

## **SOMERSET FLAG CEREMONY FITTING FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

By: Suzanne Jones

What better way to spend part of Memorial Day then to honor our country and troops by properly retiring American flags, many in dedication of a loved one who served in the military. That's exactly what the Somerset community decided to do when they organized a flag retirement ceremony that was held on May 26 in the private park at the end of Culbreath Road.

Thirty people turned out to the ceremony bringing with them approximately 20 flags for retirement. The event was kicked off by Dave Ervast, Sr. of Somerset by way of introductions and playing of the National Anthem. Dina White greeted guests on behalf of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association

and Adam Schroeder spoke on behalf of Somerset. White also offered to replace worn flags brought to the ceremony by individuals with new ones and supplied commemorative flags for the event. Several community residents shared a few words about the Veteran in whose honor they delivered the flag for retirement making this a truly touching and enriching ceremony.

Flags for retirement were inspected and certified as ready for retirement and then placed on a rod and into the fire. Over 100 additional flags were retired including about 15 from Terry Ward and Mike Rollman. A number of flags were obtained from ACE Hardware, which collects worn flags for retirement.



Evan Govea retires a worn flag, while Michael Schroeder (Life Rank Scout) heads off to retrieve another. Ernest Govea (not pictured) also helped retire over 100 flags during the Memorial Day event.

Dave Ervast (master of ceremonies) looks on as Somerset resident Maj. Ernie Govea, USMC inspects and certifies flags for retirement.



### **BHA ANNOUNCES 2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**



The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association congratulates Bloomingdale High School Senior, Shannon Leahy, this year's winner of the \$2,000 Bloomingdale Community Scholarship. Chosen from a field of highly qualified applicants, Leahy received the award named in honor of former principal, B.J. Stelter, at the May 13 Board of Directors Meeting.

BHA Scholarship Committee Chairman, Daniel Berkowitz commented, "This year the competition was fierce, and Shannon's application was exceptional."

Fourth in her class, Leahy boasted a 6.6055 weighted GPA; was selected as an AP Scholar with Distinction; and, held membership in numerous

Shannon Leahy, 2014 BHA Community Scholarship Winner, receives her award from Scholarship Chairman Daniel Berkowitz at the May 13 BHA Board of Directors meeting at the Bloomingdale Community Office.

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Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope. Bill Cosby

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## JUNE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please check the BHA Community Corner for activities and events right here in our community.

Bloomingdale Yoga in the Park / Saturdays / 8:30-9:30 a.m. / Free yoga class for Bloomingdale Residents held at private park at end of Culbreath Road.

Summer Power Math Workouts / June 2 – September 30 / Mathnasium / 1048 Bloomingdale Avenue, Brandon / Offering programs focused on preventing summer learning loss and helping students prepare for what lies ahead. For more information call 813-655-MATH (6284), e-mail brandon@mathnasium.com, or visit www.mathnasium.com/brandon.

## Karma Yoga Celebrates Expansion with Free Events/ 4363 Lynx Paw Trail,

Valrico / Friday, June 13- Happy Hour Yoga to live Music- 5:45 p.m. (60 minute class with refreshments). "Good Karma" donations only, all money will be donated to the Smile Train Charity. Saturday, June 14- The Karma Challenge! 8:30 am HIIT Fit Group Fitness Challenge Workout (45 minutes), 9:15 am Karma Kickboxing Demonstration, 9:30 a.m. Hot Yoga (60 minutes), 9:30 a.m. Kids' Yoga and Fitness experience (ages 4 and up, parents can take part in yoga class if they would like while we play with the kiddos). Sunday, June 15- Balance and Brunch Yoga in the Park at Winthrop Town Center (a collaboration with Ciccio Cali Brandon, 10% off brunch when you take yoga in the park). All Saturday events and the yoga in the park on Sunday are free! Giveaways and class packages will be on sale. For more information contact the studio at 813-489-9644.

Midnight Basketball / June 20 / 9:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. / Campo Family YMCA / 3414 Culbreath Road / Calling all teens and almost teens – Midnight Basketball is back! Don't miss out on this fun after-hours event at the Campo Y! There will be scrimmages, a 3-on-3 tournament, and contests all night long. Grab some friends and show off your hoops' skills. Cost: \$10 for members/\$15 for program members; Ages: 12-17.

Adventure Movie Matinee / June 21 / 2-4 p.m. / Bloomingdale Regional Public Library / 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. / Come see Disney Pixar's Up! A 78-year-old man sets off on the adventure of a lifetime, with his house tied to thousands of balloons. He inadvertently takes a young stowaway with him. On their adventure they discover strange birds, and dogs that can talk. Ages Kindergarten – 5. Call 813-273-3652 for more information.

Date Night/Parent's Night Out / June 21 / 5:30-10:00 p.m. / The Village Early Learning Center / 3741 Canoga Park Drive, Brandon / Have a night out. We'll take care of the kids! / For children 12 months and older. Cost: \$26 for one child, \$6 for each additional child in the same family.

Please RSVP your child by calling The Village at (813)-651-0779.

## **UPCOMING & ONGOING**

**Brandon Fourth of July Parade** / **July 4** / **10 a.m.** / For over 50 years this free, family event has been a tradition in our community. The theme for this year's parade is Celebrating Brandon High School's 100th Anniversary. The parade route is about 2 miles long, winding through the center of Brandon and typically

has 100 entries. Come out early to reserve your spot along the route. For more information visit www.thecommunityroundtable.org.

Little Monsters Create 2nd Annual Children's Art Show / July 2014 / Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association, Inc. / 619 Vonderburg Drive, Brandon / Is your child an artist? We would love to have him/her be a part of our Community Children's Art Show! Entries may be submitted June 23 – 27 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association. \$5 entrance fee per piece of art or 3 pieces for \$10 (limited to 3 pieces per artist). An Artist Reception will held July 17 at 6 p.m. with awards presented at 6:30 p.m. For details, visit www.centerplacebrandon.org/upcoming-exhibits/childrenscommunity-art-show.aspx. Call for additional information 813.685.8888 or email Dawn Galia at cpfinearts@verizon.net.

Campo Family YMCA Summer Camps / Ongoing / Campo Family YMCA / 3414 Culbreath Road / Sign your kids up for their best summer yet. Camp options for all ages including our traditional day camp, Leaders In Training Camp, a variety of half day specialty camps, and new this year, our FULL DAY SUPER SPORTS CAMP! With more space available, more field trips, water days, fun Fridays, guest speakers and more, Campo Summer Camp is the place to be this summer. So what are you waiting for? Sign up today! For more information call the Campo Y at 684-1371.

The Dance Center Schedule of Summer Classes / Ongoing / The Dance Center of Brandon / 161 E. Bloomingdale Ave., Brandon / Summer is a great way for dancers to work on technique and artistry and to increase knowledge of advanced dance steps. Dancers may start their new dance level in the summer program. Camps and workshops are for students ages 3 and up. Keep refining skills and having fun all summer! June Evening Workshops, July Evening Intensives, Summer Ballet Camps, Summer Acrobatics Camp, and July Ballerina Princess Camp. Please see the school's website www.brandondance.com for specific dates and times or call the front desk at (813) 684-4282 for more information. A schedule can also be picked up at the front desk. Registration is ongoing.

## BSHS Bulls Basketball Day Camps At Bloomingdale High School Gym

Ages: boys and girls entering grades 4-9 in the fall. Dates: M-TH, 6/9-6/12, 6/16-6/19, and 6/23-6/26. Time: 9 a.m.-Noon students entering grades 4-6; 1-4 p.m. students entering grades 7-9. Cost: \$75.00 per session. Fees include camp T-shirt; and, instruction from boys head coach Joe Willis, girls head coach Joel Bower, and Bulls Varsity team girls and boys. Contact Coach Willis for multiple week and sibling discounts. For more information and registration forms contact Joe Willis at joseph.willis@sdhc.k12.fl.us or by phone (813) 298-3448.

## Summer Golf Camps at River Hills Country Club

June 9 Aug 15, three levels to choose from: Beginners (8:30-12:30), Intermediate (8:30-12:30) and School Competition (8:30-5:30). \$350 for Beginners/ Intermediate, \$595 for School Competition. Kids enjoy the summer earning the great game of golf—full swing and short game fundamentals, and on course play. Sign up on line (www.CochraneGolfSchools.com) by clicking on the Junior Programs banner. Or call 813-957-3205 and ask for J.D. Carino (The John E.S. Cochrane Golf School is also located at the Bloomingdale Golfers Club; however, summer golf camps will be held at only the Riverview location.)

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## DISTRICT 4 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Question



Dee Prether www.TomorrowsSuccesses.com

www.Vote4TerryKemple.com

What is your background?

- Served in the U.S. Army for 7 years
- · Degree from University of Central Florida in Political Science
- Managed marina for Air Force and vet clinic for Army/Air Force in Okinawa, Japan
- Stay-at-home mom
- Teaching certificate from Hillsborough Community College
- Substitute teacher at Cimino Elementary; reading tutor at Booker T. Washington Elementary; mentor for Bloomingdale High School student
- Married with two children; daughter is Class of 2014 Salutatorian at Bloomingdale High School and son is freshman at Bloomingdale High School

Terry Kemple

- Started in business age 11 with his own paper route
- Attended U.S. Naval Academy for 1 year then got
- Spent 6 years in U.S. Navy Reserve
- Retired from business in 2000 and became Executive Director of Christian Coalition of
- Involved in Florida Right to Life
- Started the Community Issues Council with wife to promote Judeo-Christian values
- Writes newsletter; speaker advocating common sense and family values
- Married with five daughters and 18 grandchildren

Kemple has run for school board previously, in 2010 and in 2012. In 2012 he ran for a countywide seat on the board, and while he was not elected he did win the majority of votes in District 4. "I have been advocating with the Hillsborough County School District on family values for a very long time."

Kemple is against the Common Core Standards. He believes they are ". . .a total negation of local control of education." He is also bothered by the misrepresentations of the standards that make Common Core seem like a positive initiative: for example, based on his research, he does not feel there is any proof that the standards are "internationally benchmarked" as they are promoted. And because the SAT and ACT are being normed to the Common Core Standards, he believes there will be a negative impact on home-schooled students.

Kemple believes the school district should have been able to produce an internal report on the transportation issues, but given the current atmosphere within the district, the administration, and the school board he does not think an internal report would have been accepted; therefore, the consultant's report was necessary. Moving forward, Kemple says, "We can't keep doing the same thing over and over."

- To get parents more involved and to be an advocate for parents and what they believe is best for their
- To get back to basics in education and stop the "next new fad" in curriculum choices.
- To make sure decisions affecting our students' education are made at the local level, pushing back against Common Core and "one size fits all" education.



## Melissa Snively www.melissaforschoolboard.com

- Grew up in Lake Alfred, Polk County
- Degree from the University of Florida in English
- Became an underwriter for State Farm Insurance in 1994 and has been with the company 20 years
- Opened her own insurance agency in 2001
- Very involved in the community; Chamber of Commerce; Estates at River Crossing Homeowner's Association; Cimino Elementary PTA and Burns Middle School PTSA
- Married with four children ages 13,11,8, and 6 who attend Cimino and Burns

Snively explained that she was approached about running for the school board, and her decision-making process was a long one. Ultimately she decided her experience in business and the community can make an impact, and that serving on the school board is another way for her to "give back." "I believe I can make significant contributions."

Snively, as a conservative, is not in favor of more government intervention in education but recognizes the need for standards. She pointed out that the decision to implement the Common Core Standards is outside of the scope of the Hillsborough County School Board; therefore, if elected she

"... will do my best, whatever the decision, to make sure our taxpayers' dollars best support our students."

Snively explained that if the recommendations in consultant's report prove to be helpful, then the process was a worthwhile investment. Additionally, the consultant provided objectivity, which made the report a good decision. She spent about 80 hours listening to bus drivers give candid, valid input on training, mechanics, human resources, and leadership at a recent workshop. Moving forward, Snively says, "At the heart of every decision must be the question, Are our children safe?"

- To make sure we prepare our students for the workforce by better identifying talents, interests, and skills, especially by the middle school years.
- To think differently about how we assess a student so that we instill hope whether or not they choose to attend college.
- To partner with vocational, agricultural, and technical schools to provide pathways to apprenticeships for our students.

What made you decide to run for the Hillsborough County School District School Board?

Prether explained that neither of her children fit the mold for the "average student," and she did not want them to fall through the cracks of the education system. In dealing with the school district she saw first hand its strengths and weaknesses. "I want to give other parents like me a voice, and help them to best educate their children."

What is your stand on the Common Core Standards?

Prether is not a fan of the Common Core Standards. Besides being a "political mess," she believes, "Teachers lose the flexibility to teach students what they need based on the fact that by copywritten law a state can add only 15 percent more to the standards." Just one example of a troublesome part of the Common Core Standards Prether pointed out: the 3rd grade math standards do not include multiplication tables. However, Prether believes the critical thinking initiatives that are part of Common Core are a positive.

What are your Prether was impressed with the recent consultant's report on the school district's transportation issues, despite her initial thought that the report might Hillsborough be frivolous. To address the transportation issues County School moving forward she believes the school board needs to address, "What is our goal? What resources do we have? How do we achieve our goals?" transportation

What are your goals should you

be elected?

thoughts on

the recent

District

issues?

- To be a strong, well-informed voice for the students
- To obtain curriculum flexibility and reduce bureaucratic constraints for the teachers.
- To reduce micromanagement from the school district and state for the schools.
- To work with the Florida Department of Education and state legislatures for the best interest of our students.

children.

## DISTRICT 4 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

By: Miriam Leech

With summer just starting, elections seem far in the distance. But the August 26 Primary Election is just around the corner, followed by the November 4 General Election. If you haven't started thinking about your choice for Hillsborough County School Board, now is the perfect time. Candidates running for the District 4 seat include: Dee Prether, Terry Kemple and Melissa Snively—all are running to fill the seat left vacant by current board member Stacy R. White.

The school board is responsible for the organization and control of the district's public schools and is empowered to determine the policies necessary for the effective operation and the general improvement of the school system. Starting with the 2000 election, school board members are elected from five single-member residence districts and two at-large countywide districts (Source: Hillsborough County Public Schools). District 4 encompasses our Bloomingdale schools.



## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN JUNE

The Bloomingdale Regional Public Library offers lots to do in June for kids with time on their hands and persons of all ages. We've included just a sampling. For a full calendar, go to www.hcpl.org/hcpl/locations/bdl. Call the library for registration and information at 813-273-3652.

- For children Interactive Food Movie on Wednesday, June 11, 6-8 p.m. Kids (grades K-5) Hamburgers! Meatballs! Food of all shapes and sizes is falling from the sky! Run into the library to see what happens in this hilarious, animated movie with interactive props and actions. Materials available for the first 48 participants.
- For children Mondays all summer long starting June 16. Technology for Kids: Scratch I. Learn the basics of Scratch! Then come back the next week and start a Scratch project! For grades 3-5.
- For adults Cloud Storage on June 10, 11 & 12 (times vary). Learn how to safely store, access, and share your files online.
- For adults The Healthy Chef on Monday, June 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Learn how to create healthy gluten free dishes with Chef Sherell White. A question and answer session will follow the program.

Principal Librarian Eloise R. Hurst recommends the following reads:

- Adult Books The Good Lord Bird by James McBride (e-book format available)
- Young Adult Books Crewel by Gennifer Albin (e-book form available)
- Children's Books Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel by Jeff Kinney





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## **SCHOLARSHIP** (CONTINUED FROM COVER)

scholastic honors societies, including the National Honor Society and the Science Honor Society. In addition, she was a student athlete, captaining the Bloomingdale High School Swim Team and competing with distinction throughout her high school career.

Not only dedicated to academics and athletics, Leahy amassed 193 community service hours, crediting her volunteer experiences for "shaping who I am today." Her volunteer service included working with underprivileged children and those with special needs.

Leahy will enter the 2014 Freshmen Class at The University of Notre Dame where she will study biology with a long-term goal of pursuing a career in medical research. She thanked the board and community saying, "I appreciate that this is from the community where I live, and only offered to residents."

Berkowitz added, "This scholarship is a great opportunity for students who live in our community. Our applicant pool is small because of this, but based on what we reviewed this year, the quality of young adults in our community is amazing."



## **CRUNCH FITNESS OPENING IN ROYAL OAKS PLAZA**

By: Kayla Hayes

Crunch Fitness – a "different kind of gym" with a "no judgments" philosophy – is opening in the former Lifestyle Family Fitness space at 3236 Lithia Pinecrest Rd. in Valrico. The Crunch Philosophy states: "There are no judgments here.... We seek only to encourage, empower and entertain." Opening on September 1, 2014 Crunch Fitness may be the gym you have been waiting for!

Crunch Bloomingdale is family-owned and operated by a people who value grass roots marketing, family and business-to-business relationships.

"The best part about Crunch is that there are no sales people," noted Tony Scrimale, Co-Owner of the Crunch Bloomingdale. "No commissions are paid on anything. What we offer is pure customer service," he said. Crunch offers a monthly membership with no contract, and no cancellation fees. All business is taken care of at the front desk, which means cancelling is hassle-free. This is unlike many gyms where individuals are required to jump through hoops with third party agencies to cancel memberships.



Crunch Bloomingdale plans to offer double the amount of fitness classes as compared to many other gyms, as well as over 80 pieces of cardio equipment, a wide variety of selectorized machines and free weights, specialty personal training and group fitness equipment. The equipment will include brands such as Star Track, ROC-IT, Free Motion and more. Around \$750,000 worth of equipment is expected to arrive in early August.

"We also work with dotFIT Nutrition, one of the best nutrition companies in the U.S. with pharmaceutical grade supplements, as well as customizable nutritional guidelines for each individual," said Scrimale.

Crunch Bloomingdale is offering discounted memberships during each of their three pre-sale phases. The first phase (\$9.95 monthly and no enrollment fee) ends on June 30. Fill out a submission form online at www. CrunchBloomingdale.com or visit the gym during the day to sign up for the early bird offer. Refer your friends to be eligible to win a free Jet Ski or ATV (details in the gym).

Follow Crunch Bloomingdale at Facebook.com/CrunchBloomingdale and reach the gym at 379-2679. More details and deals can be found at CrunchBloomingdale.com.

Pictured: Co-Owner Tony Scrimale (bottom left) and the Crunch employees.

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### BENCHES OFFER COMFORT AND RESPITE TO **BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY** By: Suzanne Jones

Bloomingdale runners and walkers now have two more scenic spots to rest while out enjoying the sights and sounds of our community. To earn his Eagle Scout ranking Bloomingdale High School graduate (2014), Connor Hickie, recently completed a project that included raising funds for the construction of two new benches, and then installing them along Nature's Way Boulevard.

Completed in early April, the first bench was installed across from Cambridge Cove and serves as a memorial honoring former classmate Zach McCarthy. McCarthy passed away in a car accident on Natures Way in January 2013.

"I wanted the McCarthys to have a place where they could go to remember him. Seeing their faces and listening to their comments, seeing how happy they were, made me feel good. I will never forget that moment," says Hickie. "Many of my friends who have gone to the bench have called me and thanked me for constructing the bench site. They have gone there and cried and mourned, but it has allowed them to go and remember our friend."

The second bench site is located on Natures Way going east towards Alafia Elementary on the left side of the road. It was completed in mid April.

Hickie's financial goal was to raise around \$2,400. "The Bloomingdale Community was very generous in support of my project. The notes that

people sent me were filled with thanks; it made me work harder to get the project done. I was able to get several sponsors and the cost was not as high as originally thought. The concrete was donated by Rockwell Construction. The welder, Hector Gonzalez worked with me on the cost of the benches. He was very generous." Hickie also expressed thanks to all of the scouts and friends who volunteered their time and muscle to dig dirt for the cement slabs, and plant shrubbery.

Hickie's future plans include attending HCC and then transferring to Florida State to study TV production.



To Connor Hickie installing the bench site across from Cambridge Cove wasn't solely a Boy Scout project. It was also "for the community, the McCarthys and Zach's friends," said Hickie. "I wanted it to be a place where anyone could go and sit and reflect, and remember exactly what kind of person [Zach] was to us all, our friend."



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# BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY STATION NOTES By: Community Resource Master Deputy Curtis Warren

### **Recent Bloomingdale Home Burglaries - Update!**

At the May meeting of the Sheriff's Bloomingdale Area Community Council (BACC), members and guests were briefed on the status of several home burglaries which took place in the Bloomingdale and Brandon areas. Fortunately the news was very good. Thanks to the dedicated work and successful investigations by a team of Sheriff's detectives and deputies, and homeowner cooperation, the criminals involved in the burglaries have been arrested. Over \$100,000 worth of guns and other property were recovered and several items returned to the owners. Some items were priceless—the badges and revolver belonging to a retired Hillsborough County deputy!

These investigations were successful, and they brought to the attention of detectives and deputies a few key practices that all homeowners should implement:

- 1. Ensure that firearms are properly secured and that identification information such as photos and serial numbers are kept on file by the owner.
- 2. Properly lock up jewelry and photograph items for future identification.
- 3. Any electronics items such as iPads and iPhones should be set up to allow tracking of the items if they are stolen. One homeowner had taken this action and it helped in finding the criminals.
- 4. Ensure that home security systems are working properly and be sure to activate them when leaving.

In the case of credit or debit card theft, one BACC member suggested checking with your bank to find out how to set up an "alert system." Alert systems let you know any time any type of action or change is made with your accounts.

Community involvement does reduce crime. Residents who notice suspicious activity in their neighborhoods should call the Sheriff's Dispatch and report the activity. Deputies can respond and in many cases be able to arrest the criminals. Also, the continued outstanding work by the Sheriff's Citizen's Patrol has increased the patrol coverage of our community while also allowing deputies to handle emergencies.

### **New Motor Vehicle Noise Ordinance**

BACC members were also briefed on "Hillsborough County Motor Vehicle Noise Ordinance14-6," recently enacted by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners. The ordinance prohibits excessive noise in motor vehicles resulting from radios and/or sound making devices. Deputies are now authorized to charge motorists if the sound produced inside the car can be clearly heard outside the vehicle by

a person at a distance of 50 feet or more. The violation penalty is \$150 payable within 30 days, with a maximum of \$500 for failure to pay. The Ordinance requires a "signature" from the violator. Florida Statue162.21 (6), Enforcement of County or Municipal Codes or Ordinances: penalties, makes it a second degree misdemeanor for failing to sign and accept the citation.

## School is Out—Keep Kids Safe and Out of Trouble

It will not take long for kids to get bored when on summer break. Sometimes this results in "boredom crimes" (e.g., vandalism, stealing on dares). Parents, take the time to sit down with your kids and work out a plan for the summer.

Set some very specific rules. Some kids will be busy with lots of activities. Some will be at home alone. Make sure you know where your kids are at all times and who they are with. Ensure that they know the consequences of getting into trouble, especially if it is something that will give them a criminal record. You're also helping to keep them safe.

Teens will also be driving more. Be sure that teen drivers in your house know and obey the rules. We want them to enjoy their summer vacations and not end up in trouble or injured in an accident.

### **Hurricane Season is Here - Prepare Now**

June 1 marks the beginning of the 2014 Hurricane season. We've already seen the results of deadly tornadoes, flooding and wildfires. The weather throughout our nation leading up to this date has been tragic and destructive. Thousands of people are still recovering and will be for months and years to come.

Now is the time to prepare your family, your home and your businesses. Hillsborough County Emergency Management has an outstanding website with lots of great information to help you prepare for the storms, for evacuations and for the recovery. Go to www. hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency to access critical information on disaster preparations.

I recently had the opportunity to utilize my CPR training to help a local resident. Now is the time to get you and members of your family properly trained in this life-saving skill.

### **TAKE CARE AND PREPARE!**

If you notice any suspicious activity or a crime being committed, get all the information you can descriptions of individuals, descriptions of vehicles and license numbers, and immediately call the Sheriff's Dispatch at 247-8200! Time is very critical!



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For cancer survivors, reclaiming their bodies, and life itself, is an important part of the recovery process. The LIVESTRONG® at the Y program at the Campo Family YMCA offers people affected by cancer a safe, supportive environment to participate in physical and social activities focused on strengthening the whole person.

On April 28, cancer survivors from the Bloomingdale and FishHawk areas attended a LIVESTRONG graduation ceremony at the Campo Y. It was a celebration of their completion of the program as well as their cancer wellness.

"Life changing," is how cancer survivor and Bloomingdale resident Sandy Patrick described her experience with the program. While Patrick continues her battle with breast cancer, some participants are years removed from their treatment. All cancer survivors are welcome, whether they are just beginning treatment or are long-term survivors.

"We focus what they can do, not what they can't," explained LIVESTRONG Coach Mindy Upton. Participants begin the 12-week program with a basic assessment to determine their strength and balance. Following the LIVESTRONG curriculum, the participants are exposed to the workout equipment and fitness programs available to help them achieve their goals. Trained coaches help participants work on building muscle mass and strength; increasing flexibility and endurance; and improving confidence and self-esteem.

Guest speakers such as a nutritionists, staff from Moffitt Cancer Center, and even yoga instructors are brought in to share information with the participants. This is how the program focuses on the whole person—mind, body, and spirit.

LIVESTRONG at the Y inspires not only its cancer survivors, but its coaches as well. "It is so exciting to see the progression of strength and balance, as well as [witness] the participants regain control over their bodies and their lives," says Upton.

The program is open and free to all members of the community, including non-members of the Y. Family members are welcome to participate in the LIVESTRONG program with a Y membership. The next LIVESTRONG session begins August 18 and ends the first week in November at the Campo Family YMCA. For more information on the program, contact Tampa YMCA Wellness Director Jessica Rickenbach at Jessica. Rickenbach@tampaymca.org.



Bloomingdale resident and cancer survivor Sandy Patrick accepts her certificate of completion from Coach Mindy Upton.



Cancer survivors from the Bloomingdale and FishHawk areas celebrate completion of the LIVESTRONG at the Y program at their graduation ceremony on April 28 at the Campo Family YMCA.

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## **BHA COMMUNITY CORNER**

## Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

Ongoing 2014 Annual Membership Drive-WHY JOIN? The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association (BHA) Annual Membership Drive is at the halfway point. Thank you to all who have already joined the association, donated to our scholarship fund, and purchased Bloomingdale Pride license plates. The benefits provided by the association are completely funded by your \$25 contribution.

We need your support to continue to make a difference in our community. So far in 2014, the BHA sponsored BHA board member training, a roundtable event attended by leaders of our community mandatory HOAs and the BHA, our annual clean-up day, our charity golf tournament, and presented a \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving Bloomingdale resident and high school senior.

In addition, the BHA has responded to over 1,400 email inquiries, and worked closely with Hillsborough County regarding code enforcement, safety and security issues, the Bell Shoals Widening Project, and the ongoing "Big Box" Development.

Next week, the BHA will complete the neighborhood sign installation program begun in early 2000 by installing the final signs at major entryways for Fairway Park, formerly Section M, and Bloomingdale Pointe, formerly Section A. At last, all Bloomingdale neighborhoods will have proper name designations.

Later this year, the board will undertake the Fall Festival, a family-oriented celebration for our community. To close out the year, Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit Bloomingdale for the 27th year.

Please join today. Make checks payable to the BHA and mail to 3509 Bell Shoals Rd., Valrico, FL 33596. Or, stop by the office, and meet our office manager. An easier method is to use our PayPal option. Go to www.bloomingdalehoa.com, look for the PayPal link and follow the simple instructions.

## June 7

New Website launch expected!!! New address is www.bloomingdalehoa. com. This will be the "go to" site for all things Bloomingdale. Should the website not be operational, monitor our Facebook site for updates.

## June 10

BHA Monthly Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Rd.

### June 14

Name Your Neighborhood Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Fairway Park, formerly Section M, and Bloomingdale Pointe, formerly Section A, 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. respectively. Residents are invited. Fairway Park location is the corner of Bell Grande and Natures Way next to Bloomingdale East Park. Bloomingdale Pointe location is the corner of Springvale and Natures Way across the street from Bloomingdale East Park. The Bloomingdale Pointe location may be changed. For up-to-the-minute information, follow our Facebook page at www.Facebook/BloomingdaleHoa.com or call the office at 813-681-2051.

## **BHA BRIEFS**

Golf Tourney Recap - BHA Charity Golf Tournament for K9s for Warriors netted \$3,000 for this deserving organization. Thank you to our sponsors, donors, players, and volunteers. The BHA plans to grow this tournament to be bigger and better for next year. See full story this edition.

Congratulations! The BHA Community Scholarship winner is Bloomingdale resident and Bloomingdale High School Senior Shannon Leahy. See the full story this edition and on Facebook.

Bloomingdale Estates Deed Restriction Update - The Deed restriction draft update is in the hands of the BHA attorney. An analysis is expected before the end of June.

If you have events pending in our community, please email bloomingdale. homeowners@gmail.com, or call 813-681-2051. We want to help you promote your event.





Designs are revealed for new neighborhoods, Fairway Park and Bloomingdale Pointe.



Annual Clean-up Day is one benefit of BHA membership.





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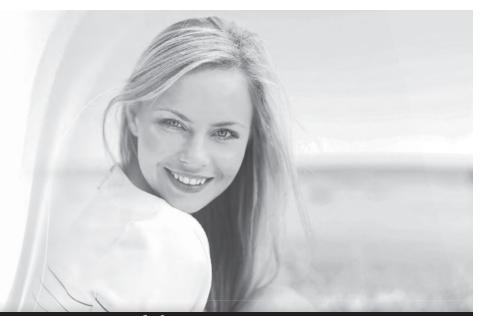
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If an event's success could be measured in the generosity of participants, sponsors, donors, and the selfless service of community volunteers, then the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association Charity Golf Tournament held May 10 at the Bloomingdale Golfers Club was an unqualified success.

BHA President and Golf Committee Chairperson George May said, "We had great support from our sponsors and donors this year, and we want to thank each of them for their contributions."

This year's tournament raised \$3,000 for K9s for Warriors, an organization dedicated to helping military servicemen and women suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and mobility issues. Not only does the organization benefit the military, 95% of the dogs trained to become service dogs are rescue dogs or come from shelters.

Many players had military connections and came solely to support the cause. On hand to put a face on the organization were K9 Warrior Teams: Jon Ellyson and Scout, and Matt Metts and Bouncer. Recent graduates of the three-

week training program matching K9 and veteran, Ellyson and Metts spoke eloquently about their past experiences and what the community's support of K9s for Warriors meant to them.

May said, "Jon and Matt were fantastic ambassadors for the charity, and provided first-hand insight to our participants about PTSD. While playing golf in the tournament was fun, it became secondary to trying to do something positive for K9s for Warriors."

Tournament winners: First Place-Tom Ruh, Brian Schmitt, Bob Szczesny and Jeff Fabry; Second Place-Tom Michael, Bobby Michael, Tim Miller and Nick Cooper.

According to May, the BHA is already focused on next year's event, the goal being more players and sponsors. "This was a first-time event for many of our board members, and there was a steep learning curve. Luckily, we had Heather Michael as our event planner. She was instrumental in getting the event on its feet." Next year's tournament will be held in April. Mark your calendars now.



Players wait the start of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Charity Golf Tournament held May 10 at the Bloomingdale Golfers Club.



Bobby Michael gives a thumbs up as players make their way to their starting holes.



First place winners for the day were teammates, Tom Ruh, Brian Schmitt, Bob Szczesny, and Jeff Fabry. They posted a 65 in the event's "Best Ball" format.



Coming in 2nd with a final score of 66 were teammates, Tom Michael, Bobby Michael, Tim Miller, and Nick Cooper.

Beat the Pro Putting Contest. J.D. Carino of John E.S. Cochrane Golf Schools keeps a watchful eye as players attempt to best him in the putting contest. Carino hosted a free clinic before the tournament start, organized the putting contest, and provided five free lessons for the contest winner.



Event planner, Heather Michael, hit the links to sell raffles for the cause. Larry Galin opens his wallet to support K9s for Warriors.



Picture perfect swing for tournament golfer Bobby



## THANK YOU SPONSORS AND DONORS!

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association thanks our generous sponsors and donors for their support of our charity golf tournament benefitting K9s for Warriors held May 10, 2014. Should your name be missing from this list, please message the BHA on Facebook or email: bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com.

Our top sponsor, donor and a Bloomingdale resident was Dina White, Realtor, Century21 Shaw Realty Group, 813-509-7780. Thank you!

A special thank you to Heather Michael, Stylist, Salon Jennifer & Company, 813-340-6457. Heather was our event organizer, planner extraordinaire!

Thank you!

Another special thank you to J.D. Carino, John E.S. Cochrane Golf Schools, Valrico, FL, 813-957-3205. J.D. hosted our putting contest and provided prizes for winners.

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## INs & OUTS

WHAT EVERY BLOOMINGDALE HOMEOWNER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BLACK VULTURES

Residents who regularly walk and drive along Nature's Way Boulevard in the area of the Hillsborough County Parks Department facility are very familiar with the flock of vultures that rests along the shores of a local pond or resides in the trees. With gastronomical regularity, they will take flight as a group in order to respond to the notification that a local mammalian or reptilian inhabitant has met an untimely demise. This 'kettle' of birds will circle the area to determine the viability of the meal and ascertain the likelihood they will be disturbed. They will then swoop down upon the carrion and perform a brief dance-like ritual to determine the proper pecking order for proportions. At this point the group transforms into a 'wake' as they tuck-in for a meal.

The feathered scavengers residing within Bloomingdale neighborhoods are Black Vultures (Coragyps atratus), which are native to both North and South America. The subspecies most common to the Eastern United States is the North American Black Vulture, so named by German ornithologist Johann Bechstein in 1793. The species name, atratus, means

clothed in black, from the Latin ater (black). The genus name, Coragyps means raven-vulture, and is derived from classical Greek. The common name vulture is derived from the Latin word vulturus, which means tearer and is a reference to its feeding habits.

The adults are roughly two-feet tall and weigh five to six pounds each, with a glossy black wingspan that can reach six-feet or more. Getting too close to these birds can be nasty as they will regurgitate when approached or disturbed, which not only assists in predator deterrence but also in taking flight by decreasing takeoff weight.



Subsisting primarily on a diet of carrion, the North American Black Vulture serves as the garbage disposal for local roadways, devouring carcasses of armadillos, squirrels, turtles, raccoons, and other animals that don't quite make it across the road or met other fates.

On the other hand, Vultures have a tendency to peck away at window caulking, roof shingles and vent seals thus damaging both residential and commercial properties. They tend to be fond of pool covers and lanai screens. They may also cause damage to autos and stored boats by scratching paint, removing seals and wiper blades, and ripping vinyl tarps and seat covers. Their urine and regurgitations are acidic and can damage anything they come in contact with or accumulate upon.

Unlike the non-native and nuisance Muscovy Ducks (detailed last month), Black Vultures are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. They can be shooed or scared away by noise or well-aimed sprinkle heads, but without the proper permits and licensing required to capture or kill nuisance birds, there is not much residents can do except to be grateful there is a secluded spot for them to call home.

## **HOW FAR AWAY SHOULD I** STAND FROM THE BALL?

By: J.D. Carino

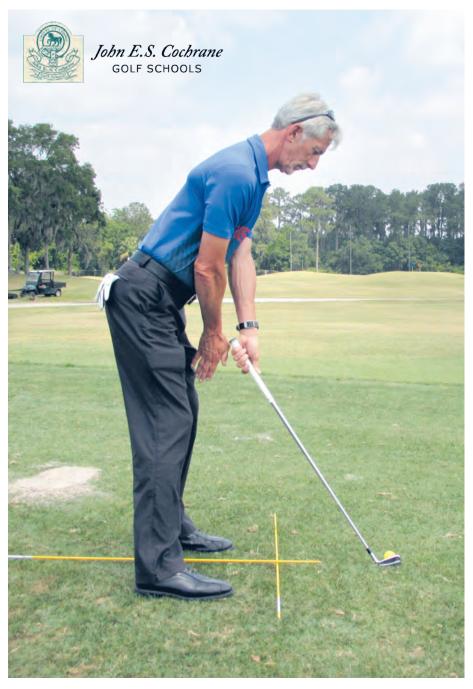
The length of clubs and posture should dictate how far away a golfer stands from the ball. There is one constant: the distance between each club and your body should be about the same.

Easy measure: The width of your hand is how much space there is between your left thigh and the butt end of your club.

If you stand too close or too far away from the ball at address, your swing will automatically adjust to find a more natural and comfortable swing path and plane.

In either case, it will very often cause you to strike the ball out on the toe (hands too far away) or on the heel (hands too close)...shanks.

Next month: How to let your eyes do the hard work in lag putting (distance control). Any questions or for lessons, please call J.D. (813) 957-3205.







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## **BLOOMINGDALE'S GOT TALENT**

The Bloomingdale High School Student Government Association (SGA) hosted "Bloomingdale's Got Talent" at the high school on April 30. SGA students surprised the audience with a flash mob dance to a song from the movie High School Musical at the end of the evening. Performances during the show ranged from singing and playing original songs, to a magic show and more.



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## **BLOOMINGDALE FITNESS STUDIO, UNIQUE TO THE CORE**

By: Kayla Hayes

CORE Fitness Studio has been referred to as "unique"—small enough for clients to feel comfortable and know that they are receiving thorough, professional guidance; yet, the studio offers a range of non-standard services and approaches. CORE Fitness opened in 2005 and has established itself as a high-end option for those seeking instructional fitness training. Several of the studio's clients have continued participating since the opening day. The studio is owned and operated by Bloomingdale residents, Joe and Eileen Raymond.

Dave Johnson and Dave Monfried are two clients who are approaching three years each with CORE Fitness Studio. "You get personalized, individualized attention for an intense workout that lasts 30 or 40 minutes. It's personalized, customized, and it's intense. It's suitable for your age and your condition," Johnson shared.



Dave Johnson is approaching three years with CORE Fitness Studio this June. Johnson spends 30 to 40 minutes in the studio for each session

Clients at CORE Fitness Studio range in age from 18 to over 80 years old. The studio's philosophy is based upon the concept that controlled outcomes result from reasonable efforts. The acronym CORE (Controlled Outcomes Reasonable Efforts) symbolizes musculo-skeletal conditioning, which is the body's "core." CORE promotes the concept that activities are unreasonable for the body if there is more risk for uncontrolled outcomes. Controlled outcomes can be increased strength, less body fat, muscle definition, improved work or athletic performance.

"I met Joe [Raymond] through a networking

convention. I just came off of a heavy hip replacement and knee injury. He gave me the courage to come in, and I am in better shape than I've been in three years," said Monfried.

CORE Fitness Studio instructors are well qualified in terms of credentials, experience and knowledge in areas of health and fitness, including: personal training, clinical exercise, functional fitness and general conditioning. The instructors specialize in High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), which is individualized for each client. Uniquely, multiple trainers often work with each client.

"The clients get a two-for-one deal at CORE Fitness Studio. Working with two trainers means two different fitness styles, which creates muscle confusion. This makes for a great workout," said Kristine Howell, a personal trainer with the studio for seven years.

Clinical exercise is also available for post-therapy, orthopedic limitations and those living with cancer.

CORE Fitness operates on an appointment basis. There are no contracts or fees on top of the sessions you purchase. Programs are available for one-on-one, buddy teams (two clients – same session) and groups of three to four people. Sessions are 30, 40 or 60 minutes in length. Weekly regimens can include one to four sessions. For busy lifestyles, two 30-minute sessions weekly are recommended. Instructors design self-directed exercise (homework) for clients to do on other days, thereby they have a complete – but controllable – fitness regimen.

COE Fitness Studio is located at 1064 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico. Call the studio at 681-3000 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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## **BLOOMINGDALE REAL ESTATE** & HOUSING UPDATE

Happy summer Bloomingdale! As you may recall, last month we discussed the importance of choosing a listing agent. Once a contract is in place, one of the next hurdles is the appraisal. On what areas should a homeowner, spend money to maximize the home's value in the eyes of an appraiser? It's the million dollar question, and one of the most experienced appraisers in our area, Ron Balseiro of Balseiro and Associates, shares some very basic and helpful advice.



An appraiser for close to 30 years, Balseiro says the key to making every penny count is distinguishing between profitability and marketability. This is a fine line, but one that can maximize budget potential, increase appraisal value, and mitigate potential contractual ramifications. Profitability is directly influenced by appraisal premiums, which increase the home's overall appraisal/market value. Marketability will not necessarily increase the appraisal value, but may have a strong appeal to buyers.

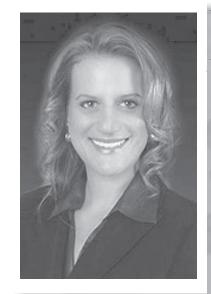
Industry experts agree that kitchens and bathrooms sell homes.

- Using that logic, if a homeowner has \$7,000 or less to upgrade the kitchen Balseiro recommends first upgrading to granite counters, if possible, even if that taps the budget. Stainless steel appliances would be next in line. According to Balseiro, appraisal premiums are higher with granite counters and dated appliances versus upgraded appliances and dated counters.
- With leftover money, turn focus to the bathrooms, laminate/tile flooring, crown molding, pool refinishes, or even brick pavers to continue building premiums throughout the home versus adding a kitchen backsplash (an example of marketability). An attractive backsplash may assist in attracting an offer, but will not be rewarded as a premium and decrease the dollarfor-dollar return on investment. Balseiro emphasizes that even with profitable improvements, dollar-for-dollar premiums rarely exist.

Granted, some homeowners or sellers may not be concerned about return on investment and may desire to make the home more suited to their tastes and/or marketable to attract the maximum amount of buyers and offers. However, avoid over-improving for the market. Call a realtor or appraiser prior to embarking on the next home improvement. Next month we will

delve deeper into the concept of market value and the appraisal process from start to finish- through an appraiser's lens. In the interim, Ron Balseiro is available for further questions and can be reached at 813-997-4394 and ron@rbalseiro.com; and, I am always here to lend a proactive hand should you be on the fence about selling or buying.





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## **DINING WITH DAVE**



Name: Heidi's Gourmet Hut @ Rainbow Food Store

Cuisine: German Deli and Cuban Sandwiches

Location: 4322 Bell Shoals Road (Corner of Bell Shoals Road and Glen Haven Drive, Inside the Marathon Gas Convenience Store)

Phone: (813) 661-6700

Independently owned and operated restaurants and deli counters located inside or on the property of gas stations seems to be a peculiar southern tradition this transplanted Yankee has come to appreciate. Case in point is Heidi's Gourmet Hut tucked in to a corner of the Rainbow convenience store on Bell Shoals Road. Ach, du lieber! What a find!

With old world staples like Jadgwurst, Bierschinken, and Schinkenwurst at her fingertips, Heidi is able to whip up a fine platter of Bavarian favorites or sandwich of Schnitzel braten on an authentic hard roll. A variety of potato and cucumber salads are available as side dishes or larger take-out orders. The homemade apple strudel (with or without a la mode) alone is worth the visit. Catering is also available.

Adding to the international flavor are American style breakfast sandwiches and Heidi's take on that Tampa staple, the Cuban sandwich. Ask for yours with something from the Deutsch side of the deli cooler instead of the standard fixings, add some good German mustard or other options and enjoy the most unique 'Cuban' you will enjoy a new and unique taste sensation.

The one thing missing from Heidi's Gourmet Hut is the availability of German liquid refreshments (i.e. beer and wine). As a typical gas n' go style convenience store, the Rainbow Market does carry a wide variety of beverages from the cooler and the fountains, along with snacks and other sundries.

Be sure to check the clock before heading over to Heidi's. As a small, independently run deli counter, her hours are limited and she closes shop at 4 p.m. on most days (6 p.m. on Fridays) and is open on Saturdays as well.

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, some 15% of the population of Valrico and Brandon identify themselves as being of German descent. Combine that with the Bloomingdale population of military families who have spent time living and working across the pond, and it is easy to see why Heidi's Gourmet Hut has become such a local favorite.



## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Events listed may be subject to change. Check with your school to confirm event dates and times prior to attending.

## **BLOOMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

## June 16 -18

Leonard's Photography will be on campus to take senior photos. These will be the only photos allowed in the yearbook. Look for your appointment in the mail. For more details, visit the yearbook website at www.bloomingdaleyearbook.com.

## June 21

Golf Tournament: Support the Athletic Booster Club as they work towards building a field house and register for the golf tournament. Tee off is at 1pm at the Bloomingdale Golfers Club. See this page for more details and visit http://mysdhc.us8.list-manage1.com/track/clic k?u=5d43420d7c1de9de2cefae712&id=6f3cb02595&e=76f32af8b0





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## **BURNS MIDDLE SCHOOL** MATH LEAGUE

Wednesday, May 28, Florida State Fairgrounds – The Hillsborough County Public Schools district Math League competition drew over 500 students in grades 6 through 8. This year Burns Middle School teams walked away winners earning 2nd place in 6th grade, 1st place in 7th grade and 2nd place in 8th grade. Burns Middle School won the overall middle school team competition by over 80 points!

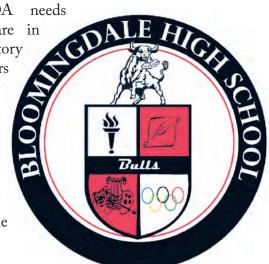


Left to Right: Ryan Harding, Ms. Jones, Sydney McLaughlin, Jordan Chastain, Buddy Rogers.

## **BSHS GUIDANCE** OFFICE NOTES

- Bloomingdale will be hosting two different freshman camps this summer, GAP camp (August 4-7, 8-12 P.M.) for incoming 9th graders and Freshman Transition (July 28-31, 8-12 P.M.) also for incoming 9th graders. Families can sign up at www2.sdhc.k12. fl.us/gapi
- Upperclassmen volunteers are needed to serve as GAP camp counselors. Duties and more information at http://bit.ly/1n1cJRb

The Bloomingdale HOA needs volunteers-These hours are in support of a community history project. 99% of the hours will be earned in an airconditioned office setting between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The tasks include sorting paperwork in chronological order, and noting missing dates. If interested, contact the BHA at 813-681-2051.



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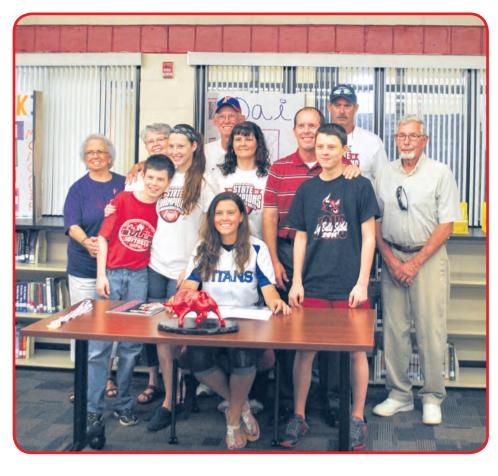
Families, coaches and friends gathered at Bloomingdale High School's Media Center on May 14 to celebrate the signing of seven student athletes: Trey Curry - Florida Tech (Football), David Johnson - Warner University (Football), John Michael Hester - Stetson University (Football), Grant Townsend - Air Force Academy (Basketball), John Bryant - Florida Southern (Cross Country), Kevin Heron - UNF (Cross Country) and Darby Bernaldo - Eastern Florida State College (Softball). Congratulations to the class of 2014 athletes on their special accomplishments.



John Michael Hester with his parents John and Chrissy, brother and sister.



David
Johnson
pictured with
his parents
Dave and
Beverly
Johnson.



Grant
Townsend
with his
parents Tom
and Allison
and other
family and
friends.

Trey Curry
with his
father, Curtis
Curry Jr. and
sister, Megan.
Trey's mother,
JoAnna
Piazza,
could not be
present for the
signing.



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Darby Bernaldo with her parents Rick and Stephanie, brothers and sister and other family members.





Heron: Kevin Heron, his parents Kerry and Orel with other family and friends.



John Bryant with his parents John and Daisy.



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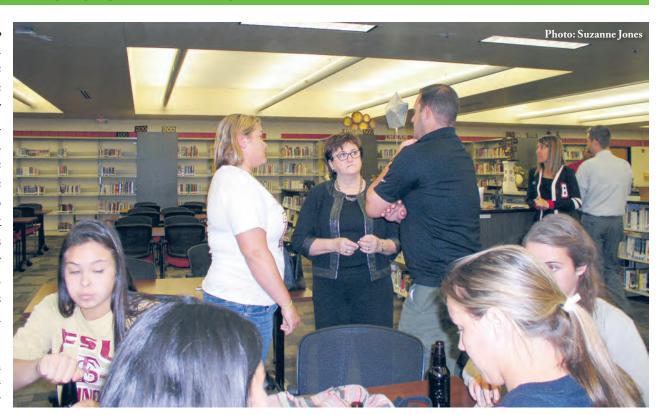
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## **SUPERINTENDENT CONGRATULATES BSHS BALL TEAMS**

Superintendent of Hillsborough County Schools, Mary Ellen Elia, visited Bloomingdale High School on May 21 to congratulate the school's 8A State Championship Softball Team and the 8A State Runner-up Baseball Team. "We are proud of our teams," commented the superintendent. "And as a district, we appreciate your work." Not only did Elia commend the student-athletes for their skill on the field, but also their dedication to academics. All five seniors on this year's softball team plan to move on to college following graduation. Elia did not overlook the coaches' accomplishments. First-year BSHS girls softball coach Mandy Schuerman was named by Tampa Bay Tribune as Female Coach of the Year and also Softball Coach of the Year. Having finished his seventh year as BSHS baseball coach, Kris Wilken was named Baseball Coach of the Year.

> Mary Ellen Elia (center) talks with Girls Softball coach Mandy Schuerman and Boys Baseball coach Kris Wilken during her May visit to Bloomingdale High School.





## **SHOOTING HOOPS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS**

By: Kim Miller

The fifth annual student-faculty basketball game was held May 10 at the Bloomingdale High School gymnasium. The school teamed up again with Beef O'Brady's to raise funds and awareness for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP).

The WWP takes a holistic approach to serving warriors and their families through a high touch and interactive approach. The organization hopes to produce the most well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history.

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Sean Betaut lines up between Coach Booth and Mr. Cummings for the foul shot.

> Senior student team enjoyed the event and chance to raise money for a deserving organization despite another loss to BSHS faculty.

The May 10 game netted approximately \$1500 for the project through gates receipts, raffles, and a half time foul shot contest for a free order of wings at Beef O'Brady's.

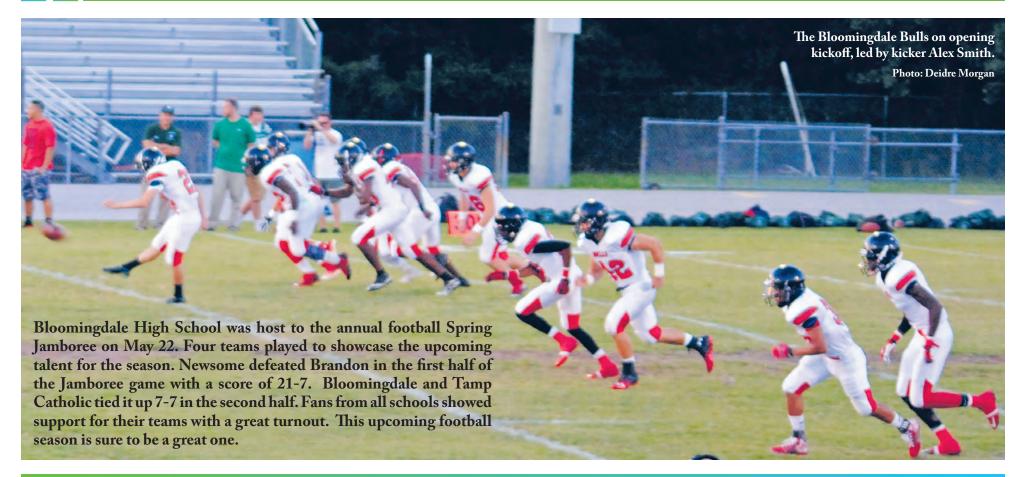
Since the inception of the student-faculty basketball game, and with the help of Beef O'Brady's, the faculty and students of BSHS have been able to donate over \$6300 to deserving charities.

The 2014 game again went to the faculty, with a 91-56 rout of the students. Their winning record stands at 4-1.



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