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Lydia Ivy (3) uses her witch powers to score some treats along the Fest's trick or treat street.

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Make checks payable to the BHA and mail to 3509 Bell Shoals Road., Valrico, FL 33596, or stop by the office and drop off your check. An easier method is to use our PayPal option. Go to www.bloomingdalehoa.com, look for the PayPal link and follow the simple instructions.

Your \$35 membership fees are returned 100 percent to the community. And, every member and dollar matter. Programs like this newspaper, clean-up, garage sale and fall festival would not be possible without your support. The Association attends monthly county meetings and advocates on behalf of the entire community. In addition, they work weekly with county code enforcement to improve neighborhood standards and keep property values from slipping.

The BHA is an IRC 501(c) (4) non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers who live in your neighborhoods. **ALL** membership funds go back to our community to help keep the community a great place to live. And, all residents are welcome at our monthly board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bell Shoals office.



Note: The BHA no longer has an active post office box address. Please update your automatic bill pay if applicable.

BHA EVENT CALENDAR

If you have events pending in our community, email bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com, or call 813-681-2051. We will help you promote your event on our Facebook page.

Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m. / Bloomingdale Special Taxing District Monthly Trustee Meeting, Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. Call 813-684-6667 for information.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. / BHA Monthly Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. Residents always welcome. Call 813-681-2051 for information.

Jan. 1/ 2018 Membership drive starts! Look for your membership invitation! We need your support!

Feb. 24 / Community Garage Sale, details coming soon!

March 3 / Community Clean-Up, Start getting your bulk junk ready now!

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. / Santa Visit and Charity Food Drive at our new venue – The Village Early Learning Center, 3741 Canoga Park Drive! Volunteers are needed. Email bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities.



BHA President George May and Vice-President Suzy Watts greet Commissioner Stacy White who took part in the festivities as a judge for the Children's Costume Contest. White said, "I am impressed by the support [of the Fall festival] especially from families."

Photo: Susan DeLuca

It takes a team to pull off an event of the magnitude of the BHA's Fall Festival.

Pictured are Kate Berkowitz, board members Joanie Wilson, Suzy Watts, Beth Smedley, Grace Lewis and Bobbi Ferraro.

Photo: Joy Boisselle



Energetic volunteers make or break an event. From l. to r., Top Row: Joanie Wilson, Rebecca Bellomo, Samm Bristol, Dann Berkowitz, Zackary Crosby, Angelica Negron, Jake Kehrmeier, Daniel Marquis, Bryan Long, Nick Berkowitz, Sagan Savage, Kaylee Grice, Paige Vodopich, Jenna Corba, Kate Berkowitz. Bottom Row: Abigail Bellomo, Molly Donahue, Yukari Cabrera, Kevin Long, Fallon Gustafson, Rachel Santarlas. Not Pictured: Kyle Schaller, Hanna Gonzalez, Ashlyan Brooks, Farrar Raisanen, and Shane Carlisle. Photo: Dan Boisselle



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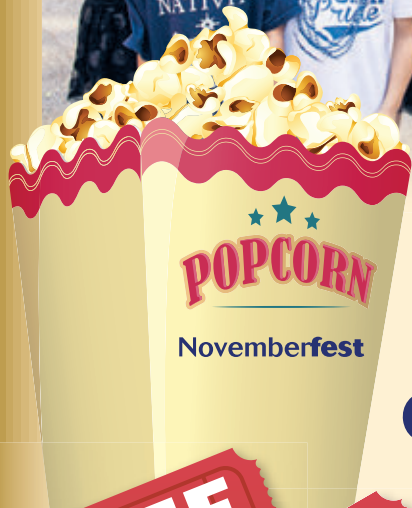
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Nov. 9–12 / The Junior League of Tampa Holiday Market / Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall / 4800 U.S. Highway 301 North, Tampa / The event features over 160 merchants, with more than 60 who are new this year. The Holiday Gift Market includes merchants selling everything from clothing, jewelry, and handbags to food, art, and children's items. Net proceeds raised by The Junior League of Tampa through the Holiday Gift Market will support the League's programs and community projects in the areas of education and child welfare. General admission tickets, \$8; www.hgm2017.eventbrite.com. Parking, \$6 cash paid to the Florida State Fairgrounds.

Schedule:

Thursday, Nov. 9, 7–10 p.m. (HGM Preview Party—Event ticket required)

Friday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS

Nov. 11, 10 a.m. / 24th Annual Tampa Bay Veteran's Day Parade / Hanley Road – Between Barry Road and Paula Drive, Tampa / Come honor those who served and welcome the 2017 Honoree World War II Veteran Vincent "Vinny" Oliverio, 94. United States Army Air Corps radio operator Sgt. Oliverio began his military career in 1943 at the U.S. Army Training Center in Buffalo, NY. A radio operator well versed in Morse Code, his first assignment was in Tampa at Drew Field where the 761st Air Warning Unit was created.

Nov. 11, 11 a.m. / 53rd Annual Veteran's Day Tribute / Veterans Memorial Park / 3602 North U.S. Highway 301, Tampa / This tribute includes a presentation colors, a performance of the National Anthem, drill demonstrations, an empty chair ceremony for POW and MIA soldiers, a rifle salute, and more. For information, call 813-744-5502.

Nov. 12, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. / Christmas Card Lane / Center Place Fine Arts and Civic Association / 619 Vonderburg Drive, Brandon / Come and enjoy life-size Christmas cards; vendors, including food, arts & crafts, local businesses, and more; raffle prizes; live performances; Christmas caroling; Santa; and FREE children's crafts at this Holiday Stroll & Shop. For information on this free community event, call 813-685-8888.

Nov. 15–19 / 48th Annual Novemberfest / Nativity Catholic Church / 705 E. Brandon Blvd., Brandon / Come to the third largest social event in Hillsborough County after the Florida State Fair and the Strawberry Festival. Rides, games, food, entertainment, and much more! Dates/Times: Nov. 15, 4–10 p.m., Nov. 16, 4–10 p.m., Nov. 17, 4 p.m.–Midnight, Nov. 18, 11 a.m.–Midnight, Nov. 19, 12–8 p.m. Purchase tickets online in advance at www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/novemberfest.

Nov. 23, 5:30 a.m. Race Day Registration / 3rd Annual Goody Goody Turkey Gobble 5K / Begins and Ends at Amalie Arena / 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa / A USATF certified course #FL05053DL, the Goody Goody Turkey Gobble is Tampa's Thanksgiving Day 8K, 5K, & 1 Mile Walk. Proceeds support the YMCA LIVESTRONG® program for cancer survivors and families. Register at runsignup.com: \$35/individual 5k, \$15/1 mile run/walk, \$40/person for team 8K, \$35/per person for team 5k. Enjoy a post-race breakfast and prizes in several categories. Strollers/dogs welcome. For information, call 813-229-1305.

Nov. 23 through Dec. 30 / Wonderland of Lights Drive Thru / 6–9 p.m., Sunday–Thursday; 6–10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays / Hillsborough County Fairgrounds / The Wonderland of Lights will surely dazzle our community this Holiday Season. This 32-day event incorporates beautiful animated and still LED light displays that will amaze the young and "the young at heart." Plus, it will offer a blend of fun, family activities, and entertainment sure to please all. Take some time to stop at the Christmas village featuring horse-drawn wagon rides, North Pole train ride, amusement rides, food, and crafts. Prices are Cars \$20, Passenger Vans \$25, Season Pass \$35, Limousines \$50, and Motor Coaches \$75. For information, call the Chamber at 813-689-1221.





Ellen Bess has been writing for nearly as long as she can remember. Her humor columns have appeared in newspapers and periodicals in North Carolina, Georgia and central Florida. She lives with her husband, Frazier, a retired high school Chemistry teacher, in Bloomingdale West.



Fantasy Friends of Childhood

Have you ever given any thought to the numbers and personalities of non-existent people we grew up with? I'm not talking about the so-called "imaginary friend" so many kids cling to. Heck, I know adults who have imaginary friends. Of course, their "friends" normally show up following a brisk tete-a-tete with Jack Daniels, but that's beside the point. I mean folks who take root in our minds through imaginative misunderstanding.

Take Richard Sands, for instance. Now, I spent much of my childhood, hand to heart, admiring this bloke, whoever he was. In my mind, this guy was undoubtedly the most patriotic and admired man in American history. I had no idea who he was or what he did, nor did I ever run across him in any of my studies, but man, oh man, he had to be somebody special! You know Richard. Of course you do. Think back: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for Richard Sands..." Richard played an important part in my life until 4th grade when Morey Andhauser, a classmate whose sole claim to intellectual achievement was his ability to recite raunchy limericks, burst my bubble with the immortal words, "Hey, Stupid! The Pledge of Allegiance ain't got no Richard Sands in it!" That was the year I learned that embarrassment, to be effectively inflicted, did not necessarily have to be grammatically correct.

And "Mrs. Astor's Pet Horse" must have been invisible, but, according

to my mother, it accompanied my rather chic Aunt Phyllis whenever she visited, as in, "Great. Mrs. Astor's Pet Horse is coming over again."

Then there was good old Dick of Tight Hatband fame. Dick was a regular around our house, showing up whenever Mom sailed into yet another of her frequent Technicolor descriptions of one's grip on one's wallet. "That old geezer is tighter than Dick's hatband" lent fodder to an already overworked imagination. I wanted to know who Dick was. And how my mother came to be on first-name basis with someone who seemed to favor masochistic millinery.

But the fellow who filled my heart with fear was a chap who went by the name of "Billy Hell." Billy was only brought up in conversation when I managed to send Mom into one of her legendary spins. Her face would go fiery red. Then all the color would drain until she resembled an Aztec Death Mask. Then she would glare at me and growl, "If you ever - EVER - do that again, I'm going to raise Billy Hell with you!" Now, that scared me because I already had a brother and the last thing I needed was one more, especially one with a creepy name like "Billy Hell."

Jeez. Imaginary people. Invisible animals. What a childhood. Wanna go back? Yeah, me too. If for no other reason than to seek out and pummel Morey Andhauser.



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BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY STATION NOTES

By Community Resource Deputy Clifford Fletcher and C.S.O. Sandy Capitano

AREA LAW AND ORDER

Between Sept. 26 and Oct.17, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office conducted 11 traffic stops in Bloomingdale East and West. Those traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, seven written warnings, one citation and one arrest.

At community entrances and within subdivisions, there were two crashes without injuries and five with injuries. **There were four DUI stops.** Remember, slow down, stop at all stop signs and above all be a courteous driver. And, wear your seat belts at all times.

There were five vehicle burglaries; **only one vehicle was locked.** Let's be more diligent in protecting our property. The good news is that no firearms were stolen. There were two residential burglaries and three criminal mischief incidents. Finally, there were eight arrests made for various crimes in the Bloomingdale area.

HOLIDAY TIPS

The holidays are right around the corner. Be smart and do your part to be a well-informed citizen and enjoy a safe season with your family. The Sheriff's Office wants all of our residents to have an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

AS A SHOPPER - Be extra cautious and stay aware of your surroundings and your actions. Do not leave your car unlocked, especially with the engine running. It is illegal to leave your vehicle running and unattended.

Do not leave packages or other valuables in your car. If you must, lock them in the trunk. Lock your vehicles at home too.

Be a courteous driver – everyone has a lot on his or her mind during the holidays. So be kind and avoid road rage.

AS A HOMEOWNER - Prepare and secure your home before you head out for holiday traveling or even before you go shopping. Burglars drive through neighborhoods looking for “easy targets.” Don't let your home be one!

Special “Security Watch” requests can be completed at the Bloomingdale Community Station on Erindale Drive if you are going out of town.

When the holiday is over, don't leave that empty large screen TV box out by the road. Finally, take the time to record your serial numbers and take photos of your valuables. Having your serial number can greatly increase the possibility of getting your stuff back.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Remember to watch out for what is happening in your neighborhoods. If you see something, make sure to call Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency number at 813-247-8200.

Remember to **lock** the doors to your home, **secure** your garage doors, **secure** your guns and **lock** up your vehicles. This will significantly reduce the opportunity for you to become a victim.



Citizen Patrol Team Leaders Art Jorgensen and Rick Hafeman join Community Resource Master Deputy Clifford Fletcher and Burns School Resource Master Deputy Ron Alexander at last weekend's Bloomingdale Fall Festival.

Photo: Joy Boisselle

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office installed permanent drug drop-off boxes at our four patrol district offices. Citizens are able to dispose of unwanted, unnecessary and expired prescriptions, over the counter medicines and veterinarian prescriptions properly. The drop off boxes are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The closest drop-off location for the Bloomingdale community is at the District 2 headquarters at 2310 North Falkenburg Road.

Source: www.HCSO.com



The Bloomingdale Special Taxing District:

The Community's Common Area Connection

By Miriam Leech, BSTD Staff

(Editor's Note: The Bloomingdale Special Taxing District's (BSTD) monthly column will inform readers about the BSTD, its mission and ongoing and new initiatives. The BSTD meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Rd. Questions? Call 813-684-6667 or email bstd@verizon.net.)

Bloomingdale Pride

The Board of Trustees of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District (BSTD) is asking for the help of its residents and homeowners associations (HOA's) in stemming the tide of vandalism that has been plaguing the District!

Vandalism incidents, including irrigation heads being broken, timers being changed, and light bulbs being removed from entranceway signs, have increased significantly, and are costing the District, and ultimately you, dollars that could be better spent elsewhere on routine maintenance.

Please enlist your neighbors to "see something, say something" regarding any incidents of vandalism. This might enable the District to report the offending parties to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and have restitution paid. Residents should call the BSTD office at 813-684-6667, or the HCSO substation on Erindale directly at 813-635-8040.

The residents of Bloomingdale, as always, are invited to attend the next meeting of the BSTD on Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m., at the Bloomingdale Community Offices, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. If you would like to speak at the meeting, members of the public are allotted 3 minutes to make comment or ask questions per Hillsborough County policy. Hope to see you there!



Trustees (l. to r.) Dave West, Jay Kittle and Rusty Jones were on hand at the BHA Fall Festival to answer questions regarding the mission of the BSTD and listen to concerns regarding our community!

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Bloomingdale Real Estate Update



By **Ronnie McLaughlin**
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Your Fall Healthy Home “To Do” List

Fall in Bloomingdale means fun festivals, fall sports, Halloween parades, pumpkin flavored everything and getting your healthy home “to do’s” done. Smart homeowners know that spending quality time and maintenance on the home saves money in the end. Here are a few tasks to put on your November calendar.

Clean your fan blades and switch the direction of your ceiling fans. A fan spinning clockwise will help suck up warm air and distribute heat.

Clean gutters. If it looks like you are living inside a waterfall when it rains, water is missing your gutter system completely and being directed to your foundation instead. **A water-damaged foundation is never cheap to fix.**

Clean your windows. By some estimates, dirty window glass cuts daylight by 20 percent.

Change your filters. Repeat every 30-60 days to maximize your air handler’s efficiency.

Looking for a professional to help with any of the above? Ask for recommendations from friends and neighbors or on the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Community Facebook page or ask your favorite Realtor.

Neighborhood Snapshot: Spring Lake

The Spring Lake neighborhood is comprised of 85 single family homes located between Glenhaven Drive and Natures Way. These homes were built between 1981-1986 and are between 1200-1900 square feet. Two non-pool homes with two-car garages sold over the past 365 days at \$113.49 and \$106.84 a square foot.



The Chadderton Team at the Bloomingdale Fall Festival on Oct. 28 at the BSHS Stadium. How much is your house worth? Call the Chadderton Real Estate Group and find out. Left to right: Paige Smith, Bre Murray, Joe Powell, Ray Chadderton, Lauren Chadderton, Sydney McLaughlin, and Ronnie McLaughlin.
Photo: Susan DeLuca

(Editor’s Note: Real estate columnist Ronnie has lived in Bloomingdale for six years with her husband and two children, a son attending University of Florida and daughter at Bloomingdale High School. A productive Realtor, she is also active in the Bloomingdale High School PTSA and Girl Scouts.)



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Saturday, November 4

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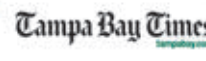
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Bigger and Better than Ever! BHA Fall Festival a Hit!

FALL FESTIVAL

By Wendy Knipp

Blue skies, fun music, and the smell of freshly popped popcorn greeted fest-goers at the annual BHA Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 28. This event has become so popular that this year, the location moved from the Bloomingdale Golfer's Club to Bloomingdale High School's football stadium, which allows for more parking, the addition of food trucks, and more than 50 local sponsors and businesses. Community support was strong with nearly 2,000 in attendance.

BHA President George May said, "This is exciting to have so many vendors come out to participate and give back to the community. You can't ask for anything better."

The Fall Festival not only brings together families but also Bloomingdale business owners. Suzy Watts, BHA Vice-president and Fall Fest Chairwoman said, "It is a family-friendly safe time for everybody to get together and celebrate fall and it includes trick or treating, bouncy houses, and crafts. Bloomingdale is the largest neighborhood in Hillsborough County and it gives us a chance to get together and say hi to our neighbors and get to know our local businesses."

Kids and adults arrived in costume to trick or treat with the sponsors and businesses. Fest-goers were also encouraged to bring their pets in costume. Highlights included a children's costume contest, a pet costume contest, a booth decorating contest, a hula-hoop contest, and a high-energy performance by the BSHS Drumline. Two bouncy houses, while a blast for kids, gave parents a much needed break.

The new location met with rave reviews from the majority of participants. Steven Woolheater brought his family and said, "The BHA Fall Festival gets better every year. Having it laid out around the quarter mile track at Bloomingdale High School made it an easy way to see all the great vendors and booths."

Congratulations to the BHA for another successful Fall Festival!



Gabriella Carroll dressed as Jackie Laura and Abigail Bright as a ballerina.
Photo: Wendy Knipp



Brayden Morgan as Spiderman with grandma Pam Morgan as Wonder Woman.
Photo: Wendy Knipp



Ron Kuszmar and Clare Snyder with their pets JD (front) and Missy (in sling).
Photo: Wendy Knipp

CHILDREN'S COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS



Channeling eerie Tim Burton-style characters are Ethan (9) and Evelyn (5) Schilling.



In a nod to Dr. Seuss, Sisters Lorelai (7) and twins Madilyn and Adilyne (15 months) are winners as the Cat in the Hat and Thing 1 and Thing 2 while proud Dad RJ Tennison looks on.

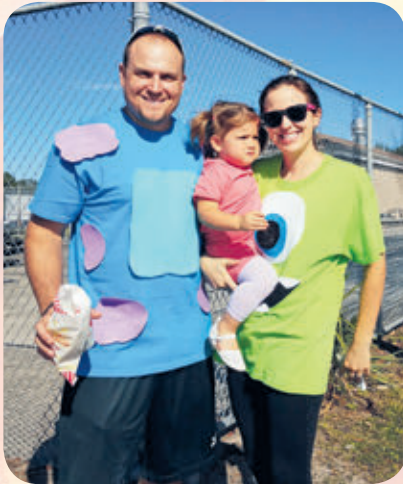


Little mermaid never looked better as portrayed by beauty Aubrey Brown (3).

Photos: Dan Boisselle



The Herman Family - Dylan is Nemo, Lillian is Dory, and Sasha the dog is an alligator.
Photo: Wendy Knipp



The Goodrich Family dressed as Sully, Boo, and Mike.
Photo: Wendy Knipp



The Porter family with Madelyn as Belle from Beauty & the Beast.
Photo: Wendy Knipp



Bloomingdale's Ken Seaborn brought the award-winning Sarge's BBQ truck to help feed hungry fest-goers.
Photo: Wendy Knipp



This year's Children's Costume Contest tripled in size from last year's event.
Photo: Susan DeLuca



Stepan Rusyn (10) made good use of the bouncy houses made available by the BHA and Ray Chadderton.
Photo: Dan Boisselle



For a small \$5 fee, fest-goers could have photos taken by professional photographer Heather Fenzau of Heather Rose Photography. Myles and Secley Van Slyck as Batman and Darth Vader respectively took advantage of the photo op.
Photo: Dan Boisselle



Adrianna Papagikos enjoyed a refreshing Hawaiian shave ice thanks to Kona Ice's Dale Cooper.
Photo: Dan Boisselle



Sofia (5) and Amber (10) Islas accented their costumes with face paint courtesy of our festival face painters.
Photo: Joy Boisselle



Sydney McLaughlin and Lauren Chadderton manned the free popcorn machine provided by Ray Chadderton, a Platinum sponsor.
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PET COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS



"Super" Sunny Hurwitz



"Super Woman" Marley Hamelin



Luna "The Spider" Williamson

Photo: Dan Boisselle



At the Noah's Ark Animal Hospital booth, Brody was "large and in charge."
Photo: Dan Boisselle



Code Officer Christine Zien-McCombs and BHA director Charlie Woodcock share a booth to illustrate how both work hand in hand for the Bloomingdale Community.
Photo: Susan DeLuca



Looks like Ethan Williamson (3 mths) wants his "friend" ET to go home!
Photo: Hightower Family



Bloomingdale Resident Kristen Schroeder and her dog Bo enjoy the beautiful Fall Fest weather.
Photo: Susan DeLuca



These members of the BSHS Cross Country team are all Bloomingdale Residents. Left to right: Holly Hanson, Tori Robertson, Luisa Mason, Michael Schroeder, Sam Dickey.
Photo: Susan DeLuca



Autumn and her brother Jayden Latocki are ready for the costume contest.
Photo: Susan DeLuca



Daisy Temple (2 ½) moved to the Rajun' Bull beat!
Photo: Joy Boisselle



Georgie Evans hung out with Adorable Pets by Dena owner Dena Craig.
Photo: Dan Boisselle



Sierra Michael puts the finishing touch on three-year-old Lydia Ivy's spider face paint.
Photo: Joy Boisselle



Kona Ice's Dale Cooper serves refreshing shaved ice's to Fall Festival patrons.
Photo: Dan Boisselle

FALL FESTIVAL

What makes the Fall Festival Special? Check out all our photos on our Facebook page, www.fb/BloomingtondaleHOA.com!



Treats included Halloween rubber duckies, which proved to be a big hit at the fest! Checking them out are (front to back) Daniel Maiville (4), Rylan Reynolds (7) and Andrew Maiville (7).

Photo: Joy Boisselle



Some activities brought kids together in cooperative ways.

Photo: Dan Boisselle



The Gannon Family "had a blast" trick or treating with their 10-year-old son Will. Mom Christy's favorite part was "looking at the smile on my son's face the whole time."

Photo: Christy Gannon



BSHS Drum Line members Evan Hydock, Bennett Brown and Nick Berkowitz show off for the crowd.

Photo: Dan Boisselle



Karina Peboontom, won a stuffed owl for hula hooping the longest.

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Jacob Anderson, aka Woody from Toy Story, hopes for a strike at the Brandon Crossroads Bowl bowling game.

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Restoration 1 of Tampa Bay sponsors came in swashbuckling attire!
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A Handsome Hound owner Dana Nelson with mascot A Handsome Hound aka Hayden Adkinson.
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Brandon Crossroads Bowl King Pin get some love from Trevion Williams (4).
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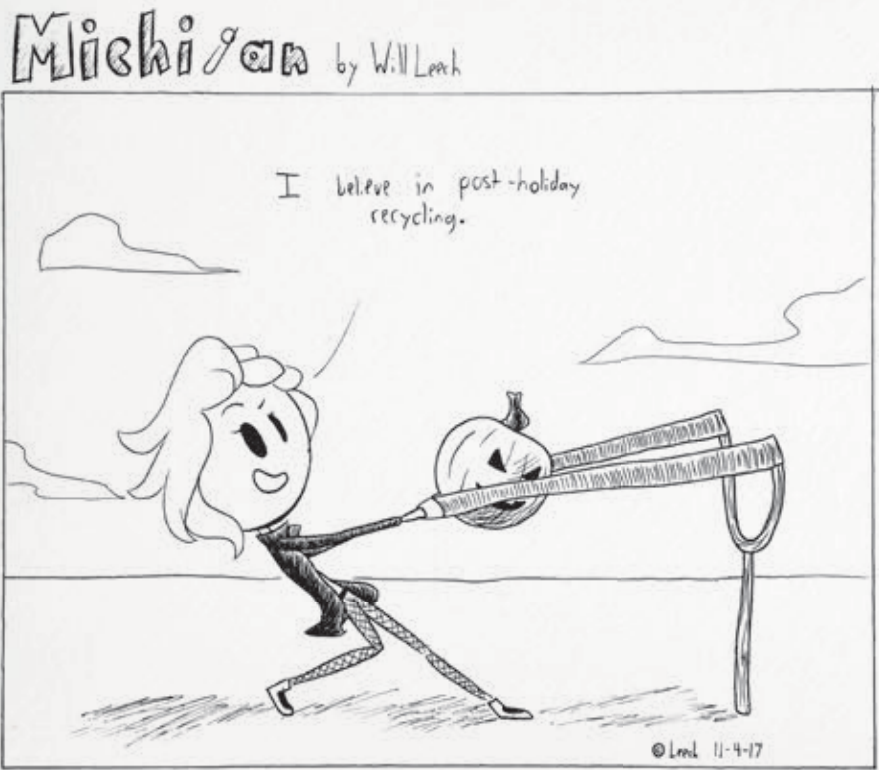
The Lago Family loves Halloween and it shows! Their yard decorations have grown over the years beginning with spider webs, which now cover their yard. This year's offerings include lounging skeletons and skeletons chasing bats!

Photo: Wendy Knipp

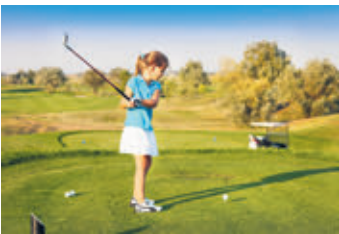


Michigan

Comic strip artist Will Leech is a Florida State University sophomore. Through his creation "Michigan," he shares his view of the world around us.



When Can My Kid Start Learning to Golf?



The answer is very simple. **When your kid wants to go to the golf course or the driving range with you, it's time.** Your kid really wants to spend time with you and have fun. If they do not want to go or are not having fun, then it'll be an unpleasant experience.

During the early stages of learning to golf, a kid only understands the joy and laughter shared with their parent. Pars, birdies and eagles are totally irrelevant.

At this point, ensuring the young golfer has the right golf clubs for their height and age is crucial. The wrong size clubs can be too long or too heavy. Both will cause a child to develop bad swings by compensating.

The bottom line—the child must have the desire, the right equipment and ideally some instruction to learn the basics from the beginning. U.S Kids Clubs are offered at ACE driving ranges and go by the height of your child not by their age.

For those parents who do not golf or those who would like another person to teach their kids, we offer a Little Lads and Lasses program at Bloomingdale on Saturday mornings from 10-11am.

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Our board has approved a new bell schedule that is based on several rounds of community input.

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The new schedule below is based on the option that was preferred by the most parents, students, and staff who took the Bell Schedule Survey.

This is the general schedule that our district will use for the 2018-2019 school year.

School Type	Start Time	End Time	Early Release Mondays
Elementary School	7:40 am	1:55 pm	12:55 pm
Elementary Magnet School	8:45 am	3:00 pm	2:00 pm
High School	8:30 am	3:25 pm	2:25 pm
Middle and High Magnet School	8:30 am	3:25 pm	2:25 pm
Middle School	9:25 am	4:20 pm	3:20 pm



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****Early Release Days – Please note that due to Hurricane Irma the following Mondays WILL NOT be early release days: November 6 & 13****

2017-2018 Quarter 1 Report Cards

Middle and high school electronic report cards have been available to families since Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 2 respectively. The report card can be accessed on the report card website www.reportcards.sdhc.k12.fl.us by either entering the student number and password or by using the student's assigned Personal Identification Number (PIN). You can request a PIN electronically at www.reportcards.sdhc.k12.fl.us/requestPin/. This website also includes an informational video if additional help is needed.



ALAFIA ALLIGATOR ALLEY

Alafia Mint – Every Wednesday in Room 208 from 7:30 to 7:55 a.m. Come in and do a book swap and visit the Spirit Store.

Spirit Day – Remember to wear your Alafia shirts every Friday to show your school spirit!

CIMINO COUGAR CENTRAL

Nov. 7 – Yearbook Pre Orders end , Order your yearbook for \$20 before the sale ends at www.yearbookordercenter.com and use the school code 18255

Nov. 9 – Fall Picture Retake

Nov. 9 – Veteran's Day Program , 8:15 a.m. , Wear Red, White & Blue

Nov. 17 – All Pro Dads , 7 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Nov. 28 – Cougar Cool Cats , Gratitude , 8:15 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Dec. 1 – Wear Orange for Caring

Cougar Cool Cat – November Character Trait – CARING



BURNS BRUINS BANTER

Nov. 6 - 13 – Book Fair, 8:15 a.m. in the Media Center

Nov. 9 – Veteran's Day Assembly

Yearbooks – Order yearbooks online at www.yearbookordercenter.com. You will be asked for Burns' order number which is 443. The final opportunity to purchase a yearbook will be no later than mid-January. Purchases may be made online, by cash or check made payable to Burns Middle School.



BLOOMINGDALE HIGH BULL BUSINESS

Nov. 7 – Music Department Veteran's Day Concert, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium

Nov. 7 – Girls Soccer vs East Bay, 7 p.m.

Nov. 9 – Club Picture Day in the Gym

Nov. 9 – NEHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Nov. 14 – Mr. & Mrs. Bloomington, 6 p.m. in the Auditorium

Nov. 17 – Girls Soccer @ Plant City, 7 p.m.

Nov. 28 – Boys & Girls Soccer vs Newsome, 6 p.m.

Nov. 29 – Cheer Competition @ Alonso, 6 p.m.

Nov. 29 – Girls Basketball vs Blake, 7 p.m.

Nov. 30 – Wrestling @ Durant, 7 p.m.

Dec. 1 – Boys & Girls Basketball @ Newsome, 6:30 p.m.



BULL BRIEFS

TeachaBULL Moments

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Nov. 7 – Music Department Veteran's Day Concert, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium

Join the Music Department and the AFJROTC for a salute to our veterans. This patriotic concert will feature many music groups from the school. While the concert is free, The BSHS Music Department is accepting donations for Operation Patriot, Inc. Donations go to 120 veterans from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Gulf War living at Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home. Items needed include toiletries (no bar soap or toilet paper), gift cards, audio books, crayons/coloring books, and more.





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Cimino is Raising Funds and Promoting Families

By Wendy Knipp

Each year, Cimino Elementary School's PTA holds an event that is not only a fundraiser, but offers a way for families to connect. It's called the Cougar Challenge.

The Cougar Challenge is an annual walkathon that started in 2011 and this year, it took place on Oct. 6. After weeks of collecting donations, students walked the parking lot on Challenge day as many times as they could in twenty minutes.

Family members came out in droves to either walk with their student, cheer them on, or volunteer. Although the entire event only lasts 2 hours, planning for this event begins in summer and doesn't end until November.

Angela Harvey and Leslie Fidler coordinated this year's event and Angela said, "It's great because so many families come out and support the kids and many even walk or run the track with the kids. It's great family time while also raising money for the school."

Skyler Alvarez, a fifth grader, said, "The Cougar Challenge is all about making memories and having fun and that's what I got!"

This year the Cougar Challenge raised nearly \$60,000 before expenses. 100 percent of money raised will supplement PTA events, recess, classroom support, school improvement, technology upgrades, and student clubs including the Living Habitat Vivarium.

Business sponsors are essential to the Cougar Challenge as they donate money, shirts, and other necessities to help this event run smoothly. Abdoney Pediatric Dentistry was the Event Sponsor with many other generous businesses also contributing.

Cimino Elementary School is located at 4329 Culbreath Rd. For information or to donate, contact Leslie Fidler at CiminoWaysAndMeans@yahoo.com.



Three generations of the Alvarez Family were on hand for The Cougar Challenge. Back row left to right are Jay Braden, Karen Alvarez, the Cimino Cougar and Cathy Alvarez. Front row left to right are triplets and fifth graders, Daylin, Braden and Skyler.

Photo: Blue Velasco



Angela Harvey (left) and Leslie Fidler (right) worked with teachers, staff, community partners, and parent volunteers to make this event a success.

Photo: Wendy Knipp



Parent volunteers mark lap numbers on the backs of eager Cougar Challenge participant.

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Parents and family members came to walk with and cheer on their kids.

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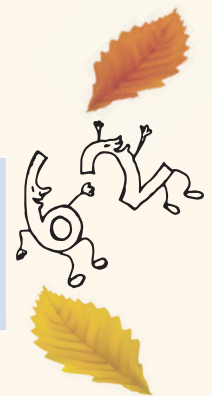
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Sixth Grade	Halfway through the second quarter, how much of the game is left?
Seventh Grade	How much is $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ of 250?
Pre-Algebra	On a certain map, 6 inches represents 25 miles. How many miles does 15 inches represent?
Algebra	When you take 3 away from twice a number, the answer is 8. What is the number?
Geometry	What is the Absolute Value of the point (3, 4)?

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Lady Bulls Run Past the Competition

Photo: Scott Robertson

Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Girls Varsity Cross Country Team for taking 1st place at the Flrunners.com Invitational on Sept. 30 at Holloway Park in Lakeland. Pictured left to right are Coach Jennifer Beach, Abby Brown, Clark Mulligan, Lauren Chadderton, Tori Robertson, Marissa Hagenbarth and Stephanie McCausland. Way to run, Lady Bulls!



Lady Bulls Golf team Hits the Links at Regionals

Courtesy Photo: BSHS

Bloomingdale's Girls Golf Team had a great season finishing strong during regional play on Oct. 25 at Lakewood Ranch. Pictured are Caroline Redden, Isabella Preseau, Coach Cristina Coca, Payton Calhoun, Sydney McLaughlin and Allison Peters.



Bloomingdale High School Salutes our Military

Brief/Photos: Deidre Morgan

Charley Harris Stadium was the site for football and saluting our military on Oct. 20, as the Bloomingdale Bulls took on the Plant City Raiders for Military Appreciation Night. The game was also a crowd "Pink Out" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Pregame activities featured bands from Burns and Dowdell Middle Schools taking the field to play with the BSHS Rajun' Bull Band. The Bloomingdale JROTC carried flags representing each of our military services. Honorary Captains for the game representing the Army and Airforce helped with the coin toss as the game got under way. The game was a big district win for the Bulls who defeated the Raiders 36-29.



JROTC Cadets carried the flags of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.



Burns Middle School Band performs pregame with the Rajun Bull Band.



Two service members were Honorary Captains for the night and helped with the coin toss.



The BSHS student section was a total "Pink Out" for October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Members of the Junior Bulls Cheering Camp showed up in full force to help cheer on the team.



As we head into the holiday season, this is the perfect time to set some early goals for 2018! How about supporting a local school and working on your fitness?

Come out for the Running of the Bulls 5k! The Running of the Bulls 5k is a community race that takes place on the Bloomingdale High School campus. All proceeds go to the Bloomingdale High School Rajun' Bull Band!

Be a part of this fantastic community event and help the band raise money for instrument upgrades and maintenance. The race will start and finish on the track. Runners and walkers are welcome.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018. Time: 8 a.m. Location: Bloomingdale Senior High School.

To sign up, visit: <https://fitniche.com/event/running-bulls-5k/> OR www.facebook.com/bloomingdalebulls5k/.



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