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You gotta have 'art'

By KATHY DOTSON

On entering the hotel, you discover the imposing structure is no ordinary Holiday Inn.

The roar of a waterfall and scent of freshly cut flowers bid a hearty welcome.

A stroll through the lobby invites every guest to experience the fine arts.

Welcome to the new Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Sabal Park.

In the process of upgrading its image, the Crowne Plaza has converted part of its public space into an art gallery to showcase local artists.

"The hotel accommodates the gallery with special lighting and also gives us access to hotel staff and food," said Cheryl S. Kuck, an artist and director of fine arts and cultural affairs at the hotel.

"The Crowne Plaza is being very open to our needs. This is a community-friendly hotel with true community spirit."

The first "Community Participation for the Arts" exhibit was held in January and showcased Kuck's works of wildlife and third-world people.

Her style utilizes tiny brushes dipped in ink with the final product appearing almost three-dimensional.

"It takes me close to seven months to finish a painting," Kuck said. "I like doing things the hard way."

Kuck, who has traveled and lived all over the world, admits that Africa has made a tremendous impact upon her life.

Her Crowne Plaza gallery, Wilde 'N Wonderful, serves as the Florida headquarters of the East African Wildlife Society.

"The society helps endangered species like the elephant and rhino," Kuck said.

New exhibits are introduced the second Friday of each month.

"Each show will have an invitational reception," said Kuck, who arranges the gallery's



Photo by KATHY DOTSON

Cheryl Kuck, below, works on art at Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. Above, artwork is on exhibit.



The new gallery was designed for local artists and craftsmen.

Works from the featured artists will be on display throughout the month for public viewing.

All artwork will be for sale.

"In addition to our receptions and art display in the lobby and restaurant, we are working on using two wings of the hotel as galleries equipped with benches and chairs where the public can view the artwork 24 hours a day," Kuck said.

Hotel general manager Roger N. Razaki said he hopes the exhibitions will become a community show case.

"The public will have the opportunity to meet area artists, and the artists will have a new opportunity to show their work," he said. "There is clearly a need in the community for these kinds of programs."

Upcoming monthly receptions include a salute to Black History Month featuring African-American works of art on Friday, Feb. 14. The exhibit continues through March 8.

"This is both a performing and visual-arts display," Kuck said.

Scheduled to appear is poet Gloria Stevens. Her readings reflect the strength of African women. "Praise Ensemble," an international rock 'n' roll group with emphasis on the gospel, will en-

tertain.

From March 13 through April 5, Brandon artist Jerry Fields, known for his renditions of U.S. military "on maneuvers" and scenes of the Tampa Bay area, will be showcased.

The month of April invites amateur talent to "Art in the Park."

The exhibit invites artisans adept at such crafts as calligraphy, woodcarving, needlepoint and quilting.

"Someone who does not do it professionally, Kuck said.

Anyone wishing to attend an opening or have artwork considered for a future show should telephone Kuck at 623-6363.

The Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza is located off Interstate 75 on Martin Luther King Boulevard (exit 52) at 10221 Princess Palm Ave. in Sabal Park.

Parks East, West get assist

By PAM PULLEY

Bloomingdale East and West parks are preening.

The new pine and oak saplings are flexing their muscles. A fence discharges the aroma of freshly cut wood. Graffiti that secked away at homespun values is but a memory.

But it could return, late at night, when teens cart a bucket of paint to the racquetball court walls.

"We paint them every six months or more often if the graffiti is really bad," said Jeff Mauch, recreation maintenance south manager of the Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department.

The parks were deeded to the county in the summer of 1986 by the community's developer, Criterion Corp., and the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association.

The deed was accompanied by \$25,000 from Criterion for needed improvements, said John Brill, senior recreation specialist with the department.

"When they went to deed the property to the county, it was in bad shape," Brill said. "A lot of money was going to have to be spent and we couldn't earmark the money when we didn't know we would get the land."

"So, Criterion threw some money in the pot to do improvements."

In the past three months, the parks and recreation department has built a 1,150-foot-long staggered board and post fence between Park East and Nature's Way.

The old split-rail fence was "falling down," Mauch said.

Some 30 pine and 20

oak saplings were also planted in Park East to ease erosion.

"That area is kind of like a hill and tends to erode when it rains," Mauch said.

The four tennis courts and two basketball courts should sport fresh green paint within the next two months, he added.

Mauch is responsible for the maintenance of 70 parks in south Hillsborough County.

"Whenever we see needed improvements, we take care of it as soon as we can," he said. "And the sanitation crew goes there once a week to dump garbage cans."

Park East has five acres. Big brother Park West sports 40.

Improvements to the park west of Bell Shoals Road will be more costly

when a staggered, 2,000-foot-long fence is erected within a year.

The fence at Park East cost \$2,300, with another \$1,500 for county labor, Mauch said.

The fence planned for Park West should cost "twice that," he added.

"The split-rail fencing is there now. It gets raggedy and people like to sit on it and it is not that sturdy."

A waterline was driven to the softball field in Park West for irrigation this past October.

The clay field needs to be watered down for proper maintenance, Mauch said.

Other recent improvements to Park West include the installation of playground equipment with a

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Photo by PAM PULLEY

Bloomingdale Park East has been outfitted with a staggered fence by Hillsborough County between its boundaries and Nature's Way.

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All meetings take place at the Bloomingdale Community Office (see map on left). These are public meetings and all Bloomingdale residents are invited.

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Monthly Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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**No rain falls
on her parade**

By PAM PULLEY
For Madeleine Golletz, civic involvement is more than a state of mind.

It is *WORK*.
Leg work. Enough telephone work to make her small voice a rasp. Lots of getting-along-with-people work.

Golletz, a Bloomingdale East resident, has spearheaded Brandon's Fourth of July Parade since 1985. It has doubled in size during that time.

Two years ago, she baptized the community's Veterans Day Parade.

And, for six years, she has dressed in red to represent "Mrs. Santa" for seniors and youth groups.

"You know you are helping other people," Golletz says. "I like to stay busy."

Golletz, 50, and her husband Hugh moved to Bloomingdale from Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1984.

Inactivity was an uncomfortable companion for the former committee woman of the Allegheny County Democratic Party and secretary of a homeowners' association.

The Brandon Newcomers' Club welcomed her aboard as an officer who served on the Presidents' Roundtable, a group of representatives from some 30 civic and not-for-profit organizations in the Brandon area.

She was the group's president in 1986 and 1987.

"I am now just a mem-

ber because of the work that I do," Golletz said.

Work begins this month on the 35th annual Fourth of July Parade.

Problems are convincing school band members to dust off their instruments during the summer and "trying to return everybody's phone calls," Golletz said.

She mails entry forms to potential participants who have swelled the parade's girth over the years.

"When I took it over, it was a small, very nice parade," Golletz said. "It was basically a Brandon parade. Now people come from all over."

The coordination has eased despite the growth to 130 units by 1991.

"Once you do the first one, the second one is easier," Golletz said. Still, she envisions the need for a committee to handle the overload.

"It's me, my mother (Nena) and my husband. It's getting so I will have to draft more people."

The East Hillsborough Summer Band comprised on 150 students from schools in the area is an annual participant.

The floats, clowns, horses, civic groups and dignitaries are traditions in the 2-1/2-hour parade--although the floats have taken a beating in recent years due to cost hikes in leasing.

"They are costing between \$1,800 and \$2,500," Golletz said. "The driver



Madeleine Golletz takes time from busy day to pick up her mail in Bloomingdale East.

Photo by PAM PULLEY

brings it from the float company and then takes it back."

Civic and church groups are borrowing and outfitting flatbeds to restrict expenditures, she said.

Incidentals occupy her time on July 3.

"Hundreds of people are calling me, I have to make sure the reviewing stand is taken care of, the cars are ready for honorary people and the grand marshal, the award plaques are done....," she said.

By 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. on July 4, the parade is history.

"I come home and take a nap," she said, laughing. "Then we go out for fireworks."

The Veterans Day Parade--have the size of its mid-summer counterpart--is struggling in infancy.

"We can't get enough people to come out and watch it," Golletz said. It attracts some 3,000 parade aficionados. Big brother is

the champ with a turnout of 20,000.

Both events are sponsored by the Presidents' Roundtable.

Golletz said discussion is underway on combining the Veterans Day event with a Christmas parade.

But, life is not a parade of parades. Occasionally there is rain.

Two years ago Madeleine Golletz underwent surgery for colon cancer and three months of chemotherapy.

"Thanks to God, people's prayers and an excellent surgeon, I am fine," she said. "(The activities) help to keep my mind off of it."

Golletz, a registered nurse who works part time at the Primus Clinic in Brandon, urges that rectal bleeding not be misdiagnosed as hemorrhoids.

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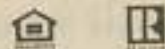
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By PAM PULLEY

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"We like it. When I get (another publication) in the mail, I drop it in the trash," said Steve Egan, co-owner of Frankie D's restaurant. "I read the Gazette."

Egan said the restaurant patronizes other Gazette advertisers.

"We never go into Tampa for anything we need. We stay in south Brandon. The advertising is great and reasonably priced."

Tim Roberts, co-owner of Teachers' Helper, said the Gazette's high readership among its 3,500-home circulation makes it a good advertising vehicle.

Teachers' Helper has advertised in the newspaper for one year.

"We have advertised in (other local publications) and we flat didn't get any results that we could see...but people come in and say, 'Yeah, we saw the ad in the Gazette.'"

"It's definitely a paper that people are reading; it's not being tossed."

Chuck Frenz and Donna Sullenberger, realtors with The Prudential Florida Realty, have advertised in the Gazette for one year-- with success.

"We can trace sales directly to what we are doing with the Gazette," Frenz said. "We will be continuing."

Fields Art & Framing has benefitted from advertising in the Gazette.

Owner Jerry Field credits the community readership.

"I like advertising in the Gazette because it is a neighborhood vehicle," he said.

"I consider myself to be a neighborhood shop. I prefer catering to people I know."

Astrid Davies, owner of Pat & Mike's Nursery, is a 12-year advertiser.

Davies, a Bloomingdale resident, said she prefers to advertise in her community newspaper.

"We've been around so long...we are just kind of the neighborhood nursery," she said. "All in all, people look at the ad and expect it to be in the Gazette."

Elliott Flomberg of Brandon T.V. and VCR said customer response to advertising in the Gazette has waned in the last 10 years.

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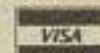
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By DIANE RAGGARD-WRIGHT, DMD

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Consider sunlight to a tree. A tree normally grows toward the mid-day sun.

The trunk and branches that receive sunlight only from the West are deformed.

Humans must breathe to survive.

When the normal nasal mode of breathing is diminished, the survival system automatically resorts to breathing through our mouths.

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The result has been a dramatic increase in nasal obstruction due to the prevalence of enlarged tonsils and adenoids in young children. If a child

has chronic nasal obstruction during the early growing years, severe facial deformities may result.

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The writer is a Brandon dentist and Bloomingdale resident.

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Day care, dining in news

Kid Kountry child-care center expanded its holdings with the acquisition of Days of Joy in Riverview.

Known as Kid Kountry/Days of Joe, the center that was acquired in December has an existing enrollment of 60.

Owners are Helen and Jerry Cooke of Bloomingdale.

The county-licensed capacity is 108, Helen Cooke said.

The facility's address is 6001 Christy Lane.

The original Kid Kountry, 722 Lithia Pinecrest Road in Brandon, is at capacity with 83 children, Cooke said.

COOKES COOKIN'

Donna and Bill Cooke of Bloomingdale celebrated the grand opening of

Biz' Notes

their new restaurant, Cassidy's Family Sports Restaurant, Jan. 24.

The Cookes moved to Bloomingdale from Long Island, N. Y. 1-1/2 years ago.

Their goal? To open a nice family restaurant and enjoy the warmth of Florida.

Their menu is filled with such local "specialties" as Bloomingdale Burger, Culbreath Fries, Alafia Onion Rings and Lithia Crust Sticks.

The restaurant is located in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale shopping center, suite 105, at the intersection of Bloomingdale Avenue and Lithia Pine-

crest Road. MORE THAN ZORBA

Peck's Flame Broiled Chicken, specializing in low calories and low cholesterol, is another new restaurant in the Bloomingdale area.

Located at 1953 W. Lumsden Road at the Brandon South Shopping Center, the Greek-style restaurant was opened Dec. 21, 1991, by George Peck.

Owner George Kon-takos says his restaurant is the first to offer the nutritious flamed-broiled chicken in Brandon.

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By BOB CRAWFORD
Commissioner
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According to the U.S. Public Health Service, lead poisoning in children is believed to harm brain development, cause kidney and liver damage and lead to hearing loss and other maladies.

A survey conducted by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development reveals that the greatest risk is found in an estimated 57 million U.S. homes that are contaminated with lead-based paint.

Lead can be found on many homes painted prior to 1978 and especially in many homes built before 1960.

Also, lead is frequently found in soil next to roads which had high traffic prior to 1978; prior to his time, most gasoline contained lead.

Children may ingest paint chips, but exposure also occurs when children play in lead-contaminated house dust, streetside dirt or put lead-based painted

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Studies reveal more than 4 million infants and children have dangerously high levels of lead.

To reduce the threat, consumers should:

- Check homes for lead-based paint. Scrape and dispose of peeling or flaking paint chips. Use only lead-free products to paint homes. Though lead was banned in house paint by the federal government in 1977, leaded paint may still be available.

- Wash floors, vacuum rugs and damp-wipe furniture often; make sure children's hands are washed often, especially before eating.

- Provide a covered sand box that has a bottom and clean sand as an alternative to playing in the dirt.

- Provide clean teething toys to young children to discourage them from chewing on other objects, such as painted crib railings and toys or metal objects; scrutinize all toys for lead hazards.

- Dispose of any food that has fallen onto the floor.

- Plant grass to reduce contact with soil.

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Detective: Neighbors' alerts 'very refreshing'

By PAM PULLEY

Phone calls made by Bloomingtondale residents aided the apprehension of suspects in two construction site thefts, according to a detective.

Ivan Hernandez, of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office district 2 branch in Brandon, said residents alerted the Sheriff's Office on two consecutive nights in January of suspicious activities taking place at Suarez Housing Corp. and Sunrise Homes Inc. construction sites.

Deputies on Culbreath Road responded immediately to the reports, Hernandez said.

Three men were stopped at Culbreath and Nature's Way, but were not detained because construction materials stored

Crime Report

in their truck-trailer did not belong to the Suarez construction site, Hernandez said.

One suspect was arrested when further investigation revealed the materials were allegedly stolen from a construction site in Apollo Beach.

The two other men fled and warrants have been issued for their arrests, Hernandez said.

In the other case, two West Tampa men were arrested the same weekend for allegedly stealing 34 bags of stucco cement from a Sunrise construction site in the Fox Run subdivision of Bloomingtondale, Hernandez said.

The two men, in the cement business, were stopped at Culbreath and Bloomingtondale Avenue, he added.

Hernandez called the community input "very refreshing."

"We are busy quite often, and a lot of the time we don't have the opportunity to respond immediately," he said.

"But these were opportunities for the deputy to respond immediately. At any time, a deputy might be around the corner and can apprehend the suspects."

Reported suspicious or criminal activity was "relatively" slow in Bloomingtondale in January, Hernandez said.

Crime through Jan. 28 included:

- Three residential burglaries
- Five vehicular burglaries

Fishing equipment and a bicycle were taken without permission from the open garages in two of the cases, Hernandez said.

A vacant home repossessed by a mortgage company was broken into but nothing was stolen in the third case, he said.

A jacket, sunglasses and stereo were among the items allegedly stolen in the vehicular burglaries, Hernandez said.

The jacket and glasses were probably taken when electronics equipment proved difficult to remove, the detective said.

"They more than likely go for stereos and radar equipment," he added. "If they can't get those they go for anything of value, tapes, change."

No arrests have been made, he said, but Hernandez described the typical car burglar as an 18-year-old male.

"We have so many males, about 18, it could be any number of them."

The Bloomingtondale crime rate is routinely low for Hillsborough County, Hernandez said.

"I would like to think it is largely due to the presence of Mobile Watch and the presence of a deputy."

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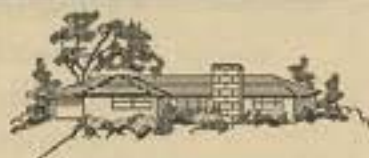
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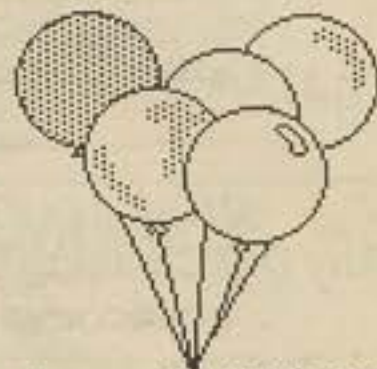
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From Burns...

Horan honored

By DOROTHY BRODEUR

BURNS--Vocational instructor Bob Horan has been "elected" teacher of the month for January at Burns Junior High School. "Elected" is correct.

Each month the studentbody casts votes for the teacher to be honored.

Horan teaches both eighth and ninth grades in graphic communications.

He has served on Hillsborough County curriculum development committees and is active in professional organizations.

Among them are: International Technology Education Association, Hillsborough Vocational and the Florida Vocational associations and the State-Teacher-Subject Area Testing Committee. He is also an editor for the Florida Technology Education Association.

But, it's not all academic.

Horan handles daily lunch duty and helps teachers prepare materials for their classes.

PIC a busy group

By DOROTHY BRODEUR

BURNS--The Burns Parent Interest Committee will meet Tuesday, 7 p.m., in the media center at Burns Junior High School.

The PIC, a group of parents dedicated to improving the school environment, is active at Burns.

Under the direction of Shirley Tucker, the group has concluded such recent projects as:

• Providing dinner for teachers at the Parent-Teacher conference night

• Presenting a plaque to the Teacher of the Month

• Making a contribution to the organization, SERVE, in appreciation for its support of Burns.

Topic of the Tuesday evening meeting will be high school opportunities. All are invited.

with the other winners for 16 hours before performing at Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.

Some 2,000 students throughout Florida, including a dozen from Burns, competed for a spot in the band.

The competition is state-wide and is open to only seventh- and eighth-graders.

Student joins state band

By DOROTHY BRODEUR

BURNS--A Burns student who plays the flute was one of 100 seventh- and eighth-graders in Florida to be named to the All-State Band.

Krista Martocci attended the annual Florida Music Educators Conference Jan. 9 through January 12, then rehearsed

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Guide to Area Dining



When we speak of family dining, the image may be the red Colonial facade of the **Bob Evans Restaurant** at the intersection of Faulkenburg Road and State Road 60.

Inside, the restaurant is homey, comfortable and festive with down-home cooking versatile enough to please any palate.

Family favorites are meatloaf, ribs and country-fried steak with a choice of side dishes.

Prices are tempting. That dinner of meatloaf baked with onions and special seasonings and topped with beef gravy is \$5.75. The golden country-fried steak meal with country gravy is the same price.

Farm-raised catfish fried to a delicate golden brown is 50 cents higher. Two grilled boneless chicken breasts marinated in special seasonings and served with honey mustard are \$6.95.

Daily dinner specials starting at 5 p.m. range from \$5.45 to \$5.75.

The menu is unending. There are ample offerings of pasta, burgers, sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts. Stop by for breakfast, too.

Children 10 and under are treated to a free birthday meal when registered in advance by their parents.

All meals are available for carryout along with large quantities for families. Large parties are always welcome.

The restaurant, 10119 Horace Drive in Brandon, is open Sunday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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A seven-year resident of Bloomingdale West, Russell invites one and all to his restaurant, 723 A Oak Park Plaza, Lumsden Road and Kings Avenue, Brandon, where serving hours are Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Walkathon to benefit ACS

By KATHY DOTSON

The 1992 "Making Strides" walkathon to benefit the American Cancer Society will include Bloomingdale as one of its routes.

The walk, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, will begin and finish at

Bloomington East Park, located at Nature's Way and Springvale Road.

Starting time is scheduled for 9 a.m. Pre-registration begins at 8 a.m.

According to Debbie Simmons, coordinator of the walk, "many teams

and sponsors have already registered."

Registration fee is \$5 for individual contestants and \$25 for teams.

Participants will receive "Making Strides" sunglasses. Teams also will have the opportunity to have the team mon-

icker emblazoned on the official event t-shirt.

A raffle will be held after the walk.

For registration or other information, call the ACS at 685-0670.

Japanese students seek host families

People Link, an international student exchange organization with a Brandon office, is seeking families to host college students from Japan Feb. 27 through March 20.

Fran Harring, local coordinator for the organization, said host fam-

ilies will be responsible for providing the students with a bed and evening meal.

The 15 students are required to bring spending money and insurance.

The students will attend English language

classes from 9 a.m. to noon and participate in informational and cultural field trips from noon until 5 p.m.

Harring said most students are English majors in Japan.

Harring said host families are not required to

be parents.

"It doesn't matter if they have no children or little ones," she said.

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From Alafia...



Geneva Boner helps her students.

Boner named Alafia teacher of the year

ALAFIA—Gifted math and science teacher Geneva Boner has been named teacher of the year for Alafia Elementary School.

Boner, a teacher at Alafia for three years, draws on 16 years of experience that saw her teach students in both kindergarten and college.

She has taught school in four American states and in the Federal Republic (West) of Germany.

Boner, a third-grade teacher at Alafia, was nominated for the 1991 Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics

Teaching.

Boner earned an undergraduate degree in teaching from Eastern Kentucky University and her master's degree from Columbus College in Georgia.

She lives in Bloomingdale with her husband, Bill. Their daughter, Stephanie, is a 1991 graduate of Bloomingdale Senior High School. She now attends her mother's undergraduate alma mater.

Boner is Alafia's correspondent to the Bloomingdale Gazette.

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HEATHER LAKES CHRONICLE

Freeman heads PTA

By KATHY DOTSON

Lynn Freeman, the first PTA president of the new Hortense Mintz Elementary School in Heather Lakes, may have built the foundation for this year and the years to come.

The PTA's purpose is to secure legislation that will care for and protect children at home, school and in the community.

State budget cuts in education is the current focus of the Mintz PTA Executive Board.

"We, as a PTA, have written letters to legislators," she says. "We are staying on top of the issues."

Comprised of 20 board members, with seven serving as elected officers, the Mintz PTA Executive Board had to build its association from scratch.

The board serves a term of one school year (August to August) with elections held in May.

"A nominating committee recommends people for the board and then the general assembly, made up of parents who are members of the PTA, vote them in," she says.

The PTA's \$1,500 annual budget includes the accumulation of memberships.

Dues are \$2.50 per school year.

"At Kingswood Elementary, the PTA has had 100 percent of their membership for the past five years," Freeman says.

"The same parents who supported Kingswood are now at Mintz and we can't get them to join. We need more parents to join the PTA and become more involved with their children."

Other fund-raisers scheduled for the remainder of the school year include the Founders Day celebration and Ice Cream Social on Feb. 11 and a carnival in the Mintz courtyard on March 21.

All proceeds go toward the budget which provides a variety of products and services to the school.

The items include computer software and paper, reference books for the library, workshops, field trips and luncheons.

"All items on the budget have been approved by the general assembly," Freeman says. "It is the responsibility of the PTA to raise these funds to pay for the needed items."

The mother of Danielle, 9, and Dane, 7, Freeman liked what she saw in Heather Lakes.

"We were living in Apollo Beach and the time and looking for a home in Brandon," she says. "Heather Lakes looked like a nice community and there were lots of kids playing in the area."

After several years in Heather Lakes, Freeman became active at Kingswood Elementary. She worked as a home-



Photo by KATHY DOTSON
Lynn Freeman is first president of the new Mintz Elementary School PTA in Heather Lakes.

room helper and co-chaired the ways and means committee before coordinating the volunteer committee where she developed P.A.L.S.—Parents Actively Leading Students.

In addition to her PTA duties, Freeman is an instructor with the extended day program designed for children whose parents are at work at the conclusion of the school day.

"We provide homework time, snacktime and enrichment time (arts, crafts, music lessons)," Freeman says.

Thirty-one children are enrolled.

In her spare time, Freeman enjoys arts and crafts and cooking.

The Freemans have played a significant role in the organization of Heather Lakes.

Her husband, Mark, an ornamental horticulturist, was charter president of the Heather Lakes Community Association. He remains actively involved with the group.



Say cheese!

Children in Heather Lakes line up for a photo session. From left, they are Kela Haynes, Shaquera Carr, Loren Hulen, Sophia Williams, Jeffery Reaume, Rena Reaume and Michael Akpewero.

Photo by KATHY DOTSON

HLCA looks for growth

By JEAN BROOK
HLCA President

We are all members of the Heather Lakes community and I am pleased to tell you that, at this writing, we have 107 paid memberships in the Heather Lakes Community Association.

Having served on the membership committee, I was gratified to see the number of familiar names among the renewals and pleased at the number of first-time memberships.

We extend a warm welcome to members of the mandatory Homeowners Association.

We need the involvement of all Heather

Lakes property owners if we are to achieve our goals—including a unified community.

Although Heather Lakes boasts some 700 households, it is clear that we have not gotten our message to everyone.

I know that if each member recruited a neighbor and that resident recruited another...you know the rest.

Even if you don't agree with the stated missions of the association, you are interested enough to participate if you are reading this column.

Support the programs you like. Work to change those you don't.

Participation is not defined as the sacrifice of precious free time or long-term commitment.

If you have enough time to participate in one activity, that is wonderful.

I can't think of one committee chairperson who would turn you down. You would probably be invited over for coffee.

In our Jan. 31 letter to Heather Lakes residents, we announced that Great Western Bank has offered free checking to all members of the HLCA with bonuses of free boxes of checks if the accounts are opened by the end of February.

Be sure to show your

blue HLCA membership card when opening the account.

Time may be running out for the free checks, but it is never too late to sign up for the long-term benefits of membership in HLCA and free checking.

Consider convincing some of your neighbors to join. And, select an activity that could utilize your input. Any member of the board would like to hear from you.

We have some interesting programs in the mill and I plan to have some details for you next month. See you then.

Arts and crafts on tap.

By KATHY DOTSON

The fourth annual Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Saturday, March 21, at Heather Lakes Park.

The fair, one of several fund-raisers sponsored by the Heather Lakes Community Association, is scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Last year's fair was very successful, and we hope to attract the same number of vendors as well as customers," said Janice Parker, HLCA's social committee chairwoman.

A \$20 fee reserves a 10-foot by 10-foot booth space for each vendor.

The HLCA recommends that vendors bring tents and/or canopies for unexpected weather changes.

The fair is open to the public and the HLCA encourages all Heather Lakes residents to attend.

Net proceeds will benefit the HLCA, responsible for providing the community with Mobile Watch and Neighborhood services and annual social events.

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Fourth Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

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The HLCA meets at 7:30 p.m., second Thursday of the month. All HLCA members are invited.

Tax filing easier

By ROBERT MORRIS, CPA

Electronically filed tax returns can speed up the process of receiving your refund from the IRS, especially if you have it directly deposited to your bank account.

We believe we can provide the best services this tax season.

The writer's views do not necessarily reflect The Gazette's views. A normally mailed return can take six to eight weeks on aver-

age to receive the refund according to the IRS.

An electronically filed return can take as little as two weeks and up to 3-1/2 weeks to receive the refund.

The variance depends on several factors such as the day it was filed, whether it is directly deposited or has to be sent to check processing, as well as other unknowns such as IRS overload, computer problems, delinquent child support, etc.

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Parks

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sand pit "so when children fall off they don't get hurt."

General maintenance to Park East since October 1990 has cost the county \$2,461, said a spokeswoman in Mauch's office.

The figure for Park West is \$698, she said.

The maintenance includes such tasks as painting graffiti off the racquetball walls, painting the sports courts, installing ten-

nis and basketball nets and erecting information signs warning residents that the parks are not golf courses.

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association uses the parks each year for athletic competitions and the Roberts Bros. Circus.

Mauch said the parks—designated as neighborhood parks by the county—are used regularly by Bloomingdale residents.

"To walk around (Park West) once is a workout,"

he said.

Eagle Scouts have set up volunteer projects there and in Park East, while Bloomingdale Senior High School students have dedicated volunteer workdays to sprucing up the parks for two years.

"They have raked pine needles up from the sand pits, pulled Spanish moss off chain link fences around tennis courts and spread additional sand under the playground equipment," Mauch said.



Even during a weekday, Park East is busy. At top, new saplings decorate the Park. Above, Megan and Jim Chapas play racquetball. Below, Bloomingdale newcomers Tim Aardrup and daughter Ashley have a fling with the swings.

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Ireland's beauty full of color, gardens

By PAM PULLEY

IRELAND--The mountains of County Wicklow are waves of color that never crash on shore. Instead, they slink from the skyline into valleys and then rebuild for another roller-coaster ride through the countryside of Ireland.

The mountains charge with an artillery of greens, reds and purples under sunlight. The valleys beckon shyly. Their invitation is freckled with quiet villages, untamed forests and a history that dates to the sixth century.

And the names of Wicklow's towns and villages--some lost in the blink of an eye--are melodic. Let Delgany, Arklow, Rathnew, Annamoe, Avoca, Enniskerry, Tinahely or Shillelagh roll from your lips.

Glendalough--valley of the two lakes in old Irish--is the site of St. Kevin's monastery that accommodated a civilization of monks in the sixth century. Legend claims that Kevin was the hermit called by God to spread Christianity throughout the island of pagan sun-worshippers.

Many monuments remain.

The bell tower built of mica and granite in the ninth century is the beacon for tourists navigating the narrow roads to Glendalough. It was the launching pad of early Christianity, ringed with timber floors and climbing 100 feet into the uncluttered skyline.

"The bell was continually tolling," says an information officer leading a tour from the Glendalough Visitors Information Centre. "The monk reached the top by ladders and leaned out the top window and rang the hand bell."

The mission was to attract pilgrims and visiting clergy "and it was also the safe for the riches of the monastery," he adds. Only in 1876 was the conical-shaped stone roof--blown off by a storm--rebuilt.

At the tower's side, weathered granite tombstones nestled in tall grasses are brushed by the cool morning breeze. German, French and English are the languages of sightseers. In the distance, the mountains of Wicklow cradle the civilization that was abandoned in the 16th century by monks joining the Dublin Diocese.

St. Kevin's Church is a solitary figure by a pathway that disappears into the mountains. The church rises 22.5 feet in silence, with the traditional armour of mica, granite and mortar that has withstood 900 years of weather and ravages. Even the steep roof that was built of overlapping stones and supported by a semi-circular vault is sturdy.

"It has been intact since the 11th century," the officer says. "It was a parish church until the mid-19th century."

The one-time frame floors are now earthen, and only sunlight inching

through a small arched window filters the darkness.

A cathedral built from the 10th to the 12th centuries is the church's neighbor. It was simple in infancy. The granite and mica nave features clean-edged doors and windows. Hand-carved Romanesque arches embellished the chancel that was built two centuries later.

Today the timber roof is not even a memory; grave-stones honoring neighbors and religious figures from centuries past are buried in the gravel flooring; music is only the whistle of wind through emptied windows.

Powerscourt Estate in Enniskerry could well be the northernmost attraction in County Wicklow. Fifty acres of gardens borrowed the High Victorian ambience of Dublin 12 miles to the north while preserving Wicklow's informal code of beauty--lush hills against colorful mountain ranges.

The privately owned property, in fact, once belonged to the Glendalough Diocese.

Three garden settings offer visitors a variety of walkways under the branches of 200-year-old trees and around European and Japanese statuary first imported in 1740.

"There are 500 different trees--mainly conifers of the North American variety and 100 different plants," says a Powerscourt official. Some oaks date back 800 years, while the garden design has changed little since the 1870s.

"There's a good replanting program that keeps with the history of the area," he says. "There are very few native plants. Eighty percent are imported, mainly from North America."

The Italian gardens unite man and nature. The intricately designed stairwell and terrace were built of cobblestones from the nearby community of Bray in the 1860s and 1870s. Manicured plots of greenery and Italian and German statuary lead to Triton Lake where the mythical Greek demigod of the sea throws bullets of water nearly 100 feet in length.

But the cornerstone of the formal gardens is a history lesson taught nearly 250 years ago. Today, estate owners are hoping the death knell will be silenced.

Construction began on the three-story, 100 room rusticated granite Powerscourt mansion in 1731. In 1740, it became home to the wealthy Viscount Powerscourt and his family. Through the years the gardens and statuary that glistened in color became legendary in Ireland. New owners began renovating the mansion in 1961, the official says, but fire gutted the interior structure only days before the acreage was to be opened as a tourist attraction in 1974.

Culprits were a timber roof and faulty chimney, he says.

The building today is only a wind-whipped shell. Its furnishings are vines and trees growing against chipped plaster walls. Sunshine and rainfall are their plague, the stares of 100,000 visitors a year their pain.

The Powerscourt administration has worked for a couple of years with the Irish government and private consultants to raise some 50 million pounds (or, about \$75-76 million)

for the restoration of the main reception area and one wing that would become the site of a 50-room luxury hotel.

Working plans have been developed from architectural drawings stored by the late Gwen Slazenger in a wheelbarrow. (She and her late husband, Ralph, bought the property in 1961. The couple's five adult children live privately on the estate that, beyond the gardens, totals 13,950 acres.)

The search for funding continues. Jokes a bystander, "I don't think there are 50 million pounds in all of Ireland."

The gardens are open March through October daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is 2.5 pounds for adults and 1 pound for children.

Buses provide round-trip passage daily to Powerscourt from Dublin while inclusive coach tours are available through Bus Eirann and Gray Line Tours from Dublin City Centre.

On the other side of the petal are the Mount Usher Gardens 21 miles south of Powerscourt in Ashford.



Photo by PAM PULLEY

The Italian Gardens of Powerscourt Estate in County Wicklow, Ireland, feature sun-drenched terraces and statuary to complement the gardens.

The secluded entrance along the Dublin-Rosslare Road is a timid beacon for the 5,000 species of plants on 20 acres of would-be farmland.

The gardens are a montage of unrelated greenery separated by concrete pathways and bridges suspended over the River Vartry that rustles through Wicklow.

Unlike Powerscourt, the gardens are informal.

California poppies grow taller than five feet. Add another yard to big leaf philodendrons. Orange gladioli hug trees dropping a canopy of gold, purple and red leaves over walkways. Closer to earth are the tiny feathered leaves of Thuja Occidentals.

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Madelaine Jay, the German-American widow of an Irish farmer from near-

by County Kildare, acquired the acreage in 1980.

"We loved so many beautiful things. He died in 1972," Jay says. "(Purchasing the gardens" just came up. I had great discussions with my accountant. I have one son. He was 21 then. He thought it was gorgeous."

Jay only assumes the "Mount Usher" monicker was plucked from one of Edgar Allen Poe's novels, but adds, "I don't think anyone really knows."

Perhaps the original owners would.

Seems three brothers spotted a flax mill crowned by 1/2 acre of trees in the 1860s "and fell in love with the place," says Mount Usher receptionist Nancy Manning. The

high beech hedge frames much of the property. Its neighbors are azaleas, conifers, Chinese maidenhair and, during warm summer months (about 68-70 degrees F.), wildflowers.

"I knew nothing of plants," Jay says. "But they do fascinate me. I think we have plants from practically everywhere."

Four gardeners are on staff. One sustains each specie with propagation, cutting and layering. Another travels to such European countries as Turkey and Italy and, with permits, transports exotic flora to Ireland.

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689-4229
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Bell Shoals Church of Christ
2908 Bell Shoals, Brandon

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1310 E Bloomingdale Ave, Valrico
681-2790
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Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:30 & 6 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30

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689-4021
Rev. Larry L. Chambers
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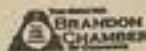


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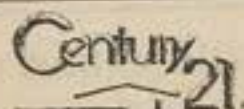


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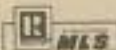


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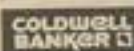
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The mountains of County Wicklow range from the lowlands, above, to monoliths spearing the skyline. Visitors frequently hike their way through Ireland.



From BSHS...



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Up for auction

Bloomingdale Senior High School's Rajun' Bull Band and Crimson Dolls will benefit from the school's annual auction to be held March 7, 7 p.m., in the BSHS cafeteria. A preview begins at 6 p.m. Proceeds will send the band and "dolls" to Gatlinburg, Tenn., for annual nationwide competition. Donations to be auctioned are now being accepted.

Ireland

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ment water restrictions, Jay says. Then there are the perils of a cantankerous winter season.

"We lost at least a dozen big trees in an early storm," Jay says.

"But we can practically replace anything."

HOW TO GET

THERE: Aer Lingus, Ireland's national airlines, flies from JFK International Airport to Dublin International Airport daily. British Airways flies from Tampa to London on a regular basis until May 4.

Dublin is a 40-minute plane hop from London. Delta flies from Atlanta to Shannon International Airport on a regular basis.

WHERE TO STAY:

Bed and breakfast establishments starting at \$15 per night per person are abundant in County Wicklow.

In County Dublin, the 18th-century Grand Hotel in Malahide offers guests elegant accommodations and meals. The moderate tariff varies from season to season.

Most rooms overlook the Irish Sea.

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