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## Thompson Elementary — efficient in every way

The newest school in the South Shore area, J. Vince Thompson Elementary in Ruskin, opened to much fanfare on Tuesday. The school is touted as the first energy-efficient complex in the district. The efficiency moniker was carried through every member of the Trailblazers team as they greeted hundreds of new students and parents without a hitch. *More on page 24.*



## New principal settles in at Eisenhower Middle School

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On a day when it seems inhuman that it can be so hot before 9 a.m., the final buses have arrived at Eisenhower Middle School.

The students are showing off their new clothes and backpacks, nervous parents are letting go of their children, and the administrative staff is doing its best to answer questions at the front desk. But while the controlled chaos of the first day of school subsides and everyone else is doing their best to survive the heat, the coolest and calmest man on campus Tuesday has his tie and jacket on and couldn't be happier.

Greeting students and parents as he patrols his new campus, Darrell Faber, the new principal at Eisenhower (Danielle Shotwell transferred to Riverview High

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## SouthShore welcomes new teachers

The SouthShore Chamber held its annual Welcome To SouthShore new teacher breakfast on Friday, Aug. 15, at Destiny Church in Ruskin. Chamber members donated hundreds of items for local teachers' wish lists as well as new shoes for students in need. Visit [www.southshorechamberofcommerce.org](http://www.southshorechamberofcommerce.org) for more information.

## Hundreds of teachers ready for school at Riverview pep rally

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The pencils are sharpened and the lesson plans are primed. All that're needed are the students and the teachers.

And while pep rallies are usually limited to the football field, more than 400 teachers and administrators held their own pre-school get-together Aug. 14 at the Teaching to Excellence event at The Regent in Riverview.

"One of the things that is exciting about starting a new year is it is like a kindergartner starting a new school," Hillsborough County Schools Superintendent MaryEllen Elia told teachers. "You have all types of expectations, you are excited about the friends you are going to meet, and as a kindergartner you get connected to your classmates, your school and your teachers. So all you new teachers are people who connect our students to our schools. Whether it's in an elementary or high school, you are going to be working with them and making connections."

Teachers also have a chance to influence young minds for the rest of their lives, Elia said.

"Make sure when you are working with our students, you are connecting with them for success because it will make all the difference in your classrooms and in

your schools," she told teachers. Elia also thanked parents and supporters who take time to support their local schools.

"You can't imagine the support that people feel at those school sites when you sponsor something at the school or come into the schools," she said. "You may come into the school on Teacher Appreciation Day, and I can tell you it all makes a difference because the connection between community and schools is huge."

One of those who will be molding young minds for the first time this semester is Lauren Hayes, a new teacher of reading at Summerfield Elementary.

A transplant from Delaware, where she taught part-time after-school, Hayes said teaching full-time is a realization of a dream.

"I love it," she said. "I have kids, and I love working with children and I always have, and I have always wanted to teach, so that's how I wanted to make a difference."

There is something special about being able to spark something in a young mind and let them know they can do anything, Hayes said.

"I came from a very poor family, and I went on to get master's degrees, and I want them [the students] to know they can make



KEVIN BRADY PHOTO

Lauren Hayes, a new teacher at Summerfield Elementary, can't wait to get into the classroom.

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## South County's growth plan still in flux

Still time to catch the last Open House Aug. 26, showing 2025 and 2040 plans

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For more than 10 years Hillsborough County planners have been holding public meetings in all the South County communities from Apollo Beach to Wimauma, and have finally arrived at a "draft" of what they think residents want.

Apollo Beach has continued to wish for a quiet boulevard, more "beach" to go with its name, and an east-west road out of the community by extending Apollo Beach Boulevard; Ruskin has asked to be "quaint," taking advantage of its eco-tourism opportunities while making businesses in town adhere to a special overlay in zoning (covered in a separate downtown plan) that would allow for traditional buildings in the style found in Old Florida's "laid-back" cities and towns.

Wimauma and other outlying areas like Sun City (not to be confused with Sun City Center) need

more infrastructure and services; Riverview, including FishHawk and the newly built areas like Winthrop (on Bloomingdale Avenue and Providence Road) that travel eastward, have concentrated on becoming centers of business and commerce. Sun City Center, where a special zoning overlay already exists, wants to remain a retirement community where one member of the household must be at least 55 years old and no permanent residents under the age of 18 may reside.

So many different communities. So many different plans.

John Healey and Pedro Parra, principal planners in the Planning Commission, have been to almost all these meetings and have listened, helped foster committees to work toward specific goals, and taken community surveys that show the wishes of as many residents who will participate.

The county has tried to give residents and community groups

a voice in the growth of South County.

"It is the last area [in Hillsborough County] open to real development, and we want to be assure it's done the right way," is a favorite saying of County Commissioner Sandra Murman, who attends all kinds of meetings, including transportation, public groupings and chambers of commerce, reporting back to the other commissioners what she hears. Other commissioners also often attend.

Aug. 12 marked the first of three Open Houses in South County to show residents draft plans of what planning groups think will please the most residents while still being a benefit to the rest of the county. It was held at Riverview High School's cafeteria on the same night as Riverview's Freshman Frenzy, where thousands of students and friends and family clogged the parking lot and

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# Neighborhood Watch group strikes chord with Apollo Beach residents

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It was the purse that broke the camel's back. Kimberly Gill was about to pick up her granddaughter from an after-school program on U.S. 41 in Apollo Beach when she saw a police car in the parking lot. Thieves had just smashed out the window of a car and snatched a woman's purse.

"It happened in the middle of the afternoon," said a disgusted Gill. Coming on the heels of the theft of bicycles from a poor family in her neighborhood and then her own bike being stolen, Gill decided she'd had enough.

The idea had been percolating for months, but after the purse was stolen, Gill decided she wasn't waiting anymore: She would form a Neighborhood Watch group for Apollo Beach.

"I literally went home that afternoon [after the purse theft] and made the Facebook page," said Gill, who lives in the F streets area of Apollo Beach — where all the streets begin with the letter F.

Since forming a Facebook group June 10 — Apollo Beach FL Neighborhood Watch — Gill has been overwhelmed by the response. The page already has more than 3,000 members, with residents regularly posting their own reports of local crime on the page.

"A lady just called this morning [Aug. 7] to report that someone had walked into her house and took her purse," Gill said. "I am encouraging people to post these things because we [the community] can be the eyes and ears, and we might see these people walking down the road with your stuff."

The fledgling group's first official meeting, Aug. 11 at Faith Work Church, 202 Flamingo Drive, drew more than 50 people.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Deputies Diana Watson and Patrick McClean addressed the group, giving tips on how to spot and report suspicious activity, advising residents to take pictures of their valuables and write down serial numbers in case anything is stolen.

"Neighborhood Watch is an eyes and ears program," Watson said. "We are here to help, but this is your program."

Both deputies urged a "better safe than sorry" policy when it comes to calling the police non-emergency line, 813-247-8200, if there's suspicious activity in the area. "Don't be afraid to call," Watson said.

Joslayn Villnave, a block captain in the new Neighborhood Watch, decided to join the group when she first moved into Apollo Beach.

"I have small children, and I saw some things that I didn't like, and I want this area to be safe for them," Villnave said. "I don't want to see things in the neighborhood where bikes are getting stolen or children are being harassed. We moved here because it was a safe area; it's a nice, family community, and I just want to keep it that way."

Resident awareness will be a big part of keeping things that way, according to deputies McClean and Watson, resource deputies assigned to the Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch program.

According to the deputies, there have been 101 incidents of thefts from vehicles in the Apollo Beach area in the last 12 months. In addition, 75 incidents of grand theft (thefts of at least \$300), 52 residential burglaries and 40 incidents of vehicle theft were reported during the same period, with 20 bicycle thefts and 12 aggravated assaults.

"This is not about being a nosy neighbor; it's about you being the eyes and ears for the community," Watson said. "Don't be afraid to call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency line, 813-247-8200, if you see something suspicious. Of course, if it's an emergency, call 911. But we would rather come out to find out it's nothing than not be called and it's something serious."

While he has not personally been the victim of crime, Ralph (he did not want his last name used) is glad to see the program taking off in Apollo Beach.

"There have been some break-ins in our community for different sorts of things, so I think this is a good area if only just to raise awareness," he said.

Kimberly Gill would like to see the idea spread throughout Apollo Beach, with Neighborhood Watch groups covering each community.

"My hope," she said, "is that each community becomes responsible for its own community. For example, I can't watch every street, but I can encourage my street to get involved, and as we communicate from community to community we are bridging the gap."

"There's so much we can do with this. We have elderly folks who are not able to care for the property [who] need help and empty houses that, left unattended, kids will hang out in. So although we can't fix everything at once, we at least have a direction."

Overall crime numbers are down in Florida as reported by *The Observer News* last month ("Florida summer crime" by Lia Martin, July 2), with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement reporting a 3.8 percent drop in overall offenses committed between 2012 and 2013.

But Gill said some areas, especially gated communities, may not be reporting crimes for fear of how it would impact property val-

ues. "For the sake of the property values, they tend not to let people know what is going on in a lot of these subdivisions," she said.

Gill was pleased at the initial turnout for the event. Her block captains plan to spread the word further and hope to pepper the

area with Neighborhood Watch signs that will, they hope, deter criminals.

For more information on the group, visit the "Apollo Beach FL Neighborhood Watch" page on Facebook.



Founding members of the Apollo Beach neighborhood crime watch are, from left, Robin Bergens, Paul Guzzo, Joslayn Villnave, Courtney Counsman and Kimberly Gill.



More than 50 Apollo Beach residents turned out for the inaugural meeting to launch a neighborhood crime watch in the area.

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# Transportation needs are high on County Commission list

Consultants brief panel and residents; more to come Aug. 22

By PENNY FLETCHER  
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With growth, industry attraction and eco-tourism all taking center stage on South County's agenda, new studies are being done to show exactly what problems now exist and how to best eliminate them.

County Commissioners received a detailed briefing from consultant Herb Marlowe and County Administrator Mike Merrill on Aug. 12 as to how public opinion polls and studies concerning transportation should be conducted.

Transportation studies for the area have been done before, but Mike Merrill, who has been administrator for about three years, said they were not successful enough to move forward because only "concepts" were shown to the public and not "exact choices" for the things they want and need.

Merrill and Marlowe engaged all the commissioners in public discussion in front of a large audience in the Commission board-

room, followed by a Q & A period for residents who had signed up to speak.

"Phase One will be to ask the public what needs and values they have on specific points," said Marlowe. "We want to engage the chambers [of commerce], trade associations and transportation interest groups as well as individuals to see that we reach all residents. It is a problem that those with busy lives and jobs and kids going to school can't always get to meetings, so we have to find a way to see they are also represented by those we do speak with."

The two concluded that the county has an obligation to find solutions to complex problems to help its residents.

"We must ensure that we deliver the exact same message no matter where in the county we speak," said Merrill. "The residents must know what we propose and let us know what they think before we proceed."

They spoke of an "aggressive" effort to get residents' answers by beginning on Labor Day to go out into the streets and get comments and report back to the Commission again in late October or November with those ideas so a plan may be drafted.

Handouts of money spent and suggested spending (with things earmarked as already determined necessary) were delivered at the meeting, and all are available online at the government site, www.hillsboroughcounty.org under "transportation."

After the first results of the study are given to the Commission, Phase Two will be to get an in-depth comparison and measuring of what the people have said.

"A mini survey will only be a start," said Marlowe.

Commissioner Kevin Beckner got right to the core of the matter by asking if what Marlowe was saying meant categorizing exactly what the problems are, where they exist, and how they differ in different districts of the county.

"I feel it would be valuable to get someone in the private sector to engage the questions and answers," Beckner said. "This is not in our area of expertise, and I feel we should have someone who knows exactly how to get the kind of specific answers we need to proceed."

Marlowe suggested having public meetings where the people could text directly and results could be tallied right there. Meetings of this type have already been done on some projects in parts of Hillsborough County, including South County in 2013.

Some commissioners called attention to the fact that agencies

other than theirs were in charge of projects like state-owned roadways, and that meant that the Florida Department of Transportation and developers would have to be engaged in the project as well.

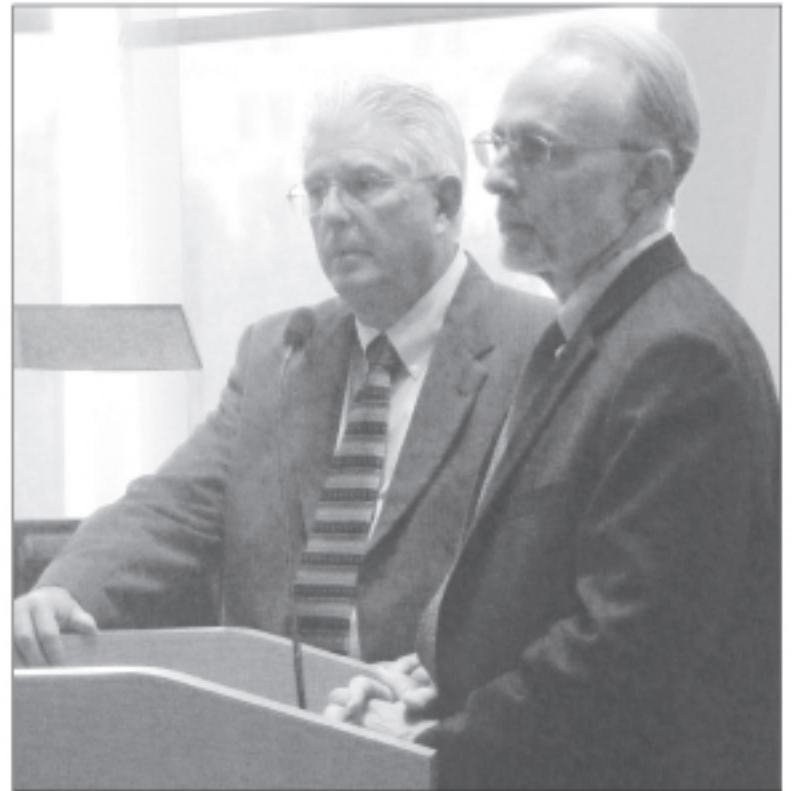
"The cities will also have to be included in these talks," Merrill said. There are three municipalities in Hillsborough County: Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City.

Merrill said he had been working on this project for the past 18

months.

A meeting will be held Friday, Aug. 22, at 9 a.m. at the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, to address transportation needs and issues for disadvantaged citizens. Commissioners will receive briefings on Medicaid nonemergency transportation changes.

Meanwhile, planners are gearing up to begin asking questions of residents and groups around Labor Day.



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Consultant Herb Marlowe, left, and Hillsborough County Administrator Mike Merrill listen to comments from the audience Aug. 12 during a meeting to hear the progress of the Transportation Plan for Economic Development.

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## Positive Talk: The power of listening

While doing my team-building seminar, *Tip Toe Thru the Alligators*, at the U.S. Air Force Personnel School at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala., one of the students made the comment "I hear you," to a remark I had made. I knew he had heard what I said, but I questioned that he had been listening.



By William Hodges

Now, it may sound strange to you that I draw a distinction between hearing and listening, but there is a major difference. Throughout the day we hear many things, but it is only those things we are listening for that make an impact upon our conscious mind. When we listen, we filter out all the extraneous noise and concentrate on that which has our attention. For example, a mother can be deeply involved in watching a television show and yet hear her child cough in another room. The child is important to her, and she is tuned in to the child. If we are going to be successful in communicating with others, we must tune in to them, not just hear them. Here are some of the benefits that both we and those we communicate with can reap when we not only hear what they have to say but listen as well.

• When we listen carefully and ask questions for clarification, we show the other person their opinions are important, and we also verify that we have heard correctly what they had to say.

• Truly listening to other people shows acceptance and, in turn, helps them to build self-esteem.

• When other people feel we are truly listening, they will feel we care about them and are interested in their opinions.

• Listening many times will allow others the opportunity to defuse and ventilate their feelings in such a manner that we will have a better understanding of how they feel.

• Listening lets others feel that their opinions are important and makes them more likely to try to be part of the problem-solving process.

• Listening can benefit us, because the more input we garner, the more likely our decision-making process will be effective.

• Listening sometimes helps us think through a problem because we begin to see it through another person's eyes.

Remember, we hear a lot of noise every day. Most of that noise does not impact us at a conscious level. Right now, as I write this column, I can hear the siren of an emergency vehicle somewhere in the distance. Had I not been writing this column about listening, the siren probably would not have registered on my conscious mind. Why? Because even though I can hear it, I wasn't listening for it. However, if I were driving down the road, that same siren would register almost immediately, because my training has taught me to filter that sound out of normal noise — traffic, radio, and even conversation in the car — and react to it. I have learned how important it is to listen for that siren, not just hear it. How important it is

### Moonglow Dance is next Thursday

The Moonglow Ballroom Dance Club presents an evening of live music by The Mellotones at its monthly dance Thursday, Aug. 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd. in Sun City Center.

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

Moonglow schedules a monthly dance all year, always to live music. Don't worry if you're not "Dancing with the Stars" material, say organizers; everyone does what his or her body allows.

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### Visions of Hope hosts women's support group Sept. 16

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16, Visions of Hope will hold a women's support group meeting at The Alley, 10221 Big Bend Road in Riverview.

The theme of the meeting is "ABC's of Breaking Free." Topics range from recognizing warning signs and safety planning, to getting away and where to go, plus moving on and empowerment.

Visions of Hope International is a Tampa-based nonprofit with a mission to help women — and men — recover from abusive relationships of all kinds and find stability and healing as they re-establish their lives.

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to react in an appropriate manner to its wail! To ignore it could cause a delay in saving someone else's life — or endangering my own. That certainly is the extreme in the listening-versus-hearing debate, but I can assure you that if you begin listening to people rather than just hearing them, you will find you are more informed and better equipped to deal with those with whom you come into contact. As a bonus, you will be appreciated by others because everyone not only wants to be heard but, more importantly, wants to be listened to when they are talking.

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](http://www.hodgesvideos.com). Phone: 813-641-0816. Email: [bill@billhodges.com](mailto:bill@billhodges.com) Website: [www.billhodges.com](http://www.billhodges.com)

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This event is sponsored by USAA, or the United Services Automobile Association, a Texas-based Fortune 500 diversified financial services group of companies. RecruitMilitary is producing the event in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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# Observations: Behind the mask

Michelle and I were in our backyard enjoying a beautiful August morning when I noticed she was staring off at ... something.

"What are you thinking about?" I asked my wife.

And then she told me, laughing a little in the process.

I don't always answer such inquiries with honesty. There are times in my life, to varying degrees, in which I wear a mask.

The "prosopon" is the ancient Greek theater term for a mask, or a face. Today the mask is still in use, denoting comedy and tragedy, two distinct aspects of theater. But, like theater itself, they also portray real life — as was in the case of Robin Williams. He was a man so happy on the outside that he brought incalculable joy to millions, while on the inside, behind his mask, was the tragedy of what he felt was his life.

I understand clinical depression. I live with it. Eight years ago I owned up to it and was treated but it has never really left. The difference between then and today is that I can now recognize it. Depression is a manifestation now, a dark, swirling void that I can see with my mind's eye and work to avoid, lest I get sucked back into it. I'm afraid it would be all too easy to happen.

Clinical depression has been (accurately, in my opinion) described and classified as a disease. Unfortunately, unlike cancer or kidney stones, there are no current biological markers for science to pin it down. There is no "Ah ha!" moment in which a physical test provides a conclusive determination of its existence. Everyone feels down now and again — we wouldn't be human if we didn't.

But clinical depression is something different than simply feeling down. Brain chemicals change, entire thought processes change, leading the victim to believe that there is no hope, there is no point. And that, in turn, often creates an anxiety that is omnipresent; something that cannot simply be fought because you are surrounded by it, suffocating from it.

I've written about my own experience with depression in the past but until now I've never admitted this: There have been

points in my life, when caught in that black, swirling void, where suicide seemed like a good option. Sometimes it felt like the only option.

Millions of comments have been written about the death of Robin Williams. Most people, perhaps thanks to the grace of God, cannot understand how such a wealthy and famous man could take his own life. He had so much to live for. I have read many comments written by people who have heard enough about depression, and that their solution would be to simply slap those who claim to suffer from it upside the head and say, "Snap out of it!"

Which would be roughly akin to telling someone with pancreatic cancer to simply "snap out of it."

To varying degrees I believe most of us wear a mask of comedy to hide the tragedy in our lives. People ask us, "How are you?" but they probably don't really want to hear what is buried in your heart and in your soul. Nor are you necessarily willing to expose such things to them, or perhaps even to yourself. "I'm fine," we say with a smile, further pushing down any pain we may feel. We all have fears, anxieties, losses and regrets and sometimes those become overwhelming to the point that a person's entire way of thinking physically changes. But we also have joy. At least we should.

I am convinced that on the balance, life is good and wonderful. But that balance can be precarious. Life can also be hard and brutal. Neither wealth nor fame can change that.

Here is what I know and/or believe: Robin Williams was a good man who gave of himself. He helped people. He made millions laugh and feel better about themselves, if even for mere moments. He loved his children. According to his wife, he was in the early stages of Parkinson's disease. His mind ran faster and differently than the vast majority of the people he knew or would ever know. And with that, he possibly believed that his mind allowed

him to see behind the curtain of reality that most of us live beyond — and what lies behind that curtain isn't very pretty. It is something that most people who

have suffered from depression have seen or at least glimpsed. At some point ... perhaps spontaneously, he decided that there simply was no point in going on.

Behind that "curtain of reality" is a place of blackness, of inequity, injustice, deep sorrow, regret and a force of outside malicious intent upon nearly all that is good that seems impossible for any single person to thwart. Life can be so unfair to so many people — and that is on full display behind that curtain.

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# Hearing aids, cochlear implants and hearing loops

By **LIA MARTIN**  
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There are still many things we don't know about how the ear works. How do we hear, and how do we lose our hearing? Some are born deaf, or become deaf over time because of a genetic abnormality. Damage to the ear can occur because of a loud noise such as an explosion or a loud recurring noise over time, causing deafness. Viral infections of the inner ear and auditory nerve also can cause deafness. Diseases, such as Meniere's disease, acoustic neuroma, meningitis, encephalitis, multiple sclerosis or stroke can also cause deafness.

However, the biggest single cause of deafness is age-related hearing loss, or presbycusis. By 30 to 40 years of age, most people begin to lose some hearing. By 80 years of age, most people will have a significant hearing problem.

The reason for age-related hearing loss is simple. The hair cells inside the cochlea, which is the hardest bone in the body, gradually become damaged. High-frequency sound such as a female or child's voice may become hard to hear. Background noise may make hearing more difficult.

In short, sound waves are funneled into the ear so that the ear drum vibrates. The vibrations are transmitted to the cochlea in the inner ear because of three small bones. Rows of inner and outer hair cells line a part of the cochlea. The sound waves amplified by the outer hair cells vibrate the inner hair cells opening the ion channels, which allow neurotransmitters to flow in. This triggers electrical impulses in the cochlear

neurons, and the information is passed to the brain.

These inner and outer hair cells become damaged as we age. It is thought that past age 25 we experience a real reduction of hearing at higher frequencies.

Scientists are developing new tests and technologies that could "grow back" hair cells. In 2013, they discovered that certain genes could transform the cells supporting the hair cells. An Atoh1 gene was inserted into a harmless virus and was injected into the cochlea of mice by University of Kansas Medical School scientists. Two months later, it was estimated that there was a 20 percent decibel increase in the hearing of the mice.

Currently, scientists at the school will be conducting a human study using the technology used on the mice. They will choose around 45 volunteers between ages 18 and 70 who will begin using the Atoh1 technology. This group would have severe hearing loss but could not be deaf from birth. Other criteria will be needed to establish a good test group.

Brian Applegate, Texas A&M Department of Biomedical Engineering professor, also thinks the new studies are bringing a real understanding of the inner ear and how to fix it. He thinks that there is such little knowledge about the inner ear because they have not had detailed photographs of that

small area within the cochlea.

Applegate and his team have managed to take images of that area with new technology they developed so that headway can be

made in understanding how to repair damage within the inner ear as it pertains to hearing loss.

"The points of our research are to better understand hearing, to learn more about the actual morphology of the inner ear as well as how it processes vibrations," Applegate

says. "We also want to understand how different pathologies affect the ear. We want to know what happens when a person has progressive hearing loss due to loud

sounds, traumatic injury or even genetic mutations. We want to see how these things change the soft tissue in the ear."

Other scientific studies have expanded our understanding of hearing and how noise frequency contributes to hearing.

In 2005, Howard Stapleton invented a device he called the Mosquito alarm, which is an electronic alarm that can only be heard by people younger than 25 years old. The controversial product has been used commercially to reduce loitering, drug use and violence by teenagers in areas where retailers experience business losses because unruly teens drive away business.

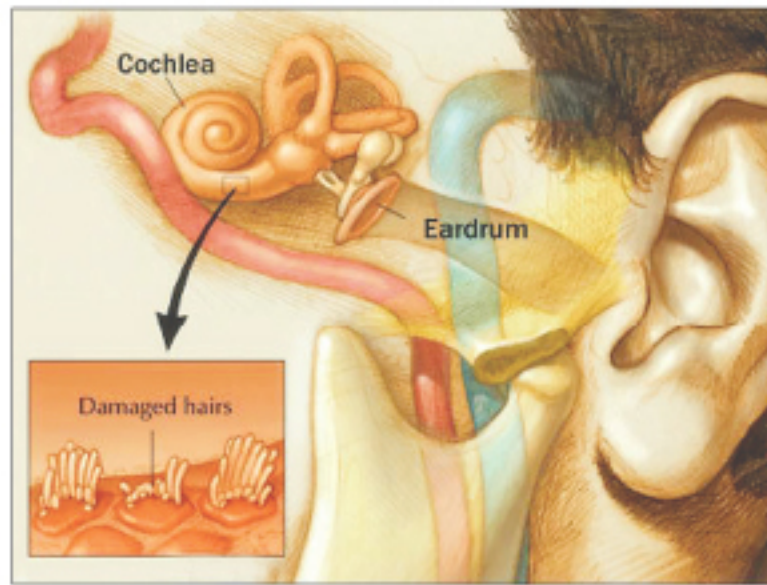
Teens took this technology knowledge one step further and found they could program their cellphones with a higher frequency ring tone that could not be heard by their teachers in the classroom.

Outside of restoring hearing, a hearing aid was the first solution developed by scientists to help age-related deafness. The solution was hard to use because background noise would cloud hearing when someone was speaking from across the room. Many of us can remember our dads or granddads fiddling with their hearing aids, so it is little wonder that only one in five who could use a hearing aid will actually use one.

Now, with digital technology and mini-microphones, hearing aids offer a new experience. Hearing aids can now filter out background noise, clean up the sound quality and be computer programmed to match the nuances of each person's hearing loss. The aids also are tiny and almost invisible.

Cochlear implants are now available for some who have hearing loss, whether they are children or seniors in their 80s. A cochlear implant is an electronic medical device that bypasses damaged hair cells in the cochlea and stimulates the remaining nerve fibers directly with an electric current. A good candidate for an implant would be a person who cannot understand speech without seeing a person's face. Cochlear implants have an internal and external component. The internal component is surgically inserted behind the ear, and a narrow wire is threaded into the inner ear. The cost of the implant is also covered by Medicare.

For hearing aid and cochlear implant users alike, hearing loop technology has brought a real boon in hearing. This technology is equipped in rooms, such as meeting rooms, churches, operas



The cochlea in the ear, with damaged hair cells.

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## You, me and business: Budget your way to freedom

The other day I saw a pair of shoes that screamed out to me. As with most women, I am a shoe junkie. They were gorgeous shoes, but a tad on the pricey side. My conscience kicked in immediately with the usual mantra: "They're not in the budget." I get so tired of my conscience doing that.



By **DANA DITTMAR**  
Executive Director  
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Who isn't on a budget these days? Every household and every business should have one. But before you curse the budget for not allowing you to splurge, think about all of the things overspending costs you.

There are a lot of people out there who hate their jobs. If they had frugal spending habits, many of them could take a lesser paying job they felt passionate about. Working for the Chamber, a non-profit, brings in considerably less than I was making working the corporate gig. But I am much happier with my downsized life!

My downsized life has much less clutter because my 1,200-square-foot condo can't hold all of the vases, knick-knacks and other

dust catchers I displayed in my 3,000-square-foot house. I have found discretionary income for vacations in not buying "stuff" I usually end up donating to Goodwill a couple of years later.

The savings account gets fuller as well. Emergencies come at us out of nowhere and obviously aren't planned. But extra funds stashed away help soften the blow when they do hit. For business-owners, having emergency reserves is not just a smart idea, it's a must!

Staying on that budget also means less debt. There is a definite peace that comes from not having a car payment and being able to pay off the credit card balance every month. When the condo is paid off in two years, there won't be a mortgage, either!

For those who invest, it's great when you can purchase stocks when they are undervalued instead of when you get a little extra cash. By working crossword puzzles in the paper or socializing at home instead of paying for a pricey din-

ner out and a movie, you can rack up enough to invest in some great funds. Likewise, companies who are frugal can take those extra funds and re-invest them in additional resources.

And don't underestimate the power of that credit score! People with great credit get better interest rates on loans. I know, loans equal debt. But sometimes you HAVE to get a car loan or a mortgage.

At the end of the day, staying within the budget means more freedom. Freedom to take a few days off. Freedom to retire early if you want. And most importantly, the freedom to relax and not have to be constantly anxious living paycheck to paycheck. It sounds like a contradiction to say adhering to strict limits means more freedom. However, if I am frugal eating leftovers for lunch and turning off lights when I leave a room, I can purchase those killer shoes I wanted so badly!

I didn't buy the shoes. I decided the price was too high and enough to afford me a weekend out with Husband. And I like being free to do that once in a while.

## Two Weichert, Realtors® offices merge

Weichert, Realtors® - SouthShore and Weichert, Realtors® - Yates & Associates, will merge Sept. 1, and be known as Weichert, Realtors® - Yates & Associates. The new Yates & Associates offices have one location in Apollo Beach and two in Tampa.

"This is great news for our clients, who will continue to enjoy the service and professionalism they have come to expect when buying and selling their homes with Weichert, Realtors," said Colin Howgill, owner of Weichert, Realtors - SouthShore.

The offices will stay in their current locations and will employ more than 70 Realtors serving the Greater Tampa, Bradenton, Apollo Beach, Sun

City Center, Riverview and Ruskin areas.

"We are delighted to join forces with the professional talents and integrity of the Weichert, Realtors - SouthShore team of agents," said Jeanette Yates, owner of Weichert, Realtors - Yates & Associates.

Both owners expressed a heartfelt thank you to their professional partners and fellow Realtor community members for past business, services and cooperation, saying that their team looks forward to a long, healthy and professional relationship in the future.

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## Grant money available for Florida teachers

Pre-K, elementary, middle- and high-school teachers can grow their project budgets for their classrooms by teaching their students about agriculture.

Florida Farm Bureau Federation is offering multiple \$250 mini-grants to certified Florida educators who are engaged in classroom instruction at the pre-K to 12th grade levels for the 2014-'15 school year.

The grants will be awarded for up to \$250 for original and creative activities or programs that increase the understanding of agriculture among both students and educators.

"Agriculture has no subject boundaries," said Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Coordinator Michael Rogalsky. "We encourage teachers to think outside the box when integrating agriculture into their curriculum. Subject areas such as social studies, math, language arts and science are all important to agriculture, and teachers that build agriculture into these subjects are encouraged to apply for the grant."

Grant applications are due Oct. 1. Recipients of the grant will be notified no later than Nov. 15 via email. Educators can apply for the grant by visiting [floridafarmbureau.org/programs/teacher\\_mini\\_grants](http://floridafarmbureau.org/programs/teacher_mini_grants).

The Mini-Grant Program is part of the Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee's commitment to support agricultural education in classrooms across Florida. A total of up to \$9,500 will be awarded in mini-grants throughout the school year.

Last year, 42 Florida teachers received grant funding for their agricultural projects. Florida Farm Bureau has awarded more than \$150,000 in total grants toward promoting agriculture in the classroom since the program's inception in 1998.

Florida Farm Bureau is the state's largest general agricultural organization, representing more than 147,000 member-families. Their mission is to enhance farm enterprise and improve rural communities.

## Reminder: Saturday Is the SouthShore Chamber Golf Classic

Registration for the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce's 18th annual Golf Classic starts at 6:45 a.m. at Summerfield Crossings Golf Club, 13050 Summerfield Blvd. in Riverview. The shotgun start is at 8 a.m.



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Cooper will specialize in the first-time home buyer as well as senior transitions. She has been a Realtor in this area for the last decade, and most recently worked in the marketing office leasing apartments and coordinating events at Sun Towers Retirement Community.

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A Peaceful Harbor Day Spa and Salon has been at 1312 Apollo Beach Blvd. since its founding in 2008. Now the Spa is expanding and moving to 901 Apollo Beach Blvd., also in Apollo Beach. The new location for the Spa is the former office of Healthpoint Medical Center on the corner of Apollo Beach Boulevard and Bimini Court. The spa will continue to offer services at its current location until the move is complete. The Spa expects to open in its new location Monday, Sept. 1.

The new facility will allow the spa to expand its services. Currently it offers a full-service hair salon, manicures and spa pedicures, therapeutic massage and a full range of cosmetic services offered by the licensed and experienced aestheticians on staff.

The team of aestheticians is led by Spa owner Kathie McPhee, who has more than 30 years' experience as an aesthetician. The team includes Kelly Green, who specializes in a variety of cosmetic services, including permanent makeup. Joining the expanded team is nurse-practitioner Donita Brezovar. She offers experience with Rejuvagen®, Vein Gogh®, and an all-natural skincare system that utilizes Nrf2 activation, said to visibly reverse the effects of skin damage caused by free radicals and enhance the skin's own protective barriers.

For more information about these services, the move and other services offered by the staff at A Peaceful Harbor Day Spa, call 813-645-3303.



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## HealthSource of Brandon holds ribbon-cutting ceremony

On Aug. 16, HealthSource of Brandon hosted a Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark its Grand Re-Opening Celebration.

HealthSource of Brandon is at 166 E. Bloomingdale Ave., Suite B, in Brandon.

The event also served as a fundraiser for the Hillsborough County Fire Department. Local firefighters and their equipment were on

hand for a meet-and-greet with photo opportunities. Dr. Chad Polley and his HealthSource team displayed several items donated by local businesses and offered them as silent auction choices to attendees. In addition, a 48-inch TV was raffled.

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## José Alvarez achieves FICPA Lifetime Membership status

José A. Alvarez, managing director of the Apollo Beach firm Alvarez Company PA CPA Firm, has received Lifetime Membership status from the Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA). Alvarez, who has been a practicing Certified Public Accountant in Florida since 1974, has been a member of FICPA for 40 years. During his membership, he has served on many FICPA committees, including outstanding committee winners. His involvement has included a tenure serving as the Membership Development Chairman of its Sandspur Chapter, being a Continuing Education presenter and being a speaker at the 75th Annual Convention.

"I am honored to receive the Lifetime Membership status, and I am delighted that the FICPA acknowledges members with the longevity and lifelong contributions to the accounting field," Al-

varez said. "This designation represents a commitment to ongoing advanced education and a passion to provide services to the public with my professional accounting."

Alvarez became a CPA in 1974 and opened his own practice in December 1975. His firm has had branches in Brandon, Tampa (Ybor City) and Plant City, and now operates as Alvarez Company PA CPA Firm in Apollo Beach. Alvarez has also served in executive positions such as CEO, Executive VP, COO and CFO and as a board member of various entrepreneurial and public companies, including a company employing more than 100 employees with subsidiaries in various locations throughout the United States. Alvarez has helped thousands of Tampa Bay business owners and residents with their accounting, business consulting and tax-return needs.

## Tampa Bay race calendar, promo codes

Are you ready for race season? Here is a list of some of the many local area races coming up, some with special promo codes for extra savings.

**Saturday, Aug. 23. Lowry Park Zoo Run Run 5K, Tampa.**

### September

**Saturday, Sept. 6. Mud Titan Obstacle 5K Mud Run, Plant City.** Use promo code NO2DRUGS for 25 percent off.

**Saturday, Sept. 6. Miles For Men, 5K/10K/1 mi. 6:30 p.m. Clearwater.**

**Saturday, Sept. 6. One Step Closer to the Cure 5K/10K/1 mi., St. Pete.**

**Saturday, Sept. 13. Mud Endeavor, Brooksville.**

**Sunday, Sept. 14. Hooters to Hooters 5K & 10K, Clearwater.** Use promo code NO2DRUGS for \$2 off 5K or SAYNOTODRUGS for \$5 off 10K.

**Saturday, Sept. 20. Butterfly gloWalk 5K & Party, St. Pete Beach.**

**Saturday, Sept. 20. Flavor Run, Tampa.**

**Sunday, Sept. 21. Run for the Fallen, Tampa.** Free race; donations accepted.

**Saturday, Sept. 27. Dunedin Brewery OctoBEER Fest 5K, Dunedin.**

**Saturday, Sept. 27. Fire Truck Chase 5K & 1 mi., Temple Terrace.** Use promo code NO2DRUGS for \$5 off.

### October

**Thursday, Oct. 2. The Hot Run 5K/10K, St. Pete Beach.**

**Saturday, Oct. 4. Hurricane**

**Glam Run 5K, Palm Harbor.** Use promo code NO2DRUGS for \$5 off.

**Saturday, Oct. 4. Mud Endeavor V, Brooksville.**

**Sunday, Oct. 12. Pretty in Pink 5K & 15K, Clearwater.** Use promo code NO2DRUGS for \$2 off 5K or SAYNOTODRUGS \$5 off 15K

**Saturday, Oct. 18. Beat the Priest 5K at Fall Festival Beer Garden, Dunedin.**

**Sunday, Oct. 26. Halloween Halfathon & 5K, Fort DeSoto Park.**

## Brandon Regional Hospital's community events for September

Brandon Regional Hospital has announced its September schedule of community events. All events will be held in the Oakfield Medical Plaza on the campus of Brandon Regional Hospital, 119 Oakfield Drive, Brandon, unless otherwise noted.

- **NICU Family to Family Support Group** – Tuesdays, Sept. 2 and 16, 6:45 p.m. Brandon Regional Hospital, Women's Center Lobby

- **Healthy Heart Nutrition** – Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 2:30 p.m. Classroom A, Suite 262

- **Surgical Solutions for Weight Loss** – Wednesday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m. Ramada Lakeland Hotel & Conference Center, 3260 U.S. 98 N., Lakeland

- **Gestational Diabetes** – Thursdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 8:30 a.m. Classroom C, Suite 258

- **Pink Petals Support Group** – Monday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Prepared Childbirth Series** – Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, 6:30 p.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Prenatal Tour** – Monday, Sept. 8, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. Brandon Regional Hospital, Women's Center Lobby

- **Preparing to Breastfeed** – Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Nutrition for Cancer Prevention & Treatment Class** – Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2:30 p.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Weight Loss Options** – Wednesday, Sept. 10, 6 p.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Vascular Victories Cardiac and Stroke Support** – Thursday, Sept. 11, noon. Classroom A, Suite 262

- **Prepared Childbirth Class – One Day** – Saturdays, Sept. 13 or 20, 9 a.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Baby Matters (Newborn Care)** – Monday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. Classroom A, Suite 262

- **Outpatient Diabetes Self-Management** – Wednesday, Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Surgical Solutions for Weight Loss** – Thursdays, Sept. 18, noon, and Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Heart Failure 101** – Wednesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. Classroom B, Suite 260

- **Surgical Weight Loss Support Group** – Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. Classroom A, Suite 262

Seating is limited and reservations are advised. For more information and to register, call 813-653-1065 or visit BrandonRegionalHospital.com.

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## Wine-drinking tips from a novelist

Slide over, sweaty mug of brutish beer, wine has stepped up its game!

In the past two decades, zins, cabs and chardonnays have soared in popularity among imbibing Americans. The preference of only one in four in 1992, wine is now the alcoholic beverage of choice for 35 percent of us, according to a 2013 Gallup poll. At the same time, beer has taken a tumble, from the favorite of nearly half of us to just 36 percent.

"Wine is an adventure in a glass — something other cultures have recognized for centuries," says Howard Kleinfeld, author (as Howard K.) of *Dial M for Merlot*, a humorous novel about a lovelorn nerd whose world snaps to life with his first wine-tasting.

"For a long time in this country, we viewed wine as an elitist beverage," said Kleinfeld. "Just to be eligible to uncork a bottle required a scary level of sophistication. I have great respect for connoisseurs and the sommeliers, but if you've ever attended a wine-tasting, you quickly see wine is actually the great equalizer."

For those who've never visited a vineyard or sipped a Gewurztraminer, Kleinfeld offers these tips to free up your palate — and your psyche — for a full-bodied experience.

### 1. What's the best wine?

You'll find all kinds of lists purporting to distill the top 10 or top 100 best wines of the thousands of new releases each year. They are a wonderful resource for information and a great starting point, but there is no substitute for personal exploration.

"The best wine is always whatever's in your glass at the moment," Kleinfeld says, "unless whatever's in your glass makes you grimace, in which case..."

### 2. Don't drink it if it doesn't make you happy.

Life really is too short to not make the most of every moment — and every sensual experience.

"I learned that in 2007 when I was diagnosed with throat cancer at what I felt was, a very young age," Kleinfeld said. "I got through surgery, chemotherapy and radiation with the love and support of my family and friends, but I lost my sense of taste for a few years."

Cancer-free and with all of his senses intact, Kleinfeld says he has resolved to enjoy every sip of life.

"Don't waste your time on wine you don't enjoy. Save it for cooking," he says. "Drink something that puts a smile on your face."

### 3. Go ahead and shell out \$50 or \$100 on a wine you just have to taste again.

A lot of us think California and Napa Valley when we think domestic wines, and while The Golden State is the No. 1 producer in the country (followed by Washington, Oregon and New York), every state now has wineries. That means that wherever you are, there's a wine-tasting room within driving distance.

"If you go to a wine tasting and you sample something you absolutely love, something you know you want to taste again — maybe with a steak, which they don't usually have at wine-tasting rooms, go ahead and buy it," Kleinfeld advises.

"Forget that it costs three or four times what you (might) usually spend for a bottle of wine. Splurge. See tip No. 2."

### 4. Forget the red with meat, white with fish and chicken rule — unless it works for you.

The idea of pairing red wines with red meats has to do with the bolder flavor of both. Fish and chicken tend to have milder flavors, as do many white wines.

"But there are so many exceptions to those 'rules' you may as well just toss 'em," Kleinfeld said. "They don't take into account the range of flavors of meat, fish and chicken, especially when you consider all the different ways they can be prepared. And if you're not



a fan of Riesling, for instance, you won't like it no matter what you pair it with."

Be an adventurer, he advises. Open a few different varieties of

wine when you sit down to eat and explore different pairings.

"The entrees and wines you best enjoy together are the perfect pairings for you."

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	7-11 p.m.	Karaoke with Kim Mullins

All events are open to qualified Moose members and guests.

## Ruskin Eagles Aerie 4351 1205 1st St. SW

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	Kitchen is open at 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. Feather Your Nest game.
Saturday, Aug. 23	Dinner by the Auxiliary at 5 p.m. 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.

## Leading marijuana expert to speak at 'CannaDay Tampa Bay' Aug. 22

Greta Carter, founder and chairman of the board of Cannabis Training Institute, will be a featured speaker at the Florida Cannabis Coalition "CannaDay Tampa Bay" tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 22, at the Cuban Club, 2010 Avenida Republica De Cuba in Ybor City.

Starting at noon, Carter will cover the topic, "Working with Changing Laws." According to the Florida Cannabis Coalition website, Carter is a thought leader in the burgeoning marijuana industry. For ticket information and pricing, visit [floridacannabiscoalition.com/event/tampa-bay](http://floridacannabiscoalition.com/event/tampa-bay).

While in the area, Carter will meet with business leaders and lawmakers to offer her ongoing assistance and to bring best practices to Florida's marijuana interests.

"My primary interest in Florida is to assist key influencers, lawmakers, healthcare professionals, and the general public about what has worked and what has not with the recent marijuana legislation," she said.

Carter is the managing member of Life Gardens, a company fully licensed to grow and process recreational use marijuana under the Washington I502 laws. She is also part-owner of two cultivation centers, two production and processing centers, and a small chain of medical clinics that will consider cannabis in patient treatment plans. She has submitted an application for medical marijuana licensing in the State of Nevada. Carter is a strong proponent of women in the marijuana business.

Cannabis Training Institute provides a comprehensive education curriculum for legal, accounting, medical, political, business and operations professionals in the emerging cannabis industry. The company's online training uses worldclass experts and is available without geographical or political limitations. CTI develops advanced learning tools to expand worldwide knowledge about cannabis and to develop best practices for its use, cultivation, distribution, taxation and regulation.

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Saturday, Sept. 13 — DD-DVP visit, all Elks are welcome, dinner will cost \$5 for this event.

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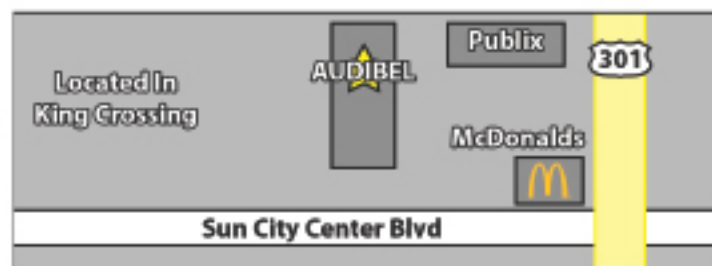
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# South County's growth plan still in flux

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streets, resulting in an extremely low turnout.

"We didn't find out about Freshman Frenzy until today," said Parra at the time. "But we still feel it was worth coming."

Those residents who attended got one-on-one Qs & As with planners since there was no public presentation. Maps were displayed showing growth, what areas would remain undeveloped and what areas would be reserved for things like recreation, commerce and housing.

There was also a meeting in Sun City Center on Aug. 19. And a third meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at East Bay High School on Big Bend Road between U.S. 41 and U.S. 301.

The many separate community

projections were put together with planners under the direction of Allison Yeh. They showed the changes to each community plan during sessions that lasted from 6 to 8 p.m. as residents came, asked particular questions and left.

Intern Brandon Henry, a University of South Florida student majoring in economics who wants to eventually obtain a master's degree in community planning, said he has worked with Yeh for about a year. A graduate of East Bay High School, Henry, at 21, said he is amazed at the amount of work that has gone into the plan.

Yeh explained that some of the things residents asked for cannot be handled through county channels because they reflect duties of the Florida Department of Transportation.

"Like the [I-75] interchange at

Big Bend Road and the exits that clog like the one at Apollo Beach," Yeh said. "DOT work is completed on a five-year plan and that is not done by the county."

The DOT plan is affected by developer-committed projects, the South Coast Greenway and the Long Range Transportation Plan. The South Shore Transit Circulator Study and the Tampa High Speed Ferry Study also impact county planning.

Despite this, most of what residents and business people asked for have ended up on the final maps.

Exempted from truck routes will be 19th Avenue from U.S. 41 to U.S. 301 and the NE 24th Street extension from S.R. 674 to Big Bend Road.

While many like this idea, Sun City Center residents have long

been asking that S.R. 674 be exempted from semi-trailer trucks.

This is because many of them carry phosphate and other hazardous materials, explained Sun City Center resident Jim Duffy, who for many years headed up Sun City Center's plan and also worked with county groups and the South Shore Roundtable that included people from many parts of the communities involved.

The phosphate mining industry is big in the interior of the state, just east of the South County area, and there are only two ways to get the big trucks out: S.R. 672 (that dead-ends and reroutes trucks on U.S. 301 to either S.R. 674 or Big Bend Road), and Lithia Pinecrest Road, that dumps traffic onto Big Bend Road, Duffy explained.

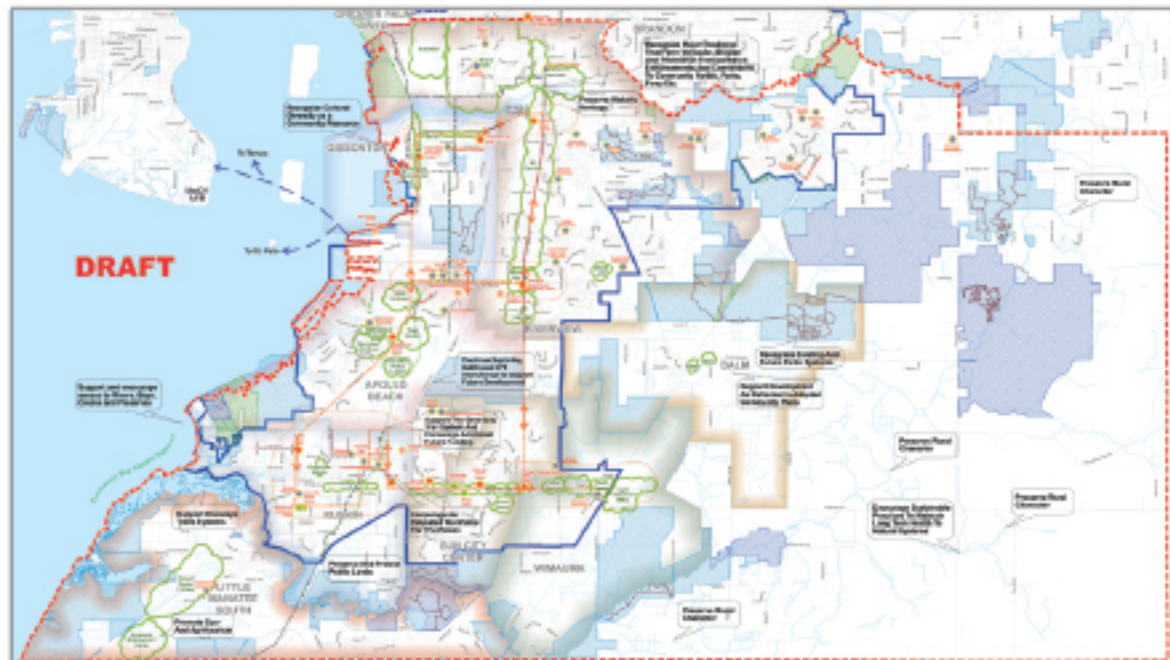
"Gone from these maps is the extension of S.R. 672 west across U.S. 301 onto Paseo Almar Road, which now dead-ends at Gate

Dancer Road," Duffy said. "Paseo was to be extended over Interstate 75 and connect with U.S. 41 in the vicinity of Apollo Beach Boulevard (which is on the plans as being extended across the railroad as well). This would have provided an east-west access from U.S. 301 to U.S. 41 between Big Bend Road and S.R. 674.

"There was also an extension of 19th Avenue East, across U.S. 301 to connect with Westlake Drive (that begins in Wimauma and runs north through Riverview), which would have reduced traffic at the intersection of U.S. 301 and S.R. 674," Duffy said.

There is still time for people from any community to attend the planning Open House Aug. 26 at East Bay High School.

Meanwhile, all plans and maps are visible on the county's planning website: [www.theplanning-commission.org](http://www.theplanning-commission.org).



Above is a draft of the Southshore Area-Wide Systems Plan concept map from the Hillsborough Planning Commission.



PENNY FLETCHER PHOTO

People lined up to check out the drafts of the planning maps for their communities Aug. 12 at Riverview High School. The maps are based on residents' wishes during the community planning meetings that have been taking place during the last several years. This past year saw a separate effort under the direction of planner Allison Yeh. Another Open House is scheduled for Aug. 26 at East Bay High School from 6 to 8 p.m. for those who have not yet checked out the draft.

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# Teachers ready for school year

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something of themselves no matter where they came from.

The elder statesman of Hillsborough County schools, Earl Lennard, the former superintendent for whom Ruskin's Lennard High is named, said he is always impressed by the caliber of the teachers recruited to Hillsborough County schools.

"I think each year we get better and better teachers here," Lennard said. "The more complex the education system becomes, the more the young people rise to meet that challenge."

Teachers today face many more

challenges with a multitude of distractions for young students competing for their attention from video games to social media, Lennard said.

"The media draws their attention and you have all kinds of video and audio devices demanding their attention that in my day — I started teaching in 1963 — we never had any of that. You had a movie theater, maybe a school dance every once in a while, we didn't have the kind of things that youngsters are pulled into today."

Today's teachers have to compete more than ever, Lennard said.

"And that attention span is very, very short, so a teacher has to be on their toes completely, 60 minutes of every hour." Lennard has no doubt today's young teachers are up to the task.

"As I look across this group," he said, "I see the vast majority of the teachers are young people who just graduated from college or have been doing it for a couple of years, and they grew up with this type of distraction and media exposure and social media, so I think there's no question they are up to the challenge."

## School supplies, printers spark educator smiles

At the Riverview Chamber of Commerce's teachers breakfast, there were many reasons for smiles among attendees.

Each teacher was given a large goodie bag filled with supplies to be used in his or her classroom this coming year. In addition to these bags, there were dozens of raffle items that contained more school supplies and many gift cards to be enjoyed. These gifts and supplies were donated by generous members of the Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce and the Riverview community.

And, thanks to the generosity of CenterState Bank, James J. Pulkowski CPA, Keep It Simple Computer Services, Sam's Club #4801, Waypoint Property Inspection, and M&M Printing Inc., a special presentation was made to each principal in attendance. This group of community-minded businesses was responsible for each school receiving a brand-new HP 1010 Deskjet Printer and a case of copy paper.

In her closing remarks, event co-chairwoman Jennifer Caskey thanked all the many people and businesses that made this event possible. Top sponsors were: Sam's Club, Mosaic, South Bay Hospital, Century 21 - Beggins Enterprises - Joe Eletto, CenterState Bank, Klik-Me-Guik and The Regent.



New principals were honored at the breakfast.

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Left, the Riverview High School Junior ROTC Color Guard presented the colors at the Teaching to Excellence breakfast. Below, a brand-new HP deskjet printer and a case of copy paper were given to the principal of each school, thanks to the generosity of business and corporate donors.

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## Free family movie night

To introduce a new ministry — Mom Connect — South Bay Church is inviting everyone to join them this Saturday, Aug. 23, for the hit movie *The Croods*.

Rated PG, *The Croods* is a very funny, family-friendly, family-affirming movie that parents will identify with and kids will enjoy. This Stone-Age family is led by patriarch Grug (voice of Nicholas Cage), whose emphasis on survival means that they are guided almost entirely by fear. Grug protects his family at all cost. *The Croods* can inspire conversation about the value of fathers, and what it means to move from the darkness into the light.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. The



movie and popcorn are absolutely free. The community is invited to wind down after a hectic first week of school and spend some quality time with family and friends.

South Bay Church is located at 13498 U.S. 301 S., Riverview. For more information, call 813-677-0721 or visit [www.SouthBay.cc](http://www.SouthBay.cc).

## Lennard HS open house



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Lennard High School in Ruskin held its 9th-grade orientation and open house on Aug. 14. Students were able to pick up their schedules, tour the school, meet teachers and pick up general information and supplies lists. Principal Mary Freitas has high expectations from students in the coming year. During the 2013-2014 school year, Lennard High reached new academic heights and increased levels in FCAT and End of Course exams.



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## Copper

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DOB: May 11, 2013.



## Annie

Annie is an intriguing-looking bull terrier with a black coat and white markings, the standard oval head characteristic of her breed, ears that point upward and small dark eyes. She weighs 41 pounds. A friendly gal who was found locally as a stray, Annie is very calm and seems to be a happy-go-lucky type. Maybe Annie would be the right fit for your home. Stop by the shelter to visit her — she enjoys company. As part of Annie's adoption, she has been spayed and is current on routine vaccinations. She will be microchipped.

DOB: (est.) March 31, 2011.

C.A.R.E. is an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization (59-3678003) registered with the Fla. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, No. CH-14526. The shelter is funded solely through donations, adoptions, spay/neuter fees, fundraisers and small grants. For more information, volunteer opportunities or donations, please visit our website ([careshelter.org](http://careshelter.org)) or call us at 813-645-2273. We are very grateful for your support.

## Hillsborough County Pet Resource Center unveils new medical and surgical suite

The Pet Resource Center, Hillsborough County's public animal shelter, has unveiled its new, state-of-the-art veterinary suite aimed at increasing positive outcomes for the community's homeless animals.

An expanded medical facility has replaced the shelter's former surgical room. County veterinarians and technicians can now perform up to 70 surgeries and 50 exams per day. The new veterinary suites are expected to increase adoptions by making more pets healthier and available faster.

While the bulk of the surgeries performed at the Pet Resource Center are the spay/neuter sterilizations of adoptable shelter pets, county veterinarians are routinely called upon to perform other skilled medical procedures such as eyelid repairs, lifesaving amputations and even forensic testing for investigators.

The newly upgraded medical suite also allows veterinary staff more opportunities to perform a larger number of the treatments most commonly needed by shelter animals. These include blood and skin tests to properly diagnose and treat issues such as heartworms, skin diseases, viruses and other maladies frequently found in homeless and neglected pets.

County veterinarians are also excited to use the shelter's first-ever digital radiograph machine. The new acquisition will be instrumental for quickly revealing information that saves time and lives. The X-ray machine and other veterinary tools aid animal-cruelty investigations, put more pets on the path to adoption and cut costs by eliminating the need to send animals to outside facilities.

Per county policy, these veterinary facilities are to be used strictly for the care, treatment and sterilization of the animals in temporary residence at the county shelter. Citizens seeking care for owned pets are reminded to visit their family veterinarian.

Because the Pet Resource Center is often the first place to receive the community's lost and surrendered pets, the shelter hopes to be the first place adopters consider when bringing home a furry new family member. The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for adoptions, lost pet searches and county pet license tags. All animal adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, microchipping, vaccinations and more.

For more information on pet adoption, call Hillsborough County's Pet Resource Center at 813-744-5660 or visit [www.HillsboroughCounty.org/Pets](http://www.HillsboroughCounty.org/Pets).

## Thompson Elementary needs volunteers

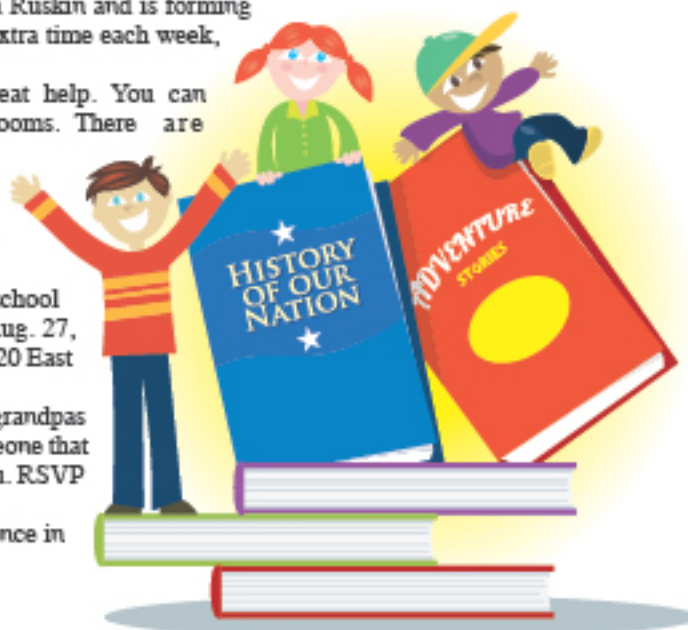
Thompson Elementary School is new in Ruskin and is forming a volunteer program. If you have a little extra time each week, why not consider joining them?

Any job you can do would be a great help. You can work in the media center or in classrooms. There are many, varied opportunities to choose from. Prospective volunteers need only, to tell the organizers what you want to do and they will match the situation to fit you perfectly.

If you think you may be interested, join school staff for a free breakfast on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. in the school's media center at 2020 East Shell Point Road in Ruskin.

Everyone is welcome. Grandmas and grandpas make perfect volunteers. If you know someone that might be interested, bring a guest with you. RSVP at 813-938-1203.

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## The Savvy Senior: Is life insurance needed in retirement?

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Is life insurance needed in retirement? I'm about to retire and have been thinking about dropping my policy to escape the premiums. Is this a good idea?



By Jim Miller

**Over Insured**  
Dear Over,

While many retirees choose to stop paying their life insurance premiums when they no longer have young families to take care of, there are a few reasons you may still want to keep your policy. Here are some different points to consider that can help you determine if you still need life insurance in retirement.

**Dependents:** Life insurance is designed to help protect your spouse and children from poverty in the case of your untimely death. But if your children are grown and are on their own, and you have sufficient financial resources to cover you and your spouse's retirement costs, then there is little need to continue to have life insurance.

But, if you had a child late in life or have a relative with special needs who is dependent on you for income, it makes sense to keep paying the premiums on your policy.

You also need to make sure your

spouse's retirement income will not take a significant hit when you die. Check out the conditions of your pension or annuity (if you have them) to see if they stop paying when you die, and factor in your lost Social Security income, too. If you find that your spouse will lose a significant portion of income upon your death, you may want to keep the policy to help make up the difference.

**Work:** Will you need to take another job in retirement to earn income? Since life insurance helps replace lost income to your family when you die, you may want to keep your policy if your spouse or other family members are relying on that income. If, however, you have very little income from your retirement job, then there's probably no need to continue with the policy.

**Estate taxes:** Life insurance can also be a handy estate-planning tool. If, for example, you own a business that you want to keep in the family and you don't have enough liquid assets to take care of the estate taxes, you can sometimes use a life insurance policy to help your heirs pay off Uncle Sam when you die.

It's a good idea to talk to a disinterested third party (not your insurance agent), like an estate planning expert or a fee-only financial planner, to help you determine if your life insurance policy can help you with this.

### Life settlement option

If you find that you don't need your life insurance policy any longer, you may want to consider selling it in a "life settlement" transaction to a third-party company for more than the cash surrender value would be, but less than its net death benefit. The best candidates are people over age 65 who own a policy with a face value of \$250,000 or more.

Once you sell your policy, however, the life settlement company becomes the new owner, pays the future premiums and collects the death benefit when you die.

How much money you can expect to get with a life settlement will depend on your age, health and life expectancy, the type of insurance policy, the premium costs and the value of your policy. Most sellers generally get 12 to 25 percent of the death benefit.

If you're interested in this option, get quotes from several brokers or life-settlement providers. Also, find out what fees you'll be required to pay. To locate credible providers or brokers, the Life Insurance Settlement Association provides a referral service at [lisa.org](http://lisa.org).

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

## Baby boomer and senior talent are focus of Encore Tampa Bay's first Town Hall

For millions of Americans older than 50, traditional retirement lacks appeal or simply isn't an option. Here in Tampa Bay, keeping that sizable population of baby boomers and seniors engaged and contributing to the community is vital for the region's economic future and quality of life.

That's why the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and Encore Tampa Bay have teamed up to host NGAGE 2.0, an Encore Tampa Bay Town Hall event to explore the ways people 50 and older can redefine retirement, find new purpose and do meaningful work that enriches their lives and strengthens their communities.

The Town Hall will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater.

The event will highlight how the time, talent and experience of people in midlife and beyond can be tapped by nonprofits, business and government organizations to help solve the nation's biggest social problems.

Bevan Rogel, founder and president of Encore Tampa Bay, said many people are excited and terrified at the prospect of reinventing themselves or launching a new career or business at midlife.

"We've been raised to think that our lives have three chapters: growing up and getting an education; working and raising families; and retiring to live out our golden years," Rogel said. "Now those so-called golden years can go on for decades. Today, many boomers are trying to figure out how to leverage their skills and strengths in new ways that meet their needs at this stage of their lives. There really isn't a road map for this, so our goal is to work together to create one."

The Town Hall event, which is open to all, will feature a keynote speech from Marci Alboher, an author and *New York Times* columnist. Her book,

*The Encore Career Handbook*, was described by *USA Today* as "a practical, energizing and essential guide to rebooting midlife to find meaning and social purpose in your working life."

Alboher will discuss how the world of work is changing and how people older than 50 are making a living and making a difference in their second half of life. Her presentation will be followed by a panel discussion featuring local individuals who have launched successful encore careers and representatives from local businesses and nonprofits who have used that encore talent to strengthen their own organizations.

Following the presentations, guests will be invited to mingle and connect with local encore resources and opportunities to help them generate ideas for shaping their next chapter.

Bevan Rogel epitomizes the Encore movement. After more than 30 years in her profession, she felt burnt out and had lost her passion. By reading the work of Marc Freedman, founder of [Encore.org](http://Encore.org), she discovered there were many people just like her who were struggling with the same loss of their sense of purpose.

She rediscovered hers in helping others to identify, retool, and connect to their own encore careers — and launched Encore Tampa Bay and the Encore Academy at The Greenhouse in partnership with the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and the City of St. Petersburg to foster and nurture older entrepreneurs. She hosts a series of workshops that assist encore careerists.

The NGAGE 2.0 Town Hall is supported by AARP's Life Reimagined, Eckerd College's Division of Executive and Continuing Education, and The Greenhouse. To learn more about the Encore Town Hall and register, visit [encoretampabay.com](http://encoretampabay.com).

## Feast to die for will help to save Ruskin Cemetery

On Thursday, Sept. 25, the Southshore Kiwanis Club will host an Italian dinner fundraiser. All proceeds will assist the Ruskin Woman's Club in preserving the historic Ruskin Cemetery and also defray costs of operating the Kiwanis Student Leadership program in local schools.

The dinner will be start at 6 p.m. at the South Hillsborough Elks Lodge, 1630 U.S. 41. Music for listening and dancing will be provided, as well as a cash bar and a dessert buffet.

Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained by calling Karen Fredrick at 813-634-6747 or Debby Bonebrake at 813-892-7235.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. Southshore Kiwanis meets at the Golf Club at Cypress Creek the first three Tuesdays of each month at noon, and the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. The Club is at 1011 Cypress Village Blvd. All are welcome.



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Rental of a canoe that seats three is \$25; if you have your own canoe, it's just a \$5 donation. Call to reserve your space: 813-641-8545.

The Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center is a public-private partnership between Bayou Outdoor Learning and Discovery Inc. and Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Camp Bayou is located three miles south of S.R. 674 at the end of 24th Street SE in Ruskin. More information is on the web at [www.campbayou.org](http://www.campbayou.org).

### East Bay Bucs scoreboard

The first official week of play for the local youth football team — the East Bay Bucs — is in the books. The Bucs dominated Turkey Creek at home, winning all five age divisions.

#### AUGUST 16 - Week 1

<b>MIGHTY MITES</b>	
Bucs.....39	Trojans .....0
<b>PEE WEES</b>	
Bucs.....12	Trojans .....6
<b>MIDGETS</b>	
Bucs.....32	Trojans .....0
<b>JUNIOR VARSITY</b>	
Bucs.....28	Trojans .....0
<b>VARSITY</b>	
Bucs.....38	Trojans .....25



The Mighty Mites submitted statistics for the Aug. 16 match-up as follows:

OFFENSE			
Player	Rush/Yards	Rec/Yards	TD
Jawon	5/99		1
Rhys Brush	3/62	1/5	3
Noah Ellington	3/39		1
Jalden Colston	4/35		
Tommy Rieger	2/25		1
Brenan Lowe	1/15		
Jackson Ucursl	3/13		
Hudson Turner	1/7		
Kingson Revels	1/7		
Cameron Stitch	1/5		
Antonio Balaguer	3/4		
DEFENSE			
Player	Tackles	Sacks	Int. Fum.Rec.
Rhys Brush		3	1
Kingson Revels		2	1
Payton Wolefer	1	2	
Jawon	2		
Jackson Ucursl	1	1	1
Brenan Lowe	1	1	
Hudson Turner	1	1	
Noah Ellington	1		
Tommy Rieger		1	
Logan Miller	1	1	
Jalden Colston			1



The East Bay Bucs Mighty Mites division cheerleaders celebrated a 39-0 win for the football team over the Turkey Creek Trojans last Saturday.

## Fish Tales: They come small, large — and Goliath

By **JONIE MASCHKE**

Member: Florida Outdoor Writers Assn.

Although rainy days prevailed most of last week, there were those who still went fishing.

It was a fun night for Agustin of Hooked Up Bait and Tackle in Gibsonton. After closing the shop, he went to Sunshine Skyway bridge with his 10-foot cast net to get some pinfish for bait. Making a cast, he found he was unable to pull the net up. About seven fellow anglers on the bridge came to his rescue and, with much effort, landed the net on the bridge. To their amazement it contained a 250-pound Goliath grouper. After a quick photo it was released.

In years past, locals found Goliath grouper to be a common catch in our waters. Some say they have seen them up to 800 pounds. In 1990, all harvest was prohibited in an effort to let the overfished species make a comeback and repopulate our waters. This slow-growing giant is an amazing sight in the water.

When you think of game fish you visualize something big, but one of the most popular game fish in Florida's waterways is the Florida sea trout. The average angler harvests 9.7 pounds of sea trout per year. Due to coastal building and a decline in seagrass, the sea trout population decreased, and in 1989 the bag limit and minimum size limits were changed. When that didn't increase the popula-

tion, in 1994 stricter management was implemented around the state. Now there are spotted sea trout management zones.

Learning to fish is Florida's heritage. I hope you took a child fishing before school started. Many children will have a lasting memory of that first catch and will have an exciting story to tell to classmates.

Sheepshead bite rain or shine. Pier fishermen and landlovers who have learned the one, two, three method caught their share last week. When the sheepshead

gives a nudge at your bait, count to three before you jerk the line and you will land him every time.

Flounder was a popular catch last week.

Catfish catches were plenty. Saltwater catfish seem to always school together when it rains. I release them, but I'm sure some people skin them for dinner.

*Definition of a true angler:* Someone completely barmy on the subject of fishing; gets out of bed at an unearthly hour; will travel in the most miserable weather; will risk his life with a sunstroke, pneumonia and drowning — all in pursuit of a fish.



FISH TALES




Agustin, of Hooked Up Bait and Tackle in Gibsonton, went to the Skyway Bridge with a 10-foot cast net to get baitfish. He cast his net and with the help of seven other people on the bridge, they pulled in this 250-pound Goliath grouper. After the photo, he immediately released the grouper back into the water.

### SouthShore Regional Library Kids program/event highlights

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- Bedtime Stories — Thursday, Aug. 21, 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. Children may wear pajamas and bring a blanket and favorite cuddly toy.
  - Teen Advisory Board Meeting — Thursday, Aug. 21, 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.
  - Hansel & Gretel — Monday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.\***  
For ages 5-12 ~ Join us for this puppet show on the classic tale of the two children who find a house made out of candy. A sweet treat that no one can resist! The show includes a fun-filled Make-and-Take a Puppet Workshop. Presented by Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre.
  - Animal Safari Stories for Toddlers — Tuesday, Aug. 26, 10:15 a.m.**  
Wednesday, Aug. 27, 10:15 a.m.\*  
For ages 2-3 ~ World folk tales come to life with rhythm instruments, audience participation and more. Storyteller Katie Adams is sure to delight young audiences as she invites them on a journey of the imagination.
  - Animal Safari Stories for Preschoolers — Tuesday, Aug. 26, 11 a.m.**  
Wednesday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m.\*  
For ages 3-5 ~ World folk tales come to life with rhythm instruments, audience participation and more. Storyteller Katie Adams is sure to delight young audiences as she invites them on a journey of the imagination.
- 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 Gail Daane at 813-634-7550 or visit [www.southshorefriends.com](http://www.southshorefriends.com).
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# Way Out West in a Dress performed at FCC Summer Arts Camp



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The Firehouse Cultural Center, or FCC, in Ruskin hosted students, ages eight to 14, at its Summer Arts Camps. The camps began in early July and featured theater, clay and cast classes, musical theater and robotic arts. Pictured here are students from the *Curtain Up, Applause!* group performing the musical *Way Out West in A Dress* on Friday, Aug. 1. The camps were billed as offering four different types of art to entertain and educate students. FCC programs encourage participation, engagement, discovery and learning. Call 813-645-7851 or visit [www.FirehouseCulturalCenter.org](http://www.FirehouseCulturalCenter.org) for more information on upcoming classes, entertainment schedule or next year's summer camp lineup. The Center is located at 101 1st Avenue NE, Ruskin.



## Observations

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I also know this: He was obviously wrong about there being no point in going on. He made a difference. He made this world a better place. But he lost sight of all of that when he looked behind the curtain. And now, I am saddened that we won't see more of the gift that he was given. Despite the commonness of the phrase today, he wasn't consumed by his own demons, there was nothing demonic involved. He was consumed by his own brain chemistry, taking his very thoughts off track from the amazing good of life to the bleak and narrowly focused pointlessness of it. The good should have won out. He had so much of it. Most all of us do.

Clinical depression is a big issue in South Hillsborough. Seniors suffer from it, but their experiences and upbringing often tell them to simply ignore it and carry on as best as possible. Until one day when they can no longer do so. It doesn't always end in suicide, you know — at least not overtly. But it does always end — for better or for worse. And when it is for the worst, it is often because they simply no longer see a point in going on.

And they couldn't be more wrong. Seniors in South Hillsborough have given so much — they are models of courage and decency, of human achievement and of human frailty. They are the guides by which we all live until we take their places in the autumns and winters of our own lives.

For young people suffering from depression, it is, perhaps, even more difficult. How can you convince someone, with only brief experience, that life isn't defined by yesterday, today or even tomorrow? Life can indeed be so unfair but it can also be amazingly generous and abundant. Everyone of us has a role to play in it. We are all needed (although some may choose their paths less than wisely).

If nothing else, perhaps we should remember that, to varying degrees, we all wear masks. Possibly in remembering that we can treat each other better. We can show passion and compassion. We should also all know that there is help out there.

Godspeed, Robin Williams. I am grateful to you for your life and for the joy you gave. I am grateful to you for the happiness you shared. I understand; I am sorry for your pain. I so wish things had been different.

*"Please, don't worry so much. Because in the end, none of us have very long on this Earth. Life is fleeting. And if you're ever distressed, cast your eyes to the summer sky when the stars are strung across the velvety night. And when a shooting star streaks through the blackness, turning night into day ... make a wish and think of me. Make your life spectacular. I know I did. I made it, Mom. I'm a grown up."*

— Robin Williams in *Jack* (1996)

## Hearing

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and theaters. A hearing loop is a wire that encircles a room and is connected to a sound system. The loop transmits the sound electronically to the hearing aid or implant and is picked up when you flip on the T-switch of the hearing aid or cochlear implant to activate the telecoil.

To learn more about what can be done to counteract hearing loss, Hearing Loss Association of America, Sun City Center, has an educational event at its next chapter meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 W. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center. Retired otolaryngologist Dr. Lindsay Pratt will give a talk on "Hearing Aids can be your best friend: Learn more about your hearing and learn how to improve your hearing and word understanding."

Lisa Tanner Au.D will speak on "New technology available for persons with hearing loss" at the Oct. 1 meeting.

The HLAA meeting room in Sun City Center is equipped with an induction hearing loop, as are the Sun City Center Community Hall; Sun City Center Florida Room; Freedom Plaza auditorium; Beth Israel Synagogue; St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, sanctuary and Fellowship Hall; United Community Church, sanctuary and Great Hall; Publix Supermarket at King's Crossing; Prince of Peace Catholic Church; and First Baptist Church of Ruskin sanctuary.

HLAA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that adopts HLAA's mission of opening the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA is an umbrella organization and has nonprofit status. More information about HLAA is available to anyone visiting it on [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org). Learn more about the Hearing Loss Association of America, Sun City Center chapter at [www.hlascc.com](http://www.hlascc.com).



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Area Obituaries

**Carole Nadine Bajanen**

Carole Nadine Bajanen, 74, of Sun City Center, passed away August 12, 2014. She was the loving mother of Cris and Bob Blauvelt and Lori Cuyler. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Blauvelt, and her second husband, Maynard Bajanen; and sons Richard and Donald Blauvelt Jr.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Ruskin Moose Lodge #813.

Arrangements by Zipperer's Funeral Home.



**Charles H. Smart Jr.**

Charles Henry Smart Jr., 86, of Sun City Center, Fla., passed away August 9, 2014. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Rose and granddaughter Shannon.

Charles is survived by son Gary and Clare Smart; daughter Debra Knispel; and grandchildren Joshua, Jennifer, Christy, Israel, Jeremiah and Tyler, and eight great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, at Wimauma Church of God, 5504 S.R. 674 in Wimauma; dinner will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to LifePath Hospice, 3725 Upper Creek Drive, Ruskin, FL 33573.



**Thomas Neil Farris**

Thomas Neil Farris, 64, of Ruskin, Fla., passed away Aug 8, 2014. He was born Oct. 20, 1949, in Auburn, Maine, but grew up in Gibsonton.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Harland and Vera Farris, and brother Donald Farris, all of Gibsonton; and son Ryan Reynolds of Alabama.

Tom is survived by wife Cindy Farris; daughters Lisa Farris of Ruskin and Shannon Brown of Cross City, Fla.; grandchildren Mahiana, Carlos and Halley; sister Barbara Farris Petty of Willis Texas; and many nieces, nephews and friends. We will all miss him so much.

Tommy will be sent home to Auburn Maine, to be buried with the family at MountAuburn Cemetery, as he wanted. He will be placed next to his loving Gram Anker. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

**John E. Folk Jr.**

John E. Folk Jr., 71, of Riverview, Fla., passed away August 13, 2014. He is survived by Rita Via, his loving wife of 48 years; sons, Todd and Kirk (Susan); grandsons Zac and Luke; brother Jerry Folk (Lee) of Deer Park, Texas; and mother Janet Ulvilia of Painesville, Ohio.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Brandon, 3315 Bryan Road.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to LifePath Hospice or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Zipperer's Funeral Home.



Che Gray, financial secretary at Ruskin UMC, paints a willing face.

**Ruskin UMC concludes Celebrate Jesus campaign with block party**

In early August the Ruskin United Methodist Church held its first Celebrate Jesus campaign. During the week, congregation members knocked on community doors, sharing Jesus with them and offering to pray for any concerns that household might have. On Tuesday, the church had a neighborhood kickball game for all youth at its youth house. The week ended with a huge block party for the whole community. Everyone in Ruskin was invited. Among the attractions were food, a petting zoo (Bengal Tiger named Ty), antique cars, a bounce house, a dunk tank, face painting, prize baskets, local establishment booths and a DJ providing music.

*In Loving Memory*  
**Lillian Bonnie Butler**  
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**Women's Fall study — Children of the Day**

South Bay Sisters Women's Ministry will be hosting Beth Moore's *Children of the Day* for its fall study. The video and workbook series is an in-depth Bible study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

In this study, you'll face crises, afflictions, relationships, doubts, concerns and fears. Find encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns.

Open to the public, groups meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 16. This nine-week study will end Nov. 11. Cost is \$25, which includes the workbook and childcare, if needed.

Register online at [www.SouthBay.cc](http://www.SouthBay.cc) or call the church office at 813-677-0721.

South Bay Church is at 13498 U.S. 301 S., Riverview, just south of Big Bend Road. For more information, email [faith@southbay.cc](mailto:faith@southbay.cc).

**Register at Prince of Peace for Children's Faith Formation**

Prince of Peace's Children's Faith Formation program begins Saturday, Sept. 6, and runs weekly on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Conesa Center. The program serves to educate the child in the Catholic faith and provide the tools necessary for receiving the Sacraments.

If you are interested in registering a child, you may obtain a registration form from the parish office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Diane Cerulli, coordinator of Evangelization and Faith Formation at 813-634-2328, x207, or email [diane@popcc.org](mailto:diane@popcc.org).

The Children's Faith Formation program needs volunteer Catechists to assist weekly on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Come share your joy and knowledge of the faith. Previous teaching experience is desired but not required. If you are interested or would like more information, call Diane Cerulli.

Prince of Peace Catholic Church is at 702 Valley Forge Blvd. in Sun City Center.

**A date to remember**

Monday, Aug. 25, is the day of the major auction at the United Community Church, 1501 La Jolla Ave. in Sun City Center.

Items to be auctioned will include Tampa Bay Rays' memorabilia, watercolors by Janet Hartman and many unique items.

The doors will open at noon for viewing the items and registration. The auctioneer will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. Money raised will go to the church. For more information, call Paula at 813-633-6739.

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Confession.....	Thursday 6:15 p.m.; Saturday 3:15 p.m.

## Senior Prom set for UMC this Friday

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center will host a Senior Prom at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22. Music and entertainment will be supplied by Solid Gold, featuring JoAnne Podgurski.

Reminisce about your own senior prom as you listen and dance to some of your favorite music from the 1950s and '60s. Bring your own snacks — drinks will be provided — and let Solid Gold take you back to your best high school memories.

If you didn't attend your senior prom, you shouldn't miss this one, and if you *did* attend your senior prom, you won't want to miss this chance to attend. Admission is just \$5 at the door.

The church is at 1210 W. Del Webb Blvd. in Sun City Center.

For additional information about this and other events and activities at the United Methodist Church, call Kevin Goodenow, concert series coordinator, at 813-362-0956, or Jeff Jordan, director of Worship Arts, at 813-634-2539.

## Sex trafficking is topic at October event

A presentation set for Tuesday, Oct. 7, will focus on sex trafficking in Florida. Congregation Beth Israel is sponsoring the program, which will start at 1 p.m. in the Henry Gibson Social Hall on W. Del Webb Boulevard.

Among the speakers will be:

- Kelly Murphy, the FBI's Director of Victims Services for Central and Western Florida. In 2012, the district attorney's office named her the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the Middle District of Florida. She is considered an expert in domestic human and sex trafficking in Florida and Texas.
- Sally Dittman, president of the Sun City Center Campaign Against Human Trafficking.
- Joan Kramer, chairman of the Sun City Center Campaign Against Human Trafficking Service Team.
- Connie Rose, survivor of sex trafficking.
- Crystal Valery, survivor of sex trafficking.

There will be a question-and-answer period following the presentations. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served.

For more information, email Rochelle Lafer at rlafer@gmail.com.



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**Trinity Baptist Decorations Committee**  
 Sharon Humphreys, left, and Paula Conners serve on Trinity Baptist Church Decorations Committee, which is responsible for decorating the church throughout the year. This involves seasonal decorations as well as decorations for holidays and other special events. For more information on the church, call 813-634-4228 or visit the website at www.trinitybaptist-scc.com.



## Prince of Peace staff celebrates one of its own accepted into seminary

From left: Keith Rasmussen, music coordinator; Maureen Vilcheck, business manager; Pamela Hadden, pastoral outreach; Diane Cerulli, evangelization and stewardship; Melissa Zumpano, stewardship and development; and Father Joel M. Kovanis, pastor. The parish staff was celebrating the acceptance of past staff member Thomas Pringle, who was recently received into the seminary. For more information about Prince of Peace Catholic Church, call 813-634-2328 or visit www.popcc.org.



Sally McLeish, chairman of the Missions Committee of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sun City Center, presents two checks to Ray Rocha, coach of a Wimauma soccer team. St. Andrew Pastor Mark Salmon looks on.

## St. Andrew teams up with Wimauma soccer team

The Mission Committee of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church heard about the need of a group of teenage boys in Wimauma through a church member who had bought a golf cart from Ray's Golf Carts in Sun City Center. Raymond Rocha, manager of the golf cart store, helps coach a soccer team of 15-to-17-year-olds at Bethune Park in Wimauma.

Coach Ray, who is father of one of the players, explained that even though the boys are very enthusiastic about the game, they didn't have the equipment that other teams in the league have. They lacked the small tents needed to keep cool in the sweltering heat during breaks in practice and games.

In addition, they didn't have the exercise equipment needed to develop the muscles and toning that soccer demands.

Sally McLeish, chairman of the church's Mission Committee, con-

cluded that helping the boys would be a perfect project for her group. Committee members agreed and donated \$1,500 to pay for the exercise equipment and tent.

When the Evangelism Committee, led by Dean Metcalf, heard of the project, those committee members wanted to help, too. They donated \$1,600, which paid the cost of registration in the soccer league and bought backpacks to hold the soccer gear.

Rocha hopes to convince the Parks and Recreation Board of Hillsborough County to keep the Wimauma park grass mowed regularly. It's often 8-10 inches high, making it difficult to practice and host games for visiting teams who enjoy very well-maintained playing fields.

St. Andrew is located at 1239 W. Del Webb Blvd. and can be reached by calling 813-634-1252.

## James McDuffy to perform at UMC

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center will present popular gospel singer James McDuffy in concert on Friday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

McDuffy will be singing several well-known gospel selections and will be accompanied for this concert by gospel pianist John Davis.

From his home in Cape Coral, Fla., McDuffy has been invited to sing all over the country, including the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif. He has been a regular in Sun City Center and has garnered quite a following. Known for his big baritone voice, gentle nature and powerful testimony, McDuffy always provides a memorable evening. Concertgoers are encouraged to come early for a good seat. McDuffy's CDs will also be available for purchase.

A donation of \$5 is requested at the door on the night of this performance. For more information, call Kevin Goodenow, concert series coordinator, at 813-362-0956 or Jeff Jordan, director of Music and the Arts, at 813-634-2539.





This 1955 Thunderbird owned and restored by Jack Edison of Sun City Center is the Roamin' Oldies August cruiser of the month.

## Award-winning T-Bird is August's Cruiser of the Month

Jack Edison's 1955 Thunderbird is handsome, rolling proof that a well-tended classic can be driven regularly and still compete with the best on the national car show circuit.

Before selection as the Roamin' Oldies car club's August cruiser of the month, the bright red T-Bird had already won a Grand National Award as well as an Excellence in Authenticity Award. That's about as good as it gets for collectible cars.

This two-seat beauty is no trailer queen. It's also a great road car that Jack and wife Terry have driven many thousands of miles. He bought it in solid, rust-free condition in 1984, and spent the next four-and-a-half years doing a meticulous frame-off restoration.

Ford built the Thunderbird as a

personal luxury car, and this one is equipped accordingly with power seats, windows and automatic transmission.

The Roamin' Oldies host 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, with a rain date the following Thursday. 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. The event is sponsored by Thompson's Auto Parts and Sun City Center Funeral Home. For more information, call Chet at 813-842-1511.

## Open auditions for new Parrish theater group are set for next week

Parrish Playworks Inc. is calling all actors, singers & dancers, ages 8 to 80, to audition for its premiere full-length performance of *Red Rooster Tales*.

Parrish Playworks Inc. is a non-profit production company dedicated to producing professionally staged community theater in Parrish and neighboring areas of Manatee County.

Auditions will be held in the Community Room of the Parrish YMCA, 71st Street E (just off U.S. 301):

- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 25, and Friday, Aug. 29;
- 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 30.

Groups will audition every half hour. Call the Parrish YMCA at 941-981-5323 for your desired audition time. Wear comfortable clothing and be ready to sing and kick up your heels.

No monologue is required, script excerpts will be provided.

## Attention, dancers: Dracula audition

The Brandon Ballet, a professional company, will hold open auditions this Saturday, Aug. 23, for dancers for its upcoming production of *Dracula*. The show will be performed Sunday, Oct. 19.

The audition is open to dancers of all levels to fill a wide variety of roles. The ballet company is auditioning extras — children to adult — and more featured roles performed by more experienced dancers.

Dancers must be available to rehearse on weekends if necessary (Friday through Sunday) in September and October leading up to the performance.

The audition will run from 4 to 5:30 p.m. There is a \$25 nonrefundable audition fee.

Those interested should contact the Administrative Coordinator of Brandon Ballet at [dance@brandonballet.org](mailto:dance@brandonballet.org), or call 813-684-4282 for more information.

Founded in 1993, Brandon Ballet is a nonprofit pre-professional ballet company that develops and promotes opportunities for aspiring young dancers. By offering a superior training program and two major performances and two mixed repertory performances each year, the Brandon Ballet helps serious dancers broaden their dance experiences.

The fall show, *Red Rooster Tales*, will feature local stories and original songs about life in Parrish, past and present. Rehearsals will be held September through mid-November, with performances Nov. 14, 15 and 16 at Cabrini Center in Parrish.

Parrish Playworks is looking for people with lively expression, energy and enthusiasm to participate

in this original musical production. A *Red Rooster Tales* preview performance was held last fall under the direction of playwright Karen Romant, with music composed and directed by Ellen VanDolah, and a cast and crew of many local residents.

For more information, visit the [www.parrishplayworks.org](http://www.parrishplayworks.org).

## SouthShore Regional Library

### Adult program/event highlights

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**Publisher: Introduction & Formatting** — Thursday, Aug. 21, 12:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Publisher window layout, toolbars, creating new documents and insertion of text and picture frames. Manipulating picture and text frames, working with lines, borders and colors. Limit: 12.

**Book Discussion: *Labyrinth* by Mark Sullivan** — Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m.

When her family's caving expedition is overtaken by a group of criminals, renowned cave researcher Whitney Burke must overcome her paralyzing fear to save her husband, her daughter and, ultimately, herself. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

**Film Discussion: *1001 Movies to See Before You Die*** — Friday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m.

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**Adult Writing Workshop** — Monday, Aug. 25, 1 p.m.

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**Managing Media** — Tuesday, Aug. 26, 12:30 p.m.

Learn about saving files using cloud storage and USB devices. Learn how to transfer and download digital content. Limit: 12.

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Learn strategies and tips for doing genealogy research using United States military records.

**eBooks for Kindle & Kindle Apps** — Wednesday, Aug. 27, 10:30 a.m.

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## Thompson Elementary opens smoothly

First-day jitters are long gone for the staff at J. Vince Thompson Elementary in Ruskin. The premiere LEED school is the first of its kind in the district so it naturally is getting a lot of attention. Principal Milady Astacio, left, is thrilled to be at the helm of this innovative, energy-efficient school.

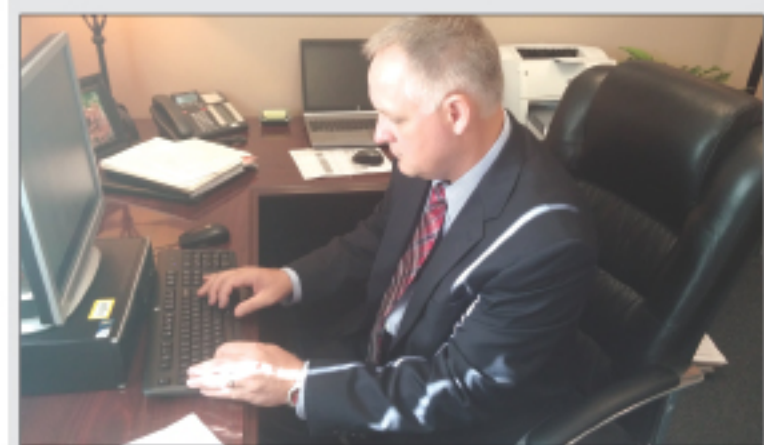
CHERE SIMMONS PHOTOS



School social worker Charlotte Grant was 'making connections' during student drop-off.



Kevin Dozier, above left, was all smiles about entering third grade. He was escorted by his dad, Randy Dozier, and little brother Damian.



KEVIN BRADY PHOTOS

Darrell Faber, the new principal at Eisenhower Middle School, gets to work on his first day.

## New principal at Eisenhower MS

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as principal earlier this month) seems like he's been here for years.

"It's all gone very smoothly today," said Faber of the first day of school as he settles into the principal's chair, the first time he has sat down all morning. "I'm excited and ready to go."

A veteran of 20 years in Hillsborough County schools, Faber has worked as a teacher and administrator at Sligh, Adams, Walker, and Martinez middle schools. He joins Eisenhower after two years as an assistant principal for curriculum at Monroe Middle.

For Faber, his first challenge is learning the lay of the land at Eisenhower: "Learning all the staff and teacher names and more about the school's processes and procedures, and our assistant principals here have done a fantastic job with that, along with the teachers," said Faber.

Performing at 577 points on the FCAT scale puts Eisenhower at a B plus. Another 13 points would make Eisenhower an A school. "So they are literally just a few points away," said Faber, "so there's really not a whole lot to come in here and change, but I need to just step back and learn and get a feel for how the school is running. As a leader, maybe there are some things we can tweak along the way to see if we can't get some more gains from our students and get Eisenhower up to the A level."

With his new role and respon-

sibilities, Faber is also eager to learn about the community. He said, "The faculty and staff are a really good bunch of people that [have] a really strong sense of caring for students and a strong commitment to education. I feel like they are all prepared."

Faber already senses a family atmosphere at the school.

"It definitely has that community, family atmosphere of a school that has been around for quite some time, and as everything grows up around our school and in this area, we look to grow along with that."

In his initial address to teachers Monday, the day before the school opened, Faber said numbers at a school only tell part of the story.

"You can look at data and numbers for a school in lots of ways but it really boils down to how we build those relationships with each other and the students we serve, and how important it is to be vested members not only in the school but in the surrounding community," Faber said.

"This school has had many great leaders before me and as that torch is passed, I hope to move our school to an A grade."

Looking ahead a year, Faber hopes to see the growth and the school move ahead at all levels.

"I want us to move the students as much as we can and to improve the proficiency level of all students," he said. "I think if we do that we will reach an A grade."



Left, school workers put colored arm bands on students as they exit the buses. Each was also given a high five and a hearty welcome to school.

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Carlie Jackson, left, heads to class with her mom, Temeka Tolbert, and little brother Darryl in tow.