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Interested in knowing where the Special Taxing District (STD) is allocating your money? Would you like to have a voice in the spending? Turn to the next page for information on the STD workshop.

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## The Bloomingdale Gazette

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## **BHA Blurbs**

#### Monthly Meeting

Members of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association are invited to attend this month's meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:30 in the Community Office located in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale next door to Fabric King. The agenda for the next three 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.

#### Many Thanks

The BHA extends its sincere appreciation to all who helped make the annual Community Picnic a success. Special thanks to the Hillsborough County Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and Parks and Recreation Department for their all-out support of the event...to Bloomingdale resident Donna Clouse and her staff from the rec department for organizing children's games...to Michael and Judy Davis for the very popular pony rides...the BHS athletic trainers club and Katie Grable for the time they gave to face painting...the Kiwanis Club of Brandon Nights president Mark Leytze and fellow members for slaving over the hot "chow line"... Launa Russell for handing out balloons to the children ... Rio Oros who entertained the children with a magic show...and these merchants who generously donated door prizes: Man Trap Hair Salon, Greg's Hallmark, WalMart, Elephant's Truck, Georggi's, Video Show, Lenny & Vinny Pizzeria, Publix of Bloomingdale, Bealls, City Side Pizza, Carvel Ice Cream, The Salon, Little Caesar's and Eckerds of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale Florist, Celebration Station, Grable Plumbing, Video Spot, Valet Cleaners, Act II Shop, Pat's Place Restaurant, Winn Dixie, Ramon's Mexican Grill, Amore Pizze, Dipsticks, Petal Talk Florist, Strong Pool Supply. Also, thanks to B & R Foods, Winn Dixie, Pepin Distributing Company, Sparkle Ice, and Good Humor for donating to the Kiwanis Club of Brandon Nights food and services.

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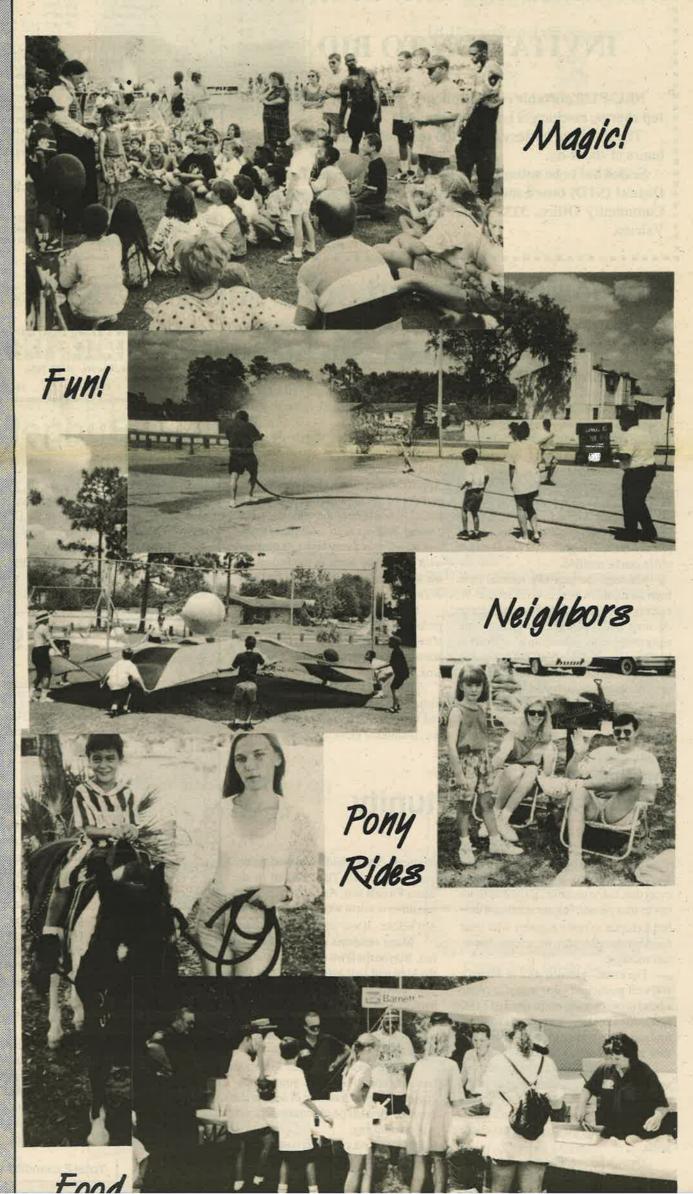
Residents should be on the look-out for membership packets and information which will be arriving over the next several weeks. The \$20 dues are for the calendar year. This year's packet will include a letter about deed restrictions enforcement.

#### NIP Needs YOU

The Neighborhood Involvement Program needs volunteers from Bloomingdale Oaks and Fairway Manors. The groups is attempting to have one volunteer for every five or six streets. Duties include attending one short training session and simply keeping an eye out in the neighborhood for county code violations on private property. Those interested should call 681-2051 to leave their name and phone number, and the NIP coordinator will return the call.

As part of their fight to keep Bloomingdale beautiful, the BHA is instituting a program similar to that of the NIP addressing the issue of deed restrictions violations. A card similar to that handed out by the county will be mailed to homeowners who are violating any of the stated deed restrictions. Residents who are unaware of what the restrictions are for their area should check with their title company or the county to receive a copy. The community office also has a copy of all deed restrictions, and residents are welcomed to read these during regular office hours,

## Look Who Was At The BHA Picnic!



## **BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY PAGE**



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### **Mobile Watch Report**

by LaWayne Wyatt

A potentially serious incident occurred on the evening of April 10 in the West. A sky blue Taurus with two male occupants was reported cruising the vicinity of Sandy Creek Drive, Canoga Park Drive and Crystal Drive. The occupants were harassing a 13year-old girl, following her and asking other children questions between 4:30 and 5 p.m. None of the children approached the car. Unfortunately, the incident was not reported to her parents until approximately 8 p.m. Parents should instruct their children to immediately report such incidents, even if it's to a trusted neighbor, so the Sheriff's office can be notified.

Although the past two months have been quiet, there were several serious incidents reported by patrols and residents: At least three car/truck burglaries were reported by residents; one on Kyle Court in the Oaks, one on Eagle Bluff in The Greens, and one on Monte Lake Drive in the south area. All three were apparently broken into sometime during the early morning hours. residents are advised to ensure vehicles are locked at all times land don't leave any-

thing in the vehicles that might entice someone to attempt a break-in.

One case of vandalism was reported by a resident who saw five to six 14-15 year-old males removing sprinkler heads approximately 2:45 a.m. in the Fox Run

The weekend of March 24 saw a significant increase in activity at The Spot at the south end of Culbreath Road. Approximately four to five cars were in and out of the area during the evening hours. At least one of the vehicles, a dark colored pick-up with four male teens, was traveling at a very high rate of speed with one of the teens in the bed of the truck. It is suspected that all four had been drinking.

Other reported events included cars parked by Alafia School, cars in the parks after closing, and several cars cruising by homes under construction in the OakCrest

Our thanks to Dick Loeffler, Ted Evans, Tim Aardrup, Tim and Linda Cole and Bob Hauenstein who assisted with the community picnic on April 22.

### **Our Times A Missed Opportunity**

by Rozel Sciulli

On April 22nd Bloomingdale residents had an opportunity to participate in an event that, as communities go, grows more rare as time passes. For one afternoon they had a chance to come together with their neighbors to relax, play, have some dinner, and socialize.

The event - planned well in advance and well-publicized - was meant to create a bond between some of the nearly 12,000 residents of this area - to let them know that the many parts make up the whole and that they are a part of this community family.

The Annual Community Picnic was again a resounding success thanks to the efforts of many, but especially the residents who took time out of their busy schedules to stop and smell the roses, as the cliche

Those who attended ate a fine dinner for less money than a local fast food chain's

tainment. Their children played games and rode ponies. They basked in the warm Florida sun. And if they met just one other resident whom they had never met before - it was indeed successful.

Many residents missed out on the fun. Maybe the lawn needed mowing or the kids had ball games. Perhaps that golf tournament on T.V. was just too hard to walk away from. Boy, did you

How often do you get a chance to come together as a community?

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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.

## STD Budget Workshop Set

685-2817

The Bloomingdale Special Taxing District will begin to plan for its 1996 budget and by holding a workshop on Monday, May 8, at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Office. The office is located at 3232 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 101. Bloomingdale residents who would like to have input or simply find out where their tax dollars are being spent are encouraged

to attend.

According to STD president Peter Aluotto, the purpose of the meeting is to solicit public input on existing and future community needs which can be addressed in a budget proposal. The budget proposal would then come up for a vote during a public hearing in June. The current year's budget appears in the graphic below.

## FY 95 Budget

## Revenues

**Interest Earnings** 2,500.00 282,080.00 Assessment 4,331.00 **Income from Operations** (14,229.00)Less 5% required by law 274,682.00 **Total Revenues** 

#### **Expenditures**

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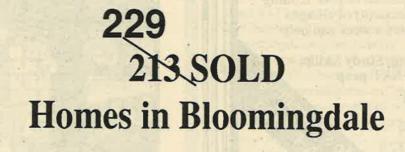
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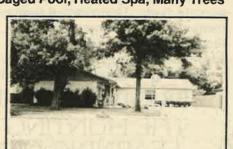
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## Mother Of Six Deserves Her Special Day



by Laura D. Frazier

Cristine and Scott Lybbert moved their South Tampa family to Bloomingdale East last August because they wanted to live in a community that had lots of children. The Lybberts are most happy and comfortable around lots of children, especially the six they call their own. Ranging in age from four to 14, the Lybbert children - Rachelle, Jared, Ryan, Troy, Tyler and Juliana - along with dad Scott, agree that mom is the engine that keeps this big happy family humming along.

This year the Lybberts have two preschoolers, two elementary students, and two middle school children, with six kids taking piano lessons, four enrolled in soccer, three participating in Little League, one in Cub Scouts and two in Boy Scouts. Cristine exercises patience and planning to make this potential scheduling nightmare work for her family. Each week the Lybberts sit down with their calendar and figure out where everyone will be all week. One thing they know for sure is how they will all get where they are going.

"I put 500 miles a week on my van," said Cristine.

Her children express their appreciation toward their mother's endless efforts. "She's always willing to get us anywhere we have to go," said Rachelle, 14. "She doesn't mind being in the car as long as we keep it clean. She starts her day by getting me to Bible study at 6 a.m. and spends the rest of the day running kids to school, practices, lessons and friends' houses. She makes sure everybody has every opportunity to do anything they want...within reason."

Cristine, 39, and Scott, 38, met 18



Mom Cristine has plenty to smile about surrounded by her loving family - husband Scott, and children (I-r) Jared, Rachelle, Troy, Juliana, Tyler, and Ryan.

years ago in Utah while both were training to become missionaries for the Mormon Church. After two years of work in Central America and Argentina, the couple's paths cross again in the U.S. and they were married six months later. Since then, it has been one blessing (and challenge) after another.

"Cristine does most if not all of the childcare, housework and taxi driving," said Scott. "I try to be home by 6:30 when I can help around the house or transport the kids, but she really is the one who keeps us all on schedule. She is very sweet and understanding, and manages the household extremely well. She's always on time within reason and has missed may be two appointments in the

past 15 years. She is great with the kids, and they really respond well to her."

In spite of the hectic schedule, there are opportunities for the family to enjoy their own company. The Lybberts attend church together on Sundays and always have Sunday dinner together. Cristine tries to orchestrate the children attending each other's special games and recitals. She stresses that managing such a crowd is hard work, but the rewards are great.

Lybbert family vacations are also unforgettable. This year they plan to attend a family reunion in Canada where 300 relations are expected.

"The biggest prize for me is seeing the siblings helping each other, the older kids

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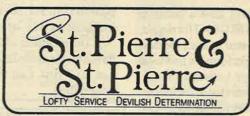
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by Gwen Szafranski

Imagine being fascinated by the details of a canine tumor excision or the healing of a gash in an equine patient's leg. Whether discussing the expansion of his Bloomingdale clinic to include a surgical hospital for horses or cataloguing the sheer variety of his animal clientele, Dr. Richard Kane is capable of infusing his listener with his own sense of enthusiasm for his chosen field.

In fact, dedication to his profession, commitment to his community, and genuine care for his animal patients and their human

owners are all contributing factors in Kane's nomination as a finalist for the Small Business Leader of the Year Award sponsored by the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce.

Kane's community involvement and concern are directly derived from his careful selection of the Bloomingdale area as the site of his Care Animal Hospital and a home for his family. Although he is a na-

tive New Yorker, Kane graduated from the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, and became familiar with the Bloomingdale community.

"This area has the perfect blend of urban, rural and suburban qualities," Kane said. "There's elbow room and rural flavor, yet we're close to the city and cultural activities. And it's a great place to raise our kids, our pets, and our horses."

In support of the family orientation of the community, Kane is active in the Brandon Area Youth Soccer League by sponsoring daughter Stephanie's team, The Ninjas. He also provides veterinary assistance for the Two Rivers Hounds Pony Club events created for area children by Kane's wife, Natalie. Club events include competitions in cross country riding, stadium jumping, and dressage.

To help protect the unique lifestyle possible in the Bloomingdale community, Kane joined the Planning Committee of the Brandon Chamber and has served on the Dues and Membership Committee as well.

"The problem with development in this area is that it has been allowed to proceed without the proper infrastructure," said Kane, who is happy to see a recognition of the need for proper zoning and positive acknowledgment by the county of the Planning Committee's input.

However, Kane's commitments extend beyond the immediate community. Working

with Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson, he introduced a microchip identification program by implanting horses of the sheriff's posse. The microchip implant aids law enforcement officers in quickly and positively identifying stolen or lost livestock and pets and returning them to owners.

Encouraging an interest in veterinary sciences among young people, Kane and the staff of Care Animal Hospital present in-school programs that include demon-

> strations with live animals and videos which illustrate the life of a vet as well as the responsibilities of pet ownership. Student groups are also encouraged to visit the hospital's on-site petting zoo which provides previously injured or ill domestic animals with a comfortable "retirement home."

> In cooperation with the Academy of Health Professions magnet school, Kane and his as-

sociates offer a summer program for junior and senior high students who are truly motivated to learn the profession. Students are treated like employees and observe procedures in surgeries and on farm visits as well as follow the daily rounds of the

Kane and his staff of five full time vets (doctors Sharon Hunter, Tim Ohmen, Lori Padgett, and Sarah B. Schacht) maintain the largest mixed animal patient/clientele in Hillsborough County, but he is particularly proud that a full time equine surgeon will join the staff in the near future. Local horse owners will soon be spared the inconvenience and sometimes danger of transporting their sick animals to hospitals in Ocala or Gainesville.

Finally, Kane's concern encompasses the victims of our area's rapid changes, the injured wildlife. Although cautioning against aiding a hurt raccoon or fox since these animals are likely rabid, he encourages residents who encounter wounded animals to bring them in to the clinic for treatment and later rehabilitation by licensed animal care givers. Hawks, owls, turtles and rabbits have all been successfully treated by Kane's staff.

Whether setting the broken jaw of an injured bobcat or serving on a civic committee, Kane personally demonstrates the aptness of choosing to name his facility Care Animal Hospital.





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## Church and Synagogue News

#### Special Events Mark May's Calendar

#### by Donna Heinz

May brings thoughts of flowers, springtime, and Mother. To honor mothers throughout the area, the Women in Focus ministry of Bell Shoals Baptist Church presents "Mothers and Others" on Friday, May 12. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a gala desert reception. Immediately following the reception, at 8 p.m., guests will be entertained by music, a fashion show by Dillards Department Store, and an original play entitled "Grandma's Comforter".

Mothers and Others is not just for mothers and daughters, but is designed for anyone special - friends, neighbors, husbands and sons. Tickets are available at the Brandon crisis Pregnancy Center, the Bell Shoals Church office on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by mail using an order form available at any of the Christian book stores in the area. Tickets cost \$8 each.

Bell Shoals will celebrate the National Week of Prayer with a guest speaker. All Whittinghill, a nationally renowned lecturer on the subject of prayer, will address all services on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7.

The Women's Guild of St. Stephen's Catholic Church will have a spring fashion show and luncheon on May 20. Sears fashions will be modeled by parishioners and lunch will be catered by The European Gourmet. This event will begin at noon with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the church office during office hours. Call 689-4900 for further details.

St. Stephen's Mens Club will host a Mother's Day breakfast from 8 to 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 14, on the church grounds. Moms eat free. The cost for adults is \$3 and \$1.50 for children 12 and under.

St. Mark's United Church of Christ will hold a book fair on May 7. Inspirational books will be available for purchase immediately following the 11 a.m. service. Founder's Day will be celebrated May 21. The 11 a.m. worship service will be held in a tent erected on the church grounds and a family picnic will follow. All former members and guests are encouraged to attend. Call the church office,

685-0998, for information.

Immanuel Lutheran Church has planned special services on May 21, at 8:30 and 11 a.m., to celebrate their 25th anniversary. A catered picnic on the church grounds will follow the 11 a.m. service.

Congregation Beth Shalom will have a picnic at Medard Park on May 21 at noon. Call 681-6547 for details. On June 2 at 7:30, members are invited to meet the new Rabbi. Rabbi Robert Goodman will perform his first local service in the social hall of Apostles Lutheran Church. Rabbi Goodman has had 25 years of service in Rabbinate. He earned his Ph.D. in 1972, and has published several articles and books. Strongly committed to life-long learning, he sees the pulpit as an opportunity to educate. Rabbi Goodman is fluent in Hebrew and also speaks Spanish. He and his wife Mary have three grown children and currently reside in Miami.

The annual spring musical "Waiters" will be presented by Vision, the youth choir at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, on May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. The setting for "Waiters" will be a restaurant and addresses the experiences of "teen-aged waiters" as they await their future. The evening promises to be uplifting and inspirational. A nursery will be provided. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Bloomingdale Oaks Baptist Church will celebrate their 5th anniversary on Sunday, May 7. Special music will be featured and a basket lunch will follow the service. Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and worship service is at 10.

On May 14, Mother's Day, Bloomingdale Oaks will have baby dedications. Those who would like their child to participate in the dedication service, should contact the church office at 684-4673. Free 8 X 10 color family portraits will also be taken on Mother's Day. They will be available for pick-up the following Sunday.

The members of Crosswalk Christian Church will have a picnic at Medard Park on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the church at 653-2224, for further information.

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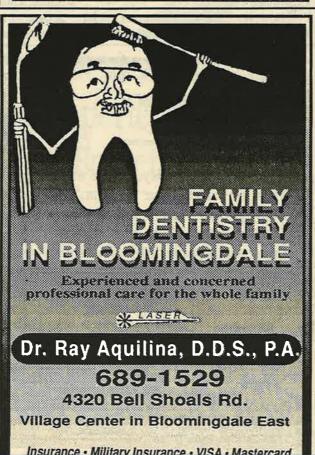
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## **Bits N Pieces**



by Donna Heinz

Congratulations to the Fels family of The Greens. Mr. William (Bill) Fels, Executive Officer of the Coast Guards Marine Safety Unit (M.S.O.), stationed on Davis Island, was recently promoted to Commanding Officer of the M.S.O. unit in Port Arthur, Tex. and Lake Charles, La.

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The family moved to Bloomingdale in July, 1991, and immediately became involved in the area. Carol Fels, a talented creative artist, has been teaching classes at Center Place since moving here. Both Bill and Carol, as well as their children, have been actively involved in Bloomingdale Little League. Bill has been both

a coach and a team manager, and Carol is presently on the board of directors in charge of the concession stand.

The change-of-command will take place on June 9, in Port Arthur. Coincidentally, June 9, is also the Fels' 22nd anniversary. Bill and Carol have four children, Eric, who will remain in the area, Mindy, Adam, and Billy.

Joseph and Mary Busch of Bloomingdale, announce the birth of their third son, Joseph James, who was born March 16 at Brandon Hospital. Baby Joseph was welcomed by his big brothers, Richard, 12, and Robert, 10.

Brandon attorney and Bloomingdale resident, Cleve Wilson, just celebrated his 50th birthday. Wife Shirley and 60 well-wishers surprised him with an "Oldies" theme party in the social hall of St. John The Apostle Orthodox



Big brothers Richard and Robert Busch welcome new brother Joseph James.

Church in Seffner on April Fool's Day. Among the guests were the couple's daughter, Mara, his parents, Cleve Sr. and Delores, of Nashville; and his aunt and uncle, John and Millie Cheek, also of Nashville. Son Jason, who was away at school, was unable to attend.

Hats Off...to Tim Fusco, Michael Sturm, and Juan Camacho, students of Mary Help of Christians School who were named as honor students for the third quarter.

Do you know someone who will be a June, July, or August Bride? We would like to give their wedding special notice. We will run a photograph and all the wedding and reception details. Please call 681-2051.

### **Life In These Times**

by Daniel Farrer

If you haven't noticed, the last few weeks have brought us some of our usual seasonal climate changes. Yes, summer has arrived. It has arrived not with a bang but with a sizzle. For those of you who may be new in the west central Florida area, we don't make a slow transition from spring to summer. Hot just happens.

For the newcomer who may be used to a milder, longer

transition into summer months, I thought I would pass on a few tips about what to look for as we shift from spring to summer here in our part of the Sunshine State.

**Indicator Number 1** 

The trees lose their leaves. Yes, it's true. If you don't have oak trees in your yard you probably won't notice. But the trees down here drop all their leaves over a three month period from January through March. That may seem odd to those of you who are used to a more traditional fall period, but here they do it in the spring. I've rejected the scientific reason for it happening and came up with my own theory. After mowing lawns form April through November, the specific species of lawn grasses we have here go dormant during the winter/spring time period. Obviously the plants are aware of this and as a cruel joke, the trees drop their leaves over this period so we won't have any rest from yard

I have three rather large live oak trees in my yard and every year my sons and I have waged war in what we refer to as "The battle of the spring." every week or two it was rake, rake, bag, bag, bag. In my mind I could see the garbage men moaning on Monday as they came around the corner. Wondering if they were going to have a 15-bag day or a 20-bag day. I have no doubt the thought of a chain saw as an anonymous Christmas gift crossed their minds more than a few times over the years.

**Indicator Number 2** 

The fire ants are active again. yes, these stinking little SUMMER, see pg. 15

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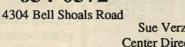
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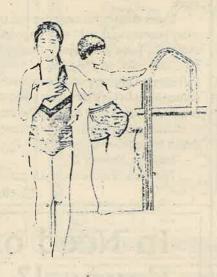
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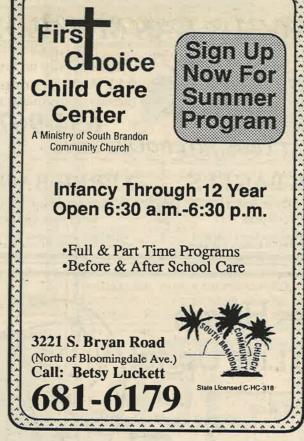
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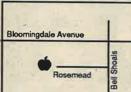
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### Gator Tales



by Suzie Wiesenhart

Alafia is so excited to be the host of the Space Shuttle Bus from May 15 through June 2. The converted school bus was build to resemble a space shuttle with wings that actually fold up for driving. Each class will study space curriculum and the culmination of their studies will be a trip around Nature's Way on the shuttle. It is equipped with computer simulators, TV screens, darkened windows and space sounds. What an experience it's going to be! The shuttle is being

loaned by Tampa Palms and travels throughout Hillsborough County providing an interesting look into space travel.

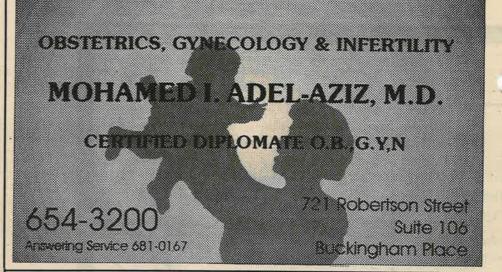
Alafia parents, teachers and staff wore blue ribbons for Blue Ribbon Week last month to show support of National Child Abuse Prevention Week. Literature on the subject was also sent out to parents

The Alafia PTA will hold its annual volunteer brunch and this year, it's a fashion show. Cruise wear from casual to formal from Dillards will be modeled by PTA members while guests enjoy a delicious banquet of breakfast delights provided by Mrs. Susan Lizer. She appreciates her volunteers so much and likes to

take the opportunity to show them what they mean to Alafia. "Alligator pins", given for 100 hours of service, and other awards will be presented. The date is Monday, May 22, at 8:15 a.m. The fashion show will begin at 8:45. Door prizes from Mantrap, Green Boutique, Java Junction and more will be given during

the festivities. ...

Election of the 1995-96 PTA board will be on Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m. Also on the program that evening is a presentation by the kindergarten classes entitled, "A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener." Anyone who will have a new kindergartener at Alafia next year is invited to attend.





Alafia kindergarten teacher Mrs. Ruhle helps her students browse through picture books and easy readers at the book fair held in April.

## Lithia Lynx



by Donnamarie Kibler

The Lithia Lynx are busy planning to end the school year in style. There will be a "Rainforest Luncheon" for the faculty on May 5. This is in honor of teacher appreciation week and each classroom will donate food and beverage items to treat their teacher to lunch. ...

The fifth graders will end their elementary school years with a field day the very last day of school. They will have the entire day to spend in outdoor activities with their classmates, and have the time to put their new yearbooks to good use. Congratulations, fifth grade. ...

Lithia Springs was the top school in the county for aluminum can recycling. This

project, coordinated by the husbandwife team of Curt and Chris Rogers has really been terrific. At last count, students had collected over 10,000 cans. Everyone can't wait to see what boy and girl take home the brand new bicycles for the summer. The winners will be announced soon. ...

Plan to attend the last PTA general meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:15 p.m. All parent volunteers will be honored and the new executive PTA board will be introduced and voted into office. ...

Market Day will resume with the new school year. Mary Ellen Casey did an excellent job coordinating this monthly project and the PTA really appreciates the time and effort she took to make it happen.

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## Hornet's Nest



Members of the B. T. Washington Drama Club presented "The Girl in the Mirror" at Brandon High School recently. The group was commended for their performance by all judges and received individual awards as well as a trophy for their school.

Students participating were Deanna Balog, Natasha Bello, Lorene Choate, Jennifer Conguisti, Joanne Fabre, Amy Gerstel, Michelle Glisson, Maria Graham, Jackie Guijarro, Angela Halaufia, Cory Loggins, Caitlin

McDonald, Beth Myers, Dean Perry, Shannon Saunders, Steve Slovak, Jessica Taylor, Angela Traina, and Nicholas Wood.

Five B.T. Washington students earned recognition at the regional science fair held at USF in late March. Stephanie Madison placed first in the junior division in Chemistry. Her award winning project examined the presence and concentration of monosaccharides in certain foods. Becky Konnerth garnered a third place in behavioral science and Eric Gardner, Carrie Evans and Andrew Kou were presented with participation awards.

## **Bruin** Beat



#### **Fox Run Resident Wins State Science Award**

by Ansley Sciulli

Canice Schalpo, a Bloomingdale resident and an eighth grade student at Burns Junior High, came home as a first place winner in the State Science Fair competitions.

"B-Adrenergic Activation and Memory from Emotional Events" was her topic. Everyone knows what this is. Right? It's how adrenalin affects the memory of the human

Competitions began at Burns, then the top finishers went to the regional contest at USF. Canice was the winner at both levels. The state contest was in Bradenton last month. There, Canice competed against 32 other students in sixth, seventh, and eight grade. The judges picked her project as the best in the state in its category.

This was not Canice's first experience in science fair competitions. As a seventh grader last year she won first place at school and in regionals, but finished third in the state.

Canice came home from state with a plaque, \$50, a Tshirt and a book. At regionals, she won a trophy and a \$75 award from the Florida Psychological Association.

## **Bulls** Eye



#### by Kathie Bullard

Senioritis may rule the halls at Bloomingdale, but the school year is far from

The 1995-96 student government was chosen to lead next year's student body to another dynamic year. Mike Allegretti was elected Student Council president. Jeff Prugh is senior class president and Jay Miller is senior class vice

For seniors, the end of the year is full of exciting events. Prom was last weekend at the Busch Garden's Fest Haus. Another chance to make memories is at Grad Night tonight at Walt Disney World. Seniors are ready to party and have a blast with Mickey and all his friends and listen to many popular bands that are scheduled to perform. Grad night buses leave the school tonight at 7 p.m. and return Sunday morning at 7 a.m.

Senior Day, May 31, is the last day for graduates to attend school. They will rush out to Charley Harris Stadium to pig out on pizza and say good-bye to friends and

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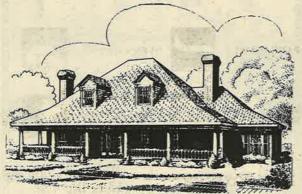
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Bell Shoals Academy preschool teacher Charlotte Walton leads her class through the halls the morning of the Teddy Bear Parade held in honor of learning the letter 'T'.

## **Mother's Day Love Letters**

'My Mom IS Good And Kind And Gentle' -

Amanda A., 2nd Grade

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, a time when children show their appreciation for all the love, support, and comfort given by Mom all year long. Mrs. Brocato's second graders at Lithia Springs shared the reasons their moms are so special. Thanks to MaryEllen Houghton for her time and effort.

#### I Love My Mom Because...

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She bise me things wen I am good. - Bonnie H.

She gos to real estate - Nicky

Mostly why I like her the best is that she loves me. - Jonathan

She has been with me for my hole life and she is not a strager and I love her alot - Danielle F.

She takes good care of us. My mom helps us learn. -

She takes me places and she is nice to me and I love her.
- Michael P.

She loves me. She takes places when I'm good. - Frank R.

She's very, very nice. - Elizabeth S.

She is spisll (special) - Mark B.

My mom is special - Ryan R.

She is very nice sometimes shes mean. But not alot. - Autumn N.

She is special to me. - Amber

I take good care of her and she takes good care of me. That's why I love my mom. - Jessie M.

She is good. - Matthew T.

She is the best mom. She loves me and I love her. - Danielle G.

I am very special to my mom and to my teacher and my dad and my relotivs. - Ryan L.

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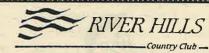
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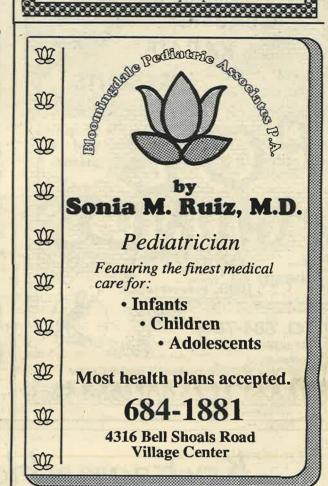
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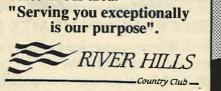


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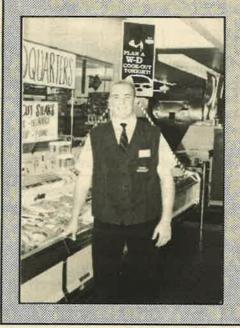
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Chris Ong of Bloomingdale, kept the meat counter wellstocked when he worked as manager of that department for a day. He and other young employees of Winn Dixie participated in Youth Management Day on April 22. (below)





Michelle Amman of Bloomingdale was "promoted" to head cashier when Winn Dixie Stories statewide celebrated Youth Management Day on April 22.

## **Business Notes**



#### **Michael Davis** Re/Max Realty

Bloomingdale resident Michael Davis of Re/max Realty has relocated to 139 East Bloomingdale Avenue in the Winn-Dixie Market Place Shopping Center.

#### **Chef To Your Table**

Terry Desmond is used to serving hundreds of visitors at Tampa's Convention Center, so when he decided to open his own business, the Oakcrest resident wanted to keep it intimate. Calling upon his culinary talents and love of serving guests in style, Desmond is promoting himself as Chef To Your Table, offering catered meals for private dinner parties.

Desmond says he will serve up to 10 guests in the privacy of the host's home, and he offers a menu from appetizers to dessert with five different dinner selections. Entrees from seafood pinwheels to sauteed chicken breasts in white wine and herbs are all accompanied by a salad, vegetables, and a rice or potato dish. A bottle of wine is optional. From set-up to clean-up, Desmond says he does it all. He carries with him cookware to prepare meals in the host's kitchen, table linens, and dinnerware.

"This is the next best thing to owning your own restaurant," he said.

All recipes are original and have been tested on the Desmond family. Their favorite - oso buco with risoto Milianaise - is included among the catered selections.

#### Seal Named Winn Dixie Merchandiser of the Year

Bloomingdale resident David Seal was named one of six Merchandisers of the Year for Winn Dixie Supermarkets. Seal, a district manager when Winn Dixie in Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale opened, has been with the chain for 21 years. Starting as a part-time stocker, he worked his way up to his current position as merchandiser of deli and bakery for the Tampa Division which covers west central Florida. He received a scholarship from Winn Dixie and earned a degree in business administration from

According to a Winn Dixie spokesman, recipients are chosen based on accomplishments in sales and gross profit budget, demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities and displaying excellent communication skills with customers and co-workers.

Originally from Lakeland, Seal resides in Bloomingdale with his wife Sarah and children Jennifer and David.

#### **Adams Tack and Feed**

Belinda and Gilbert Adams are lifelong residents of the original Bloomingdale area so when they decided this area needed a tack and feed store, they knew what they were talking about. Owners of three horses, the Adams got tired of driving long distances to meet the animals' needs so Belinda said, "We just woke up one morning and decided to open the store."

Adams Tack and Feed has been open at 3312 B Lithia Pinecrest since late February. They specialize in horse and livestock feed and tack. They also carry feed and supplies for house pets, including dogs, cats, birds, and rabbits. In addition, people supplies in the form of jeans, western wear, and hats are also on hand. The store is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 9



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## Sports Salute

#### Baseball's Best

Bloomingdale residents Brian Merkle, Mike Valdes, and Mike Owen, along with teammate Ted Holler helped lead the Bulls' baseball team to a second straight Tony Saladino Tournament championship, the first time any county team has repeated for the title. Pitcher Valdes was named the tournament's MVP after posting a shut-out against Robinson and defeating Hillsborough, 5-3, in the title game. Merkle was named to the all-tournament team as the designated hitter after his hot bat helped clinch both victories.

Merkle, a junior shortstop, ranks among the county's best batsmen sporting a .444 average going into districts last week with 28 hits, 18 RBI, and 17 runs scored. Valdes, who recently won a scholarship to the University of Tampa, had a 10-1 record at press time with a 1.01 ERA and 80 strikeouts. Senior first baseman Owen and third baseman Holler were also named to the all-tournament team.

This was the third Saladino title for Bulls' coach



Second grader Alli Hagan receives instructions to maneuver the obstacle course at the Alafia Bike Rodeo last month.

Robert Campbell, who previously led two Brandon Eagle teams to the spring tournament championship.

#### Softball Success

Missy Paterson, Bloomingdale's standout pitcher, won her final regular season game for the Bulls with a 2-0 shutout of Brandon where she struck out 13. Paterson, who will attend Coker College, S.C. in the fall, entered district competition last week with an amazing 0.05 ERA.

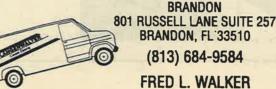
Bloomingdale resident Christine Berry has signed a letter of intent with St. Petersburg Junior College.

#### One More Trophy

Make room for one more trophy on the counter in the main office of Bloomingdale High. The women's golf team brought home an unexpected Western Conference championship last month. The team score of 343 was enough to beat Chamberlain. Jennifer Carter, the Bulls' top player, came in third in the conference, but it was the play on the back nine from Christy Barnes, Nicole Hardin, and Kim Springer that brought home the hardware.

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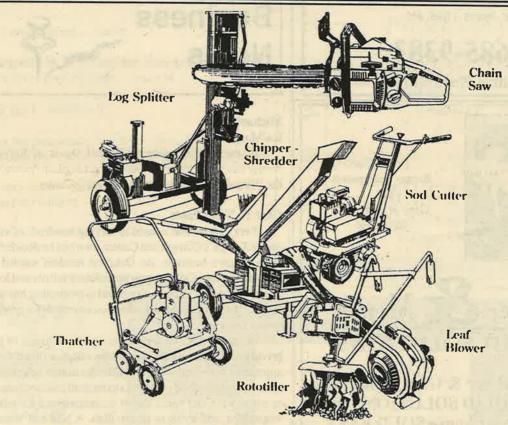
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**BHA Meeting** 

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association will be Tuesday, May 9, 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

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#### **STD Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District trustees will be Monday, May 8, 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.

#### **Budget Workshop**

The annual budget workshop for the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District will be Monday, May 8, at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 101, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale. Plans for the fiscal year 1996 budget will be discussed. Homeowners are invited to attend.

#### Cluster Plan Meeting

A public meeting to discuss the School Cluster Plan for the Bloomingdale area will be held Wednesday, May 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Bloomingdale High auditorium. Bloomingdale's cluster is expected to take effect in the 1996-97 school year. Parents of feeder schools such as Alafia, Lithia Springs, Progress Village, Booker T. Washington and Burns are encouraged to attend. School district personnel will be on hand to answer questions.

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pests go dormant through the winter period too. If you're a Florida "newby" you will find out about these special little creatures. Fire ants are the pit bulls of the insect world. Not only will they go out of their way to get you, when they do get you, they don't let go. You may be asking, why do they call them fire ants instead of pit bull ants? Well, there is a simple way for you to find out. The next time you're out in your yard just step on one of their little mounds and wait about 10 seconds. I promise you that understanding will come almost immediately. For a creature that probably weighs no more than a millionth of an ounce, a fire ant packs more chemical punch in that little rump of his than any other insect.

Indicator Number 3

Those blood sucking Florida mosquitoes are back again. yes, it has been a nice winter not having them around for a few months. Nice strolls around the neighborhood in the evenings have been enjoyable, camping has been a delight. However, it's payback time. In the last few weeks, those little suckers (and I use the word literally) have really been hitting us heavily. It seems they have been especially bad just after dark. Like most nasty bugs in Florida our mosquitoes have special characteristics. you may not have realized it but Florida mosquitoes are stealth mosquitoes. Like the stealth fighter of the Persian Gulf War, Florida mosquitoes usually can't been seen or heard. Compared to those in other parts of the country who give fair warning by their usual high pitched buzzing sound, ours hit with no advanced warning. They should be classified as mutant ninja types. They obviously have no honor.

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#### MOM, from pg. 4

reading to the younger ones, or hearing one child boast about his brother's and sister's accomplishments to friends," she said.

"Music is very important in our family, and it is nearly overwhelming when they are all in a recital together. I have so much to be proud of and thankful for.'

The demands of running such a large family can at best be challenging and at worst overwhelming, both emotionally and financially. Cristine insists that have six children doesn't necessarily have to be incredibly expensive.

"We mainly try to share everything instead of buying multiples of each item, and naturally there are many hand-me-downs. We just don't buy trendy, fad items when it comes to toys or clothes. Sticking to the basics eliminates unnecessary spending."

When it comes to groceries, the family buys in bulk. One wall of the garage is dedicated to staples such as flour, rice, beans and wheat.

Cristine's advice to parents who feel strained by the demands of their lives and children is to keep everything in perspective. "Remember, children are the most important things in life. Money goes away, your house gets old, material things really aren't that important," she said.

A good sense of humor can help families through hectic, stressful times, too.

"Scott will come home from work, turn on the stereo, and the next thing I know, kids are dancing on tables, he's wrestling around with the bunch of them. He is a great dad."

In this special month when mother's across the country are honored, Cristine said that the ultimate present would be "breakfast in bed, a clean house and a day full of peace and harmony."

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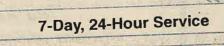
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