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Happy New Year!

Connecting in the "Twenty-Hundreds"



Pere we are; the year 2000... new year, new century, new millennium. The Jetson-like hover

cars and fully automated homes we looked forward to as children may not yet be a reality, but there are plenty of fastforward advances taking place in every facet of our lives. This is truly an exciting time in the history of mankind.

But for all the latest advances and breakthroughs in medicine, technology and communications, many of the challenges we will be faced with in the coming years are the same as those faced at the start of the last century. Fostering hope and faith. Providing for our families and ourselves. Raising our children. Fulfilling, rewarding work. Balancing our lives. Communicating with each other.

In our small corner of the world, with so many people transplanted here from distant towns, the community can become an extension of family. Involvement, cooperation and respect between neighbors, law enforcement, government, volunteer organizations, schools and houses of worship connect us in a way no high-tech gizmo can.

We at the Bloomingdale Gazette look forward to providing the residents of our community with a source of information focusing on the benefits and yes, the challenges, of residing in Bloomingdale. We hope that you will continue to contact us with the news, questions and comments that affect your life. Whether it's a new business venture, a special award presentation, the birth of child, a special event, a problem (or a pleasure) you've encountered in the community, we'd like to know. As we enter the 21st century, we'd like to help connect the community of Bloomingdale.

As the official publication of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, the Gazette welcomes your comments and questions. Phone us, fax us, e-mail us, visit BHA Online... we are connected, and we'd like you to be, too. Contact information appears in "Your Inside Connections" on page 2 of every issue. Best wishes for a wonderful new year from the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association and the staff of the Bloomingdale Gazette.

Dishing up some fun

The Bloomingdale West Rec Center serves up a full schedule of winter activities.

See story on page 17.

L-R, Cathy Mobley, Director Donna Clouse and Dede McDew.



Holiday Decorations Contest winners announced. See story on page 6.

Your Inside Connections

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All meetings take place at the Community Office at 3509 Bell Shoals Rd. These are monthly public meetings and all Bloomingdale residents are invited.

BHA Board of Directors Meetings Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Special Taxing District Meetings Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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For Jessica

By Laura Frazier, Editor

loomingdale residents Kate and Albert Waterford will begin the New Year the only way they know how; with faith and with hope. The Waterfords 7-year old daughter Jessica was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor in February of last year. Since then the family, including 11-year old Camille and 8-year old Alexander, has cared for Jessica through months of aggressive medical treatment by doctors from Naples to Gainesville.

The Waterfords and the Doctors at Shands Cancer Center in Gainesville are optimistic about Jessica's progress. Intensive chemotherapy and radiation treatments have begun to shrink the tumor. The family shuttles Jessica to six therapy sessions per week and travels to Gainesville every three weeks. Although promising, the radical treatments have taken their toll on Jessica. No longer able to walk on her own and barely able to speak, her body swollen and her scalp bare, the child continues to amaze her caregivers, and her family, with her joyful disposition. "Through all of this," says Kate, "Jessica keeps her wonderful, sunny personality."

The Waterfords have incurred mounting expenses

throughout their ordeal, with no clear end in sight. Friends of the family have established a medical trust fund to help the Waterfords through this difficult time. Neighbor Lydia Harrod says, "Al and Kate have both taken leave from their jobs for most of the past year. Fortunately, their employers have been very supportive.

"Although the Waterfords continue to struggle financially, we are very wealthy in family and friends." Kate Waterford

However, they have incurred large amounts of out-ofpocket expenses for prescriptions, expenses not covered by insurance, over the counter medications and medical travel. We have all been so impressed with their self-sufficiency and reluctance to be a burden to anyone. But as time goes on, they are going to need some help."

Donations to Jessica's medical trust fund may be made at any NationsBank or Bank of America branch office. Checks should be made payable to The Jessica Waterford Trust Account, #003438298889. The Waterford family has set up a web site to keep friends and well-wishers informed of Jessica's progress. The address is home.tampabay.rr.com/h2oford/Jessica/htm.

Bloomingdale Special Taxing District Property Manager's Report for November 1999

By Al Devney of DPMI Property Management, Inc. =

Irrigation

Brandon Irrigation repaired a PVC fitting on the Garnet well and a timer on the Culbreath system and DPMI checked the 10.3 miles of irrigation, replaced 5 heads and 20 rotors, repaired 2 zone lines and 3 risers and added 2 heads.

Landscaping

DPMI measured the Bloomingdale Village area (1760 feet in length and 26,320 square feet). Neighborhood Pest control fertilized and sprayed the area, A & W Lawn Maintenance installed Poinsettias throughout East and West.

Other

DPMI painted the repaired wall on Natures Way, the noses of 9 medians and wall around the Rosemead flowerbed. Communities of America installed the Christmas bows on the light poles, DPMI installed the hows and lights on the Bloomingdale entryway signs. PMI measured the Springvale, Natures Way and

Culbreath walls to be painted this year (9,360 linear feet), measured the Natures Way walls to be cleaned (4,560 linear feet), updated the measurements for East and West (84,200 feet long or 15.98 miles, 1,807,519 square feet or 41.49 acres). DPMI hosted a pre-bid meeting for the interior entranceway landscaping program. Representatives of Planscape Inc. and Florida Landscape Authority attended.

DPMI invited County Forester Bob Dir to look at our tree problem. There may be a root problem. He is going to ask the pathologist from the Division of Forestry to stop by for an inspection. DPMI invited Robin Rhinesmith of the Department of Transportation to look at the road noise problem on Lithia Pinecrest. Since this is not a state road, her department could not offer assistance. Ms. Rhinesmith gave DPMI the names of some consultants who might be of some help.

In the land of eat, drink and pitch out the window

DPMI picked up 40 bags of litter, 35 packing boxes, a soccer ball, a softball, 2 tennis balls, a sock, a hubcap and \$1.06. The beverages of choice were Coke for soft drinks, Bud Light for beer and Crown Royal for distilled spirits.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all from DPMI! Al Devney can be reached at 684-6617.

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Holiday Decorations Contest winners

PI /e are pleased to announce the winners of the Bloomingdale Holiday Decorations Contest, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association. Winners were awarded gift certificate prizes in three categories.

Most Elegant - Helen and Stephen Leslie, 1923 Rivercrossing Drive

A Rivercrossing tradition, this home was splendidly decked to the nines. Illuminated reindeer grazed among pine trees against a backdrop of rooftop icicles. The Christmas tree displayed in the second story window was a positively elegant highlight. Helen should also be honored as the "Most Excitable Winner."The obviously delighted homeowner was spied through the front windows jumping up and down for joy when she spotted us out-



The Leslie home in Rivercrossing, Most Elegant.

side photographing her home! This was a truly thrilling and well-deserved win for an absolutely gorgeous display.

Most Charming - Charles and Glady Starke, 3609 Warmspring Way

The Starke's Erin Arbor neighbors protested when the

retired couple wondered out loud if they would decorate their home for Christmas 1999, as has been their tradition for the past 5 years. Something would truly be



The Starke bome in Erin Arbor. Most Charming.

amiss without the amazing display of Charles' handmade and hand painted holiday exhibit. Over 30 homemade wooden angels, soldiers, Santas and the like made for the most unique display in town. Spotlights beautifully illuminated the garage door soldiers and child-like angels filling the home's windows. Intricately cut Christmas trees and Santa in his sleigh, a design inspired by a Christmas card, are a testament to the woodworking and artistic skill of Charles. The figures are one of a kind, the fruits of a lifelong hobby, and a joy to behold.

Most Delightfully Excessive! - Diane, George and David Allgoever, 1113 Briarpark Way

Even at 10:00 pm, we needed sunglasses to view the, err, very enthusiastic light stringing accomplished by Diane and

George Allgoever's grown son, David. Our first clue to this impressive spectacle was the view from Nature's Way. Masses and jangles of red lights were strewn impossibly high in the boughs of a 60-foot tall oak tree. We were curious as to how the lights had been installed so far up. Rounding the corner to the front of the house, our jaws dropped. The Allgoever's home was positively blazing with no less than 25,000 lights. This is the seventh year in a row that David has scaled the trees and braved the roof to pro-



An enchanting entryway greets visitors to the Starke

duce his masterpiece. Diane reports, "When new neighbors move in, the long timers warn them, just wait 'til Christmas!" We only regret that, due to the extreme, radiating glare, a photo of the Allgoever's home was not possible!

Honorable Mentions

Butternut Court, Bloomingdale West

Two homes charmingly festooned with lollipop lanes, rooftop Santas, grapevine reindeer, illuminated candles, snow frosted windows and candy canes.

Dunairre Drive, Bloomingdale East

A delightful display featuring a tree outlined in lights on garage roof, rooftop Santa and reindeer, snowmen figures in windows.

Vista River Drive, Rivercrossing Estates

An elegant vision in white, dripping with festive icicles.

Year 2000 school calendar changes

The Hillsborough County School Board has approved the following calendar changes:

- * January 5, 2000 students return from winter vacation (previously scheduled for January 6).
- * February 11, 2000 no school (teacher training day, previously scheduled for February 14).
- * February 14, 2000 students attend school (previously scheduled as teacher training day).
 - *April 24, 2000 no school.

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Letters to the Gazette

Q: "I am curious. What is being built next to Bloomingdale Woods on Springvale?" - A Bloomingdale East resident.

A: A portion of the property under construction on Springvale is under development by Ken Franklin Homes. Franklin's gated villa community, Savannah Landings, will include 130 town homes. A day care center and storage facili ty will also be built on the site.

Q: "What is the status of the widening of Bloomingdale Avenue? Are there any plans to install a traffic light at Springvale and Bloomingdale Avenues?" - A Bloomingdale East resident.

A: The final portion of Hillsborough County's Bloomingdale Avenue roadway widening project is scheduled to begin in February 2000. The section of Bloomingdale Avenue from Bell Shoals Road to Lithia Pinecrest Road will be expanded to four lanes. The project will include the installation of a traffic light at Bloomingdale and Springvale Avenues. For more information, call the Hillsborough County Information line at 272-5314.

Bloomingdale residents, please send your questions and comments to LauraFrazier@prodigy.net, write to Editor, The Bloomingdale Gazette, 3509 Bell Shoals Rd., Valrico, FL 33594, or fax 651-1129. Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Letters will be published anonymously and are subject to editing for length and clarity. Our staff will make every effort to respond to all letters received.

Welcome to Bloomingdale



he Bloomingdale Gazette and Brandon Regional Hospital are pleased to announce the following new arrivals to our community:

Christopher Francis Knowles

Born August 24, 1999 to Kimberly Knowles and **Christopher Powers**



Twins, born October 18, 1999 to April and Jim

Owen Lunsford Rosenberger

Born October 31, 1999 to Tiffany and Dean Rosenberger

Nicole Eileen Mallon

Born November 1, 1999 to Debbie and Jim Mallon

Cayden LeRoy Hyatt Sherman

Born November 2, 1999 to Kimberly and Cody Sherman

Bloomingdale Community Substation Notes

By Deputy Pete Maurer

Officer Sandy Capitano and I would like to wish each and every Bloomingdale resident a very safe and happy New Year. 1999 was a very successful year for the officers working in and out of our Community Station.

- * Crime prevention was improved
- * Increased patrols were initiated.
- *A very successful "Cease Fire 99" removed 152 weapons from our community and surrounding areas.
- *The Speed Monitor Program is very close to being put in place.
- * Numerous improvements were made through coordination with County departments.

This progress was due to the dedication and support of many volunteers from our community who worked together to improve our quality of life. From the Bloomingdale Area Community Council members and the "Cease Fire 99" volunteers, to the residents who donated magazines to the BHS Reading Program or suitcases and gym bags to the Tampa Police Department "Cases for Kids" Program, much progress was made in our team effort to improve our community.

A special thank you to Florida State Representative ohnnie Byrd, who took the time to attend our Community Council meetings and work with us on our many projects. He truly lives up to his motto - "Working for Florida's Families," and his creed, "Listening to you is the most important work that I do."

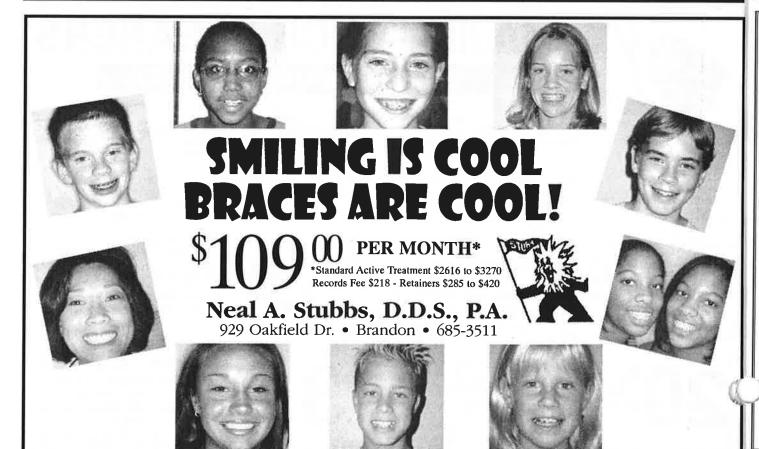
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As your Community Resource Deputy and Community Resource Officer, we resolve to continue our service to you in 2000. We would also ask that you make resolutions that will help to keep our community safe and secure.

- * Resolve to drive safer, use our seat belts and have our passengers use their seat belts.
- * Resolve to be more courteous as drivers, to be patient in traffic and respectful to law enforcement officers, including the P.E.S.T. Patrol.
- * Resolve to keep our community clean by properly disposing of trash, and by not nailing signs to trees or posts.
- * Resolve to maintain our yards and property to enhance the appearance of our community.
- * Resolve to obey all traffic and warning signs, especially "Stop," "No Parking," "No U-Turn," "Yield," and speed limit

These are more than just new years resolutions. They are the steps each of us must take to make our community and our lives safer. Deputy Maurer can be reached at 635-8040.

The Bloomingdale Community Substation is located in the Village Center Plaza at the corner of Bell Shoals and Glenhaven. Hours of operation are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm weekdays. Deputy Maurer can be reached at 635-8040.





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The Bloomingdale Buzz

By Mason Meehan

e took a random survey of five Bloomingdale residents asking, "Are you making any special resolutions or preparations for the year 2000?"

Paul Pignataro, Bloomingdale West



"I'm going on a diet for real this time! I also plan to make a good faith effort to catch up on my wife's honeydos. And I promise my wife that I will make New Year's Eve plans earlier next year than I have for this year."

John Pignataro, Bloomingdale West

"I plan to do more things with my family and take a true family vacation. I'm going to make an attempt to exercise on a regular basis. I'm also committing to enter the new millennium with a positive desire to help in the community."



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Michele Roberts, Preston Woods

"I plan to spend more quality time with my family, particularly with my young son before he starts school. My husband just started a new business, "It Just Keeps Growing," and I plan to help him make it successful."



John Brugger, Pine Grove



"I will work on improving my environment and my back yard. I also plan to return to Indiana for a vacation at least once in 2000. And if all goes well, I'd like to take my wife to Paris or Rome for a special vacation."

Leslie McHale, Erin Arbor

"I intend to celebrate each and every day of the new millennium. Each day is special, because the children grow up so fast. I'm going to make the time to be more thankful for all my family and friends."



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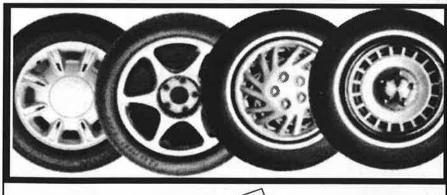
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Bloomingdale Senior High School News

·By Mack Austin -

A Great 1999

The PTSA, School Administration and Staff would like to thank the many outstanding volunteers who made 1999 a great year by giving of their time and talents to help enhance the quality of education at Bloomingdale High School. These special volunteers include those who supported the critical Reading Enhancement Program by assisting students with their reading skills and by donating magazines to the program, those who helped with the many Testing Improvement Programs, those who supported the numerous athletic events, band activities, clubs and multitude of other programs and activities. Thanks also to those volunteers who worked on the PTSA Board and committees. Your efforts have produced great progress towards achieving the goals set by the PTSA. Key positions are still open on the PTSA Board and its committees. To help make 2000 a great success, call 744-8018, extension 563. Put your time and talents to good use making a positive difference in the lives of our students.

PTSA Plans Dual January Programs

The PTSA has a special dual program planned for Tuesday January 11, 2000. A brief general membership meeting will begin at 6:45 pm, followed at 7:00 pm by two important activities hosted by the Guidance Office. A Financial Aid Program will be held in the Media Center for the parents of

11th and 12th graders. At the same time, an EC.A.T. Awareness Class will be held in the school cafeteria for the parents of 9th and 10th graders. Plan to attend the General Membership meeting. Sign up if you haven't already, then head for the appropri-

ate program.

Special Needs Continue

Our students and volunteers still need your good, used magazines for their Reading Program, Magazines can be dropped off at our **Community Substation** at the corner of Bell Shoals and Glenhaven, - 5:00 pm (phone 635-8040). A special thanks to Deputy Pete Maurer



(L-R) PTSA Coordinator Kathy Steed, Volunteer Dena Lara and Safety Committee Chairperson Ellen Gates wait for the approval weekdays from 8:00 am of the "official cotton candy tester," Assistant Principal Roland Jones. Photo by Mack Austin.

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Friends!

New

and Officer Sandy Capitano for collecting the magazines and getting them to the school for distribution. One special note, be sure to remove any mailing labels. The students really enjoy reading them, and progress is being made with Reading Test Scores. Volunteers are still needed to assist students with their reading. Call 744-8018, extension 563 to volunteer to be a Reading Program volunteer. Whatever time you can spare, the rewards are great, and you will make a difference.

Bloomingdale Little League pring 2000 Season sign-ups

Girls Softball Sign-ups:

JANUARY 8 from 9 a.m-3 p.m.

JANUARY 12 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m

JANUARY 15 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m

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See you there!

Deed Restriction Information

Many Bloomingdale homeowners have requested information about deed restrictions and enforcement procedures from the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association (BHA). Although the restrictions are included with each homeowner's closing documents, deed restriction information stands out as the most frequent request received by the BHA.

"BHA Online" currently provides general information about deed restrictions, county codes and procedures for enforcement through our Neighborhood Involvement Program. Through the efforts of BHA President Ted Grable and Director Rodney Biddle, a complete version of Bloomingdale's deed restrictions will soon be available on the site. "Our goal is to have the project up and running in February," says Grable.

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The P.E.S.T. Patrol is back!

By Mack Austin

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Parking Enforcement Specialist Team, also known as the P.E.S.T. Patrol, was out again in full force doing their part to make our holiday shopping both easier and safer. These law enforcement specialists work the mall and shopping center parking lots enforcing the posted Disabled Parking, Fire Lane and No Parking restrictions.

Although December was a very busy month for the P.E.S.T. Patrol, they tried to give drivers a break. According to Deputy John Brooke, about 70% of the people the Patrol approaches tend to take it in stride and "face the music." Warnings may be given in those instances, but not so in others. Deputy Pat Kaspercyzk agrees, alluding to many instances where drivers become irate and rude when confronted by the P.E.S.T. Patrol, often spouting obscenities.

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(L-R) P.E.S.T. Patrol Deputies Al Sacco, Patricia Kaspercyzk and John Brooke. pened. For more information or to become a member of the P.E.S.T. Patrol, please call 247-1885.

Free BHA E-mail updates

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The e-mail addresses residents provided on thier 1998 BHA dues forms have recently been added to the Update e-mailing list. If your e-mail address has changed, please contact the BHA at BHA@CyberRails.com.

Bloomingdale graduate erving proudly

By Mack Austin

Bloomingdale Senior High School Class of 1999 graduate Matthew Clay is serving America proudly as a United States Marine.

Immediately after high school graduation, Matt headed for Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Paris Island, South Carolina. He graduated on September 3, 1999. Next came Marine Infantry School at Camp Lejeune, South Carolina with graduation on October 21, 1999. He is currently assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, E-Company, 2-4, 3rd Platoon at Camp Pendleton, California.

The son of Cheryl Rosenak of Valrico and the grandson of Paul and Eleanor Rosenak also of Valrico, Matt returned to Brandon for the Christmas holidays and worked with the Brandon Marine Corps Recruiting Station as part of the Marine Recruiting Assistance Program.

Financial Aid Workshops for **High School Seniors**

A Gazette report

The School District of Hillsborough County has scheduled Parent Financial

Aid Nights for parents or guardians of high school seniors during the month of January.

A workshop will be conducted at Bloomingdale Senior High School on January 11, 2000 at 7 p.m. Topics will include how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and how to access scholarship opportunities.

For more information including alternative workshop dates and locations, call Guidance Services at 272-4554.



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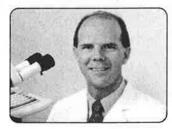
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A safe school environment

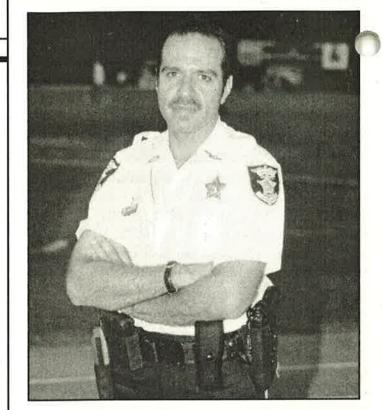
By Mack Austin

One of the key elements to providing a safe school environment is the presence of the School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO works with the school administration, faculty, students and parents in enforcing the rules and procedures in place to protect every student and adult who teaches, works or volunteers at their

This responsibility is one that Deputy Tino Torres, Bloomingdale High School's SRO, takes very seriously. Originally from Chicago, "Deputy Tino" as he is known by the students, knows what real crime is all about. After more than twelve years with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office working patrol duty on the street, in the Crime Bureau and in special drug investigation units, he has an impressive background in law enforcement. He also served as SRO at Pierce Junior High and Leto High School.

He has noticed two things that stand out during his experiences with the students. "Kids need the proper training in communicating and getting along with each other. They also need to be taught how to effective manage their time. High school goes by very quickly, and they get hit with a lot of pressure from many different sources."

Deputy Tino says that providing a safe and secure school environment takes the constant cooperation of everyone. "It begins with the parents. They set the example. The students learn from their habits. Being patient, courteous and careful when driving them to school shows them how they should drive. Also, obeying the speed limits, one-way signs and other laws, and



Bloomingdale High School Resource Officer Deputy Tino Torre. Photo by Mack Austin

wearing their seat belts helps their students become better drivers."

Parents can become active in learning about the safety measures adopted by the School Board and Bloomingdale High School and can support them through school organizations and volunteer groups. Students can become involved through the school's Youth Crime Watch Program by calling 1-800-873-TIPS to report suspicious or dangerous activity. It takes a team effort to provide a safe school environment.

A bad sign!

By Mack Austin

After the December 1999 Gazette article about signs being illegally nailed and stapled to trees and TECO poles in our area, additional information and several suggestions were forwarded to us.

*The penalty for hanging an illegal sign, especially a "snipe" sign (advertising special programs or jobs, usually with a beeper number), can run from \$150 to \$500 a day. TECO workers have been seriously injured by nails in poles, and may pursue further action in such a

*The Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension

Service has confirmed that when nails or staples are driven into a tree, it causes the tree's irrigation system to "block out" the area, which eventually dies. Some trees in Bloomingdale have been found with as many as twenty nails in them. Too many holes and the tree dies.

- * Legal signs, for purposes such as garage sales, can be used without damaging the trees. Punch holes in the corner of the sign and tie it to the tree.
- * Use clear packing tape to affix the sign to a tree or
- * Use metal stick frames to display the signs in the ground.
- * Remember that code regulations require that signs be removed immediately after use.

Rec Center News

January 2000

Winter activities schedule

For class duration and starting dates, please call Donna Clouse, Recreation Director at 744-5907 weekdays 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

Children's Classes and Activities

Class	Age	Day	Time	Fee
Basketball	3-14	M/T/TH	5:30 - 6:30	\$ 20**
Ceramics	5-12	F	4:00 - 5:00	Supplies
Cheerleading	3-14	M/T/TH	5:30 - 6:30	\$ 20**
Homeschool PE	5-17	TH	1:00 - 2:00	Free
Homework	6-12	M-TH	3:00 - 3:30	Free
Karate	5 & up	T/F	5:00 - 6:00	\$ 3**
Photography	5 & up	T	4:30 - 5:30	\$ 3**
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[•]per class fee

Teens/Adults/Senior Activities

Class	Day	Time	Fee
Adult Basketball League	S	4:00 - 6:00	\$ 30*
Adult Ceramics	TH	7:00 - 9:00	Supplies
Adult Game Room	M-F	7:00 - 8:00	Free
Photography	T	9:30 - 10:30	\$ 3**

• Per player fee, 8 man minimum on roster. First meeting February 2, 2000 at 7:00 pm.

Photography for Everyone

lis photography class will be taught by local professional photographer Tim Golden. Tim asks that you bring any type of camera you have, 35mm or even a video camera. He will show you the correct techniques for aiming, composing and shooting just like the pros. This class is for students of all ages. Each student should bring their own film and will be responsible for getting their film processed. Class meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month beginning on January 18. For more information, call Tim Golden at 653-1337.

Adult Basketball League

The Hillsborough County Basketball Association's Adult Basketball League is now forming at Bloomingdale West Rec Center. Individual players are welcome and will be placed on teams that have roster vacancies. Referees and scorekeepers are needed. Cost

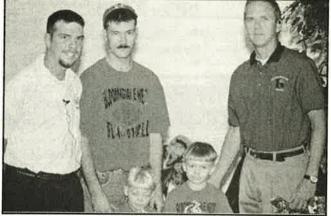
is \$30 per player with a minimum 8-player roster. Games will be played on Saturday afternoons 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

- * February 26 and March 4th pre-season tournament.
- * March 11 April 15 league games
- *April 22 and April 29 post season games
- * May 6 All Star game

For more information, contact Steve Clouse at 685-7975 or Bobby Bunkley at 664-1440.

Where to get the Gazette

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Recreation Leader #1 Jeff Kleinotas (L) and BSHS football coach Miles Bilenski (R) congratulate Scott Smith and sons Austin and Alex at the Rec Center's Football Awards Ceremony. Photo by Mack Austin.

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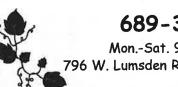
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Brandon Youth Theatre

A Gazette report

Brandon Youth Theatre is gearing up for their Spring 2000 season of musical and theatrical classes for children ages 5 through grade 12. Brandon Youth Theatre is a tuition-based, not-for-profit organization that provides instruction in theatrical classes for aspiring young thespians during spring, summer and winter sessions throughout the year.

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Mrs. Leslie Shepard's "Little Ones" program. The students will learn the dramatic elements of storytelling, write their own scripts, design their own makeup and create their own set designs. Two classes will be held at St. Mark United Church on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm and from 4:45 to 5:45 pm. Classes will meet once a week for 12 weeks, beginning on January 12, with a performance on March 29, Each class is limited to 9 students. Cost is \$60 per student.

Classes for Brandon Youth Theatre's spring musical production, The Boyfriend, will be held at Center Place on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, beginning on January 11, with performances held on April 7, 8 and 9. Several male roles are still available. Tuition for this program is \$120 per student.

Brandon Youth Theatre's offerings also include Voice Technique, Audition workshops and more. For further information, please contact Cheryl Bosley at 653-0360.

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