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Clereen Brunty, left, and Madonna Wise helped gather materials for the Zephyrhills exhibit. (Photo courtesy of Clereen Brunty)

Zephyrhills in historical limelight at history center

Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

The history of Zephyrhills will be on display at the Tampa Bay History Center through March 1.

Zephyrhills celebrated its centennial in 2010, and the exhibit consists of artifacts and memorabilia contributed by Zephyrhills residents and businesses commemorating the community's history.

"We are so excited to be the first community in Pasco County to be featured," said Clereen Brunty, who worked with fellow Zephyrhills resident Madonna Wise to schedule the Zephyrhills exhibit at the center.

The exhibit is on the second floor of the Tampa Bay History Center in a large display case that contains an original school desk from the first Zephyrhills School, along with artifacts from Skydive City and Zephyrhills Water. Zephyrhills Public Works Director Rick Moore, a renowned local historical collector, loaned many framed photos and postcards of the town that he has collected for more than 40 years.

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Women Build houses, community

By Eugenio Torrens
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Jessica Avalos stood quietly in the back of the quaint second-floor meeting room at Wesley Chapel Honda as a movie played on a projector.

She dabbed a napkin at her eyes, wiping away tears caused by a woman on the screen effusively thanking God for the home Habitat for Humanity had built for her.

The video was played in front of close to 70 people during the Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco's Women Build mixer.

Avalos, 28, couldn't hold back tears because she knows she is in line to be thanking the non-profit organization. She will be the recipient of Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco's Women Build 100th home.

Avalos currently lives with

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Charlene Ierna, left, and Jessica Avalos take time for a picture before the Women Build Mixer. Ierna's Heating and Cooling is doing the central heat and air for Avalos' Habitat home. (Photo by Eric Johnson)

Cycling the time away

There were 19 Grove Ridge RV Resort residents who got together for a bicycle ride on the Flatwoods park trail before enjoying the day together. (Photos courtesy of Diane Richards) **More Grove Ridge news, page 11.**

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Trash & Treasures sale yields wonders

The GFWC Zephyrhills Woman's Club raised $1,200 at its Trash & Treasures yard sale on Jan. 14 at the club building.

The sale featured shoes, clothing, purses, collectibles, holiday décor, appliances and other housewares.

"You should have seen how much we had when we opened the door," said Jan Pond, a club member, who was helping at the sale. "It's amazing how generous people can be," she said.

The sale is the club's largest fundraiser, but it also raises money through club rentals and other smaller events.

The sale brought in $1,200, said Judy Meserve, the event chairwoman.

Funds raised by the club support a number of community causes, said Linda Weyer, the club's president.

Those causes include sponsoring a $1,000 annual scholarship and providing help to HPH Hospice, Everyday Blessings, the Pregnancy Care Center of Zephyrhills, a second-grade classroom at West Zephyrhills Elementary School and Meals on Wheels.

—B.C. Manion

Collectors may have found a good deal, such as these Wheaton no-line bottles.

Judy Meserve, chairwoman of the Trash & Treasures yard sale poses with Linda Weyer, president of the GFWC Zephyrhills Woman's Club during the sale on Jan. 14. (Photos by B.C. Manion)

Shoppers could stock up on holiday décor for bargain prices at the Trash & Treasures yard sale.

Shoppers found plenty of items to choose from, ranging from shoes and purses to books and household appliances.

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Volunteers form Betmar backbone

By Kathy Mace
Betmar

Have you hugged a volunteer today? If you have given anyone a hug in Betmar, you have probably hugged a volunteer. Activities, what not, games, the pool, care of the gardens, bingo, shuffle, golf, dinners, theater, music, kitchen band, hobby, memorial, dances, computer, writing, decorating, bulletins, etc. are all run by volunteers. Betmar would not be the park it is if everyone didn't give some of their time to help with the activities of the park. Volunteering not only helps Betmar be a better place but it helps you meet people and become a part of the park. Join activities, volunteer your time and enjoy your life in Betmar, you will be glad you did.

Bryan Toll, assistant activities director (and newly crowned Prince of Betmar), opened coffee today. Charlotte Vosburg gave the invocation and led us in the pledge.

A reminder that all owners and renters are welcome to use the library located on Betmar Drive. The library is open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on weekdays.

Betmar's annual What Not Sale was a huge success. It took an army of Betmar volunteers to organize, display and sell merchandise, run the golfing contests, take care of security, run the breakfast, repair items and the list goes on and on. Betmar is a wonderful place to be part of.

There will be a Fifties Theme Table Dance on Saturday, Jan. 28 in Clubhouse No. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Music will be by Chrissie Harriman. Tickets are a donation of $5.

The Betmar Volunteer Connection Orientation Fair took place on Jan. 21. More than 39 clubs and activities took part with exhibits, demonstrations and fun for everyone. Everyone involved had a great time and learned new things about Betmar.

Dessert Theatre will be performed Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in Clubhouse No. 2. Tickets are a donation of $5 for reserved seating.

The Game Club is selling pizzas to be delivered on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5. Pizzas must be ordered by Sunday, Jan. 29.

Jan. 9 bridge winners were (first place) Mary Payne, (second) Bill Martzloff, (third) Lee Gaynier and (fourth) Keith Todd. Jan. 11 bridge winners were (first) Gene Hauber, (second) Tom Poppas and (third) Ray Lindner.

Dee Payne, activities director and former queen, announced that in sick bay this week are Harry Schmitt, Russell Trefethen, Mary Tucker, Barb Rockhill, Shara Bundy and Sue Filtch. Please send a card and pray for our Betmar friends.

Birthdays this week are Bill Devine Jan. 6, Pat Hascher Jan. 7, Robert McClellan Jan. 7, Angelo DiMare Jan. 10, Barb Rich Jan. 11, Alleida Bringard Jan. 11, Marty Polga Jan. 12, Nancy Aldrich Jan. 14 (75 years), Shirley Hilbrandt Jan. 15 and Doug Townsend Jan. 15. Anniversaries are Kerry and Carol Fritz Jan. 9, Fred and Joan Fletcher Jan. 10, Jerry and Marilyn Rumery Jan. 11, Rich and Barb Miller Jan. 14 and Fred and Dorothy Sulier. Ralph Knotts played the piano while we sang to the celebrants.

Visitors this week are Jane Hamilton from Maine visiting Nancy Hodges and Vicki Small, John Britton and Karen Steel from Michigan visiting Tom and Carol Kelly, Brian Abrams and Doreen Chester from Ontario visiting Paul and Deb Jeffery and Emily Harrigan from Ohio visiting Fred and Dorothy Sulier.

New owners are Don and Gail Blair from Ontario, David and Carol Wilson from New Hampshire, Neil and Lyn Campbell from Maine, Bill and Priscilla McBeth from Michigan, Bob and Judy Murray from Michigan, Bob and Rita Jones from Maine, Don and Marie Jefferson from Ontario and Bill Archer and Wanda Raich from Michigan.

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Cuddles to bring comfort to hospice clients

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After the loss of a loved one, children and teens can find comfort in holding a stuffed animal and confiding their deepest thoughts and feelings.

That's why Gulfside Regional Hospice created "Cuddles," a soft, squeezable dog that can provide companionship for children, teens and adults who have experienced a loss or have been recently diagnosed with an illness.

The stuffed dog is available in male or female versions for a donation of $20 at Gulfside's Bereavement Center or any of its five thrift shops in Pasco County, or at The Shops at Wiregrass. Cuddles can also be found at www.GRHospice.org. Proceeds support the Rhythm of the Spirit Camps.

To contact the Bereavement Center or locate a thrift shop, call (727) 844-3946.

Volunteers Bill Sult and Norma Gilbert work the cash register at the Zephyrhills Thrift Shoppe, 36524 SR 54. (Photo courtesy of Gulfside Regional Hospice)

Volunteer Joe Staples displays Cuddles at the Dade City Thrift Shoppe, 37925 Sky Ridge Circle. (Photo courtesy of Gulfside Regional Hospice)

Nip it in the bud

By Kathy Adams
Baker Acres

Baker Acres is getting a new facelift.

Norman Merritt has been tending the flowers around Baker Acres for some time now, and he does a wonderful job keeping them looking bright and beautiful.

With the cold snap, some of the vegetation in the area alongside the shuffleboard courts died back and the spreading juniper was taking over, so Norman and his wife Marlene along with Gary and Sandie Douglas decided it was time to give it new life.

With the help of Merrill Adams and his truck, they are uprooting the juniper and will replace it with flowers and Magnolia Trees to give it a little more "Southern Charm."

Norman and Marlene Merritt, along with Gary and Sandie Douglas and the help of Merrill Adams and his truck, uprooted the spreading juniper along the shuffleboard courts. (Photos courtesy of Kathy Adams)

Shufflers bring home the trophy

Baker Acres is proud to announce that they had two winners at the "Novice Tournament" that took place at Sleepy Hollow on Jan. 5 and 6. The "Novice Tournament" is for all shufflers who have never won a trophy. Merrill Adams took first place in the main event. Linda Archer took third place in the consolation bracket.

Lorne Keller and Fred Seidling proved playing at home can help as the duo took home the trophies for first place in the main event at the Carefree Tournament.

Vivian Jordan and Verlin Randolph from Baker Acres got second place at the Carefree Tournament at Baker Acres.

Larry Wheeler and Robert Argersinger from Southern Charm took third place in the main event of the tournament.

Bob Borus and Jack Mahoney came from Lakeland and earned fourth place in the main event.

Bud Randolph and Bob Lane from Baker Acres took first in consolation on their home court at the shuffleboard Carefree Tournament between parks in the area.

Eugene Hoard and Rich Chisolm of Rainbow Village nabbed second in consolation at the Carefree Tournament.

Robert Agey and Gordon Snider took third place in consolation at the Carefree Tournament.

Merrill Adams and James Rocco finished in fourth place in consolation at the Carefree Tournament.

Bugs worth having around

By B.J. Jarvis
Pasco Extension Director and Horticulture Agent

Every year, self-respecting gardeners set a gardening resolution. This year's goal is to learn to better identify beneficial insects in the landscape.

With less than 1 percent of all insects in the United States harmful to people or their crops, chances are the insects we encounter aren't all "bad bugs." Now that's not to say that the other 99 percent are "good bugs" as there are a tremendous number that aren't either "good" or "bad."

Beneficial insects abound in Pasco gardens preying on plant-damaging insects without any human intervention. While most gardeners are familiar with the aphid-eating lady beetle, few recognize her gator-shaped juvenile that is a voracious eating machine. And there are many more helpful insects quietly keeping the damaging bug populations to a minimum.

Ant Lions, lovingly called Doodle Bugs by youth, consume any insect that falls into their cone-shaped trap. Ground beetles, earwigs and lacewings all feast on many insects, even snails. Then there are wheel bugs that are reported to have a nasty bite if you pester them. My garden has some orange juveniles, but I need to double-check that.

To discover more about these beneficials, I have my work cut out for me. In the meantime, there are three things to encourage these "good bugs." Avoid using broad-spectrum pesticides, since they kill the good guys along with the bad. When chemicals are warranted, choose safer alternatives, such as insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils and botanicals. Finally, with a clear idea of the pest being treated, spot treat for specific pests and only treat the affected plants.

For more information about beneficial insects contact the Pasco Cooperative Extension Service at (352) 518-0474 or bjjarvis@ufl.edu. More information about beneficial insects can be found at http://bit.ly/beneficial_insects_from_UF.

Ladybug larvae, like this one, eat aphids that can dine on plants. (Photo courtesy of Pasco County Extension)

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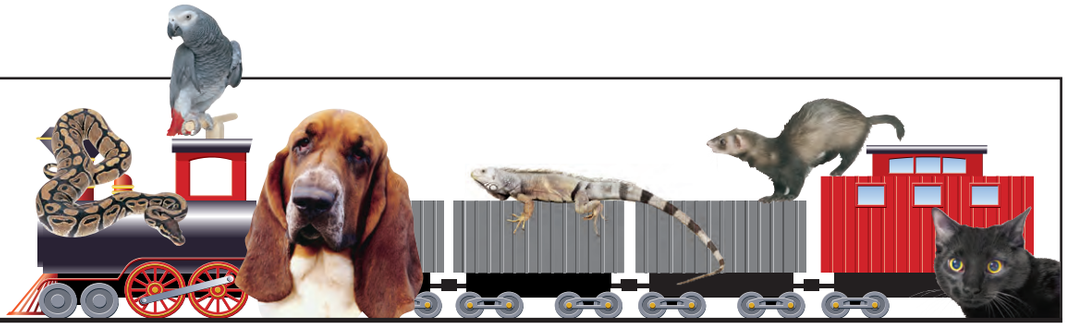

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Art imitating life

This display — the Empire State Building in New York, the houses and cars — was all handmade from recycled wood by Vincent and Lucy Palazzolo of Florida Estates. (Photo courtesy of Autumn Watson)

Paying respects

A memorial service took place on Jan. 8 for the deceased members of 2011 of Florida Estates. (Photo courtesy of Autumn Watson)

Shuffle time

Group picture of the shufflers at the tournament at Florida Estates Jan. 16 and 17. There were eight parks and 64 shufflers. (Photo by Ed Watson)

First-place winners in the main event at the shuffleboard tournament at Florida Estates were Ed Lowe, left, and Russell Boom. (Photo by Ed Watson)

Dick Lightner and Karon Lightner captured second place at the tournament at Florida Estates. (Photo by Ed Watson)

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New Year starts off well at Grand Horizons

By Helene Rubenstein
Grand Horizons

In the last newsletter, I mentioned to you about the new activities that were going on and now I would like to say that the attendance at these functions is growing. Every week more and more people show up. It may be somewhat slow, but we are seeing a difference in the turnout, so hopefully, in the future, more and more residents will be present. We all have a pleasant and fun time and we have the opportunity to either learn a new activity or recall, from past experiences, how you play the game.

On Jan. 3, several men gathered together for their monthly visit to Hooters. They look forward to this outing as the men get together to mingle, gossip and ogle plus enjoy the company of the others. From what I heard, the menu has a large variety to choose from and the food is delicious. I am sure they all have one terrific time as my husband comes home in smiles. From what I understand, they have had such a blast that some of the guys are going to go a second time this month.

Is it really the food? What does everyone else think?

On the same day as when the guys went out, the women also had a luncheon at Tom's Steak and Seafood. There were approximately 17 people who showed up and there was much talking and picture taking. Tom's is known for its hamburgers and, from what I heard, the hamburgers are outstanding. Again, as always, the women that attended created a great atmosphere and made the entire afternoon just fly by. The luncheon was hosted by Joyce Bell.

On Jan. 5, we held our monthly social club meeting at our community center. It was well attended and, of course, we started off with the pledge of allegiance. Luella Wheeling presided over the meeting and kept things running smoothly. Many items of interest were discussed including raising our price for certain breakfasts to cover the cost of rising prices of foods and supplies that are needed. It was very interesting and, if you want to keep up with the news of the social club, I highly recommend it.

We had a lovely pancake breakfast on Jan. 7 and 108 people got together, early in the morning, to attend this breakfast that was hosted by Joyce and Dave Billig. They did an excellent job with the many people that came out for this event. We were able to have pancakes or French toast along with sausage and they also had orange juice and coffee. Once again, seconds were offered.

They had several volunteers helping them and everything ran along smoothly as each person had their own job to do. The volunteers were Terry and Mim Gardner, Paul and Norma Oi, Sam and Fred Sage, Rosemary Semian and Doug Taylor. In addition to these helpful volunteers, at the end of the breakfast several people pitched in and helped out. There were so many that they are too numerous to mention but thanks goes out to them.

Grand Horizons is good about that, as there is always a helpful hand when needed.

The very next day a new activity awaited us. It was a class on beginner's line dancing and it was so much fun. The teacher was excellent and, some people who said they have two left feet, she was able to get the right one working. I was surprised, and I am sure, many others were also, to find that they really have a right foot. Unlike previous classes that I took, she began from scratch. The teacher was very patient and kind. This is exactly what I, for one, needed, an instructor that had both these qualities. Her name is Peggy Bracknell and maybe we can all learn something, only time will tell, but I have a good feeling about it.

The following day, we had another game of dominoes with Nancy and Eugene Martin as host and hostess. Just like previous games, everyone had a wonderful time. There were plenty of newcomers and, hopefully, they also enjoyed themselves. Altogether we had approximately 25-30 people.

While some of the men of Grand Horizons flocked to Hooters, the women had their own luncheon at Tom's Steak and Seafood. (Photo provided by Helene Rubenstein)

Roughly 17 people showed up when the women of Grand Horizons had their own day out at Tom's Steak and Seafood. They were met with some ferocious burgers. (Photo by Helene Rubenstein)

Peggy Bracknell, pictured with the microphone, led the beginner's line dancing lesson at Grand Horizons. (Photo by Adrianne Ayres)

Front row, from left, Dave Billig, Fred Sage, Sam Sage, Joyce Billig, Paul Oi and Mim Gardner, (second row) Terry Gardner and Norma Oi, (third row) Doug Taylor. (Photo by Rae Rice)

What's HAPPENING

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VOLUNTEER FOR HOSPICE

HPH Hospice will host a two-day volunteer orientation on Tuesday, Feb. 21 and Thursday, Feb. 23 for adults and teens 14 and older. Class hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and attendance on both days is required. Lunch will be provided. Classes will take place at the HPH Hospice East Pasco team office, 37445 Clinton Ave. in Dade City. Registration is required. Call Diana Unger, volunteer coordinator, at (352) 518-1400. Information is available online at hph-hospice.org.

HOSPICE BENEFIT

The Moose Family Center No. 397 of Dade City is hosting its sixth annual Hospice Benefit on Sunday, March 4 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at 17107 US 301 in Dade City. The Moose is an international organization of men and women who are dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities closer together and celebrating life. This event is open to anyone who enjoys great food and likes to have a good time. Admission is free. Meals include your choice of Pulled Pork or a Meatloaf dinner. Take out will be available. There is a suggested donation of $7 for meals. There will be live and silent auction items to bid on and music. Proceeds from this year's event will sponsor the lodging for children and counselors at the annual weekend HPH Hospice CAP Camp this spring. For further information on this event, call (352) 567-9762. For information on HPH Hospice (a not-for-profit organization) or the Children's Assistance Program, please visit www.hph-hospice.org or call (800) 486-8784.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERIES

True Life Center is offering a free Leadership Development Series on Monday, Feb. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. Learn the Laws of Connection, Inner Circle and Empowerment by attending this powerful teaching session based on the highly acclaimed and proven teachings of John Maxwell's 21 Laws of Leadership. These principles, when applied will help you to achieve greater effectiveness in life, work, business or ministry. Make 2012 the year you go to the next level! True Life Center, 4797 Allen Road in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 788-5433 or visit www.truelifecenter.com for more information.

ART EXHIBIT

There will be a gallery show featuring the work of Zephyrhills High senior Dustin Lee Lawrence on Thursday, Jan 26 from 5-8 p.m. at 38435 Fifth Ave. A nonalcoholic champagne reception will follow the unveiling of the pieces. The exhibit will showcase a variety of artwork comprised of acrylics, watercolors, and reclaimed furniture. There will be a free raffle and pieces of all sizes and types, including 6-foot original paintings, airbrushed t-shirts and pocket-size wallet-palatable copies of the artist's original works, will be available for purchase as Lawrence hopes to raise funds to attend Pasco Hernando Community College where he intends to pursue a degree in dental hygiene.

QUILT CHALLENGE

On Saturday, Jan. 28 the Dade City Center for the Arts, will host a series of events. Enjoy "Lys with the Boys" performing their unique blend of jazz, blues, folk, and pop music throughout the day. Performances will be every hour on the half-hour starting at 9:30 a.m. The last performance is at 1:30 p.m. The seventh annual Kumquat Quilt Challenge is also being hosted at the Dade City Center for the Arts. This year's theme is "Luscious Orange" and entries reflect that theme. All entries will be judged and there will be a People's Choice Award for each category on Jan 28, 2012. The Challenge will be open through the day. Admission to these events is free. The Dade City Center for the Arts/HiBrow Gallery is located in downtown Dade City at 14125 Seventh St. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. For additional information, contact Stuart Marcus at (813) 417-6336 or at smarcus@thehibrowgallery.com.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

HEY, MR. BANJO

The Zephyrhills Lions Club, 5827 Dean Dairy Road, will host an evening of music featuring Clint Lainhart and the Idle American's Band. Show times are Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $7. Pizza, pies, strawberry shortcake and drinks will be available. For early tickets, call Sandy Stanton at (813) 779-2174. You can pick up tickets at Lions Club or just prior to show time. The show will benefit New River Church.

QUILTS!

The sixth annual Quilt Show sponsored by the Sew and Sews Club of Sundance Park on CR 54 is happening Sunday, Feb. 26 from 1-4 p.m. in the clubhouse. There will be quilted and craft items available for sale and raffle items.

WIN A STANG

CenterState Bank is hosting an event with a chance to win 2012 convertible Mustang. The event will be at 14045 Seventh St. in Dade City on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in conjunction with Dade City's 15th annual Kumquat Festival. CenterState Bank will serve as VIP lounge with popcorn, desserts, refreshments and an opportunity to enter Centerstate's Life's a Breeze Contest for a chance to win a 2012 convertible Mustang. The car will be onsite during the event, and attendees will be able to speak with "Switch Agents" about moving their banking to CenterState and receiving "Three Free" – a free gift, free checking and free debit card when a new, qualifying account is opened. Various business customers will also be onsite to highlight their businesses and answer guests' questions. For more information, call Kim Newsome at (352) 521-0715.

YARD SALE CORNER

YARD & BAKE SALE

Tropical Mobile Home Park yard and bake sale takes place Friday, Feb. 10. The park is located on SR 54 W on Lane Road in Zephyrhills. The sale is from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. will include household items, clothing and appliances and bake sale will include pies and cakes. Lunch will be available at 11 a.m.

CRAFTS & YARD SALE

Colony Hills Community Park will have a park wide yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m.-noon. There will also be crafts and they will be on sale in the clubhouse along with lunch.

PARK WIDE YARD SALE

Tippecanoe Village is having its annual park wide yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch will be available in the clubhouse, along with coffee and doughnuts. The park is on the corner of Morris Bridge and Chancey Road in Zephyrhills, with the entrance off Morris Bridge. If you have any questions, call (813) 395-5362.

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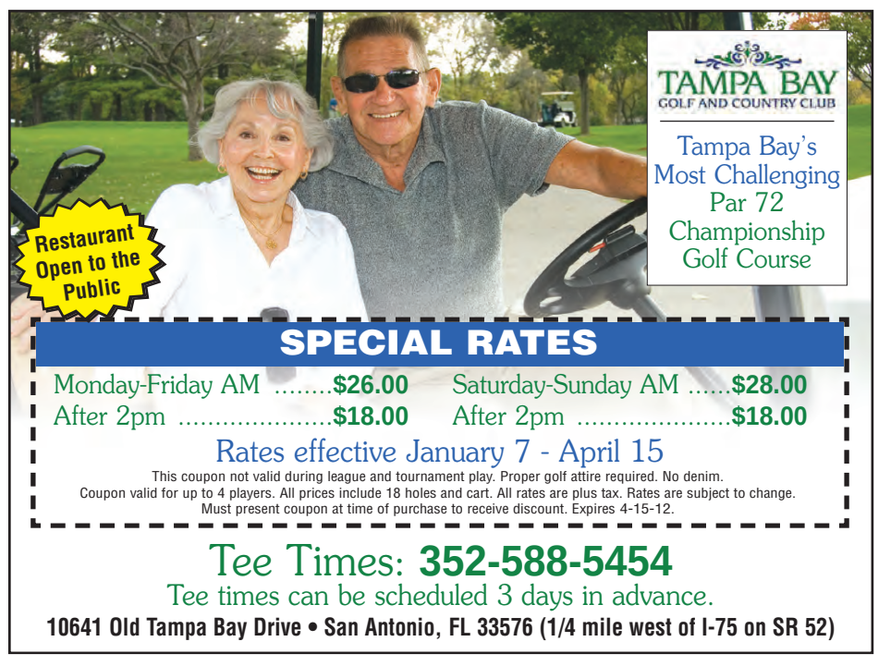

Reutimann's new ride

David Reutimann recently joined Tommy Baldwin Racing. (File photo)

Former Zephyrhills resident David Reutimann will be behind the wheel for his eighth NASCAR Cup series season thanks to a new deal with Tommy Baldwin Racing.

Reutimann, 42, was released by Michael Waltrip Racing following the 2011 season, a year where he won zero races and finished 28th in the points standings but did have one runner-up and two top-10 performances.

It is the first time the Zephyrhills High graduate will compete in a Cup series race with a team other than Waltrip's. Reutimann said the change will be positive for his career.

"One of the things I like about Tommy and what's refreshing about him is that he is just a racer," Reutimann said. "There are a lot of things he could be doing, but instead he is at the shop every day working hard to build the organization from the ground up. … It's the way I was raised with my dad, so we are on the same page."

Baldwin released a statement which says they plan to have a two-car team this year, but added it is unclear how many races Reutimann will compete in as there is no full-time sponsorship lined up yet.

Dave Blaney is also part of Baldwin's team. He finished 32nd in the points standings last year and is also looking for a new sponsor after Golden Corral decided not to return with the 41-year-old racer.

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Four resident couples sweated under the lights during the park's Not-So-New Newlywed Game. Ron and Linda Young came out on top when it was all said and done.

Grove Ridge activities in full swing

By Diane Richards
Grove Ridge RV Resort

The park is in full swing of activities; have to check the calendar to see what's happening each day. Checking the schedule for the month looks like eating is a favorite thing to plan around. Pancake breakfast was well attended and another one coming up. This next one will have blueberries in them too. Our Card Bingo game is very popular with men and women filling the clubhouse for Jerry Hardman to lead the games. That we are enjoying twice a month.

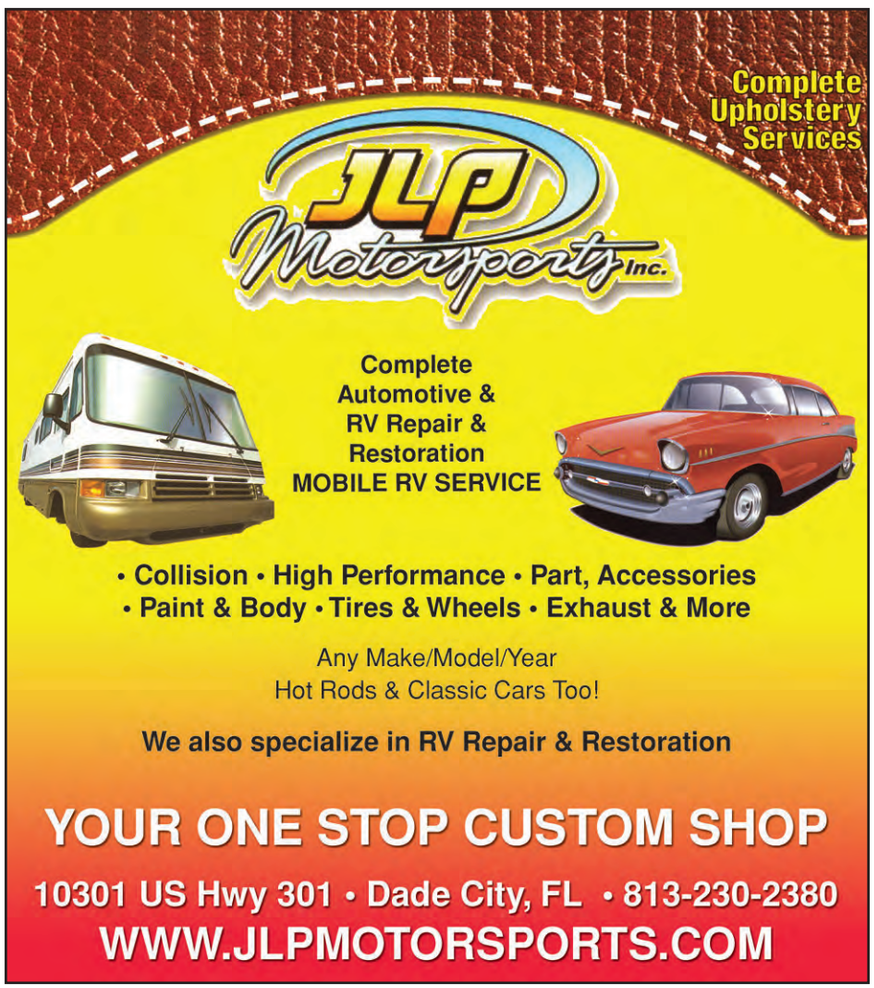
Nineteen of our residents did a bicycle ride on the Flatwoods park trail and then enjoyed a sack lunch together, a fun day, good exercise, and a chance to get to know each other better. The next ride planned is on Tuesday, Jan. 31 doing some of the Withlacoochee trail.

The Not-So-New Newlywed Game was a fun evening listening to four of our resident couples try to match answers that our hostess Janis Potter asked, like what is the food your wife refuses to eat? Ron and Linda Young had the most points when the tallying was done and won a gift card. The other couples were: Ott and Geri Peacher, Brian and Sharon Glover and Regis and Jane Norris.

Holey/Holey is an anticipated day of competition with tossing the washers in the holes for points. Fifty two entered the game and the winners were: Ann McLeod and Bill Pierson first place, Yvonne Edzik and Charlie Cardinale second place, Ann Deloschak and Tony Norman third place. Bill Wiles crew that served burgers/brats had mouths watering as the grilling smell penetrated the park. The next game/lunch scheduled for Friday, Feb. 10 is looked forward to.

Holey/Holey was a highly anticipated day of competition with tossing the washers in the holes for points as roughly 52 competitors showed up.

The rest of January has some exciting events listed as fishing out of Tarpon Springs, entertainment in the clubhouse with Steve Jeffries, a ladies' first pajama party brunch with prizes for some wild categories, a trip to Fantasy Flight and an overnight casino trip, ROMEO club has an adventure planned. How did we ever have time to work?



Shen Yun - Ancient Culture Reborn

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Shen Yun will be performing at Straz Center on March 3-4.

What audience members say about Shen Yun:

"I probably have reviewed over 3,000 to 4,000 shows since 1942, that still cannot compare to what I saw tonight. I will give this production 5 Stars, that's the top! The best word to use was 'mind blowing'!"

- Richard Connema
Critic for Talkin' Broadway

"It's absolutely beautiful, it was so inspiring, I think I may have found some new ideas for the next Avatar. It was a very unique performance."

- Robert Stromberg
Oscar winner and Production Designer for Avatar

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HAPPY DAYS

The horseshoe club is having a "great" season. Front row, from left: Don Briegel, Rick Jenkins, Mike Bilak, Chris Weis. Back row, from left: Jerry Burkle, Squeak Caughlin, Jim Egger, George Applegate and Bob Keefer.

Chomping at the bit at Happy Days

By Judy Olson
Happy Days

Park Manager Dan Olson crafted the new resident by the Happy Days pond, an alligator named Jake.

The residents at Happy Days have been provided with numerous activities to keep them busy this month. An Ice Cream Social provided residents a chance to indulge their sweet tooth. Thanks to Heather Graham and Rosanne Richardson and their helpers.

The weekend presented a well-attended Church Supper in our rec hall. Monday followed with a Shuffleboard Turkey Shoot and hot dog lunch. Thanks to Carol LaLonde and her helpers. Super!

An alligator mascot made by our Park Manager Dan Olson provided coffee hour with a naming contest and "Jake" now resides by the pond.

Our horseshoe participants are having a great season, keep up the good work! Crafters, cards and bingo, round out our many activities. Blood drive and pie auction are upcoming and more to follow next edition.

Morningside folks sailing, singing, shuffling

By Donna MacArthur
Morningside

"Experience is an arch where through gleams that untraveled world, whose margin fades, forever and ever, when I move," Von Goethe.

I memorized the above quote decades ago, and it has kept re-occurring to me through the years as life has tossed me an ever-widening variety of experiences. The margins of my "untraveled world" were again broadened when I, and more than 50 other Morningside residents, enjoyed an eight-day Caribbean cruise (from which we returned on Jan. 15, the day before I sat down to write this article).

Everyone has his/her individual expectations of what they want out of these now-popular cruising vacations on majestic luxury liners. The list includes fine dining, high-caliber entertainment, well-appointed accommodations and good service, just to name a few. Being a novice at cruising, the experience opened my eyes to an adventure beyond my greatest imagination.

Don't get me wrong, I remember the TV series, "Love Boat," with all its antics. And I have seen movies and many telling pictures others have taken documenting their various cruises.

I, too, enjoyed the glamour, glitter, and all the grandiose aspects of that short-term lifestyle — where every need is catered to.

But, I also believe there is an often overlooked element that makes these voyages so unforgettable.

The memories that will linger in my mind, long after my suitcases are put away, and after my equilibrium has leveled off, will be the faces of those people who crossed my path, both on the water and in the countries we visited.

Just off a narrow street in the poorer section of Roatan, in the tropical Honduras, a clothesline of hand-washed laundry juxtaposed before a luxurious cruise ship speaks of two cultures; two very different lifestyles. (Photo courtesy of Donna MacArthur)

Mary Belle was our housekeeping maid who cleaned our room and created adorable "animals" out of towels, which she left on our freshly made beds every morning. You knew when she was nearby just by the sound of her quiet humming.

Raf was a tremendously gifted musician/singer (a member of a trio of brothers) who took endless requests and literally sang his heart out for hours on end, always smiling, always gracious, always keen for friendly chats when off-stage. (Oh, and I guess I should mention that Raf wasn't hard on the eyes, either!)

Then there was Henry, the bartender (also good-looking), whose sufficient patience and good nature stood him well while coping with our group of fun-loving, cruising women. Steven, a waiter in one of the ship's impressive restaurants, has been with the cruise line for years, and he, too, was so pleasant and thoughtful.

Among the 1100 people who made up the staff and crew, I know there are many more whose thoughtful ways and efforts touched the hearts of other passengers.

While stopped in Roatan, in Honduras, my friend Diane and I decided to experience the Zip-Line (a series of 18 platforms, strategically located high above deep, rocky ravines, connected by wire cables).

Allen was our guide - and encourager: "Yes, Grandma, you can climb this mountain. … No, Grandma, you won't fall off and get killed. … These cables are very safe. … Just step off, don't look down. … Don't be scared of going too fast, it is fun. … Don't worry about hitting the platforms, I will stop you." And he did!

Later, as we strolled along Roatan's narrow streets, we were thronged by groups of small children all wanting to be our "tour guides," all with hauntingly beautiful faces that spoke to our hearts - and purse - strings.

And Matthew, bless his hard-working heart, insisted on pedaling four of us through the dusty streets on a rickshaw – in 90-degree sunshine.

In Belize, a very knowledgeable young man named Ryan took us on a horse-and-buggy tour through the poverty-stricken streets of his own hometown. His job, depending, of course, on the cruise ship tourists' whims, supports his wife and three children. In Cozumel, Mexico, another buggy ride, another restaurant with smiling waiters, musicians, and top-notch service. And, as in all our ports of call, there were dancers, vendors, artisans, and so many others waiting for yet another cruise ship's arrival. Men, women and children, some of whom I will remember through pictures I shot, and many who will blend into a collective mental snapshot of a wonderful experience which made the margins between our worlds just a tad smaller.

Back to "reality" at Morningside RV Estates, horizons continue to broaden here as well. Former members of the great Jim Reeves' band and the renowned Kid Fiddlers are just a taste of the great talent folks are experiencing this month.

The Morningside Glee Club will present its popular monthly musical – with a Western theme - on Thursday, Jan. 26. The Michigan picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 29, and on Saturday, Feb. 11, Morningside will host its annual park-wide yard sale.

Along with the already-full slate of activities, Morningside residents are trying a new initiative with weekly golf-cart poker runs. The recent cold snap hasn't deterred the die-hard morning shufflers or the evening card and bingo players and other active seniors from braving the elements. It's a new year, and together we continue to strive to keep Morningside a wonderful experience for all.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in each word to spell something pertaining to Valentine's Day.

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ANSWER: Cupid

Guess who's turning another year older this week!

JANUARY 22-28

I was born on January 23, 1944, in Breukelen, Netherlands. I played Roy Batty in *Blade Runner*. Who am I?

Answer: Rutger Hauer

I was born on January 24, 1958, in Blackheath, London, England. I founded the band Squeeze. Who am I?

Answer: Jools Holland

I was born on January 25, 1971, in San Francisco, CA. I played Willow Wilson on *Home Improvement*. Who am I?

Answer: China Kantner

I was born on January 26, 1953, in Lake Charles, LA. I recorded the album *Car Wheels on a Gravel Road*. Who am I?

Answer: Lucinda Williams

I was born on January 27, 1958, in San Diego, CA. I played Karen Sammler on *Once and Again*. Who am I?

Answer: Susanna Thompson

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BUILD, from page 1

her two daughters, Layla, 11, and Shaelyn, 5, and her grandmother in Dade City.

Avalos said the Habitat for Humanity application process was a blur that still hasn't come into focus.

"I don't think it really, actually has sunk in," Avalos said. "I'm just grateful for what Habitat is doing for anybody."

While Avalos has known about her new home for only a short period of time, the weeks may stretch these next few months as Avalos' home won't be dedicated until May, with an eye on May 12 — the day before Mother's Day.

"I don't want to count down the days," Avalos said.

"My oldest daughter, she's going to have her own room so she's crazy about that. She's making all these decisions, she's ready for it. She deserves it. It's going to be better all the way around. I've been through a lot and Habitat's changed me all the way around to better myself for me and my kids."

Women Build is a program within Habitat for Humanity that brings in resources to further the home-building mission of Habitat for Humanity International. Within Women Build, women are encouraged by other women to tackle all aspects of construction and chip away at the male-dominated paradigm of construction and labor.

"It's really cool because you have a lot of women, some don't know what they're doing," said Michelle Peck, who is on her third Women Build house with Habitat for Humanity. "They'll guide you, they'll show you how to hold a hammer — if you're not doing it right."

According to Director of Development and Public Relations at Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco, Stephanie Black, women make up 50 percent of Habitat volunteers, but only constitute roughly 15 percent of the construction force.

"We wanted to find a way to involve more women in construction," Black said.

"I can swing a hammer now," Peck added.

Women build, but men aren't excluded.

Men are welcome to help with other volunteer work as well as adding to the women's effort.

"We have a lot of fun with it," said Black, who pointed out the fundraising project Women Build has every year called Women Build-Men Bake, where men present baked goods for auction to raise money for Women Build.

Gail Gosselin, who lives on the outskirts of Dade City, said she could afford to learn some handy skills.

"I don't want to be a helpless lady," she said.

Alluding to the idiom that preaches if you give a man a fish, you have fed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you've fed him for life, Gosselin said the concentration on women in Habitat for Humanity not only improves the community, but doubles as a teaching tool.

"Knowing things — knowledge, skills — theses are the things that are valuable," she said.

Peck said Women Build promotes a cooperative environment.

"The unity with all the women — it doesn't matter where you're from or who you are, everybody works together," Peck said.

Women Build has been active across the United States and in more than 30 countries, according to the Habitat of Humanity of East and Central Pasco's website.

Avalos said she loves the notion of getting women on the construction forefront.

"I do work at home. If I need to fix something, I enjoy it," she said.

When Peck first started up with Habitat for Humanity, she was oblivious to the plight of many.

"I didn't even realize there were even areas that depressed in Pasco County. I thought, there's no way. I can't believe people live there," Peck said. "It's going to be nice when they get these houses built that they're going to have a community they can be proud of."

For more information about Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco, visit www.ephabitat.org or call (352) 567-1444.

How to help

To help volunteers get a jump-start on their building skills, Lowe's, underwriter of Women Build, is hosting a How-To clinic on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. The free clinic takes place at Lowe's, 7921 Gall Blvd. in Zephyrhills. To sign up for the clinic, interested volunteers should contact Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco at (352) 567-1444 or at clazar@habitatpasco.org.

Almost 70 people showed up for a Women Build Mixer. The meeting was meant to raise awareness for future Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco projects and to get women involved in the construction aspect of the nonprofit organization. (Photo by Eric Johnson)

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Even at 100, Norman Roy showed he still is ready to party. Roy called the party that Sleepy Hollow threw for him "tremendous." Roy moved to Sleepy Hollow in 1975, two years after the park opened. (Photos courtesy of Larry Myott)

A centennial celebration

By Eugenio Torrens
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Norman Roy celebrated his 100th birthday on Jan. 15 at Sleepy Hollow Mobile Estates

Three months before the feature film Titanic is rereleased, Norman Jake A. Roy celebrated his 100th birthday on Jan. 15, 100 years and three months — almost to the day — before the real Titanic made its lone voyage.

Roy was born in Rhode Island and said his life has centered around sports.

"I had a good life in sports," he said.

He boxed in his youth because as a 115-pound 16-year-old boy, he needed to.

"I got the hell beat out of me," Roy said.

So he boxed until 1946, when his wife, Lillian, told him he had to stop boxing or she would leave him.

He chose Lillian.

Once Roy gave up boxing, he turned to coaching. He coached preteens from 1946-1973. There was a two-year gap where one of his preteen football teams went undefeated and was never scored on.

Upon retiring, he came to Sleepy Hollow Mobile Estates in Zephyrhills in 1975.

"I'm a little rebel myself," Roy said. "I think that's why I always wanted to come to Florida. I always hated snow and ice."

At Sleepy Hollow, Roy was the first vice president of the Sleepy Hollow HUB Club, which was the name given to the park's men's club. The name came from the notion that Zephyrhills was the hub of south central Florida, near Busch Gardens, Disney World, Cypress Gardens and more.

His contributions to the park haven't gone unnoticed. Sleepy Hollow threw Roy a birthday bash on Jan. 15 to celebrate the momentous occurrence. More than 150 people showed up.

Roy called the party "tremendous," and was extremely thankful for the party.

But 100 years of life doesn't come without sadness, and Roy is no stranger to pain. Roy teared up when he mentioned his wife. He and Lillian stayed married for more than 56 years, from their wedding day on Nov. 11, 1933 until her death April 3, 1990.

He said he's ready to see her, and the rest of his family, when his time comes.

Having lived to see 100, Roy isn't surprised or anxious about the reality of death.

"I have a lot of memories," he said. "I lived my life. I lived a very good life."

Church project in need of helping hands

By Ayana Stewart
Laker/Lutz News Correspondent

For people who are struggling financially, those who step in and act as Good Samaritans can be godsends.

The Samaritan Project in Zephyrhills provides emergency assistance with rent and utilities and refers those in need to the appropriate agencies. The organization also offers help with finding food, shelter, and clothing said Tim Mitchell, the senior pastor of Chancey Road Christian Church and the spokesperson for The Samaritan Project.

The Samaritan Project was birthed during a time of clarity.

"We had a moment as church leadership where we looked around and saw that we were open Sunday and Wednesdays and the building sat empty the rest of the week," Mitchell said. "We realized that we weren't using our building to its fullest capacity."

While The Samaritan Project occupies office space at Chancey Road Christian Church, it is not affiliated with the church's homeless shelter and other ministries. The people who come in to The Samaritan Project office typically are not homeless, but fighting to pay bills and keep their homes.

"Some people are literally in the dark [without electricity] when they come in," Mitchell said.

Mitchell usually sees an increase in need during the holiday season, but the Samaritan Project was closed during Thanksgiving and Christmas due to a lack of resources.

"The main reason that we closed was because there weren't volunteers," Mitchell explained.

The office reopened earlier this month, but the need for volunteers remains. Mitchell emphasizes that volunteers do not have to be churchgoers.

The office is open 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The volunteer work is typically light and consists of assisting people with filling out applications and answering questions. However, the effects are far reaching.

"You are making an impact. You bump into people and they say thanks for helping me when I needed it," Mitchell said. "It doesn't happen without the volunteers."

Anyone interested in donating or volunteering can call (813) 810-8670. Chancey Road Christian Church is located at 34921 Chancey Road in Zephyrhills.

Chancey Road Christian Church houses The Samaritan Project. (Photo by Ayana Stewart)

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Saluting seniors

Search is on for outstanding senior volunteers

Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

Chances are you have a friend, co-worker or family member who is a senior citizen and a volunteer extraordinaire.

If so, Home Instead Senior Care of East Pasco wants to hear about their volunteer work as part of the Salute to Senior Services program, which honors senior volunteers for the contributions they make to their communities.

The program is searching for the most outstanding senior volunteer in each state and will culminate with the selection of a national Salute to Senior Service winner during Older Americans Month in May.

"Helping others defines life for many local retired seniors," said Lynelle Bonneville co-owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving East Pasco County. "And what a difference we have observed in seniors' health, attitude and outlook among those who choose to stay active as they age."

Nominees must be 65 years of age or older and volunteer at least 15 hours a month. Nominations will be accepted at www.SalutetoSeniorService.com through March 15. Nomination forms also can be requested at ckoehler@homeinsteadinc.com.

Fifty state winners and one national winner will be introduced during Older Americans Month in May when $5,000 will be donated to the national winner's charity of choice.

According to research conducted by the Home Instead Senior Care® network, 52 percent of seniors volunteer their time through unpaid community service. Nearly 20 percent of seniors surveyed started volunteering when they reached the traditional age of retirement – 65 or older. Furthermore, 20 percent of seniors who volunteer say that their community service is the most important thing they do.

Dr. Erwin Tan, director of the Senior Corps, a national organization that links more than 400,000 Americans 55 and older to service opportunities, agrees.

"In addition, it's a great way for them to learn new things – whether a skill or just something about an issue in which they have an interest," Tan said. "Volunteering is just a great way to expand their horizons."

For more information about the Salute to Senior Service program or Home Instead Senior Care, call (813) 991-7524.

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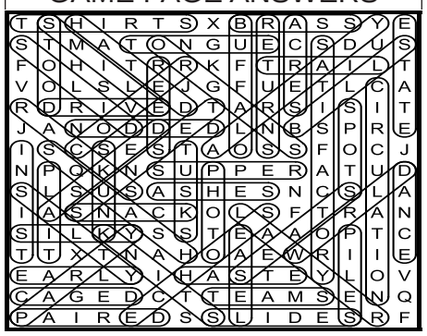

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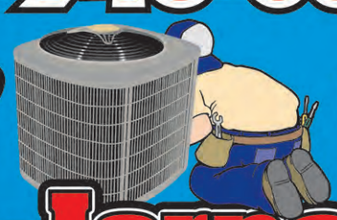

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Horseshoes, model planes floating high

By Sandra Abel
Rainbow Village

Have you ever wondered what ever becomes of the floats that were built for the Zephyrhills Founder's Day parade? A lot of work goes into creating and building the float. We at Rainbow Village found homes for some of the items that were on our floats. One of our floats we built was a life-size horse that pulled a surrey. We donated the horse to the Pioneer Florida Museum Village and now our P-40 airplane that won Best Overall award in the 2010 Founder's Day parade has a great new home.

The centerpiece of the 2011 float as shown in the picture was a one third size replica of the famous WWII fighter plane, the P-40. After the parade the plane was donated to John Bolender of Zephyrhills for future use, such as the annual WWII re-enactment display at the Zephyrhills air museum. In 2011, the plane was donated to the not for profit association in Stuart, Fla. They organize visits to the war memorial in Washington, D.C. known as "Honor Flight." Pictured is the P-40 model sitting on a cloud and a centerpiece for their welcoming and departure center at the Stuart airport.

On Jan. 9 at Rainbow Village our two young horseshoe teams, G team and the M team competed. G team is a women's team brought together by the hard work of Captain Shirley Knight and the M team captained by Roger Gardner competed against each other and the exciting matches ended in a tie. The captains reported that they have a lot of new people joining the teams this year and that they were able to have two teams. They have four married couples on the teams, Mick and Jean Liggett, Brent and Arlene Joines, Edie and Bob Dayton and Jim and Lee MacDonald. It should be an interesting year.

Captain Roger Gardner wants the teams to have fun throwing horseshoes and when they win that is a bonus. Good luck to an exciting season for the players!!!!

Rainbow Village had its first show of the season featuring Wil Yancy from Arkansas. He gave us a wonderful concert of different types of music from old country to today's country: Elvis, Pat Boone, Perry Como and many more artists. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all who attended.

Our next show on Wednesday, Feb. 8 will feature the Chris Michaels show. Chris plays a variety of instruments and has played at Disney, cruise ships, etc. Show starts at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the Browns will perform. The Browns are a family that play gospel songs; Wednesday, March 7, Joe and Jan Edwards; Friday, March 16, Scott Woods, Canadian Fiddle Champion will perform traditional country, gospel and swing music with fancy fiddling, step dancing and a generous dose of humor. Tickets are available, please call Sue Flynn at (813) 782-5075. Cost is $7 per ticket.

Our Sunday night ice cream social has had some great entertainment with Billy Mann and Old Country Band who entertained us with some great old country songs and the Ron Brewer ministries. Ron had some great music from Elvis to gospel music. His music is played on the Christian radio stations.

The P-40 was on the float pictured above in the Zephyrhills Founder's Day parade. (Photo by Rose Lasch)

Our mini hall at Rainbow Village was closed for several weeks due to remodeling the hall. Drywall was installed and painted. Thanks to Cory Waynick, Butch Boucher and Dick Luce for doing a great job! Future plans are to add an exercise room at the mini hall.

Our residents are getting ready for our park wide yard sale that will take place on Friday, Jan. 27 from 8 a.m-noon. Crafts and food will be for sale in the main social hall.

Chairman Emil Ruhlig welcomes all to the yard sale. Rainbow Village is looking forward to a busy February!!

The centerpiece of the 2011 float was a one-third sized replica of the famous WWII fighter plane, the P-40. After the parade, the plane was donated to John Bolender of Zephyrhills. (Photo by John Bolender)

The women's horseshoe team was brought together by Shirley Knight and competed against the men's team. The match ended in a tie. (Photo by Sandra Abel)

The Rainbow Village guys horseshoe team was captained by Roger Gardner. (Photo by Sandra Abel)

Clubhouse turned into Italian trattoria

By Jim Morvatz
Southfork

On a recent January evening Southfork's clubhouse was transformed into an Italian Trattoria for the Mobile Homeowners Association Annual Membership Drive Dinner.

Residents of the community who had recently renewed their annual dues and those wanting to join the association for the first time were treated to a free dinner to celebrate their membership in the association.

Italian was the theme for the evening when our guests were served dinner by their officers and members of the Board of Directors and treated to an all-you-can-eat Italian style dinner with all of the traditional trimmings including spaghetti with meat sauce, meatballs (like yo' momma used to make), garlic bread, garden salad (with Italian dressing of course), a nice piece of cake and coffee and iced tea.

After the meal all of the diners were treated to a special appearance of Southfork's own Southfork Jammers, who just returned from an exclusive 3-year tour of Europe, Scandinavia and the sub continent (quote from the Blues Brothers picture show). Under the direction and tutelage of their composers Bella and directors Bella and Mel Kinney, the rag-tag entourage entertained for close to an hour using their own collection of exotic instruments featuring a bass washtub, accordion, cymbals, sticks and other assorted paraphernalia and junk. After several impromptu musical renditions and a couple of sing-alongs, a very irate and belligerent housewife interrupted the program to air some dirty laundry (and believe this reporter, you just had to be there to see that!).

Association President Dot Cady thanked those residents who had renewed their memberships and congratulated new members for joining. She also recognized past officers and Board Members along with those currently on the board for their service. Ending the evening, Ms. Cady thanked all of those volunteers who made the evening a grand success by telling the audience that all of our residents must be from Tennessee (The Volunteer State) since we are always fortunate to get our residents to pull together to "GIT-R-DONE" (quoting Larry the Cable Guy).

Mary Jo Dye plays the part of an irate Italian washerwoman who aired her dirty laundry during Southfork's annual membership drive dinner. (Photo courtesy of Jim Morvatz)

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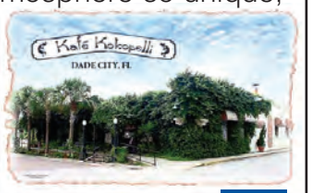

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Wise said her daughter-in-law, who created a similar exhibit for The Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa, suggested the idea. Wise enlisted Brunty's help and took a trip to the history center to check out the display space.

"After a trek to visit the museum in November, we were totally hooked and of course, Clereen worked her sensational community magic in convening an ad hoc committee and collecting so many wonderful loaned artifacts," Wise said. "We so hope the community will come out and enjoy it."

Zephyrhills Resident Days with an admission discount will be Feb. 11-12. The Tampa Bay History Center's Community Show Case is funded by Wachovia Foundation and offers neighborhoods in the Tampa Bay area an opportunity to tell their story in a visual and educational display. The 60,000-square-foot center is located at 801 Old Water St. in the Channelside District of Tampa and depicts almost 500 years of recorded history and 12,000 years of human history. For more information, call (813) 228-0097 or visit www.tampabayhistorycenter.org.

Clereen Brunty, left, and Madonna Wise worked to schedule the exhibit that will run through March 1. (Photos courtesy of Clereen Brunty)

The 1952 prom was hosted in the Veterans of Foreign Wars building.

Students in front of the second Zephyrhills school in 1926.

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