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BNA CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. / BNA Board Meeting / Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road / Call 813-252-0252 for information. Send topics for the agenda to bl.neighbor1@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 18, 8 a.m. / Bloomingdale Community Garage Sale

October / Campo YMCA Trunk or Treat/ Day and details TBA

Saturday, November 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m./ Fall Community Clean-up

Sunday, December 5/ Santa Drive-through

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COMMUNITY CORNER

The Community Corner is a place for residents and businesses to share upcoming events. Send in your community events for the paper and for posting on our social media pages. Email event details to inbloomingdalenews@gmail.com.

AUGUST 10

East Hillsborough Democratic Club Meeting / Come join us at O'Brien's Irish Pub & Grill 701 W. Lumsden Rd at 6:30 p.m. Hillsborough County Supervisor of Election, Craig Latimer will address the group. All like-minded individuals are welcome to attend. For more information go to www.easthillsboroughdems.org or call (813) 677-8300.

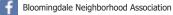
AUGUST 26

Come out to Bullfrog Creek Brewery on Thursday, August 26th 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to support the West Florida Flames U16 boys soccer team! Have some fun, enter our raffles to win prizes, win prizes for playing bingo, and just support a great cause. For more information and to sign up, email WFFMATTCLAREU16@gmail.com

AUGUST 28

St. Andrew's Summer Sale / St. Andrew's United Methodist Church's Granny's Attic Summer Sale is on Saturday, August 28th from 9am to 2pm. Come out and take a look at our gently used merchandise, including books, toys, games, kitchen items, home decor, jewelry, accessories, and more! We are located at 3315 S. Bryan Rd., Brandon, FL 33511. We are also seeking vendors for our Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, October 30th. For more information, call the church office at 813-689-6849, email us at info@saumc.net, or visit saumc.net.







BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY STATION NOTES

By Community Resource Deputy Clifford Fletcher "One Team, One Family, One Community"

Bloomingdale Community Council Meetings (BCC) resumed meetings on July 22. For information on the Bloomingdale Community Council, call the Bloomingdale Community Station at 635-8040.

BACK TO SCHOOL

School will be back in session before you know it. Aug 10th is around the corner! Be smart and do your part... The alternative could cost you more than you think. Lookout for school zone signals and always obey the speed limit. Watch out for our children, near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, and school parking lots. Watch out for your school crossing guards and obey their direction. On several occasions drivers have almost hit the crossing guard and children. Be a good role model. Always buckle up in the car, and follow the pedestrian rules. Your children are watching and will learn from you.

Remember: No texting and driving, and you can't hold your phone in school or construction zones. The safety of your kids and the safety of other kids are much more important than any phone call. Our first concern each school year is the safety and protection of the thousands of kids headed back to school in our community. Many of these kids will be walking or riding their bikes to school for the first time. Some of them will have to walk or ride their bikes in areas where sidewalks have still not been installed. Others will be waiting at bus stops for their school buses near streets and corners.

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Have a safe school year!

Visit our home page https://teamhcso.com/ for more safety tips.

💐 Thank you, Joy Boisselle!

The Gazette and Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association would like to express a heartfelt thanks to Joy Boisselle for her service and dedication to our community. Joy retired in July after lovingly serving our community as the Bloomingdale Gazette Editor and BNA Office Manager. To say she is an integral part of our community is an understatement. Joy served as the Gazette Editor from Aug 2014 to July 2021. Long before that, she was a Gazette reporter. As the BNA Office Manager she always went the extra mile. In addition, she volunteered with the association regularly on top of her two positions. Joy gave the BNA office solidarity and the paper it's excellence in vision, reporting and community support. Our community will feel the effects of Joy's service for years to come.



Joy at her surprise retirement party on June 8.

> Enjoy your retirement Joy and thanks for all you've done!

> > Joy as Editor (second from the right) with the Hillsborough County Large-Scale Communications Award in 2019. (Also pictured, L-R: reporters Jane Owen, Deidre Morgan, and Wendy Knipp).



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Campo YMCA Makes Upgrades and Welcomes New Staff

By Michelle Colesanti

Updates to freshen and brighten the facility are currently in progress at the Campo YMCA, which has now been a part of the Bloomingdale community for more than 20 years. The Welcome Center sports a new wall wrap and freshly painted walls. New furniture is on its way for the Welcome Center and a few common areas so members can have a nice place to sit and relax comfortably. Lighting is in the process of being upgraded to brighten up the Wellness Floor.

The Y also recently welcomed two new staff members: Robyn Ostrem and Ryan Pratt.

Robyn Ostrem joined Campo's staff as Vice President of Operation. Her responsibilities include the oversight of the Campo Family YMCA, New Tampa Family YMCA, Spurlino



Robyn Ostrem, Campo YMCA's new VP of Operations, and Ryan Pratt, Campo YMCA's new Associate Executive Director

Family YMCA and the Association of Teen Leaders Program.

Ostrem said that her focus is to ensure the Y's all provide a quality experience for members, assist with board member recruitment and support fundraising efforts for its Open Doors program, which helps make the Y affordable. She said, "I hope to elevate all the Y has to offer to the greater Valrico community, build a strong vibrant board of advisors and provide first class experiences to all our members and guests."

Ostrem was born and raised in a suburb of Chicago and now lives locally with her husband Matt and two daughters, Katie and Via. In her spare time, she enjoys Yoga, walking her dog Winnie, volunteering and boating.

Ryan Pratt was recently welcomed as Associate Executive Director and oversees the operations at the Campo YMCA.

Pratt says he hopes to provide the most memorable family fitness and wellness experience possible for the members of this community. He added, "I want each and every time you step foot into our facility you know and understand that you are part of our Y family and that we are here to support you on your journey to living a healthy and fulfilling life. I want everyone in this community to know that we are here to support them in any way possible."

Pratt was born and raised in Lansing, MI and now resides locally with his wife Jaeme, who he has been married to for 15 years, and his sons Michael (11) and Liam (5). He is an avid sports fan with a passion for Michigan State football and basketball as well as a huge Detroit sports fan - Lions, Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings.

Campo YMCA is located at 3414 Culbreath Rd. For more information, call 684-1371 or visit www.tampaymca.org/locations/campo-family-ymca.

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Piano lessons in your home!

Aspiring musician Cameron Collins wants to share his love of music with students of all ages.

The 27-year-old received his Associates Degree in music from HCC and his degree in Public Health from USF. Growing up in a musical household, Cameron remembers hearing his dad's music being played on radio stations in Chicago. Inspired by his dad's work, Cameron began creating original music at age 13.

You may have met Cameron at Stonewood Grill where he has worked for several years. However, his goal is to make a living creating music, playing live performances and writing music for video games. He has been teaching piano for three years.

Why give lessons? "My main goal is to make sure my students truly enjoy playing and have fun learning. I focus on teaching songs to students that they are truly interested in learning," he explained.

Cameron offers one-on-one lessons – 30 minutes for \$25/ 60 minutes for \$45. He has taught students as young as 4 years old up to 70 years old.

Why pick Cameron over other teachers? "I think what sets me apart is my undying love for music and the fact that I want to share that same joy with others. I strive to make each lesson unique and entertaining as well as an enjoyable, memorable process."

Be on the lookout for his new 4-track Extended Play coming out on iTunes and Spotify within a couple weeks!



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Bloomingdale Resident Rob Kennedy Knows the Power of Working for What You Love

Bloomingdale residents, Rob, Heather, Quinn and Allie Kennedy experienced the Lightning Stanley Cup Championship victory like no one else in Bloomingdale. At the end of the game, Rob stood in the center of the rink and held the Stanley Cup high above his head. The celebration continued with the team afterwards.

Rob Kennedy is the Lightning Assistant Equipment Manager.

His story to the cup begins with a passion for the game and continues with an unwavering devotion.

He has been involved with hockey since 1992. In high school, he would play pickup hockey games with his friends several of which who were on the high school team. One night after they couldn't play because the rink was rented, his friends suggested he try out for the team. The tryouts were the next day. With nothing to lose and free time on the ice to gain, Rob and three friends decided to go for it. They ended making the junior varsity team as seniors.

In college, at the University of Illinois-Chicago, Rob went looking for a job and recalls thinking it would be great to work with the school's hockey team. He asked around and was introduced to the school's equipment manager. He landed an interview with the Flames hockey head coach Larry Predrie.

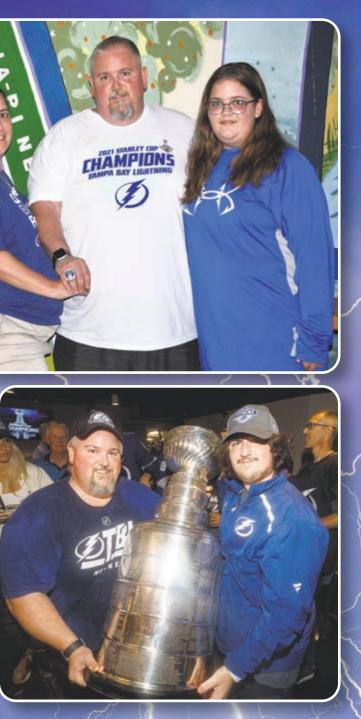
Just as he did in high school, Rob went for it. He remembers, "I had zero experience. In the interview, I walk in. The head coach says he's looking for a guy that has hockey experience and lives on campus. I had none of the things he was looking for, but I kept going with the interview."

A couple days later, Coach Predrie calls him up and hires him. Rob recalls the conversation like this: The coach says, 'Alright, we have one position available. I want you to know that you are not getting that position. But we are bringing you on, anyway. We are creating a job for you.' This is hugely important to what's made my career. The other kid quit by Christmas. He quit. I didn't quit."

Four years later when the Flames hockey program was discontinued, Rob asked Pedrie why he was hired when he didn't have any of the criteria for the job. His response has guided Rob all the years since.







"If you do what you love, you are going to work hard at it. It will payoff. People think that's a cliché but it's not. If you love what you do, you are always going to work hard but you are never going to work a day in your life. It's the absolute truth. It is for me and it is for anyone."

Rob Kennedy

"He told me, When I talked to you, I could tell you had a passion for the game. You loved hockey. I gambled because you would work hard because of it. And I was right," Rob said.

Being passionate lead to Rob's success as an equipment manager and it is central to the way he lives.

"If you have a passion, and you have a chance, take the chance. I live by that," he said.

After school, Rob took every opportunity he could. He worked in a skate shop. He got hired on by the Chicago Wolves. He constantly pushed forward. He worked his way to the NHL, starting as an assistant equipment manager with the Lightning in 2007.

As equipment manager, Rob sharpens skates, repairs equipment, keeps the game jerseys in good shape and prepares for away games. The equipment managers make shot blockers and pads. Rob is the manager who works with the laser cutter.

Rob explains the job this way, "My number one job is to take away the excuses."

GAME DAY RITUALS

If you've been a Lightning fan for long, you have probably heard about Victor Hedmen's game day ritual with his equipment manager. Before each game, Hedman skates over to Rob. Rob lays his hands flat with his fingers spread and stares straight ahead. Hedman then uses his stick to move quickly go through Rob's fingers. If you ask Rob about the tradition, he says, "It's only weird if it doesn't work."

Superstitions come easily in hockey. "If I did something and we won, I did the same thing the next time," said Rob. It's the same with most of the staff and players.

The Kennedy family also has rituals. Quinn makes brownies every away game for the playoffs. According to Allie, "At the beginning of the game, Quinn takes his two brownies. I take my two brownies. No one else can have those brownies." During the 2020 season when the family wasn't allowed to attend games, Heather, Quinn and Allie had their routine: Head to Bullfrog Creek Brewery for food, Jeremiah's Italian Ice and then have the brownies.

SHARING THE LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP WITH FRIENDS

The experience with the Lightning has been incredible and something the Kennedys enjoy sharing with friends.

For Quinn and Allie, the players are friends. They have grown up with Steven Stamkos and Victor Hedmen as friends. They are like older brothers to them.

The Kennedys say the Bloomingdale community has been super supportive since the day they moved to Bloomingdale seven years ago.

"Our inner circle of neighbors are incredible," Rob said. "Our neighbor from across the street is also from Chicago. We had a bond right away. Our next door neighbor to the north is from Cuba. He is the biggest Lighting fan you will ever meet."

It's customary that players and the staff of the winning team get to spend a day with the Stanley Cup trophy in the off-season. After the Championship win in 2020, Rob shared his Stanley Cup day with friends in Bloomingdale. Among the places he took the cup, he spent time at Bullfrog Creek Brewery and Heroes Only Barber Shop.

Rob couldn't help but share the cup with the community. He said, "The victory is meant to be shared. It's not meant to be kept to yourself."

For Rob and Heather, the journey to the Stanley Cup wins have been powerful. They are aware that they have an exceptional experience with the Lightning.

Rob's name will be on the Stanley Cup for generations to come (63 years). "My name is on that trophy. It is amazing," Rob said.

Heather adds, "We have memories that will last a life time. We are forever bonded with these teams!"

TRAVEL: Explore a Taste of Germany in Helen, Georgia's Alpine Wonders

By Michelle Colesanti, Photos by Michelle Colesanti

Fall is a beautiful time of year in the Appalachian foothills of northern Georgia. A nine hour road trip from Bloomingdale will get you to Helen, Georgia, which hosts the longest running Oktoberfest celebration in the United States.

When you arrive in Helen, you will feel like you have just been transported to a small Bavarian village in Germany. This year, Helen hosts it's 50th anniversary celebration (postponed from 2020 due to Covid).

Helen's Festhalle (German community center) is its permanent home for the celebration where you will enjoy traditional polka dancing, food, and of course, beer. Revelers dress in traditional attire, lederhosen and dirndls.

Oktoberfest is a big draw, but there is so much more to do and see in this family-oriented destination that you may want to consider a trip any time of the year.

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Helen, Georgia, located in the Appalachian foothills, is a great family destination. Its main event takes place each fall offering the longest running Oktoberfest celebration in the United States.



hooch"), is by far the most popular activity from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The Helen area is noted for its waterfalls with great hiking opportunities. The most popular is Ana Ruby Falls, located a few miles from town within the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. To reach the falls, there is a very popular half mile moderately steep, well-maintained trail. The hike is well worth the effort as the falls are beautiful. Unicoi State Park is located next to the falls.

In addition to the outdoor activities, downtown Helen has about 200 specialty shops offering everything from candle making and glass blowing to cuckoo clocks and quilts. Make sure to visit Betty's Country Store for grocery needs or anything from old fashioned candy to local wines and souvenirs. They have an outdoor bar area where you can enjoy breakfast and lunch.

There are a few traditional German restaurants you should plan to enjoy. Mully's Nacoochee Grill, which is located just outside of the busy downtown, offers what is called elevated Southern cuisine.

Events for this year's Oktoberfest will run from September 9 through November 7. For information on Helen, GA visit: https://www.helenchamber.com/oktoberfest-menu/ oktoberfest-info.html or call 706-878-1619.

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Bloomingdale Student Stars in Two Films

By Jane Owen



Bloomingdale High School Senior Isaiah Campbell is set to star in his first full-motion film, The Force. He recently played the lead role in the movie short, Dead Sleep.

Both films are produced by Axion Pictures, a film and production company based in Bloomingdale.

The Force is a superhero film and a follow-up to the Black Sai, which premiered at the Riverview Escape Theater on July 14. Isaiah plays one of two separated siblings and is a villain in the film.

He is up for the challenge of his first full-length movie. His enthusiasm shows on his face when talks about the The Force. "It's exciting because of the experiences I am

going to have with a full cast and crew," he explains.

Isaiah became interested in acting as a kid after he saw an interview with Cameron Boyce, an actor from the Disney show, Jesse. He says he was impressed: "I was really young and I thought the shows were real. Then, I saw an interview with him, and I was like- this guy is really good at what he does."

Isaiah had his first leading role playing Santa in an elementary school holiday play in the 5th grade. In high school, Isaiah had a role in a musical and found resolve in the words of a teacher:

"My English teacher, Ms. Cisneros, always told me if I want to do it, if I want to act, I have to work hard for it. She said, if you really want it, you go get it."

Acting in The Force is a goal coming to fruition for Isaiah. He has advice for others pursing their dreams: "Keep chasing what you want to do. If you think it isn't going to be hard, you're plain and simple wrong. If you want it, don't give up. If you want to do it enough, chase your dreams and decide to work hard for it."

Filming for The Force starts in October. Derrick Perez, director and producer of Axion films, says The Force is set to premier in late January or February.

Isaiah plans to go to UCF after he graduates to get a Bachelor of Arts in Theater. He will continue to work with Axion Pictures. For more information on Axion Pictures, go to https://www.axionpictures.com.

"If you want it, don't give up. If you want to do it enough, chase your dreams and decide to work hard for it."

Isaiah Campbell, actor and BSHS Senior





Makeup artist Amelia Worthey doing Isaiah's makeup

August School News

All of our schools have their open house tomorrow, August 5th! See below for Open House info for each school.



ALAFIA ELEMENTARY

Website: www.hillsboroughschools.org/alafia

Back to School Sneak Peak:

Peeps/VPK & Kindergarten: 8-9 AM Grades 1-5 Last names starting with A-M: 1:30 - 2:30 Grades 1-5 Last names starting with N-Z: 2:30 - 3:30

CIMINO ELEMENTARY

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Meet the Teacher:

Last names starting with A-I: 10-10:45 Last names starting with J-R: 11-11:45 Last names starting with S-Z: 1-1:45

BURNS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Open House: 6th Graders: 1:30-3:30 7th and 8th Graders: 4-5:30 Note: 6th grade families will report to 1st period at 1:30. They will run through your student's schedule in order beginning at 1:45

BLOOMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Open House: 5-7 p.m.

9th grade schedule distribution begins at 5 p.m. in the auditorium lobby.

New parent meeting: 5 p.m. in the auditorium. New student meeting: 5 p.m. in the gym.

Canvas Training for parents: 5:30 in the media center.

10-12th grade students: Schedules are available on Canvas beginning August 5.

Adopt a Hillsborough Teacher

For the second year in a row, The Adopt a Hillsborough Teacher Facebook group is providing tremendous support to Hillsborough County teachers getting their classrooms ready for school. The page was started in July of 2020 by two Bloomingdale residents, Brooke Elkins and Lorra Gilman, who wanted to provide teachers extra support during the pandemic. The Facebook group holds over 14,000 members made up of either teachers in the county or community members who are wanting to support.



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Bulls Ready for 21-22 School Year



MEET THE BULLS

Come Meet the Bulls on August 13th!

August 13th at the Stadium. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the main office. The tickets provide admission, food and entry into a raffle drawing. The Red & White football scrimmage will start at 7:30. All Fall sports will be recognized and the Rajun' Bull Band will play.

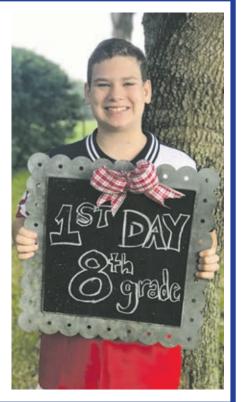
BULLS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

8/20: Riverview Sarasota (Away)
8/27: Gaither (Away)
9/3: Newsome (Home)
9/10: Jesuit (Away)
9/17: Lennard (Home)
10/1: East Bay (Away)
10/8: Plant City (Away)
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10/15: Armwood (Home)
10/22: Palmetto (Home)
10/29: Manatee Bradenton (Away)
11/5: Hillsborough (Home)



Back-to-School Photos Wanted

The Gazette wants your back-to-school photos for our September 1st issue! Please send us high resolution images (1 MB or higher, if possible) of students with their names and the schools they are attending. Send images to inbloomingdalenews@ gmail.com by August 22.



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As a veteran of the U.S.A.F., Dan and his wife Barbara know the joy in coming home. Let these Bloomingdale locals help you find a place worth coming home to!

Killsborough County School Calendar January 17, 2022 Martin Luther King Day

August 12, 2021 First Day of School

September 6, 2021 Labor Day Holiday

October 8, 2021 End of Frist Grading Period

November 11, 2021 Veterans Day

November 22nd-26th Fall Break

December 17th, 2021 End of Second Grading Period

Closed December 20th-31st Winter Break

> January 3, 2022 Non-Student Day

February 18, 2022 Non-Student Day

Closed February 21, 2022 Presidents' Day

Closed March 7, 2022 Non-Student Day

March 11, 2022 End of Third Grading Period

Closed March 14th-18th Spring Break

Closed March 21, 2022 Non-Student Day

closed April 15, 2022 Non-Student Day

May 27, 2022 Last Day of School End of Fourth Grading Period



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