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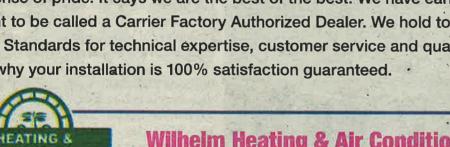
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Bloomingdale Homeowners Association 3rd Annual Family Fest

By SUSAN GREEN

Who says you can't mix Bloomingdale business with pleasure?

Dozens of families, tor. business owners and nondale Homeowners Associ-Festival.

new ways to come down a' County Fire Rescue. giant inflated slide and got Bloomingdale Club.

Bloomingdale sponsored the event.

let people know we're Brandon area," Miller said. You. She set up a table of

here," said Jane Lee, Homeowners Association direc-

Among other exhibitors profit groups did just that were Amoroso Cabinetry, last month on a cool, sun- The Chadderton Real Esny day at the Blooming- tate Group, All-State Insurance, Huntington Learnation 3rd Annual Family ing Center, Surface Solve Floor Center, The Tampa Kids took turns finding Tribune and Hillsborough

Tutor Time, a longtime their faces painted, courte-preschool and after-school sy of artist Heather L. Wal-care provider in Bloomington. Parents visited busi- dale West, sponsored a ness exhibits, collected crafts table for children. coupons and free gifts and Business owner Susan sampled hot wings from Miller said the school is Beef O' Brady's or brus- going to give up its franchetta appetizers from chise and change its name Stonewood Grill. The to Village Community event was held at the Learning Center this Golfers month, and she wants residents to know it's the It's the third year the same operation that has Home- welcomed Bloomingdale owners Association has children for 10 years. "We have the highest VPK (vol-"We just wanted to get untary preschool and kin- turned out included Emily out in the community and dergarten) scores in the Pryor of That's Groomer to



Business owners who

bile grooming van and greeted guests accompanied by Duffy, a cairn terrier she adopted from a rescue organization. She said his previous owners couldn't deal with Duffy's allergies. "He's so allergic to corn that if you eat popcorn and don't wash strolled the festival area your hands before touch- with three former raceing him, he will be in ago- track dogs hoping to find ny," Pryor said. She said homes: Pete, 10; Tyson, 8; many pet owners don't realize that dogs often are allergic to corn, and many ingdale checked out the commercial dog foods contain the grain. She car- eye on her children, Rylee, ries a line of corn-free pet 5; Willa, 3; and Carolina, 1 food products, along with She said she attends eve such canine pleasers as year. pumpkin butter and bapeanut

only dog on display.

wares in front of her mo-

Kerri Brown talks to exhibitors while tending her children, Carolina, Willa and Rylee (foreground) at the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association Family Festival.

Representatives of The Greyhound Gang of Florida, based in Seffner, and Wendy, 5.

Kerri Brown of Bloomexhibits while keeping an

"I like just getting out butter and seeing the neighborbiscotti. Duffy was not the hood businesses," said.



Hillsborough County Fire Rescue put one of its trucks on display at the third annual Bloomingdale Homeowners Association Family Festival.

Bloomingdale in the pink for Project Cure

By SUSAN GREEN

About 200 month, covering 1,200 miles and raising more than \$8,200 for breast can- ed to walk up to 60 miles agnosed with the disease. cer research at H. Lee over three days, similar to Moffitt Cancer Center.

School, founded the fundschool died from breast walk Oct. 30. cancer.

3-Day Walk after they dis- fun walk. Riding part of the

covered the Komen pro- way in Wizda's arms was people gram donates grant money walked or worked volun- to Planned Parenthood, a at Bloomingdale East last families find objectionable, Huetteman said.

Participants were invit-Brandon, along with sever- family fun walk around al other parents associated Nature's Way and Culwith St. Stephen Catholic breath Road. About 173 people, including at least raiser in 2006 after the 80 St. Stephen students, mother of a student at the participated in the fun otto, in the fun walk,

The founders wanted an 9-year-old daughter, Car- to breast cancer. alternative to the well- syn, of Valrico were among

Bean, a yorkie-poo puppy.

"My brother's teer tables for Project Cure cause many St. Stephen passed away from breast cancer two years ago,' Wizda said, adding that a family friend has been di-

Elizabeth Riotto, 6, went the Komen event. Project to neighbors' homes in Lisa Huetteman of Val- Cure also offered smaller Boyette Springs to raise rico and Mary Owens of efforts, including a 4-mile money and donated some of her own savings. Decked out head to toe in several shades of pink, she participated with her parents, Denise and Chris Ri-

Denise Riotto said she Sammee Wizda and her lost two aunts in Chicago



"We're walking for the Families get a second wind after they round the corner of Culbreath Road and Naknown Susan G. Komen those who set out on the ones left behind," she said. ture's Way Boulevard and head toward the finish of a family fun walk at Bloomingdale CURE, Page 6 East Park.

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Elizabeth Riotto, 6, sets out on the 4-mile family fun walk for Project Cure. Behind her is her mother, Denise, and father, Chris.

CURE

From Page 5

Shane and Jennifer Du-Guay of Riverview walked the 4-mile stretch with their four children: Caleb. 15; Liam, 13; Mary Jane, 9; and Elisabeth, 5.

Hanna Skelly, 10, a student at St. Stephen, collected \$380 for the cause in her FishHawk Ranch neighborhood. She and her mother, Lauri Skelly, walked and talked during the 4-mile circuit.

"It's a good cause and a good thing to do as mother and daughter," said Lauri Skelly.

Huetteman, who walked 60 miles over three days, said Project Cure is run by volunteers, allowing 100 percent of the proceeds to go to Moffitt. She thanked St. Stephen School's National Junior Honor Soci-



Hanna Skelly, 10, hugs her mother, Lauri, as the pair walk the last few steps of a 4-mile family fun walk to raise money for breast cancer research.

ety and volunteer Mary Guardian Information Sys-Stablein for providing food tems created the website, for participants, Coca- www.projectcure.stste-Cola for donating water, phencatholic.org, where and Messner Publications people can still go to dofor donating brochures. nate money.



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Kalef to take the mound at State College of Florida

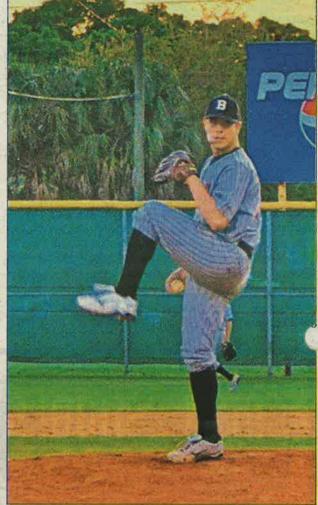
By SUSAN GREEN

Robby Kalef of Brandon, a senior at Bloomingdale. High School, has parlayed his pitching talents on the baseball team into a yearlong scholarship at State College of Florida, formerly known as Manatee Community College.

Kalef, 17, also fielded offers from Daytona and Polk state colleges and Lake Sumter Community College. He said he chose State College after visiting the campus and admiring the updated sports facilities. He plans to room off campus with a catcher he met playing in an AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) league.

Kalef said he has played baseball since age 4 and likes "everything about it," especially the teamwork. He joined the Blooming-dale team in his freshman year. The right-hander's record last year was 1-2 with a 3.54 earned run average in 29 2/3 innings.

Bloomingdale baseball coach Kris Wilken said he has enjoyed working with Kalef. Asked what recruiters likely saw in the pitcher, Wilken said, "Work ethic, work ethic,"



SUSAN GREEN

Robby Kalef on the mound at Bloomingdale Senior High School.

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KIM WALLACE

TV Production teacher of 7 years Mr. James Anteau received Teacher of the Year Award at Bloomingdale High.



KIM WALLAC

Ms. Kathy Fallin, IEP Assistant of 13 years received Support Employee of the Year at Bloomingdale High.

Alafia Elementary award winners



KIM WALLACE

23 years of service at Alafia Elementary, Mrs. Rachell Driggers is awarded Support Employee of the Year.



KIM WALLACE

Ms. Angela Halle 5th grade teacher of 5 years received the Ida S. Baker Award at Alafia Elementary.



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Mrs. Joan Kabat 5th grade teacher of 23 years received the Teacher of the Year Award at Alafia Elementary.



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Ms. Athena Wilson Reading
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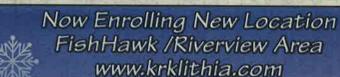
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BY KIM WALLACE

one thing that stands out about McKenzie, not only is she a great player, but she is dedicated and loyal to her team. She has always treated everybody the same, whether younger or older. McKenzie says, she is excited about the move to North Carolina. Even though it was very hard to choose from Georgia, Georgia Tech, Penn State and Pennsylvania, she knows her final pick is the right move for her and her career.

Pictured is McKenzie signing to Elon University, with her little ster Payton, brother Zack and parents Trish and Jeff.



KIM WALLACE

BSHS hosts District Swim Meet

Bloomingdale student Jared Lawson shows determination during district swim meet.





KIM WALLACE

Just say no

Cimino second-graders have dance out during Say No To Drugs.



Congratulations Bandits

On Halloween weekend, the Bloomingdale Bandits played in the RBI Baseball 2010 Fall Grand Slam Tournament in North Tampa. Fifteen teams competed in this age group and the Bloomingdale Bandits placed second in the 12U Elite Division.

Left to right, bottom row: Daniel Neely, Brett Martin, Nick Lewis, Vladimir Zavala, Jonathan Hermann, Garret Atkins; top row, left to right: Christian Freeman, Coach Buddy Lewis, Alec Six, Coach D.J. Peña, Tom McGuire, Ryan Peña, Coach Rob McGuire, Zach Barfield. Let's give a big congratulations to the Bloomingdale Bandits!





St Stephen Car **Wash Fund Raiser**

St. Stephen's Catholic Church is hosting a car wash fundraiser Sunday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 12, both days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Car Wash on the Greens, Car Wash on the Greens is located on the corner of Lithia-Pinecrest Road and Erindale Drive.

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Poinsettia trivia

By SUSAN GREEN

They seem to be everywhere this time of year, but poinsettias are not native to Florida. They originated in Mexico.

Joel Poinsett, the first U.S. home to South Carolina in er. 1828. Since then, many cultivars have been developed in Southern Califor-

and Home Depot are major retailers of the popular holiday flower. Prices in corner of Lumsden Road late November were as low and Parsons Avenue in as \$3 per plant at some Brandon, where proceeds locations. Local indepen- are donated to local

terviewed said they no longer routinely stock poinsettias because it's difficult to compete with chain store prices.

Contrary to popular be-According to the Smith- lief, the Smithsonian resonian Institution, the ports, the plants are not plants get their name from poisonous. The red, white or pink leaves are called ambassador to Mexico. He bracts. The vellow center, sent the first cuttings called cyathia, is the flow-

Several Bloomingdale schools benefit from poinsettia fundraisers. A longstanding place to buy the Today, Walmart, Lowes crimson Christmas favor- dens.si.edu/horticulture/ ites has been set up again this vear at the northeast dent nursery owners in- schools.

Here are some tips for increasing the life and beauty of poinsettias:

 Place plants where they can receive bright but indirect sunlight.

• Keep poinsettias away from drafts, such as occur when doors and windows are opened.

· The soil should remain moist but not wet.

· Fertilizers are not needed when the flowers are in bloom.

For information, visit the Smithsonian Gardens website at www.garres_ed/fctsht/poinst.htm

Poinsettias were plentiful a few days before Thanksgiving at the Walmart in Bloomingdale Square.



PHOTO BY SUSAN GREEN





'Tis the season for safe driving

Last month I addressed ers is whether or not to more dangerous than talk- the time to follow them. the important topic of wear our seat belt and to teens and safe driving. I insist that anyone riding am sad to report that just with us wears theirs. It is since that time Bloomingdale and one of its families has lost a teen to an auto accident. Nineteen-vearold Nicole Petrakis lost her life in an accident on Natures Way Boulevard. Unfortunately, she was not wearing her seat belt. Family and friends set up a beautiful memorial at the accident scene in her honor. We truly wish this accident had never occurred. To further honor her memory we ask that her family and friends pledge that they will ensure everyone they know wears their riding with you. Texting seat belt.

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secure this season. Take

- WHILE SHOPPING Be extra cautious and stay aware of your surroundings and your actions. Don't get in a big rush and be careless. Whenever possible, shop in groups. Do not leave your car unlocked. Do not leave packages or other valuables in your car - lock them in the trunk. And lock up your vehicles at home, also.
- WHILE TRAVELING tivities including shopping Secure your home before you head out for holiday traveling or shopping. Burglars watch for homes and vehicles that are "easy tar-Following these safety gets," especially those with and security tips will help garage doors and vehicles each of you stay safe and left open. And don't put on

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Facebook that you are out shopping or traveling. This information can get into the wrong hands.

. WHILE DRIVING - Do not drink and drive or ride with those who do. Talk to your teens about the dangers of drinking and driving and make sure you set the right example. A few minutes discussing the dangers and setting strict rules can save a life - your teen's life.

CITATIONS FOR **MOTORIZED** SCOOTERS, MOPEDS **AND MINI-CYCLES**

Every Christmas many parents buy their kids motorized scooters, mopeds or mini-cycles. To the kids these are cool ways to get

cial Florida statutes that cover the use of these mothe rules are not followed the result can be criminal uniform traffic citations and mandatory court appearances.

chase one of these motorized vehicles, checkout the Florida Statutes that cover the operation of mopeds, motorized scooters and mini-cycles.

◆ Florida Statute 322.03 states that if a "non-licensed operator" is caught operating one of these vehicles on a public roadway the operator can be issued a criminal uniform traffic citation.

Florida Statute 316.1995 covers the operation of these motorized vehicles on sidewalks.

• Florida Statute 320.02 covers the registration re-

However, there are spe-quirements for these vehicles.

♦ Florida Statute 322.35 torized vehicles and when covers the penalties that parents who allow unlicensed minors to operate these motorized vehicles will face.

Parents, before you pur- cles do not meet Federal safety guidelines. These motorized vehicles can only be operated by operators under age 16 on private property and then onproperty owner.

Besides these very strict forcement statutes, these motorized vehicles pose a very serious danger to young rid- lems with homes that have harm when they crash into homes under foreclosure partment at (813) 274-6639 than likely be fatal. Think very seriously before purchasing one, please.

SHERIFF'S **BLOOMINGDALE AREA** COMMUNITY COUNCIL (BACC) 2001 - 2011

The BACC experienced a very good year with sev-Scooters and mini-cy- eral important topics addressed during 2010. One of these very important topics was covered at the November meeting with a special guest, Jonathan Williams, from the Hillsly with permission of the borough County Housing and Community Code En-Department present at the meeting. Jonathan discussed probgear will keep them from noted that, "with more

The BACC is looking forward to 2011 and needs your participation on the BACC Counci...As an organized and active group we will continue to make the Bloomingdale area a safer and more secure community.

drugs and even used to set ficers in monitoring these sion businesses. They also dangers they present. pose a serous danger when

left unattended." dents keep a watch out for your homes that have been bring your issues of conforeclosed in their neigh- cern. As an organized and borhoods and report any active group we will coners. No amount of safety been foreclosed on. He suspicious activity to the tinue to make the Bloom-Code Enforcement De- ingdale area a safer and or are hit by a car or truck. there are more problems or to the Bloomingdale Call (813) 635-8040 for in-Any accident will more with misuse of these Community Station at formation. homes. These homes have (813) 635-8040. Your help been vandalized, used for will assist law enforcement Sheriff's Office have a safe grow houses for illegal and code enforcement of- and secure holiday season!

up illegal auto transmis- homes and reduce the

The BACC is looking forkids get into them or ward to 2011 and needs around the pools that are your participation on the BACC Council. You are in-He asked that all resi- vited to come represent community and more secure community.

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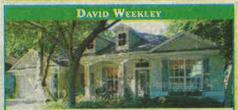
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