative and cost-effective transportation project

Kent Bailey
Chair,

Tampa Bay Sierra Club Group

What snacks to make for kids with allergies

A new class on summertime snacks for kids with allergies is offered from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, at the Publix in Winthrop Town Centre.

Join the class to learn about tasty, allergen-free products; simple, crowd-pleasing recipes; and tips for events and parties.

The class is free. To RSVP, call Publix Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Jammie Stolarz at 813-684-3039.



Brandon AutoMall FIAT hosts Riverview Business After Hours

Brandon AutoMall FIAT hosted a special Business After Hours last week, offering networking, socializing and fun for members of the Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce. A variety of beverages and a large selection of Buca di Beppo menu samplings were available for all. The host showcased its new 2014 Abarth GQ edition Fiat. Brandon AutoMall FIAT is located at 11024 Causeway Blvd. in Brandon.

BBQ, beer, blues & business expo is this Friday

The annual Pigs in the Parking Lot festival runs from 4 to 11 p.m., Friday, May 17, in the MiraBay Winn-Dixie Plaza parking lot, 137 Harbor Village Lane, Apollo Beach.

There is something for every "big or little piggy" who attends, say the organizers, the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce.

Go fuel your weekend with BBQ, beer and blues. Go for the arts and crafts booths, the commercial and nonprofit vendors, the kids area and, above all, for the music.

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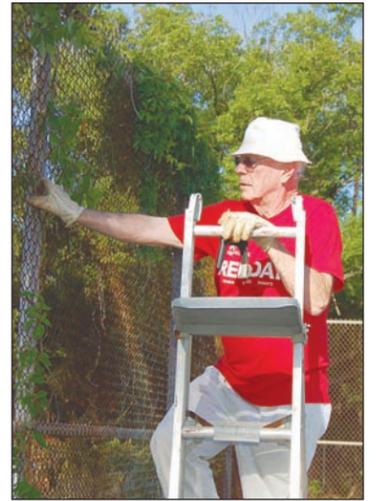
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 — Laurie Kepler, Mary & Martha House executive director



LAURIE HERRING PHOTOS

Keller Williams gives back

The Mary & Martha House emergency shelter was the recipient of this year's Keller Williams Realty SouthShore RED Day project. RED Day, which stands for Renew, Energize and Donate, is Keller Williams Realty's annual day of service. Each year on the second Thursday of May, associates spend the day away from their businesses serving worthy organizations and causes in their communities. The group converged on the shelter early and tackled indoor and outdoor projects. Donations were received from Ybor Grille, Cardel Homes, Borman Construction and McDonald's. John Monticello of Pappy's Painting supplied paint and his professional services to aid the associates.



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Scholarship funds available to students planning to work with seniors

The Better Living for Seniors Hillsborough Alliance, or BLS Hillsborough, is now accepting applications for its \$1,000 academic scholarship.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student in good standing who is enrolled in a formal, postsecondary program in preparation for a career that involves working with older adults. Applicants must live in Hillsborough County.

"BLS is a business organization whose members are committed to improving the lives of local seniors," says Patty Suarez, one of the founders of BLS Hillsborough and vice president of the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging. "We demonstrate our commitment to seniors in the work we do every day. This scholarship allows us to help and encourage a student with similar aspirations, while impressing upon them the importance of high ethical standards."

Additional information about the scholarship and applications are available on the BLS website: www.BLFSA.com. Interested stu-

dents should complete and submit their scholarship application and supporting essay by May 30 to be considered for the scholarship. Finalists will be notified by July 1, and will be expected to participate in an interview conducted by a panel of BLS members as part of the application process.

One winner will be selected to receive the award, which will be presented at the BLS general membership meeting Aug. 19. The scholarship monies will be awarded and applied toward tuition for the fall 2014 semester.

"We hope to be bombarded with applications!" says Suarez. "Our scholarship committee is looking forward to meeting our future colleagues who are as committed as we are to providing excellence in service to the seniors of our community."

For more information, call Patty Suarez at the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging at 813-676-5616 or email Patty.Suarez@agingflorida.com.

The Savvy Senior:

How to help seniors with their computer issues from far away

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any computer software products that you know of that will let me help my parents with their computer issues from afar? They are in their 70s and frequently call me with their computer questions and problems, but I live across town and don't always have time to get in the car and drive over to help them. What's available that can help us?



By Jim Miller

Weary Son

Dear Weary,

Helping elder loved ones with their computer questions or problems over the phone can be frustrating and difficult. Fortunately, there are a number of resources available today that offer remote-access software that can easily help you assist your parents with their computer issues from afar.

One of the best is TeamViewer, which is completely free to use and works with Windows and Macintosh computers.

To get started, you and your parents will need to go to TeamViewer.com and install their free software on each of your computers. How-to videos are available on their site to help with the installation.

Once installed — and with their permission — you will be able to access your parents' computer right from your own computer wherever you are. Both machines must have broadband Internet for this to work.

This software will give you the

ability to actually see what's appearing on your parents' computer screen, and will let you remotely take charge of their computer so you can show them how to do something, or you can do it for them while they watch. Almost anything can be done remotely with this software. You can even keep a live video chat open at the same time you're helping them.

If you're interested in shopping around, some other free remote-access programs worth a look include Chrome Remote Desktop (go to chrome.google.com/webstore and type in "Chrome Remote Desktop" in the "Search the store" box to find it), and SkyFex (skyfex.com), which works only with Windows.

Skype also has a screen-share feature (see skype.com/en/features/screen-sharing) that lets you share your screen and video chat at the same time, but you can't actually take control of the other person's computer. You can only show them what they should be doing by demonstrating it on your own desktop.

Professional Tech Support

If your parents need more tech support than you are able to manage, another option to consider is to sign them up with a tech support company like Geek Squad (geeksquad.com, 800-433-5778), which also offers remote access capabilities to help your parents with almost any computer issue.

Whenever they need assistance, they could call the Geek Squad toll-free number anytime, 24 hours a day, or

log in to their website. A Geek Squad representative would then help them initiate a remote-access session, so they could remotely show them how to do something, or make repairs or adjustments to their computer. Once the call is completed, the remote-control access would be disconnected from your parent's computer.

In addition to the remote access help, Geek Squad tech support also offers free antivirus software, they cover up to three computers (or other devices), and provide unlimited phone and in-person tech support at any Best Buy store. Costs range from \$200 for one year, \$280 for two years or \$350 for three years, with a 15 percent discount available to AARP members.

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Excel: Calculations, Charts & Graphs — Thursday, May 15, 12:30 p.m.

Learn about the functions and complex formulas and how to use them in calculations. Create and format charts from data for visual emphasis. Previous experience with Microsoft Excel is recommended. Limit: 20.

Book Discussion: *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout — Thursday, May 15, 2 p.m.

A stunning novel as powerful and moving as any work in contemporary literature. Catalyzed by a nephew's thoughtless prank, a pair of brothers confront painful psychological issues surrounding the freak accident that killed their father when they were boys, a loss linked to a heartbreaking deception that shaped their personal and professional lives. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Safe Boating Teach-In — Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Cooking delicious and nutritious meals does not need to take a lot of time or cost a lot of money. Join Rowena Sjøvall of No Fuss Foods as she demonstrates a budget-friendly recipe. Free samples! Limited to 20 participants. Register in advance at the Information Desk or call 813-273-3652. Funded by the Friends of SouthShore Regional Library.

Internet: Introduction & Google — Tuesday, May 20, 12:15 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet and related terminology. Learn how to use Google to find information, and tips for evaluating what you find. Registration is available at branch opening the day of the program.

eBooks for Kindle and Kindle Apps — Wednesday, May 21, 2 p.m.

Learn how to check out and download free library eBooks to read on the Kindle or any device using the free Kindle app and Overdrive. Also discover how to use library eBooks with an Amazon.com account. Presented by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium. Limit: 20.

Elder Law Seminar — Wednesday, May 21, 2 p.m.

This program will provide information and education regarding legal issues for seniors including planning for incapacities and long-term care with emphasis on public benefits. Medicaid, Medicare and VA programs will be discussed.

SouthShore Needle People — Wednesday, May 21, 6 p.m.

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

Adult/Teen Watercolors — Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

Join art instructor Diane Simon and brush up on your watercolor skills and techniques. All levels welcome. Limit 22. Registration at the Information Desk or call 813-273-3652. Funding for this program provided by a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center.

Mah Jongg Club — Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of the popular table game, mahjongg. Beginners are welcome; free instruction will be provided. Participants are asked to bring their own mahjongg card. Limited to 32 players. Register in advance at the Information Desk or call 813-273-3652.

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Blood donor wins new car; gives car to friend fighting leukemia

In a stunning turnaround, dedicated blood donor and Florida National Guard Sgt. Jacob Thomas won a car in a blood center promotion and decided to give the car away to his friend and fellow platoon sergeant, William McNeil Jr., who is fighting leukemia and awaiting a bone-marrow transplant.



Blood donor Sgt. Jacob Thomas, left, hands the key to a new Kia to Sgt. William McNeil Jr.

"I got a reliable car, I don't particularly need the money, so, you know, it's like helping a friend out," said Thomas. "I mean, he needs it a lot more than I do. It's the right thing to do. The car is just a bonus. The real winning is donating blood and helping people and saving their lives."

"He told me 'I just want to give you the car.' I was completely blown away, and I really didn't know what to say," said McNeil. "I have a really old car and must travel to Shands Hospital in Gainesville for treatment. Now I have a car that will hold my family and one that is a gas-saver."

Thomas has been donating blood since high school and, ironically enough, his friend McNeil has had to have multiple blood and platelet transfusions due to the harsh effects of chemotherapy.

KIA Autosport of Pensacola donated the car for the promotion. KIA Autosport manager and vice president Jessica Lee thanked Thomas and all blood donors for their donations during the promotion. She said, "It's not about the car, but raising awareness to the increased need for blood in our community".

OneBlood serves as one of the seven military hubs throughout the country, which means they are ready to provide needed blood to the military when called.

Generally healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. To learn more about the importance of blood donation and how donors can target the power of their blood type, visit oneblood.org. For more information, call 800-682-5663.

Mario DeLeon plays for Moonglow May 22

Moonglow Ballroom Dance Club presents an evening of live music by Mario DeLeon at its monthly dance on Thursday, May 22, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center.

Attire at Moonglow dances is dressy casual. Members are free; visitors/guests pay \$5 at the door. Singles tables are always available. BYOB and snacks; the club will provide ice, water, cups and napkins.

The Moonglow schedules monthly dances with live music year-round. For more information, call 813-633-1297 or 813-633-6453. If you would like to receive Moonglow information by email, send an email to gail3357@gmail.com.

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Centenarian Celebration falls short

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Associates, Barbara Van Eycken, who supplied the music, and Steve Overton, former television personality and newsmen who is now working in Sun City Center with Morgan Stanley.

The businesses are mentioned because the Sun City Center

Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of Larry Brigant, supplied a chamber Ambassador as a guide and helper for each person.

Sherell Bennett and Natalia Diaz from South Bay Hospital, Charlotte Clark from American

Momentum Bank, and Jo Bull, representing the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, worked on the event for many months with the event's first organizer, resident Spencer Faircloth, a former White House staffer; and Evelyn Lunsford,

who has worked long and hard with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and the Greater Sun City Center branch of that Foundation that helps causes all over South County.

These people gathered short biographies of each person and put on a "This is Your Life" presentation for the attendees that brought many memories and joyful tears to honorees and guests alike.

The eldest of the centenarians was Ruth Allen, 104, who grew up in Iowa and worked many years as an obstetric nurse. Ruth volunteered with the Sun City Center Emergency Squad for more than 20 years and still is an active volunteer in the community.

Ruth said a good outlook and good genes helped her, because "I never did what I was supposed to. I even smoked for 70 years," she said. "So I have no advice to give young people." She said she has had a happy and enjoyable life she would not want to change.

The second-eldest centenarian was Arabella Arnold, who at 102 tells you right off that she is a Christian and a Republican. Her beliefs are the most important things in her life, along with her family, and her advice to younger people is: "Always do good things and never tell your age!"

Carl Gladfelter, 102, says he was fortunate because his

career thrived during the Great Depression. He has met many famous people, including Walter Cronkite, who was a close friend. His advice to stay alive many years is to take good care of the body. He, unlike Allen, has never smoked and says he has always lived a good clean life.

Dorothy Rosssel, who is now 101, worked as an RN and remembers her first salary being \$60 a month. A member of a family of 14 children, she had two herself, as well as five grandchildren.

Lois Witte at 100 is learning new computer programs. Her daughter recently got her a computer, and Lois is learning how to operate the Dragon program where you speak into the computer instead of typing. She hopes this will be a way she can record her lifetime of memories for her daughter and granddaughter.

"It's hard to get the program to recognize the exact words you say," Witte said. "But it is getting used to me, and I am getting more comfortable with it."

Nine people who are currently 99 were also honored because they will reach their 100th birthday in 2014. They are Mary Boisseree, Robert Emgelhardt, Irma Houlihan, Audrey Meeker, Connie Naccarato, Margaret Null, Bernard Pagels, Connie Strunc and Ava Vormwald.

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Four generations of Margaret Null's family showed up to celebrate. They are, Null, Barbara Mignogna, Jeff and Jax. The event was held at Community Hall in Sun City Center, and many from the community, including county and local dignitaries, were present.

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Geriatric concerns

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Jerry said they all had advanced degrees yet did not know how to deal with Barbara's medical emergency. It was when the attending physician at the nursing home gave his prognosis to the family that they knew they needed help.

"He said to me, 'You have to face facts. She may not come out of it,'" Jerry said.

They did not know where to turn. Then a random meeting with an attorney gave them the answer they needed. The attorney mentioned to the family that a geriatric care manager might be of help, and he recommended Deena Balogh. Balogh has a long line of credentials, including acting as a medical guardian, and is certified by the National Certification of Geriatric Care Managers.

"Talk about an angel," Jerry said, referring to Balogh after she saw Barbara in the nursing home. "She said to us, 'I think there's hope. We have to get her out of here.'"

The kind of confidence needed to question top medical managers at hospitals and nursing homes about their clients, Balogh said, comes from knowing what they are talking about and knowing what they need to do to help the people entrusted to their care. Such geriatric care managers make the tough call.

On Oct. 21, 2013, Barbara was taken to Tampa General Hospital, where she was admitted to geriatric intensive care. They found she had Mercer Disease, or MRSA, and began treating her with antibiotics. The disease had infected Barbara's lungs.

MRSA is an infection caused by the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Within days, Barbara began recovering her mental and physical faculties. The Millsteins feel that a miracle happened. Without a third-party opinion, though, her family is sure Barbara would never have come out of the nursing home.

"When you come to a crossroad like this and you don't know what to do," Jerry said, "you get an independent analysis. She would have been in the nursing home the rest of her life."

Barbara is still wobbly over her experience. "I'm not an overly afraid person, but I was so nervous, my body would shake," Barbara said about her experience.

According to Balogh, the Millsteins' story is a classic example of what's wrong with the "system." Balogh says she sees that same scenario a lot, where the patient is not receiving the care they need to make a recovery.

"It's more than advocating. It's a battle," Balogh said. "We are trained and credentialed at the highest levels. I spend a third of my time in courts."

Generally what happens, she says, is that people have a fall, are in the hospital for their maximum three days for which Medicare will pay, and then they are released to their home, or a short-term care facility like a nursing home.

That is when the trouble can happen, Balogh said.

Florida lawmakers are passing legislation to guarantee the safety

of the elderly and the disabled. Unfortunately, Balogh said, the right kinds of lobbyists are not demanding that action be taken. Change is slow.

It is important to protect these people as they age and increasingly need help in making decisions about the quality of their life and health care. Many are finishing their lives in assisted living, or nursing homes, so regulations of these facilities must be enforced.

Failing to pass this legislative session were House Bill 573 and Senate Bill 248. Key provisions would have assured that there would be oversight over assisted living facilities similar to that over nursing homes. A rating system would have been implemented to establish fines if those ratings became delinquent. Also, a special license would be required if one or more residents at an assisted living facility were facing mental health issues.

Some 83,000 Florida residents who are elderly or disabled live in assisted living facilities. Since 2003, the number of facilities has increased by 32 percent.

According to the Florida Health Care Association, by 2025 "Florida's population older than 65 years of age is expected to be 26 percent of the population."

It is important to note the difference between assisted living and nursing care facilities. While assisted living facilities offer a housing alternative to older adults, who may need help with daily needs, only a nursing care facility can help with nursing and medical care.

Assisted living facilities are now overseen by consumer or lawyer groups.

Kay Coburn Dyer is an advocate for her clients on a different level than Balogh. She tends to work "inside the system" as a watchdog, placing her clients in the appropriate health-care facility, or making sure they are safe and healthy in their own homes.

Families and doctors make referrals to her when they see a problem with an elderly person who needs a helping hand.

"I go right to the hospital with my client," Dyer, a CMC-certified care manager says. "I am on their

first-responder list. I spend half my time in the ER (emergency room)."

As a cancer survivor, Dyer has seen the inside reality of medical facilities. She is working with South Bay Hospital now to bring in an arts and music program to help healing that she experienced when she was at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa fighting cancer.

What Dyer worries about is the lack of Medicaid availability in Florida.

"First and foremost, we should be getting Medicaid back," Dyer said. "It is free, federal money. The legislature in Florida seems to have different priorities."



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Ministry to poor waiting for 'a miracle' as it faces prospect of homelessness

By **KEVIN BRADY**

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 A Ruskin-based ministry that has to move is praying for a miracle so it can continue to serve the area's hungry and homeless population.

Opened in 2008 by Pastor William and Dora Cruz, the Lord's Lighthouse Mission, 815 East College Ave., helps feed and clothe more than 300 people a week.

But the property on East College Avenue is owned by St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, which opened a new church in Sun City Center in 2009. The cost of operating both campuses has become a financial strain on the church.

St. John Church had told Dora Cruz they

would have to be off the property, where the ministry operated for six years, by Friday, May 16.

"But they told us to stay for now because they have someone interested in the property, but we really don't know what is happening," Dora Cruz said. "But we enjoy being here and being able to serve people. Just this morn-

ing we had a couple who had slept outdoors overnight because they had been kicked out of their home. They were able to have a shower here, and we feed them breakfast."

St. John had planned to close the College Avenue church in 2008 and move into a larger facility, but because of zoning issues, the church opted to maintain both campuses.

Ed Brown, chief of staff at St. John the Divine, explained the situation with the College Avenue church this way: "We kept one contemporary service at 9 a.m. on Sundays there and gave it five years to see if it was a viable plan, but at the end of the five years we were disappointed in our expectations of growth there, and expenses were

growing larger."

Dora Cruz said calls to other local churches asking for space to operate the ministry have been unsuccessful. She said the mission inquired about some vacant space near the Ruskin post office, but that the rent proved prohibitive.

"They wanted \$2,000 a month for rent, which we cannot afford," Dora Cruz said. "We keep praying that Lord will provide us space, but it's such a nightmare."

The mission was planning to move to La Red Ministries on 33rd Street in Ruskin — they are already holding a Sunday morning worship service there at 8:30 a.m. — but with no office space or kitchen available on the site, Cruz fears they will no longer be able to offer the services many poor and elderly residents have

come to rely on.

In addition to giving out food every week, the mission also helps the poor apply for federal self-help programs through its Access service.

"Many people are not aware that there are programs out there to help them, so we assist them in applying. But without office space, that is not something we will be able to continue doing," Cruz said.

"We have broken hearts but we are praying whoever buys the property will let us stay," said an emotional Cruz. "We are taking everything one day at a time and waiting for a miracle."

For more information or to help, call 813-641-7100 or 813-321-9723 or visit the group's website, www.lordslighthouse.org.



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The Bel Air is Dorothy's first venture into the old-car hobby — "Built the same year I graduated from high school," she says — and she enjoys driving it to shows and cruise-ins throughout the area.

The Roamin' Oldies hosts a cruise-in from 6 to 9 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Apollo Beach Winn-Dixie Plaza on U.S. 41. There is no charge for spectators or participants, who vote to select the cruiser of the month. About 100 of the area's finest antique and collectible cars often take part, accompanied by classic oldies music played by DJ Joey Ferrante.

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Mon. May 19 • 1:30 – 3:30 pm • Parkinson's Support Group of Sun City Center Sponsored by The Men's Club of SCC. Facilitated by the USF Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Center. This month's speaker: Dr. Meredith Rowe, Professor and Hughes Endowed Chair at the University of South Florida College of Nursing. Rowe's research examines quality of life of Parkinson's disease patients and the relationship to dementia. Her studies concentrate on caregivers and home safety for persons with dementia and Parkinson's. Part of this research is the development of technology, designed to improve caregiver sleep, particularly when the care recipient with dementia arises during the night. In a current research project, Rowe is studying how changes in caregiver sleep affect daily mood, worry, caregiver stress, and depression. She will share unique tools to assist caregivers in their daily routines. FREE Valet Parking available at Entrance.

Tues. May 20 • 2:00pm – 3:30 pm • Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group. Bring Your Loved One For a Well Deserved Break. Facilitated by Aging Care Advocates. You will receive information while your loved one is cared for in our Secured Memory Care. Please RSVP no less than 3 days before to 813-246-4120.

Wed. May 21 • 10:00 – 11:00 am • "Your Money Matters Estate Planning techniques for investments." Presented by: Chris Redhead, CFP®, ChFC®, CFS®, Executive VP of Sequoia Financial Group. During these turbulent times many investors are plagued with challenging questions and difficult decisions that may significantly impact their family's financial future. Join us each month on the third Wednesday as we share prudent strategies to achieve successful results through uncertain markets.

Wed. May 21 • 1:30 – 2:30 pm • Low Vision Support Group. Facilitated by Ana Maria Oliva, M.D. and sponsored by the Men's Club of SCC. Due to a special request by the group, the subject of general hearing loss will be addressed. This month, we will be joined by Brad Mason, MBA, BCHIS from Manatee Hearing and Speech. Brad is National Board Certified in Hearing Instrument Sciences and holds an MBA from the Tabor School of Business at Millikin University. We will also have some fun with the topic: "Let's see if you have been paying attention." Answer the questions correctly and receive a prize. Questions asked by April Witt, who has been with the Sun City Center Cataract & Eye Clinic for more than 10 years. This meeting will be both educational and FUN! FREE Valet Parking available at entrance.

Thur. May 22 • 2:30 – 4:00 pm • Peace of Mind Support Group. Facilitated by Edmond Dubreuil MSW, RCSWI mental health professional. Supported by South Shore Coalition on Mental Health & Aging and United Methodist Church of SCC.

Fri. May 30 • 1:30 – 3:30 pm • FREE Memory Screenings provided by Dr. Mary Stedman from Stedman Clinical Trials; and Wendy Burkhard, LCSW from Wyndbeach Counseling. How much of my memory have I really lost? Are you interested in Clinical Trials designed to cure Alzheimer's? Want to learn more about memory loss? Call to reserve your space today!

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He complained to me, “I can’t sleep at night because my legs feel like they are being eaten by little bugs or chewed on by small animals.” During the day, he could hardly walk, and every step sent shooting pain like lightning from his toes and up his legs, up almost to his knees. He had numbness in his feet and couldn’t feel his feet very well and had terrible balance problems. He was worried he might fall and injure himself. He said that he could not go on living with this constant, debilitating pain that had made every day a tragedy.

I had to help this man!

I recently was fortunate enough to accidentally discover a new noninvasive and nondrug treatment for severe and constant foot and leg pain caused by Neuropathy.

I learned about a new type of nonsurgical and painless high-tech treatment that was working wonders with severe, constant chronic pain, including pain caused by Neuropathy. It had the ability to quickly increase circulation to an area (much needed in neuropathy patients). It could reduce and / or eliminate pain in as little as a few treatments, and was changing the lives of patients with severe debilitating pain in offices across the nation.

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I now offer a noninvasive, nonsurgical and painless neuropathy pain treatment. I help patients reduce or eliminate their neuropathy pain using



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with a carefully crafted combination of nutritional supplementation and lifestyle management, has resulted in an extraordinary improvement in my condition. My overall improvements in comfort and physical agility have been nothing short of amazing. I have experienced dramatically reduced pain and burning, improved balance and agility, and gained a level of recovery I never thought possible. The staff at the clinic is simply incredible. I am deeply indebted to Dr. Tyson and the staff at Sarasota Spine and Nerve.

-Milton Brown, Valrico, FL

Eight years ago my feet started to bother me with a prickling and numb sensation and continued to worsen especially at nighttime – feels like thousands of pins being stuck in my feet and lots of burning sensation as well as numbness, loss of feeling and toe cramping. Then I saw the ad for Sarasota Spine and Nerve, and that was the beginning of my relief. It wasn’t long into my treatment when I noticed I no longer had the pins and needles in my feet. Now it really had my attention. Okay, this sounds funny, but before, my feet had a really bad burning sensation when I tried to wear socks and shoes, and I just couldn’t stand it. Now I am happy to say I can wear socks and shoes again without the irritation! My feet are 85 to 90 percent better than they had been. I no longer have the terrible prickling and burning when I go to bed at night, and most of the time during the day I can almost forget I have a problem. I cannot thank them enough for giving me this amount of relief with their treatment. Everyone at Sarasota Spine & Nerve is very caring and goes out of their way to help in a situation I thought couldn’t be helped BUT IT CAN!

-Lynne Meyers (Retired) Nokomis, FL

The treatment is working quite well! I can now walk without feeling as though someone is pounding nails into my feet. My feet and ankles are no longer constantly swollen. I fell 3 times last year but my balance is much better now. Also I can now walk the entire length of a store without resting or leaning heavily on a cart. Thanks so much, Doctors and staff of Sarasota Spine & Nerve.

-Barbara Schlachter (Retired RN) North Port, FL



When I came to Sarasota Spine and Nerve I never dreamed that anything would change. My hands and feet were so painful that I could hardly bear it. I was taking pain medication two times a day and sometimes a third if needed. It was painful to wash my hands. They felt like they had been fried. My fingernails even hurt. My feet were terrible. I couldn’t stand for anything to touch them. Wearing shoes was miserable. Now I can tell a big difference. Before I started this treatment it even hurt to clap my hands, but not anymore. Thank you, God, Dr. Tyson and all of your staff at Sarasota Spine and Nerve.

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Hillsborough County residents will have another opportunity to exchange hazardous mercury-containing devices for a \$5 grocery store gift card on Saturday, May 17.

The Money 4 Mercury exchange will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the Household Chemicals and Electronics Collection at the East County Collection Site, 6209 C.R. 579 in Seffner.

Examples of mercury-containing devices that are eligible for a Money 4 Mercury gift card include thermometers, thermostats and switches. No commercial or business-related waste will be accepted. Gift cards are limited to one per eligible vehicle, while supplies last.

When a mercury-containing device is disposed of in a solid waste landfill or incinerator, the mercury can contaminate the air, surface water and groundwater. Residents are encouraged to always properly recycle mercury-containing devices at a hazardous materials collection site.

For more information about the mercury collection event, visit www.HillsboroughCounty.org/Money-4Mercury, call Hillsborough County Solid Waste at 813-209-3042, or email PUD-SpecialWaste@HillsboroughCounty.org.

Residents may also bring other household chemicals and hazardous wastes to the collection event for proper disposal, including compact fluorescent bulbs, other light bulbs and batteries; however, these items are not eligible for a gift card.

The goal of the Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Division's Money 4 Mercury program is to educate and safely manage mercury-containing items. Funding for the program is provided in partnership with Covanta Hillsborough Inc. and through a \$5,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County Pollution Recovery Fund.



You, me and business: Reverse research

Not long ago, I visited a restaurant in Brandon with a friend. Neither of us had ever been there, and we were eager to try a place we'd heard so many wonderful things about. We were shown to a nice booth in the back and handed menus to peruse. The hostess didn't offer to get our drink order, but we figured the server would be by shortly. Fifteen minutes later, no one had come to check on us, even though other customers who came in after us were being served their salads.

Needless to say, we simply got up and walked out. We didn't say anything to anyone. We just walked out.

Neither the hostess nor the manager will ever know why, but they lost us as potential customers for good. Can your business afford to do that?

Most business owners and managers have long, relationship-building conversations with their existing customers. These savvy businesspeople might even consider it "research" to find out what their customers like about their product or service so they can continue to provide them with the same great stuff. With all the re-

jections salespeople get on sales calls, it's nice to hear from their best customers about what a great company they work for, and how much they like what the company has to offer.



By **DANA DITTMAR**
Executive Director
SCC Chamber of Commerce

To which I say "Hur- ruy!" But don't stop there. If this restaurant had stopped us as we went out the door — the hostess *did* see us leave — they would know they had a service issue that needed correcting.

This may sound counterproductive, but before researching people who buy your wares, research the people who have considered buying from you but either didn't or went elsewhere. That's where you'll find gold! Did you lose them on price or due to being out of stock? Was your service lousy or was your product selection limited? How will you know?

By finding out why you didn't get the sale, you can either work to get your product improved, your delivery improved, revise your needs analysis or otherwise fix what went wrong.

Here at the Chamber, we are often given constructive criticism on everything from the format of our e-newsletter to the process of paying dues online. If our members don't tell us how we can improve, we don't know there is an issue.

Here is a bit of shocking news for you: Your number one job is not to take care of your existing customers. Your number one job is to acquire more customers. Oh, sure, taking care of existing customers is a close second. But your number one job is to get new customers; otherwise, you'll be out of business in four to six years. Do the math. Seriously. You'll see it's true.

Find out why you didn't get the sale, and turn it into your biggest success story.

Pets of the Week

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Pixie

Pixie is a sweet little female who was brought to the shelter with three buddies. She has bounced back from her early misadventures to be a real little sweetheart who loves to be held by volunteers and gets her motor going right away. Pixie is a lap cat who has a wonderful orange hue to her fur. Visit C.A.R.E., if you have time, and take Pixie along to her forever home. We recommend a single-cat home. Pixie has been spayed, microchipped, and brought up-to-date on her shots. DOB: September 2, 2005.



Fawn

Fawn is a beautiful chestnut-colored Chihuahua with a desire to please. She will give you a kiss unexpectedly or sit in your lap for some quiet time. She sometimes hides her treats, only to go and get them later on. Fawn was found with Gideon and would do best if they were adopted together. As part of her adoption, Fawn will be spayed and microchipped. She is current on vaccinations.

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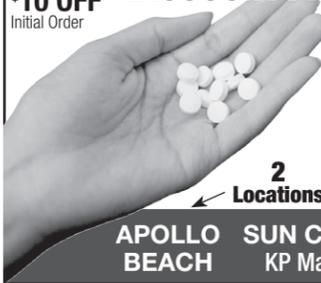
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Gospel street service returns

Sun City Christian Center will be hosting a musical street service Saturday, May 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the grassy area near the Wimauma Walmart at the corner of U.S. 301 and S.R. 674.

There will be something for everyone. Lots of gospel singing, antique cars, free refreshments and even a table of things to do for the children.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

In the mind of Micah I love you, mom

By MICAH BREWER
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I love my mom. Some people complain about days like Mother's Day, citing the fact that it is exploited for commercial gain, but I don't mind. If some people can figure out how to feed their families a few times a year selling flowers or chocolates to people trying to show someone else how much they appreciate them, more power to them.

Some of us need a nudge every once in a while to express to the ones we love how much we care. Of course, there is always that person who says in a very condescending tone, "Well, you know, every day should be Mother's Day," or Valentine's Day, or Tax Day. Of course, everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but I disagree. If every day is treated the same, then none of them is special. Like when we give trophies to kids on sports teams for being losers. The trophy has lost its meaning.

Of course we should celebrate our mothers more than just one day a year. As a single mother, my mom worked hard to provide for me and my brother. She taught us how to throw a ball, helped with science fairs, and all the other things that go along with raising kids on your own. One of the things I am most thankful for was how much fun we had. Even though we didn't have a lot of money, Mom always found cheap ways to make lifelong memories. I remember one afternoon, we were all sitting around the kitchen, talking about a friend of mine who got busted sneaking out of the house late at night. He had been picked up by the cops doing some kind of prank. I remember Mom saying, "I don't want you boys out running around in the middle of the night. If you want to do something like that, ask me and I'll go with you."

As a 10-year-old I was thinking, "Yeah, right, you're going to take us out to play pranks on people in the middle of the night?" So I asked if we could go throw toilet paper all over the house of some neighborhood friends. Mom thought for about two seconds, then said, "All right, get in the car and we'll go get some toilet paper for tonight." True to her word, six hours later, my brother and I were in our friend's front yard throwing toilet paper all over the place. My mom proudly stood holding one of those huge packs of TP, pointing out places that still required attention.

The next day at baseball practice, I watched her listen caringly to my buddy's mom as she described how some delinquent juveniles had desecrated their front lawn with miles and miles of toilet paper. I have never been so proud. I sat there in awe of how awesome my mom was. Two weeks later, my mother gave the woman a present. It was a shoe box neatly wrapped with a bow on top. Inside, the woman found a single roll of toilet paper. We all laughed until tears were coming down our faces. She was a great sport about it, and later got her revenge.

Over the years, my Mom has been the recipient of many well-intended but terrible Mother's

Day presents. One year my brother and I got her a battery charger because she had been complaining about how we used all the batteries in the house.

This year is my wife's first year as a mother. She is a wonderful mom, and it was a joy to celebrate with her. In the future, who knows what she might get. Perhaps a goatee.

I am so thankful for the mother I have. For the love and support she has given me over the years. Years full of wonderful memories. Mom, if you are reading this, God bless you, I love you very much.

Risk factors for coronary artery disease is topic at Riverview seminar

Dr. Stephen Mester, chief of the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine & Surgery at Brandon Regional Hospital, will conduct a seminar titled "Risk Factors for Coronary Artery Disease" at 11 a.m. on June 12, at The Bridges Retirement Community, 11202 Dewhurst Drive, Riverview.

Mester is also clinical assistant professor of Medicine & Cardiology at the University of South Florida. He is board-certified in internal medicine with subspecialty certification in cardiovascular diseases from the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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Area Obituaries



Royce (Bud) William Haley

Royce (Bud) William Haley Jr. was born in Detroit, Mich., to parents Royce William Haley and Eva Margaret Gay on August 16, 1938. He died Saturday, May 10, 2014, in Sun City Center, Fla., after a hard-fought battle with multiple cancers.

After high school, Bud joined the U.S. Air Force and served with distinction for 10 years both at home and abroad. He then worked at Berkley Screw Machine, where he moved up the ranks to become general manager of the family business. After 30 years, he retired to the sunshine and golf courses of Sun City Center with his wife, Marilyn Haley. Bud enjoyed many years of golf, family and friends.

Bud is survived by children Royce William Haley III, Mark Haley, Alicia Haley and Jeanette Haley; siblings Patricia Lewis and Kenneth Haley; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Bud will be remembered best for his sense of humor and generosity. The family will have an event later in the summer to celebrate Bud's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Wounded Warriors Foundation. Arrangements by Zipperer's Funeral Home.

Robert R. Hult

Robert R. Hult, 76, of Sun City Center died March 17, following a lengthy illness. He leaves behind the love of his life, his wife Peg.

Contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice, 3225 Upper Creek Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

Nona Mackey

Nona Mackey, 80, passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Nona was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She was born in Seneca Falls, N.Y., married her high-school sweetheart and lovingly raised three children (five dogs and four cats).

She worked as the vice president of the mortgage department at Seneca Falls Savings Bank for 10 years. Nona was an accomplished seamstress, but her passion was music. She loved singing and line dancing and could never sit still when a good song was playing.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Donald Mackey; children Mary (Erdal) Erturk, Kathryn (Phil) Alvaro and Don (Patti) Mackey; grandchildren Erin Erturk and Erol (Ashleigh) Erturk, Phil Alvaro and Robert Alvaro, Mac (Kari) Mackey, Jesse (Melissa) Mackey and Katie Mackey; sister June Carroll; nieces Mary Lee (Dave) Connolly and Mary Ann Ragan; nephew Bill (Claudia) Carroll; and many wonderful friends and neighbors from Kings Point.

A celebration of Nona's life will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 16, at Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center. Private burial will be at Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sun City Center Emergency Squad, 720 Ray Watson Blvd., Sun City Center, FL 33573.

The family wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Dr. Riazudeen for his excellent care, Reverend Mary Bushong for her daily visits and for all those who held Nona in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Arrangements by Sun City Center Funeral Home.



Melvin R. Sutley

Melvin R. Sutley, 78, of Ruskin passed away on Friday, May 9, 2014. A native of Tampa and lifelong resident of Ruskin, he owned Plaza Barber Shop for 47 years, was the Ruskin Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year and a member of Northside Baptist Church, Ruskin.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; sons Marlon and Kevin Sutley; daughters Charlene Hamilton and Tracie Robinson; sister Louise Riley; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, May 17, at Northside Baptist Church, 1301 U.S. 41, Ruskin. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to LifePath Hospice or Northside Baptist Church. Please sign guestbook at SouthernFuneralCare.com.

Geraldine Radigan Walsh

Geraldine Radigan Walsh passed away Friday, April 11, 2014, in Odd Fellows and Rebekah Health Care Center, Lockport, N.Y. Wife of the late J. William Walsh and Francis S. Radigan, she was born May 1, 1914, in Brockport, N.Y., the daughter of Edward E. and Helene Lynaugh Gough.

A graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and Buffalo State Teachers College, she taught fourth grade for 28 years at John E. Pound Elementary School, retiring in 1972.

After marrying J. William Walsh, Geraldine moved to Sun City Center in 1987, and made many friends there.

Geraldine is survived by her son Patrick (Maria) Radigan of Lockport, N.Y.; stepchildren Kathleen (Ernest) Stewart of San Diego, and Stephen (Linda) Walsh of Lockport; grandchildren Steven, Kevin and the late Maureen Radigan. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 16 at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Lockport. Memorials to St. John's Outreach Center or the WNY Cystic Fibrosis Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Prince of Peace holds May Crowning ceremony

On May 1, following 8 a.m. Mass, the women of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held a special May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue located in the prayer garden on the church grounds of Prince of Peace Catholic Church. The ceremony was one of reverent devotion as they gathered to ask for the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

The rite of crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary originated in 1837 when Pope Gregory XVI placed crowns on an icon of Jesus and Mary. In Catholic tradition, statues are venerated not because of a belief that these images themselves possess anything of divinity or power but because the honor shown them is directed to the prototypes they represent.

Prince of Peace Catholic Church



Marlene Frederick places flowers at the feet of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary during a May Crowning ceremony.

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Sun City Chamber Players to present varied concert at United Methodist Church

At 7 p.m. on Friday, May 16, the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center will host the final concert of the 2013-2014 season by the Sun City Chamber Players.

This concert will feature Mozart's *Violin Concerto No. 3* in G with Nicole Rawley, soloist; three pieces for harp and solo string with Tasha Scott on harp and Shawn Snider on violin; Louis Spohr's *Double Quartet No. 1 Op. 65*; and Joseph Myslivecek's *Sonata in*

A Major for two cellos, bass and harpsichord.

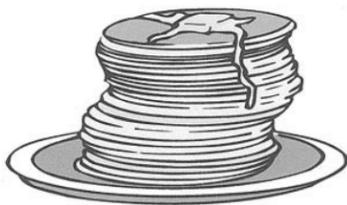
Other performers in this concert include Karen Tuttle, Francesca Jourawleff, Kelly Emmonds, Curtis Daub, Lorraine English, Karolyn Silbough, Christopher Riley and Jeff Jordan.

The Sun City Chamber Players are a group of professional musicians from the west coast of Florida who gather to provide performances selected from the best of

the chamber music repertoire.

Each performance features a different number of players, from two up to a full chamber orchestra. A donation of \$10 is requested at the door on the evening of the concert.

For additional information about this and other concerts and activities at the United Methodist Church, call Jeff Jordan, director of worship arts, at 813-634-2539.



Pancake breakfast at Prince of Peace

On Sunday, May 18, the Knights of Columbus of Prince of Peace Catholic Church will host their monthly pancake breakfast following the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses in the Conesa Center.

Adults eat for \$6, while children under age 10 eat for \$3. Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and a beverage. All are invited to join for Mass and pancakes.

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

Women's church group brings Easter cheer

Two women's Bible study groups from Sun City Center's First Christian Church made up 44 Easter baskets to take to the assisted-living and memory-care unit of Belvedere Commons in SCC.

The Easter Bunny (aka Betty Moore) visited with residents, who were serenaded with songs and joined in a sing-along. Music was provided by Rita Rodda at the piano.

The group also made up baskets for other members of its church family residing in local assisted living communities, and for the children who attend Sunday school classes at the church.

Mike Grant is the minister at First Christian Church, at 1701 33rd St. SW in Ruskin. On Sunday the church has services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., church elder



Belvedere Commons resident Mary Beffignano, 103, poses with the Easter Bunny.

George McDonald leads an adult Sunday school class. There are two women's study groups, at 1 p.m. on Mondays and at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

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Fish Tales: The history of hushpuppies

■ By **JONIE MASCHEK**

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Our warm weather gave anglers a variety of catches last week. It seems if you dropped a line, you caught a fish. I saw many boats returning with great catches and happy anglers.

Flounder have been swimming along with the redfish schools. Those fishing for reds caught their limit of flounder, too. Flounder is a lean fish with less than 5 percent fat.

Some boaters fishing off Shell Point can easily get lost in the maze of mangroves. Once you get into this maze, it is difficult to find which channel gets you back into open water. They all look alike. I have heard stories of some boaters spending the night out there, waiting for daybreak to come ashore. These mangroves are a haven for snook. If you're going to get lost in them, I hope you bring home a nice catch to go along with your story.

Mullet are plentiful in this warm weather. I came from the great Northwest, born near Seattle, so I had never heard of hushpuppies or mullet. Frozen hushpuppies are in most supermarkets, so anyone can enjoy them anytime.

The mullet isn't easy to catch, unless you have mastered the cast



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net. They are a vegetarian fish and are not caught with any typical fish bait. Some fishermen have mastered the art of soft oatmeal balls for bait, but it takes a lot of practice to cast without losing your bait.

For you who are history buffs: Over the years, I have been told by some early pioneers that hushpuppies originated in Ruskin. I don't know if this is true, but I do know that fish fries were the leading social events in this area. Families would gather together, and they all had dogs with them. The person cooking the fish became tired of the hungry dogs' barking. The cook took some of the cornmeal batter used to coat the fish and dropped it into a pot with hot grease, let it cook, then cool, yelling to the dogs: "Hushpuppies!" This satisfied the dogs and quieted their barking.

Enjoy our waters and go fishing.

\$5 admission to MOSI on Saturday

On Saturday, May 17, the Museum of Science & Industry, or MOSI, will offer discounted admission of only \$5 to the Tampa Bay community.

MOSI is a nonprofit, community-based institution that hosts several \$5 Days each year to allow community members of all incomes access to MOSI exhibit galleries, including The Amazing You exhibition; Kids In Charge!, the largest children's science center in the nation; and more than 450 hands-on, interactive exhibits.

Admission to \$5 Day also includes entrance to the IMAX Dome Theatre film *Great White Sharks*.

For more information, call MOSI reservations at 813-987-6000 or visit mosi.org.

East Hillsborough Dems meet June 10

The East Hillsborough County Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at O'Brien's Irish Pub, 701 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon.

The featured speaker will be Ray Seaman, a founder of the Florida Progressive Coalition, who will discuss the recent Florida Legislature session. Donations of nonperishable items for ECHO, or Emergency Care Help Organization, in Greater Brandon, are appreciated.

For more information, visit hillsboroughdem.org, or email Michael Newett, club president, at ehcdclub@yahoo.com.

Reality TV and skateboard star Bam Margera at Dallas Bull May 18

On Sunday, May 18, Florida Championship Fighting will welcome Bam Margera to a pre-show Meet & Greet, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., before the Mixed Martial Arts amateur fight card of at least 10 bouts.

Bam is an American professional skateboarder, television and radio personality, actor and daredevil. He came to prominence after appearing in MTV's *Jackass* crew. He has since appeared in MTV's *Viva La Bam* and *Bam's Unholy Union*, all three *Jackass* movies, and has a new show — *Bam's Bad Ass Game Show* — an American game show that premiered on TBS April 14. It features contestants attempting to perform a series of stunts orchestrated and created by Bam.

Bam first broke onto the national scene as a 13-year-old pro-skater known for his creative street style and wild antics. As a teenager, he created the CKY video series, which featured skating, pranks and stunts, all filmed in his hometown of West Chester, Pa. The combination of Bam's unique on-screen personality and the tremendous grassroots success of the CKY video series became the platform for the MTV show *Jackass*; *Jackass, The Movie*; and the later MTV *Viva La Bam* series. The *Jackass* 3D movie grossed over \$180 million internationally.

Following on the heels of its



Bam Margera

sold-out February show, Florida Championship Fighting will feature bouts with hard-hitting action. Along with thrilling MMA action, Florida Championship Fighting will also feature beautiful Ring Girls, vendors, a live deejay and more. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the action starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$30 in advance and are available online at www.fcfighting.com and at participating Buddy's Home Furnishings stores and Abby's Bail Bonds. VIP tickets include reserved seating in the first row, early entry at 5 p.m., appetizer buffet, open bar, souvenir laminate ticket, free T-shirt and program.

This MMA event is sanctioned by Global Fighting Solutions under jurisdiction from the Florida Boxing Commission.



Riverview Masons adopt a highway

On April 19, the members of Riverview's DeSoto Lodge 105, Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by members of the Walter Fishback Chapter of the DeMolay International youth organization, participated in their first Adopt-a-Highway collection event.

Both organizations united to collect trash in Riverview for a 2.2-mile stretch of U.S. 301. It was a big day for both groups as each has a strong desire to support the local community in the best way possible.

DeSoto lodge has a membership of about 300 men who are dedicated to supporting not only the community but local and national charities throughout the year.

Many participants underestimated the task at hand as more than 14 large bags of trash were collected, each weighing approximately 25 pounds. The area has not been cleaned up in some time, so it may take a few events to get the region fully into shape. The next time you see the sign on the side of U.S. 301 that reads: "DeSoto Lodge 105, Masons Supporting Our Community," give them a honk and a wave.

Ruskin Eagles Aerie 4351 1205 1st St. S.W.

Ruskin Eagles Aerie 4351 hosts meetings on Thursdays: Aerie at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month; Auxiliary at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th; Eagle Riders at 6 p.m. on the 3rd.

Upcoming Events

- Friday** 5:30 p.m. Kitchen opens.
6 p.m. Feather Your Nest Game.
- Saturday, May 17** 4-7 p.m. Benefit for Dennis Stokes. Food and music by Chuck Cobb at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday** \$1 draft beer all day and evening.
- Monday** 6 p.m. Bingo.
- Tuesday** \$1 draft beer all day and evening.
- Wednesday** Come on down and socialize.

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: VFW and LAVFW on the 2nd Wednesday each month; and MAVFW, 3rd Thursday each month. Chapel duty at the VA Hospital every Sunday all month, 8:30 a.m.

- Friday, May 17** — Fish Fry 4:30 p.m. Music by D. Vespi 7 p.m. Cash Grab 8 p.m.
- Saturday, May 17** — Music by You 2 Kan 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 19** — Crew Games 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20** — Lounge Games 1-4 p.m. Bingo: Doors open 3 p.m., Bingo 6 p.m. Kitchen opens 4:30 p.m.

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Learn to use the library's online genealogical databases, including Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest, and strategies to overcome genealogy research problems. Limit: 36. Register in person no earlier than one hour before the start of the program.

Computer Tutor — Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m.

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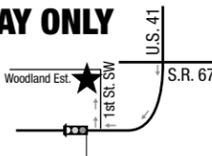
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