

This Month In History

Six years ago this month Bloomingdale High graduated its first class of seniors. In 1984, the BHA secured street lights for West, and way back in 1981 the BHA held its first annual community picnic.

Coming Attractions**In July Look For...**

- What's going on in summer school
- Bloomingdale LL All-Stars
- Keeping the beat for the bagpipe band

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BHA Briefs

Monthly Meeting

Members of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association are invited to attend this month's meeting on Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 in the Community Office located in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale next door to Fabric King. The agenda for the next few months, according to board vice president Rick Oros, will concentrate on the budget and membership. Homeowners who have concerns or issues they wish to bring before the board are encouraged to attend. Residents have the floor at the top of the meeting.

New Board Member

Local realtor and Windsor Woods resident Luana Russell is the newest board member of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association. She joined the board three months ago "to play more of a part in service to the community and for increased awareness."

Russell and her husband Woody, also a realtor, have resided in Bloomingdale for 13 years. She moved here from Orange County, Calif., after visiting a friend in Seffner and performing as a professional singer at a Brandon church. "I liked the area so much, I had to move here and brought my daughter with me."

Daughter Susan Bradford is also a Bloomingdale resident. Russell's son, Bob Millsbaugh is a missionary in Costa Rica.

A realtor for 20 years, Russell has been an associate with RE/MAX Realty Unlimited since last October. She is a member of the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce and Bell Shoals Baptist Church.

Membership

Residents should be on the look-out for membership packets and information which will be arriving over the next several weeks. The \$20 dues are for the calendar year. This year's packet will include a letter about deed restrictions enforcement.

NIP Report

Calls coming into the Community Office have been on the increase, and with four new volunteers in the Neighborhood Involvement Program, the job of following through on calls has been made easier on all concerned.

We still are in need of a few volunteers from Bloomingdale Oaks. Residents of that area who are unhappy with the way the neighborhoods look, are asked to volunteer their time to assist with the NIP. Volunteering will not take much time and the rewards are many. Volunteers may remain anonymous. The training takes about one hour and thereafter one hour a month for inspection and re-inspection. You will be pleasantly surprised at the difference you can make in your neighborhood.

There has been a lot of building going on - one week there's a big open field and within a few months up pop beautiful new homes. We can all be very proud to live in Bloomingdale. The newer, fresh and beautiful areas take care of themselves for a long while, but the older areas of East and West need constant care and attention to keep them looking beautiful. We've all got to work together to keep our homes and neighborhoods a place we are proud to live in and be from.

Addressing Deed Violations

Our deed restriction campaign should be under way very shortly, which will cover many of the incoming calls. We are hoping that if you receive a card notifying you of a deed restriction violation, it will receive your cooperation. If there is a problem with compliance, please feel free to call the Community Office at 681-2051

About Garage Sales

If you have a garage sale, please take down all signs after the sale is complete. Nailing signs to trees is not



The Space Shuttle landed at Alafia Elementary last month. Everyday during May, Alafia students had an opportunity to simulate space flight. The life-size vehicle was built by students and parents at Tampa Palms Elementary and is in hot demand as a travelling exhibit to area schools.

I Remember Grandpa With Love

by Ambria Hatcher

Editor's Note: Ambria, a 5th grader in Ms. Glass's class at Alafia Elementary, placed in the top five in the county in a recent essay contest. The topic - My favorite older person. Since she chose to write about her grandfather, we thought it appropriate to feature her loving words in this month in which we honor all fathers.

This essay is a tribute to my Grandpa Jesse, who died in the summer of '92. He is my favorite older person because he taught me many things in my life. I admire him because of the way he cared so much about other people and had a profound interest in everything.

He taught me how to tie my shoes, whistle, count, multiply, swim, and most of all he helped me learn about God and how to have faith in my life.

He could repair anything mechanical if you asked him to. When I was little, I remember sitting in the garage and watching him repair anything, no matter what it was. I would sit in admiration at how quickly

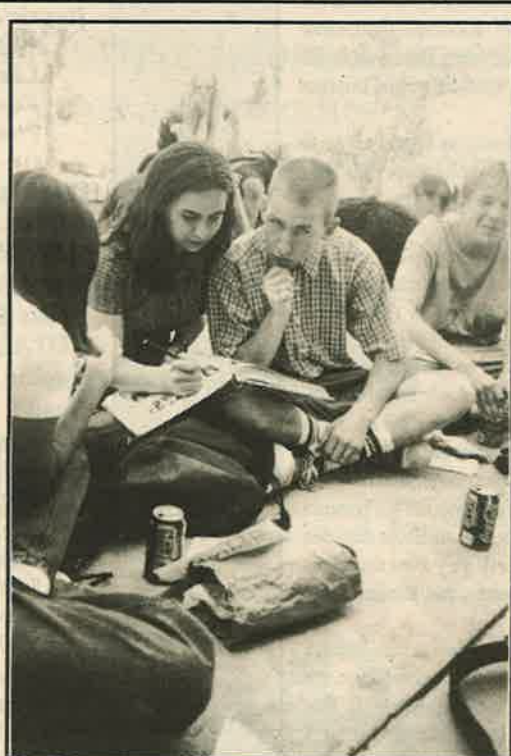
he had know what the problem had been and how quickly he could work. Whenever he wanted to achieve something, he set his mind to it.

He also got my attention towards wildlife. We used to take long walks watching the birds and squirrels as they played. I would ask him questions on their ways of life, like why they chased after each other and why they fought. He would answer me right away. He used to take me places where I would watch and learn about animals.

He took me to parks and he would swing me and help me on the monkey bars. He took me to a ranch to ride horses. He also took me in the fields to look for rabbits.

Whenever I think about my grandpa, I think about an intelligent, caring, and loving human being who always spent time with me and taught me most of the things I know today.

This essay told you why I love and admire my Grandpa Jesse. We named my baby brother in honor of him. Although he passed away when I was nine, he will always be a part of my life.



Bloomingdale High students Melissa Wilson and Neil Collom relax during lunch while signing yearbooks. The annual tradition

Phosphate Injection May Cure Leaky Water Pipes

by Rozel Sciulli

There's something in the water but residents will neither taste it nor smell it.

What they may notice - not immediately but over time - is fewer incidents of pinhole leaks in their copper water piping. At least that's what the county is banking on.

That's because as of June 1, the county began adding ortho-phosphate to the area's water supply in an effort to reduce the copper levels in drinking water. Bloomingdale and all recipients from the Lithia Pumping Station are among the first in the county to receive the treated water.

Ortho-phosphate is a food-grade chemical, which when added to water, adheres to metal surfaces. The county is hoping it will create a barrier between water and the copper piping through which it flows inhibiting corrosion.

Pinellas county has been using this method successfully since 1988.

"Nobody knows for sure how it works, it just does," said Bob Powell, a chemist with Pinellas County utilities. "There are several theories but they vary depending on the chemistry of the system. We do know that phosphates coat metal surfaces."

Powell also said it does not create a health issue.

"People could eat it by the spoonfuls with side effects that amount to nothing more than frequent trips to the

BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY PAGE

The Bloomingdale Gazette

Dear Readers,

I am encouraging you to call the community office or write to *The Bloomingdale Gazette* for your suggestions on the articles or stories you would like to read about. We live in a community that has common boundaries, however, within these boundaries we're a complex and diverse community. The newspaper tries to develop stories and articles that will be of interest to most homeowners. We also bring the community up-to-date on the happenings of the BHA and STD. If there is an issue or concern that you feel may benefit the entire community please feel free to call me at the community office to discuss the details.

Throughout the years I have encouraged all of you to get involved in the community and to take some responsibility for the future of our neighborhoods. I am pleased to say that we do have residents that are becoming more involved and are taking part to preserve the welfare of our community. Each month, at the BHA board meeting, residents attend and either ask for help or give suggestions on how to improve or maintain our current way of life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your time and efforts in helping the BHA achieve its goals.

A special note: In the next few months you will be reading information concerning a major water project for the Bloomingdale area.

Sincerely,
Rick Oros
Rick Oros

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MEETINGS

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

Bloomingdale Special Taxing District
Second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

BHA Board of Directors

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

Bloomingdale Oaks Special Taxing District

First Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Mobile Watch & Neighborhood Watch

Watch this listing for dates & times. The meetings are held on a per need basis.

Sheriff Nabs Sod Bandits

by Gazette Staff

Deputy George Mosher of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department was on his usual route early Tuesday morning, May 17, when he noticed something that didn't look quite right.

Pulling onto the grass at Bell Shoals and Garnet, he caught red handed two adult males loading sod onto their Toyota pick-up truck. Only thing is, the sod did not belong to them - it belonged to the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District, in other words, the taxpayers of Bloomingdale.

He made the men put the sod back, but the next day the two Bloomingdale

residents were arrested and charged with grand theft. They were later released.

Once Mosher determined who was the rightful owner of the sod he asked STD property manager Greg Atkinson if he wanted to press charges. Atkinson, who is fed up with the theft of landscape plants, trees, and now sod, did not hesitate.

Atkinson estimated that the men tried to take off with "a few hundred dollars worth of sod."

Residents who see suspicious activity around any of the common property are asked to notify the sheriff's office immediately.

Our Times

Graduating With Honors In Life

by Rozel Sciuilli

Graduation announcements can be quite generic, you know. This being one of the proudest moments in a parent's life, I've often thought that graduation announcements ought to be personalized much like wedding invitations. Mr. and Mrs. so-and-so invite you to celebrate with them the commencement of their son/daughter.

Some pretty fancy wedding invitations go out after only a few months of a relationship. We're not talking months, but 18 years that have been invested in a child before he or she reaches this rite of passage into adulthood. I'd say that calls for hand engraved invitations.

About this time of year I can expect half-a-dozen or more graduation invitations (the generic kind) in my mail from former students. Some are kind enough to enclose a senior picture, others include an additional invitation to some festivity being held in their honor.

I received an invitation a couple of weeks ago that was as thoughtful as it was unique. A soon-to-be Bloomingdale graduate was kind enough to invite me to the June 8 ceremony. He enclosed his very nice senior picture and also a letter. Now it wasn't handwritten because he sent the same little letter to all his guests, so it was typed and copied. But that's okay. It's the message that matters.

What he shared with friends and relatives was a capsule of his life to date. As a military brat, he has lived many places and he told the highlights of his growing up years in foreign lands and far-away states. He detailed for those who probably cherished every word, the history of his soccer career, especially about his participation on

Bloomingdale's two state championship teams. It was a chronicle of his 18 years. Heck, he's done more in his young life than many do in a lifetime.

"This is what I have accomplished, now won't you celebrate these accomplishments with me and my parents?" Not what he wrote, but that was the message.

Some invitations are sent as a quick way to get a gift. Others want to let me know that they have successfully made it beyond my 7th grade class.

This young man graduates with honors - perhaps not in academics, but definitely in life. He let those important to him know that he did something with himself worthy of their recognition. He let all who received an invitation know that his parents had done a good job, and that they should be commended as well. He also let those who care about him know what he intends to do the next few years; that he has goals; that he's not going to be a beach partier and live off his parents the rest of his young adult life until he decides what he likes to do that will pay him the most money. Again, not his words, but the message was clear.

I seldom attend a graduation ceremony for the many invites I receive. I acknowledge the occasion with a card and sometimes a gift. But this is one graduation I'll be sure to attend.

And when this young man's name is announced, I and others will know that he is deserving of this rite. We will celebrate his passage into adulthood and be hopeful for his future. If his first 18 years are any indication, I hope I'm around to get an invitation to his retirement party.

STD FY 96 Budget Proposal

Following is the proposed budget for the 1996 Fiscal Year of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District. The budget was discussed at a workshop last month and will be up for approval at this month's meeting, June 12. The finalized budget must be sent to the Board of County Commissioners by June 22.

Residents who have concerns or suggestions with regard to expenditures are invited to attend this month's 7:30 meeting in the Community Office, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale Plaza.

Because of possible community input, the proposed budget is subject to change.

Expenditures 1996	
Professional Services	12,500
Accounting	9,000
Mgmt & Other Services	35,000
(Property Mgr. Secretaries, Dumpster)	
Travel & Per Diem	100
Communications	200
Transportation	200
Utilities	10,000
Rentals & Leases	3,500
Insurance	500
Repair & Maintenance	117,000
Wall Painting 15,000	
Lawn Maint. 80,000	
Repairs	18,000
Pressure Wash	4,000
	117,000
Printing & Binding	100
Other Charges & Obligations	1,350
Office Supplies	750
Operating Supplies	100
Books & Publications	50
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	190,350
Capital Outlay 1996	
Land	0
Buildings	0
Improvements	91,350
Wells 45,000	
Landscape 25,000	
Lighting 15,000	
Signage 2,100	
Benches 4,250	
TOTAL	91,350
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	91,350
Non-Operating Expenses	
Budget Transfers	12,956
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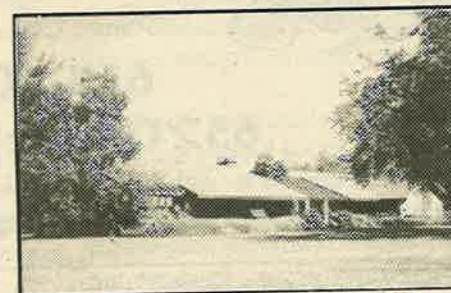
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Bloomingtondale's Top Grads Among County's Best

by Laura D. Frazier

If grade point average is an indicator of intelligence, then Bloomingtondale High's Sean Taylor and Katherine Brunny are among the smartest graduating seniors in the county. This year's valedictorian and salutatorian look forward to the personal independence and freedom to choose their own courses of study that college will afford them this fall. Both have proven themselves personally and academically up to those challenges.

Taylor, the school's valedictorian and the son of Kitzy Taylor of Valrico and Sidney Taylor of Fairfax, Va., will attend Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. He has an appreciation for the rural campus setting and has always hoped to attend an Ivy League school to study political science.

Brunny, salutatorian, is the daughter of Brenda Brunny of Valrico and the late Peter J. Brunny. She has been presented many options that would take her as far away as France, but has made her decision to stay closer to home by attending Florida State University to study literature and the humanities.

Both Taylor and Brunny agree that getting involved in extracurricular activities helped them to stay focused on academics and avoid negative peer pres-

ures. Taylor, senior class president, is active in the math and social studies academic teams, the National Honor Society, Mu



Sean Taylor

Alpha Theta, and will graduate with a GPA of 5.52, 5th highest in the county. Sean recommends the academic teams to underclassmen.

"The teams made it (school) fun. For instance, we learned shortcuts on the math team to use during the "jeopardy" style competitions which we definitely used in class and vice versa. Being involved on the teams made studies more interesting."

Taylor credits his older brother, Jay, as his role model. "I've always looked up to Jay. He's had to do everything first and I've learned from his experiences."

Taylor hopes to enter public service with particular interest in becoming an attorney, public prosecutor, judge, or political official.

Brunny is the LEO service club president and a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, French Honor Society, Senior Council, a National Merit commended scholar, and she will graduate with a 5.46 GPA.



Katherine Brunny

Her advice to high school freshmen:

"Get involved in service projects, athletics, a little bit of everything, so that you're not overwhelmed by the academics."

Brunny also credits her mother with "teaching me how to be independent, instilling values in me, and always encouraging me." She said her long term aspirations seem to change every few weeks these days, but her primary interests now are in literature and the humanities. She plans to take a wide variety of courses and explore as much academically as she can before choosing a definite direction.

Both Taylor and Brunny are apprehensive, as are most seniors, about parting ways with their friends and family. They are proud and excited, and just a little sad.

They may be at the top of their class and among the best in the county but, on June 8, when they take center stage at the BHS commencement ceremony, they will feel like all other seniors who are breathing a sigh of relief and shouting to themselves, "We made it."

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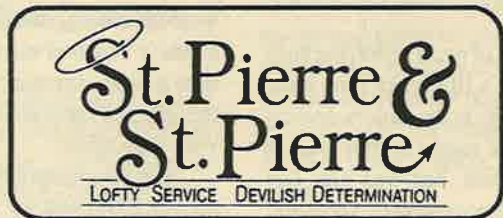


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**Good Neighbors: The Trents
Mother, Son On Different Missions**

by Gwen Szafranski

This spring has been a busy and challenging time for Bloomingdale residents Mayetta Trent and son Joshua. The mother of four young adults, Trent achieved a long time goal by graduating with a degree in criminology from the University of South Florida. Josh, a 1994 graduate of Bloomingdale High, recently completed his freshman year at

Brigham Young University and returned home to prepare for a two-year mission to Chile for his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

In a sense, the challenges for both mother and son have just begun.

Josh will hone his language skills and knowledge of Chilean customs before heading for the southernmost regions of South America; Mayetta will explore her volunteer and career options relating to victim assistance programs which she encountered in pursuit of her major. Certainly, both mother and son have impressed friends and family with their determination and commitment.

"Mayetta has really set an example for our kids," said husband Larry. "They are so proud that the second person in our family to graduate from college is their mother. It was also our family's first chance to attend a college graduation service - we had never hung around for the ceremonies when I received my degree."

Trent is equally proud of his son's upcoming mission as Josh joins his older brother, Jared, by serving the Mormon Church in South America. Jared is currently on mission in Uruguay. Ironically, the brothers will have no contact except by mail. In fact, Josh will be able to phone his parents in the U.S. only two times a year.

For Josh, senior class president while at BHS and an athletically active and popular college freshman in Utah, such restrictions might seem daunting. However, young Trent seems eager to grab his two suitcases and backpack and head off to this rugged region located near Cape Horn and rtoeted for its constant rain and countless volcanoes.

"College was really intense," he said. "and I'll really miss the upbeat atmosphere of

the students and all my personal relationships, but I'm really looking forward to my time in Chile and serving my church." Josh credits his parents' strong faith and his brother's example for inspiring his own mission.

Faith and a recurring dream had a lot to do with his mother's accomplishing her goal. When the Trents were married,

part of the Church Patriarchal Blessing was a promise that Mayetta would be able to complete her college degree. Through the years of child-rearing and supporting her husband's



The Trent Family has been supportive of Mayetta and Joshua in their pursuit of lifetime goals - she earned a college degree and he will begin mission work in South America.

business efforts, Trent also dreamed continually of being lost on a college campus.

"I couldn't find my classes; I didn't know which class I was supposed to attend or what I was supposed to be studying," she recalled. "Going back to school and getting the degree gave me a good deal of confidence, and that nightmare disappeared."

In fact, Trent feels that returning to school in mid-life is a bonus because people bring the sum of their life experiences to the classroom, making the experience more interesting.

"I think as an older student I was more focused; I could put grades in perspective, and grades came more easily," she said.

Grades came easily, but choosing a major was another matter. Trent wanted to devote her study time to something about which she was truly passionate. She sampled physical education, sociology, computer science, and even becoming a fish, game and wildlife warden before settling on criminology. An internship with the State Attorney's Office, where she started in the juvenile division and later worked with domestic violence cases in court, steered Trent toward issues surrounding victim's rights and the possibility of working with victim assis-

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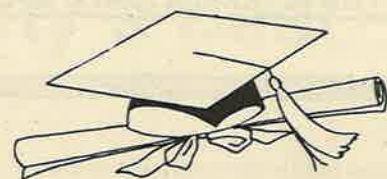
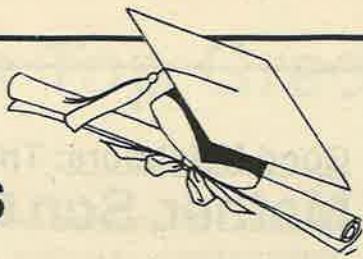
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Life In These Times

To The Seniors



by Daniel Farrer

A mother's eyes fill with tears as she watches her child slowly make that long walk down the aisle. Without hesitation, she quickly raises her camera to get that one last picture before the moment is gone forever. Her husband sits beside her in the crowd, jaw tight, eyes moist, reflecting on the moment not so long ago when he held his newborn in his arms, so secure and safe from the trials of the world.

Now all that would be coming to an end. After today it would never be the same, for their child would shortly be gone and their worlds would be changed forever. The moments seemed almost frozen in time as they watched theirs and others slowly approach the stage. Just a few more steps and it would be done. All those years of work, trials, tears and fears were compressed down to this one last final scene. Their child walks forward. Extends a hand. The parchment is passed. It is done.

On June 8 in the Sun Dome this scene will repeat itself several hundred times. The lives of many families will be changed forever as we celebrate one of the greatest experiences in life. High school graduation is upon us once

again.

Seniors, for you it will be a time of great relief, because it marks a point in a young person's life when they have reached their first great rite of passage in the American way of life. For some it may be a time of regret as they realize what might have been accomplished, but was not. For others it will be a time to realize their accomplishments and the associated feelings of pride and confidence that fill the heart after all the hard work is done. Whatever the feelings and thoughts that fill each heart and mind at this special time, for all of us, parents and graduates alike, it is a time of reflection.

For you graduates, it's a time to look back over the past few years and think of friendships made, ball games won and lost, a dozen field trips that got you out of class, assemblies, homecoming and the prom. It's a time to remember the teachers who inspired and challenged you. Especially the ones who opened your eyes to a wider world and showed you all the grand possibilities that could be yours. It's a time to remember running through the halls to get to class on time, messy lockers containing moldy socks,

year-old candy bars, old love notes from that special friend, a year's worth of old papers, reports and other junk that is now a faded memory. It's a time to recall a million other thoughts of special times and people who may never pass your way again.

For your parents it's a time of pride at one of the great accomplishments of your life. An accomplishment they know you will remember forever. But they too have memories of early-morning bus rides and after-practice pick-ups, last minute trips to the store for project materials due tomorrow, calling out spelling words and practicing times tables, packing lunches, sharing in joys and excitement, and mending broken hearts. It's also a time of sadness, for they know in their hearts you will soon be gone on your own special journey through life.

So at graduation time, if you notice your mom hugging you a little tighter or your dad getting a little misty-eyed, it's only because of their pride in you and thoughts from many years ago when they once stood where you are and celebrated this special day in their own lives.

This day we call graduation. Congratulations, seniors.

Church and Synagogue News

Church Members 'Sentence' Former Pastor

by Donna Heinz and Ellen Abramson

At the Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale's annual picnic and fish fry given by the Argudo family at their ranch, former interim pastor Alan Pickering, was stunned to hear that he was the key figure in a court trial.

Taking place on the picnic grounds, the court charged Dr. Pickering with "furthering the ministry of Jesus Christ" and a lesser charge of "wearing garish ties". Dr. Pickering's friend and our newly installed pastor, Dr. Philip Makari, served as Judge Ahab. Members including elders of the church, assumed roles of prosecuting attorney, daughter of Satan, witnesses and a very "sorry" defense attorney. Charges ranged from "always being there when needed; following a funny story with a very serious message of God's love; guiding and counseling when it was most needed; to a lesser charge brought about by the 49er plus jury that he always remained at the end of the serving line at family suppers.

The garish tie charges were dropped but all others received a guilty verdict by the jury. Judge Ahab sentenced Alan Pickering to serve 20 years of continuing ministry to the Church of Jesus Christ. When the courtroom laughter had subsided, the former pastor was presented with a monogrammed Bible and the best wishes of all.

The church membership extends congratulations to Geoff Bowles and Kristi Duffy, active youth members who are graduating from Bloomingdale High this month. Under the "Horizons to Success" Kristi has received a two-year scholarship to HCC.

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church will

host acoustical guitarist Seven B. Bumgarner at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services and at the 9:40 Sunday school hour. Mr. Bumgarner ministers through his music.

He has been singing professionally since 1967 and has recorded four albums. He is currently studying voice at The Academy of The Arts in Golden, Col.

St. Andrews will have a "Mission Trip to Africa" for all children age three through 5th grade on Wednesdays June 14, 21, and 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. Children will be entertained with stories, games and crafts while they wait for a visit from Anasi. Call the church office for further details. Vacations Bible School at St. Andrews will be in July.

South Brandon Baptist is having a spring picnic today with recreation from 2 to 4:30 and dinner between 4:30 and 5:15. Fellowship will follow the meal.

"The Gospel Group" will perform on Sunday, June 24, at 7 p.m. and the church has scheduled Vacation Bible School from June 12-16 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. A light supper will be served and it is for ages four through sixth grade.

Bell Shoals Church of Christ will hold Vacation Bible School from June 18-22 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be classes for ages two through sixth grade, as well as for teens and adults. The theme for this year's VBS will be "God's Amazing Deeds".

Living Savior Lutheran Church invites all children ages four to teens to five days of crafts, music, games and exciting stories from June 12-16. Vacation Bible School will be held from 7 to 8:45 p.m.

Bell Shoals Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School from June 26-30 for rising kindergarteners through sixth grade.

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Local Artist Honored For Service

by Donna Heinz

Local artist Sue Allen was the recipient of the "Spud Clements Award" given each year to someone who has given of themselves, their talents and their support to Brandon's Center Place. Sue, a resident of Bloomingdale, actually began her committed involvement with Center

Place in 1988 when she was asked to draw a pair of ruby red slippers for the center's patron party. She has also donated her artwork for silent auctions and her painting has graced the Center Place brochure for six years.

Sue has served as a liaison between Center Place and the Brandon League of Fine Arts and has been on the Center Place board of directors for three years. There, she has judged youth art shows, served on numerous committees, hung monthly exhibits, and was involved in the development of the new Center Place logo and brochure.

Sue was presented with the award by last year's winner, Gene Bishop, at the 1995 Patron Party held last month.

National Merit Finalists, they qualify for merit scholarships at colleges and universities where funds are available.

Parent Volunteers

Burns Junior High parents recognized as outstanding volunteers recently were Ellie Adams, Debbie Ayers, Julie Frescura, Pat Kline, Debi Murphy, Kay Neville, Bill Rhey, Ginger Sposaro, and Linda Strohfus.

Hat's Off...

to the following Burns Junior High and Bloomingdale Senior High students who made Principal's Honor Roll for the third grading period:

8th graders - Vanessa Ayer, Jennie Barber, Megan Carter, Douglas Currier, Jennifer Dean, Justin Dethier, Kathryn Farr, Kristin Frinkley, Matthew Glisson, Joy Griffin, Erica Henry, Emily Honsberger, Stacy Huffman, Kade Kangas, Robert Klieves, Aida Kuri, Shih-Shan Lang, Ashley Lipphardt, Bryan McNabb, Brenda McSpadden, Paul Michalak, Jennifer Mitchell, Yadira Munoz, Ameesh Patel, Israel Perez, Susan REck, Kristen Shaffer, and Krista Umbarger.

9th graders - Megan Allen, Kelly Boehm, Ryan Bolchoz, Max Campbell, Robert Eisenberg, Nicole Funk-Caballer, Meagan Galinger, Darcie Gaudreau, Alexis Gordon, Adam Grafton, Andrew Hooker, Erica James, Alyssa Kochansky, Jessica Moats, Sarah Mueller, Kathryn Reese, Michael Rhey, Vivian Ryan, Helena Sorensen, Katherine Teel, Melissa Thompson, Cara Waronicki, Amanda Wetherington, and Kelly Wicklund.

10th graders - Chasity Baker, David Banks, Peter Belford, Kirsten Buschbacher, Leanne Dignum, Robert Doty, Heghan Ellis, Robert Fallon, Colleen Fawk, Scott Flateau, Peter Galgay, ERin Greiss, Steve Grote, Karen Henry, Joseph Jacoby, Brandi Kelley, Elizabeth Kiser, Stanley Kurek, Courtney Lattz, Andrea Leto, Allison McDonald, Elizabeth Menietti, Jorge Monzon, Julie Neuber, Christine Nichols, Saleem Nsheiwat, Ashley Ott, Jennifer Page, Timothy Parrish, Stephen Polakiewicz, Janie Rosenberry, Nina Seenath, Amanda Smith, William Stephens, Mary Thomas, Naomi Unger, Laura Van Vliet, and Brian Zilka.

11th graders - Christy Barnes, Patricia Berry, Lisa Bugni, Vinessa Deconcilio, Christopher Eppler, Brian Evans, Pamela Frysz, Lina Grady, Lindsay Groover, Melissa Holmes, Ryan Kangas, Lori Kensel, Sara Khan, Daniel Madden, Kimberly Madison, Lori Mayers, Morgan McCabe, Jennifer Mitchell, Katherine Mitchell, Robert Mitchell, Brian Okay, Kristine Owne, Skye Petty, Laura Spangler, Melanie Taylor, and Marlies Zwols.

12th graders - Andrew Adams, Robert Adcock, Sheila Allnutt, Geoffrey Bowles, Christopher Calandro, Caroline Cantu Toy, John Evers, Angela Forseman, Lori Hancock, Steven Hernandez, Karmyn Laverghetta, Kristofer Marshall, Stephen McEldowney, Joshua Nelson, Perry Norris, Karen Rector, Morgan Reese, Jill Revelle, Philip Rivera, Lisa Sinclair, Heather Unisko, Christopher VanVliet, Jennifer Wangerien, Kesha Weldon, and Martha Willman.

Jumpin' Jelly Beans

Cherilyn Hensley, a six-year-old from Bloomingdale recently won a contest sponsored by local realtor Luana Russell. Cherilyn had to guess how many jelly beans were in jar - she guessed 358 and the correct number was 361. The contest was held as part of the annual community picnic sponsored by the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association of which Luana is a board member. Cherilyn's prize - besides the 361 jelly beans - was free movie passes.



Cherilyn Hensley

National Merit Finalists

Congratulations to the Bloomingdale High seniors, all National Merit Finalists, who were honored along with others at a county wide awards reception last month - Ami Borchik, Jeffery Jacoby, Michael McKinley, Tanya Miguel, John Reich, Jennifer Wangerien, and Maria Williamson. These students scored in the top half of the top one percent of the seniors in the country, and as

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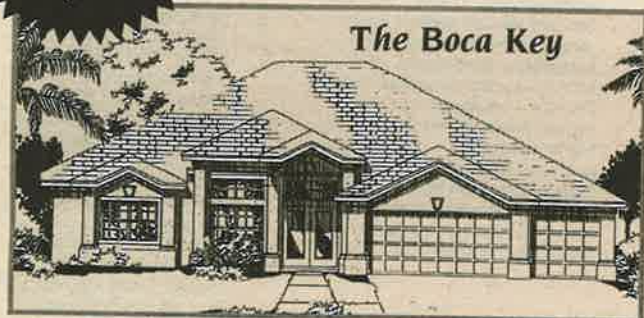
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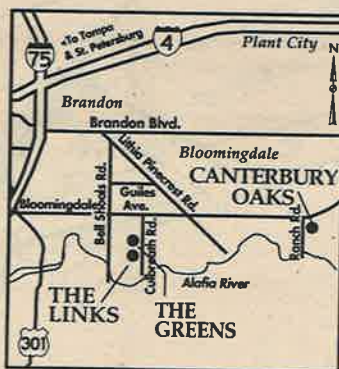
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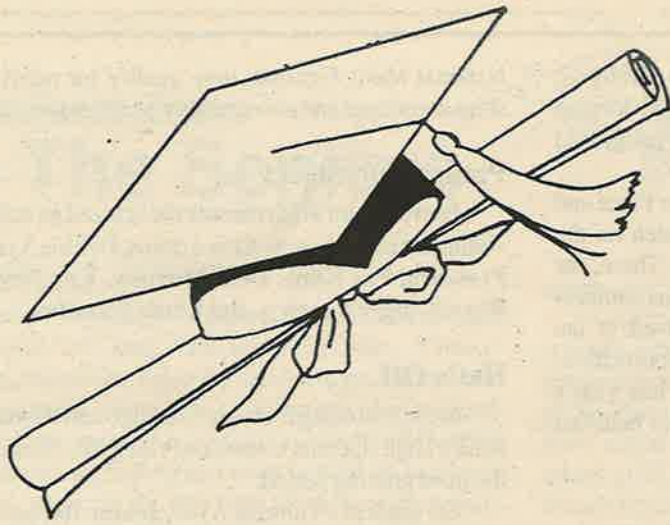
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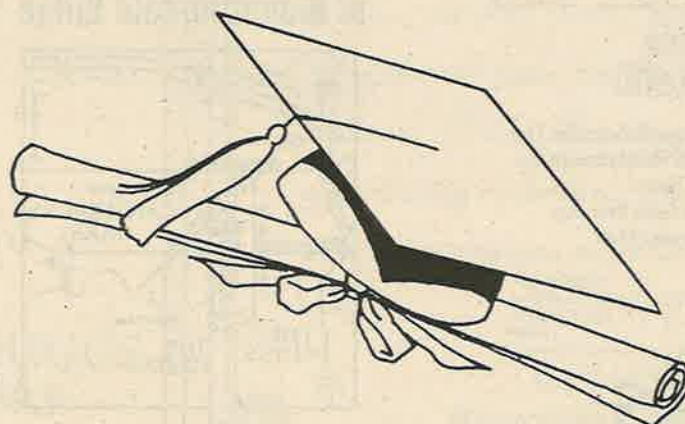
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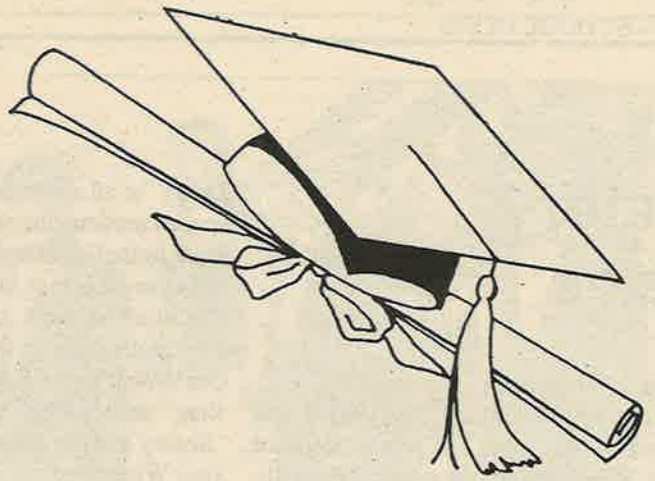
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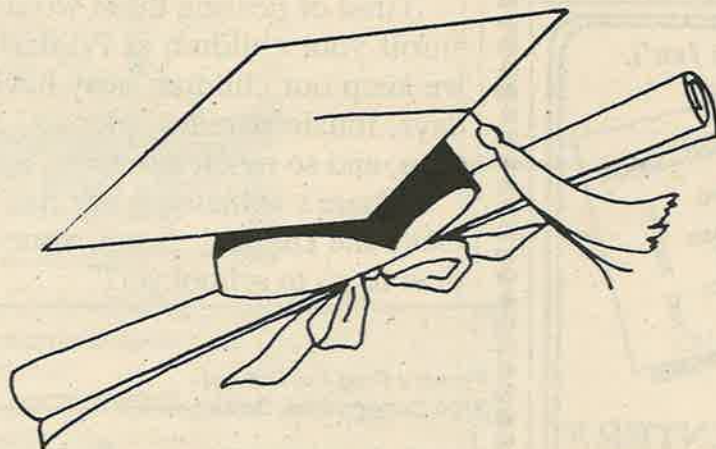
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Gator Tales



by Suzy Wiesenhart

The 1995-96 Alafia PTA Board was elected on May 23rd. The new officers are **Suzy Wiesenhart**, president; **Michelle Colesanti**, 1st vice-president/volunteers; **Michael Caine**, 2nd vice-president/ways and means; **Kathy Hamm**, 3rd vice-president/administrative support; **Julie Aloisio**, 4th vice-president/membership; **Susan Abdel-Aziz**, treasurer; **Robin Rogovin**, secretary.

New die-cuts for the die-cut machine were purchased by the PTA as a gift for the Alafia teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. The PTA likes to buy something that all teachers will be able to use and this year was no exception. When surveyed, the die cuts were a popular item. The PTA also provided donuts for breakfast one morning as a way of saying "thank you" for being great teachers.

During the "Say No to Drugs" Week at Alafia on May 8-12, the PTA distributed book marks which were inscribed "Hugs Not

Drugs" to all students. Also that week, a special presentation was given to the 5th grade by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to encourage saying "No" to drugs. The students were taught songs about staying drug free to the tunes "Oh, I Just Can't Wait to Be King" from the "Lion King" and staying healthy to the tune "Beauty and the Beast", both written by Suzy Wiesenhart.

Alafia's 5th grade has been busy publishing an international cookbook filled with recipes from all over the world. This great multi-cultural project was a joint effort of the 5th graders and the PTA. The books will be on sale at school soon. The profits from the cookbooks will be used for future multi-cultural activities.

Two 5th grade teachers, **Kelly Gomolak** and **Judy Golden**, were awarded a grant for \$10,000 for a project called "Time Machine". It is a year-long program designed to foster creative problem-solving skills in fifth grade students. Students will "travel through time": to visit important eras in American History. They will study societies by exploring communication, culture, social issues, economics and the environment.

Lithia Lynx



by Donnamarie Kibler

Lithia Lynx winners have been turning up everywhere lately. A special congratulations to a very dedicated and involved parent volunteer at Lithia Springs, **Mrs. Sue Narup**. The Bloomingdale resident was awarded the Sargent A. Percy Award from the Hillsborough County Council during the awards banquet held May 25. We are proud to have her win such a great award for her efforts in promoting child safety and awareness at our school as well as in the Bloomingdale community.

The Lithia camera club, headed by **Ellen Kent** and **Tim Golden** ended their year with a school-wide photography contest and there were many winners in every category. First place winners were **Josh Turner**, **Lynn Pasternak**, **Sara Rowland**, and **Chris Foreman**. Second prize winners were **Jennifer Bentson**,

Krystal Vereb and **Daniel Narup**. Third place went to **Chris Foreman**, **Killian Ekert** and **Jessica Sievers**. Congratulations to all the photo buffs who entered and don't forget to collect summer photos to share next school years. Thanks to **Ellen** and **Tim** for their time and creativity in pulling this club together for the Lithia Lynx.

The newly-elected PTA executive committee is already working on next year's plans. They are **Gayle Turner**, president; **Maureen Carrigan**, 1st vice-president; **Mary Kay Boeyen**, 2nd vice-president; **Susan Dickison**, 3rd vice-president; **Maureen Carney**, corresponding secretary; **Gina Robinson**, recording secretary; **Tim Golden**, treasurer; **Suzanne Livingston**, county council delegate; and **Ron Pogorzelski**, publicity. What a great crew of parent volunteers to head up another award winning year for Lithia Springs PTA.

Getting to know our neighbors
Judy Davis,
The Greens



Person To Person

We asked visitors to the BHA Community Picnic recently what they liked best about this year's Spring Fling.



It's nice to have something for everyone to enjoy - kind of like a family picnic
Lisa and Diane Wiley, East

Face painting
William McCloud, 7
(R)



It's fun for the family
Lynn Brown,
West (L)



It's close by and we get to meet our neighbors
Charlie Becker and Taylor, 2 1/2

Horse rides
Tabathia Kroenig, 11
(Below)



Hot dogs. Seriously, just getting out and seeing everybody.
Wally Schaffer,
East (R)



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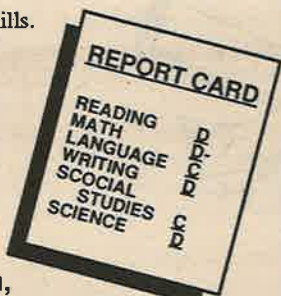
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Burns Junior High held its annual Awards Night last month and students in the 8th and 9th grades received honors in academics and from service organizations in the community.

The prestigious Principal's Award was presented by Mrs. Kipley to Michael Rhey and Vivian Ryan.

Subject award winners were Krista Umbarger and Meagan Galinger, language arts; Kristin Frinkley and Aju Jacob, mathematics; Canice Schlapo and Kathryn Reese, science; Shih-Shan Lang and Jessica Moats, social studies; Steven Batson and Mindy Allegretti, phys ed; Brian Allen, Marie Frevert and Chris George art; Jillian Thompson, chorus; John Tanner and Erica James, foreign language; Elena Schwartz and Beth Sheubrooks, family and consumer sciences; Fabian Fernandez, health ed; Alyssa Kochanski, journalism; John Semler, media.

Community awards were presented to Vivian Ryan from the American Legion and the American Association of Univeristy Women award went to Erica James. Kathryn Fox won the Bookarama award, and Mitra Gobin received the Dreamers and Doers award. Samantha Kuchaj was named Exceptional Student, and the Turn-around Achievement award went to Mary Wohlfarth. Adam Gates won a mathematics award sponsored by the AJHSME, while math

league awards went to Shih-Shan Lang and Daniel Elkins.

Burns math teams participated in the Final Hillsborough County Math league Competition of the year recently. Over 200 students representing 31 schools participated in the event.

The Geometry Team finished first in the county. Team members were Megan Allen, Robby Eisenberg, Daniel Elkins, Aju Jacob, and Amanda Wetherington. The Algebra Team of Kristen Frinkley, Miguel Gonzalez, Shih-Shan Lang, Frank Perales and John Turner tied for first, but after a sudden-death tie-breaker, they finished second.

Florida Band Masters held their annual solo and ensemble festival earlier this year and Burns Junior High was represented by over 100 participants. Soloists receiving superior ratings were Lane Barrington, Kriston Capps, John Carr, Brandon Crossland, Doug Currier, Alina Delgado, Jay Disbrow, Emily Dutch, Robby Eisenberg, Kristin Frinkley, Darcie Gaudreau, Mitra Gobin, Adam Grafton, Joe Harless, Shea Helmle, Derek Hunter, Kade Kangas, Erin Kinnee, Leonard Livingston, Sarah Mueller, Michelle Price, Mike Ruso, Vivian Ryan, Kristen Shaffer, Kim Stafford, Ryan Start, Krista Umbarger, Rafael Valentin, and Amanda Wetherington.



Erin Martin, David Stewart, Angela Long, Rio Oros, Kelly Turco and Scott Pattenon attended Burns Junior High's prom last month.

Many of these students also received superior rating for ensemble performances. They were joined by Hani Abdel-Aziz, Missy Bouwkamp, Jana Escribano, Matilda Grady, Erica Henry, Krista Lewis, Jennifer Adams, Brooke Bernhisel, Tiffany Brittain, Micah Ferguson, Linley Johnansen, Kim Meacham, Mike Augello, Sarah Boldizar, Chris DeCort, Eric Emminger, Amy Hawkins, Shannon Miller, Kiran Mir, Michelle Price, Jessica Schnebly, Jennifer Spyker, Doug Revelle, Kim Stafford, Chris Nessmith, Leanne Spradlin, and Kris Tarter.

Congratulations to Kristen Fisher and Matt Smith who were crowned Queen and King of the 9th Grade Prom.

Bulls Eye



Students Win National Science Award

Bloomigdale students Lori Kensel, Ryan Kangas, Pamela Frysz, and Kimberly Madison each received a \$5,000 U.S. savings bond when they were named second-place winners in a nationwide science competition sponsored by Toshiba and the National Science Teachers Association.

Their winning entry in the grade 10-12 category, "Virtual Reality and the Tele-Interactiphone," envisions a virtual telephone that conveys the feeling of being in the same room as the caller.

The BHS juniors will join the other winners from across the country at an awards weekend in Washington, D.C. this month. In addition to individual prizes for the students, the schools were awarded laptop computers, color TVs, VCRs, and copiers.

In all there were 12 winning teams, one first place and two second place winners in each grade level category. They were chosen from more than 5,200 entries submitted by nearly 20,000 students from the U.S. and Canada. Student teams submitted an essay and video storyboards of

their futuristic idea. Before the final winners were selected, 48 regional winners were awarded \$500 each to develop a video necessary to qualify for one of the 12 finalist positions.

The Virtual Reality and the Tele-Interactiphone (T.I.P.) is similar to present-day video phones, but offers the sensation of touch and the feeling of being in the same room as the caller through the use of virtual reality technology. The phone connection is made via a modem which sends a signal to the receiving phone activating the necessary T.I.P. software.

The students' teacher is Joseph Brod and their community advisor was Margaret Kensel.

Coming next month - the names of all the winners from Bloomigdale's Award's Night.

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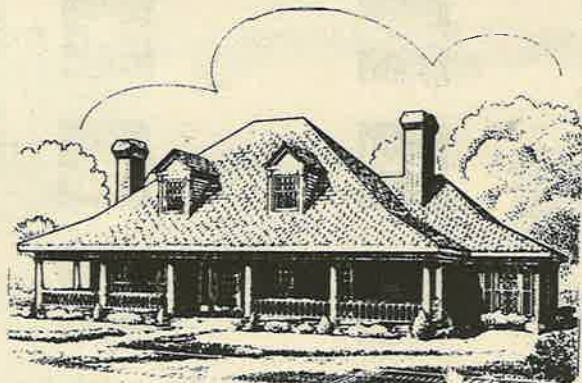
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Mr. Smith Goes To Chamberlain

Gazette Staff Report

Former Burns Junior High assistant principal, Jimmy Smith, left the school last month when he was promoted to a similar position at Chamberlain High in Tampa.

Mr. Smith had been one of two Burns' A.P.'s for nearly four years before accepting the post at Chamberlain. Prior to joining the staff at Burns, Mr. Smith, a state high school champion basketball coach, had taught at both Plant City and Tampa Bay Tech.

"Mr. Smith is going to do a wonderful job at Chamberlain," said principal Mrs. Linda Kipley. "And he will be missed at Burns as shown by the many nice compliments and gifts he received from the faculty and students."

Mrs. Kipley announced Mrs. Jeanette Billups, who has been at Burns as the administrative resource teacher for the past year, has filled Smith's position until the end of the school year.



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Kids Page - My Dad Is Cool Because . . .

'He's loving as a mom, smart as a teacher, fun as a best friend' - Alicia Traurig, Alafia 5th grader

By the time kids are teenagers, they know more than their dads and the man they once idolized now seems more human. Alafia 5th graders still think their dads are pretty cool and Ms. Glass's class tells us why.

My Dad is cool because he...

...can throw me all the way from the shallow end to the deep end in the pool. - Lindsey Gresh

...helps me to practice piano and he's the only dad I've got, which makes him pretty special. - Amanda Cooley

...always gives me surprises when they are most surprising. And on Sunday, watch out, because he makes the best pancakes. - Amber Smith

...spends time with me and because he loves me. - Robert Denmon

...is so funny because he makes a lot of jokes. He's also loving and cares a lot about me. - Jill DeCamp

...is a good role model for me. - Ross Hill

...has a lot in common with me. He likes to build things and he is also funny. - David Kenney

...understands me and helps me with my homework. He also teaches me things about the computer. - Ambria Hatcher

He's older and wiser than me. He's the only one I know who can sit and watch T.V. all day with the exception of myself. - Justin Contat

...gets cool computer games. Sometimes he lets me stay out late. He makes very good cheeseburgers and grilled cheese sandwiches. - Jon Marston

...beats me in Mortal Combat II and the company he works for helps the environment. - Daniel Ford

...takes me hunting for deer every winter. In September we go on a fishing tournament to see who can catch the

biggest catfish. - Robert Hagin

...takes me boating and camping and laughs at my jokes. - Dana Phillips

...plays the drum in a bagpipe band. He gives me whatever I want (well most of the time). - Tori Russell

...is funny, fun to be around, outgoing, nice, and takes good care of me. - Orlando Baro

He always tries to make me laugh even though we don't always get along. When my friends come over he tries not to embarrass me. - Carla Flowers

...plays ice and roller hockey. - Brian Galgay

...takes me places like Adventure Island and Disney World and we have a great time. He is also very humorous. - Ashleigh Farrell

...never gets mad at me. He never grounds me or even yells at me. - Jennifer Angelosante

...is a Navy Seal sniper. He used to play the electric guitar. - Adam Reed

...is always there for me. He always helps me with my horse. - Suzanne Staland

...is very cautious about what we do so we don't get hurt - Lauren Snaider

...plays soccer, hockey, chess and coaches my soccer team. - Luke Golden

...takes me sailing and he helps me practice soccer. - Zak Novitske

...always takes me fishing and he always makes time for me. - Elier Diaz

...let me have a dog. He gave me advice that if someone shoves me in soccer, shove them back. - Lauren Tracy

...manages me in baseball. I know I can always go to him when I have a problem. - Brian Batson

...likes to do things that I like to do. - Christian Madson

...is daring and exciting. - Chris Pittman

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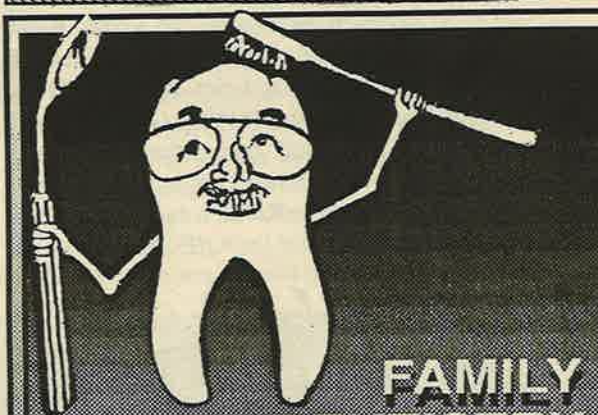
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Business Notes



Dr. Kane Wins Award

Dr. Richard Kane, owner of CARE Animal Hospital was named Brandon's Small Business Leader of the Year by the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce last month. He won in the category of Small Business with 10 or more employees. His counterpart award recipient was local accountant Donald Pate who won in the category of businesses with fewer than 10 employees.

Dr. Kane, the subject of last month's Good Neighbors feature in *The Bloomingdale Gazette*, has been a local veterinarian since 1986. He is active in the Brandon Area Youth Soccer League and provides veterinary services to the Two Rivers Hounds Pony Club. In the Chamber, Kane has served on the Planning Committee and the Dues and Membership Committee. Through his business, Kane sponsors student interns and has a petting zoo where previously injured or unwanted animals have found a safe home. He also visits area schools making demonstrations

with live animals and instructing children on pet care and responsibility.

The award is based not only on community involvement but on the success of the owners' business. Since opening by himself and with one assistant, Dr. Kane now includes among his staff, five full time vets and various office personnel, and in 9 short years, has outgrown two facilities.

Vaughn Rentals Opens

Vaughn Ali and partner Cris Stout decided the only place left to grow in Brandon was south, so they picked Erindale Plaza as the site for their new business - Vaughn Rentals. Both men have been in the rental equipment business for eight years, so it was natural for them to open this store in the community in which they live.

Vaughn Rentals has been open since late April, a perfect time for homeowners who are fixing up their houses and yards. Vaughn's deals mostly in home and lawn maintenance equipment including power tools, pressure washers and carpet cleaners, but they also sell Snapper, Briggs & Stratton, and Echo equipment.

Vaughn's is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and there is a four-hour minimum on rental equipment.

Tax Topics

Inheritance Almost Always Tax-Free

by Robert Morris, CPA

Many individuals do not realize it but recipients of inheritance do not pay tax on the amount received. Estate tax is paid by the estate if any is owed. Essentially an inheritance is almost always tax-free. Taxes may be due, however, if you receive a K-1 from the estate listing some taxable items.

Also, the beneficiary will not pay capital gains tax on the receipt of assets from the estate. This is due to a tax break called "stepped-up basis". The asset received will automatically step-up its cost basis to the current fair market value at time of death (or a six months later date if the estate elects a second method). This means your cost is not the same cost the decedent had but the more recent value assigned at the time of establishing the estate. If sold at this value, then no tax will be owed.

Conversely, selling inherited property at a loss will generate a capital loss subject to certain limitations. Capital losses are deductible dollar-for-dollar against capital gains and excess losses may be carried to other years. Sometimes it is

advantageous to disclaim an inheritance and not accept it. This is done to save estate tax on the beneficiary who also has a sizeable estate. The estate tax can be as high as 55% of assets. If the beneficiary who receives the gift should die, then less than half will flow to his/her decedents. Should the beneficiary refuse it then the gift may pass tax-free to the decedents depending on the will or probate.

If the estate has a higher tax bracket than the decedent you should decide to take estate administrative expenses as a deduction on the estate return. However, if the decedent has a higher tax bracket then deduct the expense on the income tax return. The objective, of course, is to pay the least tax so as to maximize the inheritance to the beneficiaries. Also, estates can elect a fiscal year end. There are several benefits in electing a year end other than a calendar year. You may defer tax and reporting by the estate, take advantage of additional estate exemption amounts and further defer payment an additional year by reporting income to the beneficiaries.

There are many complicated tax aspects on treating estate income and expense. You should meet with a competent tax advisor on how to handle your individual situation.

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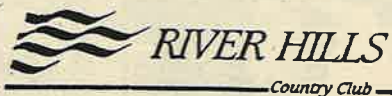
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Sports Salute

Outstanding Golfers, Outstanding Students

Bloomington High's **Kimberly Springer** and **Robert Adcock** were honored last month as the county's outstanding female and male golfers not only for their skill on the greens but their performance in the classroom.

The James A. Casey Award is presented annually to the best high school golfers based on leadership, honors, involvement in school activities, community service, and playing ability.

Springer is the second consecutive Bulls golfer to be so honored. The first-ever Casey Award went to Bloomington graduate **Conni Marshall** last year. Spring, who finished the year with a 41 average for nine holes, played on the Bulls' 4th place state team. She plans to attend Coastal Carolina University on a golf scholarship.

Adcock, who ended with a 38-stroke average, is an honors student with a 4.3 GPA which earned him an academic scholarship to Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

Award recipients are voted on by the county's high school coaches.

World Cup Winner

Chris "C.C." Dunlop, a junior at Bloomington High, won the World Cup in the Novice Men's Ski Division in the 13th Annual 1995 World Cup Watercross Tour for jet ski racing last month in Ft. Myers. The closed course, slalom, and freestyle competitions were held over four consecutive weekends at various sites throughout Florida. Points were accumulated for each win or place.

By the finals, Dunlop was tied for first. Not only did he have to race his best to win the World Cup, his ski nearly sank from a 6-inch hole in the hull sustained during practice the night before. Working on the beach under a light, the ski was repaired with the help of his dad, **Phil Dunlop** and two friends who had driven down from Tampa. They were finished by 7:30 a.m. in time to get on the race course. Without any sleep, he raced to win the World Cup with the highest points in the Novice Men's Ski Division. Dunlop was also first overall in the slalom and he earned several other medals.

Dunlop was also captain of the Bloomington J.V. wrestling team and won all his matches. He carries a 3.0 GPA and is a member of the Jr. National Honor Society.

Grand Champion

Emily Ashton Rivard, 8-year-old daughter of **Roger** and **Kimberly Rivard** of The Greens, recently was crowned Grand Champion (12 & under class) at the Two Rivers Hounds, Inc. Horse Show at the Florida State Fair Grounds.



Emily Rivard clears a jump with her horse **Rapid Transit** at the Florida State Fairgrounds recently.

Riding her mount **Rapid Transit**, Emily competed against 18-20 riders in each event and successfully earned first place recognition for the Short Stirrup Hunter Class, second place for the Short Stirrup Hunter Class, two second place ribbons for the Short Stirrup Equitation Class, and sixth place for the Short Stirrup Hunter Class. The Grand Champion is determined by totalling all the points for the competition.

Emily has been an equestrian since age five, and has received instruction for the past three years from **Lesley Fox** of Riverview. Emily is a third grader at Nativity Catholic School. Younger brother **Cade**, a first grader, and mom also share a love of riding, but according to mom "Emily is the only one good enough to ride (**Rapid Transit**)".

In cross country competition recently Emily placed fifth in the 18 and under category in which only two riders were under age 10.

Terrific Tri-athlete

As athletes go, **Steve Geller** of Bloomington West has a lot of energy. The Air Force retiree recently completed his third and fourth tri-athlons. Last month he competed in the Rutland Mad Dog Tri-athlon in which he finished a 1/3-mile swim, 12-mile bike, and 5k run. Tri-athletes from all over the country participated. And as if that weren't enough to tire him out, most recently he competed and completed a more difficult course in Madeira Beach which included a 1/2-mile swim, 5k run, and

15-mile bike. No need to ask Geller, "Have you had your Wheaties today?".

Physically Fit

Burns Junior High students participated in a 1.5 mile Fun Run in observance of "Fit to Achieve Day" in April. The following students were the top three female and male winners out of approximately 1,000 participants: Girls 1st-3rd - **Elysia Diaz** (8:47.2), **Shelbylynn McBride** (8:51.6), and **Jennifer Hencoski** (9:07.3). Boys 1st-3rd - **Chaz Richard** (7:11.6), **Ash Hutcherson** (7:13.5) and **Stephen Howell** (7:17.6).

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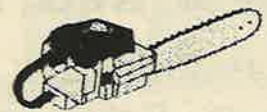


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K. B. Scull Takes Over Bulls' Baseball

Special to The Gazette

Bloomington area resident **K. B. Scull** will take over the helm of the Bulls' baseball team next year. Scull leaves his baseball post at Armwood High in Seffner to replace one-year coach **Robert Campbell** at Bloomington.

Campbell and **Scull**, former baseball teammates at Brandon High, have been plodding over the same turf for many years. It was **Campbell** whom **Scull** succeeded at Armwood 10 years ago. **Campbell** went on to coach the Brandon Eagles baseball team before becoming an administrator at that school. He accepted the coaching job at Bloomington for this season, only to announce his return to administration last month. **Campbell** will remain at Bloomington and **Scull** will join the faculty in June, teaching summer school.

While at Armwood, **Scull** coached **Sterling Hitchcock**, now a starting pitcher with the New York Yankees. His team was a state regional finalist in 1986 and he has one **Tony Saladino** title to his credit. This season, Armwood finished 9-12.

Scull, BHS administrators and players hope to bring some continuity to the team which has had a new coach each of the last three years. **Campbell** replaced **Jack Miltner** who succeeded **Mark Williams**.

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BHA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association will be Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 101, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale plaza. Homeowner concerns and issues are always welcomed. The meeting is open to all dues-paying members and all newcomers are invited to attend.

STD Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District trustees will be Monday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 101, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale plaza. The meeting is open to all Bloomingdale homeowners.

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cases of allergies like there is to chlorine." Pinellas studies have shown a 30 percent decrease in copper levels in their system's drinking water, and a "significant reduction" in pinhole leaks, according to Powell. Ortho-phosphates can actually be beneficial, said Doug Ferrell, Ph.D. of the Environmental Protection Agency. "People need organic phosphorous." In studies conducted by Hillsborough County, pre-weighed pieces of lead and copper were inserted in a pipe loop made of pvc. According to scientist Steve Axelrod, water was run through the pipes at a pre-determined rate and the metal pieces were then taken out and weighed again. "When we added ortho-phosphate there was a remarkable drop in corrosion," he said. Axelrod added that customers will notice no difference in taste or color of their water. Repeated tests have led the county to believe adding the chemical to the system will decrease copper levels in drinking water and reduce the number of pinhole leaks users are experiencing.

For years Bloomingdale residents have fought builders,

Kiwanis Meeting

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Brandon Nights meet every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Game Day Grill, Oak Park Plaza on Lumsden and Kings. President of the organization is Bloomingdale East resident Mark Leytze. The group sponsors the Terrific Kids program in the local elementary schools.

Citizen's Assistance

Is there a pothole in your neighborhood that needs to be patched? Do you need a map of downtown Tampa? How about information on Hillsborough County services? This information and much more is available at the Citizens Assistance and Information office located on the ground floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. It is the county's one-stop information and referral agency. County representatives can take complaints or requests for service, as well as provide telephone numbers and referrals to dozens of public and private non-profit agencies. Also available are free brochures and booklets. For further information, call 272-5314.

plumbers, and insurance companies over the high rate of copper pipe failure. Homeowners have placed blame on everything from the quality of the water, to the quality of the copper, to lightning. John Thomas, a long-time water quality expert, believes the fault lies in the installation of inferior copper piping during what he refers to as "the Disney phenomenon." "In the late 70's and early 80's during the building boom of west central Florida, copper was in high demand and in short supply, so builders imported copper from foreign countries which met the bare minimum building standards," he said. The county's water supply comes from deep water wells of the Florida Aquifer. Naturally occurring substances in the water such as chlorides, sulfates, and carbonates all contribute to corrosion. Because of Florida's limestone base, carbonic acid (dissolving carbon dioxide) is also present. "It's what makes limestone porous and creates underground caves," said Ferrell. "Carbonic acid can also eat away at copper piping," claimed Thomas, although this theory is not subscribed to by either Hillsborough or Pinellas counties or the EPA.

Keeping You Up To Date

Gazette Staff Report Rec Center

Joel Jackson, project supervisor for the Bloomingdale West Recreation Center, said recently it will be at least another 75 days before groundbreaking takes place at Park West. Bids went out four weeks ago, and that process, he said, takes six weeks. Tack on another month for contract negotiations and the time it takes for the county commission to give its stamp of approval. "From the time bids are advertised until construction begins has taken an average of 100 days," Jackson said. When completed, the 3,500-square-foot center will feature recreation, community, and arts and crafts rooms plus outdoor play area. It will be supervised full-time by the Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department staff which plans to have after-school and summer programs once the center is completed.

Culbreath Property

Glenn Cross of Shimberg-Cross Developers said plans have not changed regarding his dealings with the county on the property at the south end of Culbreath Road. The 52-acre site is zoned for recreational use and Cross is working with the County Parks and Recreation Department to negotiate a sale of the land. The Gazette reported several months ago the county has plans to construct a football practice site for the Brandon Bears youth organization, and additional playing fields for Bloomingdale Little League. According to parks and rec director Ed Radice, the Culbreath property is in the hands of the county's real estate office and is currently being appraised. Cross said he was working on the documents to consummate the sale of the land to the county.

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tance programs. Another option was volunteering for the Guardian Ad Litem program in which volunteers represent children's rights and concerns in individual cases before the court. "Mom would be great in an area that deals with kids," Josh said. "She knows how to talk to kids." Older sisters Tasha and Lori echoed his comments while giving testimonies at a missionary farewell for Josh in May by describing their mother as warm and caring. Both Lori, who flew in from New Orleans for the occasion, and Tasha, who plans to

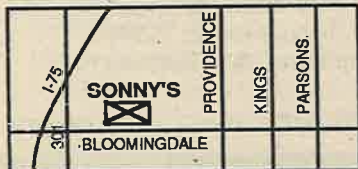
graduate from Brigham Young and pursue a law degree, peppered their talks with examples of how each parent had inspired and guided them and how moved they were by their youngest brother's decision to go on mission. The Trents as a family seem to support each other in their efforts and openly express their mutual love and appreciation. Perhaps these are the needed ingredients that enable a mother to return to a college campus after a long absence or a son to choose such exacting commitment to his faith.

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