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Photo provided by Eskine family

Kalley Eskine wore the traditional Zambian chitenge sarong as she played games and blew bubbles at a day camp where team members from the Brandon area, including Kalley's mother, Marlene, provided for AIDS orphans, who, here, are seeing bubbles for the very first time.

Faith In Action

Families travel from Brandon to Africa to help AIDS orphans.
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Moveable feast

Taking dinner on the road

There is no reason to stop by a fast food joint when heading toward the beaches or the mountains this summer.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Some people dream of success... while others wake up and work hard at it."

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Monday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Brandon Regional Hospital,
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This class is designed for pregnant women planning to deliver at BRH.

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Saturday, June 13, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Oakfield Medical Plaza, Classroom B, Suite 260

This compact one day program covers the signs and stages of labor, breathing and relaxation techniques, the importance of the labor coach and medical interventions, including C-sections. Please bring your labor "coach" if possible, and pillows and a blanket.

Newborn Care Class

Monday, June 15, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Oakfield Medical Plaza, Classroom B, Suite 260

Both parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about attachment and bonding with their baby through every day routines. Newborn reflexes and senses, understanding crying as a primary motivator, and newborn routines such as bathing, dressing, feeding and sleep are discussed.

Prenatal Breastfeeding

Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Deputies tout gang awareness

A GAZETTE STAFF REPORT
"Not in our school."

That's the declaration Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputies Tommy Shannon and Roger Bradley hears from parents when the topic of gangs comes up. Both deputies also serve as resource officers, Shannon at Riverview High and Bradley at Burns Middle. Both have seen the influence of gangs in the area and are working with parents and educators to bring more awareness and prevent the infiltration from penetrating deeper into the school system.

"Middle school is where they start recruiting," said Bradley.

Bradley acknowledges that though there seem to be no real issues at Burns, at least two students have mentioned big brothers that may be associating with gangs on some level. Bradley explained to the parents and students in attendance at the Burns PTSA meeting that gang members often offer cash for friendship, luring the kids into doing things for them to become part of their "family".

"The main thing I stress is communication - be the

parent, don't be the friend and always keep the doors of communication open," said Bradley.

Communication is vital because most parents don't realize their kid's involvement in gangs until they're in too deep, said Bradley. Recently a Fish-Hawk resident was attacked, assaulted and robbed. Investigators later arrested several members of the Latin Kings gang. At last count there were at least 67 active documented gangs in Hillsborough County.

"Most parents are completely shocked when they find out their kid has gang involvement," Riverview High resource officer Tommy Shannon said. Shannon gave a Power-Point presentation which included many MySpace pictures of actual students from area high schools indicating gang affiliations.

"I don't want to arrest these kids," said Shannon, "I want to get them to turn their life around."

Both deputies provided examples of what to look for - colors, hand signals, signs - all warning signs of gang involvement or association. Parents were encouraged to be diligent in



Deputy Tommy Shannon



Burns Middle School resource officer Deputy Roger Bradley

paying attention to their students and be aware of changes in their behaviors or friendships that appear to be out of nowhere.

"Gangs touch all economic classes," said Bradley. And to some, their recruiting sites might be a surprise. Shannon said he's seen gang members recruiting from "both public and private schools, churches, teen night clubs, athletic events and any hang outs where large groups of teens gather." This includes malls and movie theaters. Both deputies encouraged parents to be involved in their students' lives, to know where they are and who they're with, and to be aware of gang customs,

colors and characteristics.

"It's up to the community to be vigilant in letting the police know if they see any sign of gangs," said Bradley.

Sheriff David Gee has made gangs a number-one priority since taking office by forming a gang task force.

For more information about gangs or to report gang activity community members are encouraged to call the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office's Tampa Bay Area Gang Hotline at (877) 426-4688 (Gang Out). Students are also encouraged to report gang activity to their school resource officer, which can be done anonymously.

A change in leadership at Burns

By **LESLIE WHITE**

After 23 years at Burns Middle School, Principal Brenda Nolte retired this year. She has handed over the reins to new Principal Sue Burkett, who left her position as assistant principal at Bloomingdale High School for the job. Nolte had been an educator at various Hillsborough County public schools for 38 years and finished her career at the grade-A middle school in April, just a week before spring break.

"What I knew would be a difficult week was challenged even more by the activities that had been planned," Nolte said. "The cards the students wrote in homeroom have been difficult for me to read through tears. To the faculty, staff, parents, students, both current and past, and Burns community, thank you for your support through the years and for the many successes and fond memories."

However, the change of scenery had a different effect on new Principal Burkett.

"My standards and expectations are right in line with Ms. Nolte's and hopefully, my experience in high school will help better prepare the students and make them stronger as they go over to Bloomingdale," said Burkett.

A graduate of the University of South Florida, Burkett holds a bachelors of science in special education as well as a masters in educational leadership. She began her career in 1992 and has taught at Plant and Durant high schools. In 2002 she was



Photo by Leslie White

Former Assistant Principal for Curriculum at Bloomingdale Sue Burkett was announced as the new principal at Burns Middle School.

appointed assistant principal for student affairs at Riverview High School. She left Riverview in 2005 to become assistant principal for curriculum at Bloomingdale.

Burkett told the parents and students attending the meeting that she "lives in this area and is part of this community." She expressed her commitment to all of the students that attend Burns.

"My children go to school in this area," she said. "Their friends go to school in this area. I am invested in this community."

Burkett added that she is, "thrilled to be the new Principal at Burns and, while the transition from high school to middle school will be an adjustment, I am grateful to continue working with the same families and communities I have become familiar with at Bloomingdale."

Burkett ended her portion of the meeting by saying, "I cannot encourage you enough to stay involved with your kids."

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Players, not in order:
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Photo by Jane Lee

St. Andrew's Preschool taking school enrollment

St. Andrew's United Methodist Preschool, located at 3315 Bryan Road, is now enrolling 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2009-10 school year. St. Andrew's Preschool provides a half-day program which in-

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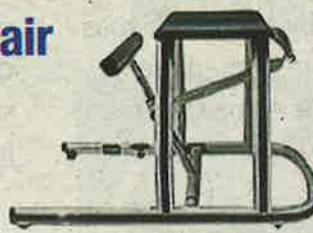
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Faith in action

By **LESLIE WHITE**

Bloomington residents Marlene Eskine and her daughter Kailey traveled to Choma, Africa in April to spend six days as part of a team assembled to minister to African children orphaned by either one or both parents' deaths from AIDS.

"I've been serving in the GA (Girls in Action) program at Bell Shoals Baptist Church for the last eight years, so I have a heart for missions and missionaries," Eskine said. "A few years ago, I feel in love with the African children after hosting two boys from the Hope Children's World Choir. When this trip came up through church, I prayed about going and God opened the door for me."

The team consisted of Eskine, her daughter Kai-

ley, another mother/daughter team from the Brandon area, Barb and Tori Kern, Bell Shoals Children's Minister Janie Guffey, Bell Shoals Missions Coordinator Mickey Smith and Providence Christian Church member Cathy Goldman, whose son, Jim Smith, is a missionary in Zambia along with his wife Hope and their four children. The team ran a day camp for the orphans that lasted two days and was similar to Vacation Bible School in the states. A total of 37 African children, ranging in age from 6-13 years participated in the day camps. Aiding Eskine and the rest of the team with the barriers the Tonga language presented were several African young adults age 18-25.

"It was a little strange

working with a translator for the first time," said Eskine. "We had to learn to pause and let them share in Tonga before we continued in English. Once we got used to it, I enjoyed it. Waiting for the translator allowed me to think of what I wanted to say next."

The translators were there primarily to translate Bible stories and songs for the orphans attending the day camp, but ended up participating in the activities as well.

"It was really neat to see them wanting to do the crafts with the children," she said. "It wasn't because they were showing the young campers how to cut, glue and make bracelets, but rather it was because they had never made crafts before. Each translator took a Ziploc



Photo provided by Eskine family

Kailey Eskine wore the traditional Zambian chitenge sarong as she played games and blew bubbles at a day camp where team members from the Brandon area, including Kailey's mother, Marlene, provided for AIDS orphans, who, as shown in this picture, are seeing bubbles for the very first time.

baggie filled with their own set of crafts for the week as they left on the last day of camp."

Kailey, 14, saw a vast difference in the way

American teens live day to day compared to how African young adults spend their time.

"We have Internet and they don't," she said.

"They live in mud huts and villages and we live in houses and neighborhoods. Those girls work

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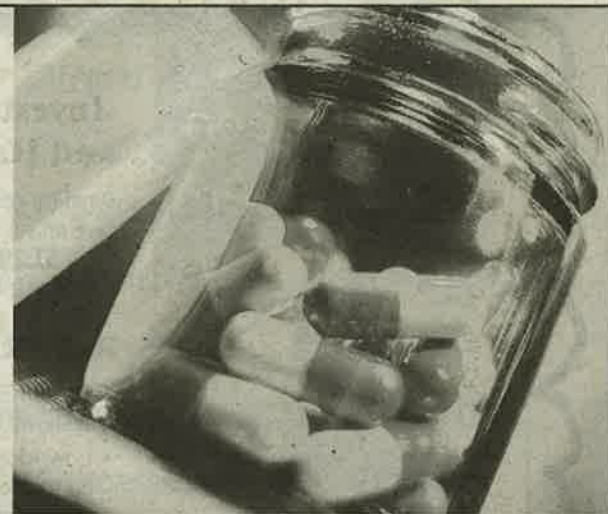
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and are responsible for some of the littler ones. Over here, 14-year-olds don't work and don't watch our little brothers/sisters like they do."

Her mother agreed.

"Besides Americans having too much stuff, most of us would say we don't have time to hang out or visit with neighbors, friends or even family members on a daily basis," she said. "The Nationals are very sociable. They will stop whatever they are doing or going to visit with someone. It doesn't matter if they are strangers or acquaintances, whether they were on their way to the market or to see someone, they will stop and spend an hour (or more) talking with you. They just love people."

It was that love and joy that Eskine will remember most about the people she met while in Africa. "One of our coolest memories was showing the Jesus film in the Tonga language one evening in a

huge field," she said. "I truly enjoyed hearing the Nationals laugh and cry as they really heard the story of Jesus. Another memory that will always bring a smile to my face is seeing all 37 orphan children playing with bubbles, beach balls, jump ropes and hula-hoops; many for the very first time. The joy that these simple everyday commodities brought to them will last a life time."

When asked if she'd return to the African village, Kailey offered a resounding yes.

"I would go back in a heartbeat no questions asked," the homeschooled teen said. "My heart really broke for these people seeing how very little they have. We have so much and they are extremely happy and content with what they have, and over here we get jealous and envy others if they have something we don't."

One thing neither Marlene nor Kailey is envious of is the main staple of the African diet in that area of the country - nshima, which is nothing more than ground corn and water, mixed to a paste then

baked. This makes up the main dish for the standard one meal a day in that area of Zambia.

"If you have your own garden and grow cabbage, tomatoes and onion then you would eat your nshima with a relish made from these three ingredients boiled down with some water," said Marlene. "The Nationals who have a job may be able to purchase beans or beef to eat with the nshima. We ate it with the kids at camp both days. I liked it with the relish best. Nshima, by itself, doesn't really have a taste."

Kailey, however, described the taste as "disgusting" and confesses that she didn't eat much of the dish. But she did have one concern that weighs heavy on her heart.

"There is a misunderstanding with the Zambian people; many believe that Jesus came for the white people and they are still waiting and searching for their Jesus. So, I pray that through our stories and testimonies the Nationals realize Jesus came for all people; that there is only one true God."

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By **LESLIE WHITE**
Cola Albury-Swartz grew up with three sisters, has three daughters as well as eight nieces and one lone nephew.

"There is nothing but females and estrogen at my family gatherings - just ask my husband," she said.

So to some, it comes as no surprise that she became an expert in the area of shopping.

"By having all girls, I have to make lots of shopping trips," said Swartz. "I also normally end up doing all the Christmas and birthday shopping for all the girls and nieces in my entire family. So, I am the family shopper, too."

Growing up in Jacksonville, Swartz admits she's always had a love for fashion and modeling. As a little girl she dreamed of being a model or fashion designer.

"For as long as I've been able, I've always helped my friends with their make-up, hair and putting together outfits," she said. "I've also loved decorating. In my teens, I used to stay up late at night to clean our house then rearrange our rooms to make it look better."

However, her dreams did not materialize until she was in her 20s, at which time she began modeling in Jacksonville.

"I attended Denise Car-

A suburban outfitter

ol Model and Talent Agency, and became a professional model," she said. "Soon thereafter, I attended a model competition in New York, and did very well to begin my modeling career."

Swartz has been featured in television commercials and for the Home Shopping Network.

"During my modeling years, I worked with many famous designers, stylists, make-up artists, hair-designers and directors. It worked out perfectly as I loved style and I was able to learn many secrets of the trade," said Swartz.

After moving back to Florida about 10 years ago, she became a certified personal trainer and fitness specialist.

"I worked with ladies on improving their body shape, heart and over-all health," explained Swartz. "I have a passion for helping others feel better about themselves."

As a result, Swartz came up with an idea to combine her experience in fashion, fitness and health to becoming a personal image consultant. She spent time studying in-depth image consulting and became a member of the Association of Image Consultants.

"Soon after that, I opened my business, Make Me Over, Inc., about six months ago on a part-

time basis and am now running it full-time," she said. "I came up with the idea of doing head-to-toe makeovers after viewing What Not to Wear. After seeing the results and how the individuals viewed and carried themselves after their transformations made me want to help ladies in the same way."

For those not familiar with the TLC's trendy show, there are two fashion experts who guide both men and women to achieve their best personal style according to their body type and tastes. "Please note - for those who watch any of the make-over shows on TV, don't worry; I do not criticize my clients or throw their clothes in the trash can," Swartz said. "We focus only on the positive."

Swartz shares some common mistakes she sees on a regular basis.

"The number-one issue I see with clients is their lack of wardrobe knowledge about how to dress for their personal body shapes," she said. "Women can get very frustrated when things just don't fit them. That frustration is usually because the clothes in their closet were not made specifically to fit their individual body shape. However, if an item does not fit you well, most of the time it can be easily altered."



Cola Albury-Swartz of Make Me Over, Inc.

When clothes don't fit properly, Swartz uses a seamstress to achieve that "made just for me look." Swartz believes that the service she provides helps her clients in less visible ways, too.

"She holds her head up higher and gains confidence," said Swartz. "She also gains the knowledge that she has the tool dress for her shape, and enhance her natural God-given beauty. She saves time because she knows just what to look for. She saves money because she is not wasting her money on fads, or styles that do not compliment her. Of course, an important added bonus is that their spouse, or significant other, always loves it, too."

And Swartz will also work with whatever's in a

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Simply beautiful



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Whitney Wallace, Kelsey Beasley, Bethany Wallace and Amanda Paul had fun showing off formal wear at the Bridal Show at Dillard's in the Westfield Brandon Mall on April 11.



Bloomington resident Jessica Riggs models a wedding gown.

OUTFITTER

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client's closet.

"First, 'shop' in your own closet, you'd be amazed at what you might have," she said. "Mix and match items in your closet and put together outfits. Take inventory on what you have and what you need, then when shopping, buy classic pieces not trends."

In these economic times, Swartz offers money saving tips and strategies for shoppers,

"To save money these days, shopping with coupons is very smart," she said. "Macys and Kohl's both tend to have weekly coupons and sales. At a number of stores like Express, and The Limited, you can sign up online to receive coupons. Another money saving tip is to buy

quality and not quantity. Look for items that will last more than one wash! Lastly, as I mentioned earlier, remember to shop for classic and timeless pieces, not fads or trends."

Beginning next month, Make Me Over, Inc. is offering ladies' "Let's Talk Style," home parties.

"We will discuss fashion, fit, body shapes, make-up, skin care and beauty secrets," said Swartz. "The hostess will receive a free Make Me Over, Inc. service as a gift for hosting us in her home. The guests will learn great imaging tips for only \$20 per person."

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Snacks are fine, but somehow, they don't really tide you over for enough miles before you need to dive in again. So, in honor of summer vacations everywhere, I decided to share a

time-honored recipe that is sure to beat anything you can get at a drive-thru and a couple of things to go with you as you travel.

Each of these recipes is

a fun treat for a long ride and I hope it leaves your family with many smiles for many miles.

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Readers are invited to share their quick & easy meal solutions, comments and ideas.

Leslie White can be reached by emailing: lwhite_bloomingtondalegazette@yahoo.com. For more recipes visit Dinner



Hot Ham Sandwiches

Mix together and spread on top and bottom of onion rolls:

- 1 stick margarine
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 ½ tablespoon poppy seeds
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons mustard
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

Pile mounds of ham on top of mixture spread on rolls and wrap each sandwich individually in foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

NOTE: To keep these sandwiches warm as you travel, place them inside a small cooler with the lid secure.



Sweet Potato Crisps

- 3 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and very thinly sliced
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika
- Grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spray baking sheet with non-stick spray. Stir all spices except parmesan cheese into melted butter. Arrange sweet potato slices flat and evenly distributed on baking sheet. Brush top of potato slice with butter mixture. Bake for 25-35 minutes, stirring twice and recoating potatoes with mixture so that they cook evenly. Let cool a little before sprinkling with parmesan cheese. (At home, these are great served with honey mustard sauce for dipping!)



Muddy Travel Buddies

- 1 box Corn Chex
- 1 bag semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- ¼ cup butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 cups powdered sugar

In large bowl in microwave place chocolate morsels, peanut butter and butter and cook for 1 minute on high. Stir, then microwave for 30 seconds more. Stir in vanilla. Pour box of Chex into very large bowl. At that point, you can throw in some miniature marshmallows, nuts, raisins ... whatever you like. Once the chocolate mixture cools just a little, pour over Chex mixture then stir to coat. Once cereal is sufficiently coated, pour powdered sugar over it, again stirring to coat. This will keep well in a large Tupperware container or can be put into Ziploc bags.

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Booth at work

Coach John Booth of Bloomingdale High School praising his team after the inter-squad Red & White Game.



Cheering the Bulls

Larissa Menke of Bloomingdale High School came out to cheer on the Bulls during the Red & White Game.

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Mrs. G, the Mix Chick

By LESLIE WHITE

Most often called Mrs. G, Cimino Elementary first-grade teacher Mary Anne Gonsalves spent a recent weekend being referred to as a Mix Chick at Mix 100.7's annual Mix Chicks Slumber Party. It all started with hope and a poem.

"I entered the contest in hopes for a relaxing girls' night out," said Gonsalves.

Along with a classroom of students, Gonsalves has two boys at home.

"I desperately needed a relaxing night at the spa," she said. "I wrote a poem in less than five minutes at the Mix 100.7 Web site. The poem was corny and my husband agreed," she said.

Apparently corny was a winner. One morning, a close friend of Gonsalves' was listening to the radio and heard the poem and Gonsalves' name called as one of the winners of tick-

ets to the Mix Chicks Slumber Party. The friend, Ree, immediately called the first-grade teacher at school to tell her.

"I literally was jumping up and down in my classroom. I was thrilled. Of course, I took my friend Ree with me," said Gonsalves.

The overnight girls' soiree was held at Safety Harbor Resort & Spa in Safety Harbor where 50 winners and their guests from all over the Tampa Bay area gathered for some pampering and fun along with radio personality Nancy Alexander and other morning show regulars CT and DJ Kristie Knight. The band Carolina Liars performed for the women during the party.

"It was fabulous!" said Gonsalves.

Some of the highlights were 45 minute herbal wraps, 25 minute massag-



Photo provided by Mary Ann Gonsalves

Cimino Elementary first-grade teacher Mary Ann Gonsalves won the Mix 100.7 Mix Chicks Slumber Party contest, sending her and a friend to spend the night at Safety Harbor Resort & Spa and a chance to meet and hang out with radio personality Nancy Alexander.

es, psychic readings done by the famous Psychic Andrea as well as belly dancing, dancing and yoga lessons as well as a photo booth sessions with their friends.

"Afterwards I felt revived and ready to finish out the school year," said Gonsalves. "It was great just to be a girl again!"



Photo by Kim Wallace

Saluting kindness

Cimino Elementary Principal Debbie Talley and Guidance Counselor Debbie Minichbauer salute students while handing out Cimino Character Awards for "Kindness".

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Sweet dreams at Legends

By **LESLIE WHITE**

Legends Ice Cream is the stuff dreams are made for owners Jon Santangelo and fiancé Lucy McCleave. Combined, the two have been in the food industry for almost 20 years.

"Owning our own business has been a dream," said Santangelo.

The dream became a reality when an opening became available in the Bloomingdale area.

"We drove out here to look at it and realized it would make a great site," said Santangelo.

The 1950s themed ice cream shop is situated in the end store of the strip housing Beef 'O' Brady's Bell Shoals. Legends serves homemade ice cream made by Tanya &

Matt's in Tampa and gives patrons a taste of times past. Inside there is a jukebox surrounded by pictures of Elvis, James Dean, Marilyn Monroe and other '50s nostalgia. The couple collects antiques and McCleave is a self-professed Elvis freak. Maybe that's why one of the main features on the menu is a monstrosity of a sundae aptly called "The King," which translates into one scoop of each ice cream they have in a huge bowl, all topped with whipped cream, nuts and cherries.

Another popular menu item is the "Red Bull Float." Both Santangelo and McCleave have a sundae named for themselves in the "Johnny-B-Good" and "I Love Lucy." Kids can even create a "Hot

Rod" sundae that is served in a Classic Cruiser Hot Rod which they can take home.

"We want to know everybody's name when they come in," she said.

The old fashioned stools are already a kid favorite.

"They like to sit at the bar," she said.

Legends offers daily specials beginning with Sunday Sundaes - \$1 off any specialty sundae, Hot Rod Mondays with kids sundaes \$3 and adults \$4.25 with everyone taking home their car. Tuesdays are Kids Day where kids 12 and under eat free with a large adult purchase. Thursdays are Rockin' \$4 root beer floats and Fridays are "Flyday" with Red Bull Floats for \$4.

Aside from the ice



Photo by Leslie White

Jon Santangelo and Lucy McCleave opened the throwback Legends Ice Cream shop to fulfill their dreams.

cream, Legends also serves Nathan's hot dogs, or as they call them "Hound Dogs," for lunch.

Santangelo hopes "kids

will ride their bikes to the shop" and hangout.

Legends is opened Sunday through Wednesday 11a.m. to 9 p.m., and

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Hurricane season – it only takes one

By **DEPUTY PETE MAURER**
Bloomingdale Community
Resource Deputy

Hurricane season has officially arrived. It is part of the price we pay to live in Florida. And we've never had to shovel sunshine or scrape it off our windshields, right?

We've had our share of wildfires and tornadoes this year and yes, the May rains did result in some flooding. Those of us who have lived here for a while know that we can all survive disasters if we take the time to prepare.

Those in law enforcement know what happens when folks don't prepare. When disasters hit, the unprepared turn to us for help and we're more than glad to give it.

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All residents must pre-

pare their families, homes and businesses to be self-sufficient until this period of time has passed. There are several sources of information available that tell how to prepare. You can start with hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency.

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We want their time to be spent staying out of trouble. To insure this, parents must be sure they know where their kids are, especially teens, and what they are doing.

During the summer many teens spend a lot of time at home alone while their parents are at work. Parents, sit down with your kids and talk about the need to be careful, to be cautious and to think. Emphasize how important it is to keep doors locked,

to not tell others they are home alone and to be sure to lock up when they leave.

Also talk about bike safety, pool safety, fire safety and stranger danger.

Peer pressure can lead to problems. We all hope that we know our kids and have instilled in them a good sense judgment and personal responsibility. Even the best kids can make bad decisions. So, parents, set specific rules for your kids. Don't let them end the summer with a criminal record or a serious injury.

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Bloomington head football coach John Booth and his brother, James Booth, offensive coordinator, had a hot night as they participated in the Parents vs. Coaches Wing Off, chowing down on Beef's "Nuclear" wings

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This home has tile and wood laminate and sits on an oversized conservation lot - Open floorplan with formal living/dining and family room \$189,000

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CUSTOM HANNAH BARTOLETTA
FishHawk Ranch in the gated Eagle Ridge in the Oaks... 4/3/3 with over 3800 sq. ft. living area plus full outdoor kitchen for more living space and those great summer parties... Sitting on private conservation and cul-de-sac... The perfect home walking distance to Bevis Elementary... Hardwood floors and custom tile... All secondary bedrooms are roomy with large closets... This home is the most exceptional value that FishHawk Ranch has to offer...

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IN THE GATED KESTREL RIDGE IN FISHHAWK RANCH
This custom built Tylermont by David Weekley is loaded with upgrades to include personal sauna in upstairs bath off office/bonus room... 4/3, 5/3 with over 4200 square feet... Sitting on over 1/3 private conservation lot... Sports lap pool with 15x15 sports area plus 10 person spa and gas/real wood firepit... Custom paint and decorator touches throughout...

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FISHHAWK RANCH
Another Custom Hannah Bartoletta home in the gated Eagle Ridge backing to private wooded lot-heated pool/spa with outdoor kitchen-huge kitchen with open floorplan-over 3100 square feet 4/3/3.

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FISHHAWK RANCH
Jaegergen/Sabal Built home on private wooded lot//Heated pool/spa//Formal living/dining/downstairs family room and upstairs bonus room//plus office//huge laundry room with cabinets and countertops and sink//custom faux paint throughout

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IN THE GATED DUNLIN WOOD IN FISHHAWK RANCH
This custom built Nohlcree home is loaded... Over 3900 sqft living area with 4/3, 5/3 plus huge bonus room with closet and loft area plus office and formal living and dining room... Hardwood floors and chef's dream kitchen with tons of 42" cabinets and granite in the kitchen and all bathrooms... Home sits on private conservation lot overlooking pond... Heated pool/spa with brick pavers...

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HANNAH BARTOLETTA
Custom built home sitting on private conservation lot with oversized heated pool/spa** 4/3/3 with over 3800 sq. ft.** Home is Model Perfect** custom window treatments and decorator touches** Granite in the ultimate chef's dream kitchen** Barrel Tile Roof** Too many upgrades to list...

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