

Bloomingtondale Senior High School Has Open House, PTSA Forms

by Anissa Camp

With an explosion of music from the band, Bloomingtondale Senior High School opened its doors and classrooms the evening of August 27 so that eager parents could walk through their students' daily schedules.

The parents rushed from class-

room to classroom to meet each of their student's teachers before the night was through. The open house began about 7 p.m. and several booths sported information on everything from the Athletic Boosters to the newly formed Parent Teacher Student Association.

The PTSA was formally organized on August 24. A slate of officers was chosen and bylaws were adopted. A student representative was added to the organization, therefore forming the PTSA.

The 1998-99 Bloomingtondale PTSA officers are as follows:
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Roz Hulburt – 2nd Vice President
Ted Grable – 3rd Vice President
Kathy Steed – 4th Vice President
Lee Mayer – Corresponding Secretary
Linda Applegate – Recording Secretary
Sharee Thomas – Student Representative

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Whitewater rafting on the Gauley River with Class VI River Runners. See story on page 10.

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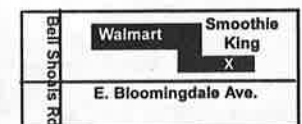
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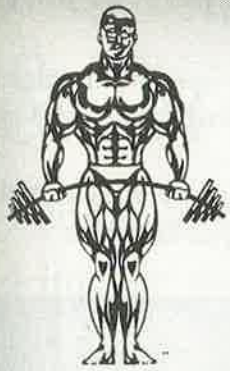
The Bloomingtondale Senior High School PTSA has grown to around 186 members since it was organized. There will also be general and student membership drives at a later date. Membership is open to anyone who pays their dues; parents, grand parents, students or anyone interested in education. To join before membership drives contact Roz Hulburt at 744-8018. Membership to the PTSA costs \$5 per adult and \$3 for students and faculty.

As a new PTSA they will be looking at ways to more effectively communicate school, safety and legislative issues to parents and to other areas of participation for parents whose children are not necessarily involved in clubs, sports, etc. One such volunteer opportunity already available is the Reading Program that began this year. People are needed to help tutor students to prepare them for the HCST test. If you are interested in this or other volunteer opportunities please contact Kathy Steed at 744-8018.

One of the most notable changes at Bloomingtondale Senior High School this year is the fact that all the students have been consolidated into one school schedule. Instead of a staggered schedule with some students going to school at one time and some at another everyone arrives and leaves at the same time. This gives rise to a few logistical problems including traffic and overcrowding, but overall Principal B.J. Steller said that it is a beneficial arrangement.

"We enjoy all being one student body," Steller said. Some of the new classes offered at Bloomingtondale High School this year include Web Design, which focuses on Internet web page design, Desktop Publishing, Business Systems and Technology, Women's Studies and History of the Vietnam War.

The county school-attendance policy is also new this year. It now states that if a student has more than five unexcused absences in one class in one grading period then for every absence after five, two points will be deducted from the students overall grade for that class. For example, if a student misses their first-period class six times in one grading period then their overall grade average will be reduced by two points. If that same student misses that first period class again in that same grading period two more points will be deducted. The exception to this rule is that if the student was given zeros for that day's assignments then the excessive absence policy would not be used for that absence.



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This Halloween, it's back to school for those who dare at Universal Studios Florida during the eighth annual Halloween Horror Nights celebration, which begins Oct. 2 and continues on Oct. 15-17, 21-25, and 27-31.

Brave guests are registering for Fear 101 at Hell High, one of five new, haunted mazes where substitute teachers from beyond jaunt the hallowed halls, a crazed cafeteria lady cooks up the ultimate mystery meat and the sadistic gym coach takes the phrase "no pain, no gain" much too seriously.

Tickets to this spine-tingling and gruesomely thrilling adventure are now on sale through the Universal Studios Florida website, www.usf.com, at Ticketmaster outlets, and at Universal Studios Florida for day of admission purchases.

During the day guests can enjoy more than 40 rides, attractions and shows, but once night falls, the park is transformed into the most vivid of nightmares. Halloween Horror Nights VIII officially begins at 7 p.m. each night that it runs. With fear in their hearts, guests will make their way through a total of five haunted mazes, three terrifying stage shows and the most disturbing Festival of the Dead Parade ever.

Halloween Horror nights include attractions such as the S.S. Frightanic where guests will experience a trip on a ghost ship full of upper-class ghouls in first class, or encounter a most frightfully gruesome group hiding in the lower decks.

Universal's Museum of Horror is also a ghoulish attraction. This museum has more carnage than culture though. The fortress pays homage to modern day slashers as well as their classic predecessors, but beware: these effigies are not made out of wax!

The Festival of the Dead Parade is a parade of hundreds of ghouls, zombies and creatures and includes new, themed floats in a tribute to fear.

There will also be three original shows including: Horrorpalooza, a main-stage show full of hair-raising performance, and the traditional Bill and Ted's Excellent Halloween Adventure VII. There will also be a fogged Midway of the Bizarre, where guests can try their hand at sideshow games while avoiding the bizarre creatures that inhabit the area.

Due to certain adult themes and the intensity of this even, parental discretion is advised for children ages 3 to 9.

For more information about Halloween Horror Nights, guests may call Universal Studios Florida at (407) 22-HORROR.



Frankenstein tries to escape from Universal's Museum of Horror - one of five haunted mazes at the Halloween Horror Nights VIII.

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Bloomingtondale Special Taxing District Regular Monthly Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: T. Szabo, Rick Pitrowski, Joe Liguori, Tom Mackiewicz, Fred Uphoff, Sue Mallon, Thom Snelling

Public: Tim Golden

Call To Order: The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomingtondale Special Taxing District was convened by President, Rick Pitrowski at 7 p.m. There were enough trustees present to establish a quorum.

Approval Of July Minutes: Trustee Uphoff moved to accept the July minutes as read. Trustee Szabo seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Michael, Ferraro & Co., stated the Total Assets is \$232,475. Nations Bank Investments is \$223,318. Money Market Account is %5,966. Cash on hand is \$50.

Michael printed out these accounts: Postage has spent \$557, budgeted for \$500. Maintenance-Shrubs has spent \$18,603, budgeted for \$18,000. Pressure Wash — \$6,605, budgeted for \$5,500. Office Supplies has spent \$1,400, budgeted for \$1,250. Legal advertisements have spent \$1,400, budgeted for \$1,250.

Trustee Mackiewicz made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Trustee Mallon seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business: Building Location — Trustee Pitrowski stated that he investigated the water treatment facility as a possible site for the modular building. He stated that the plant will be closing and sold in the next two years. He stated that he has researched three other possible options: 1) Property behind Amsouth Bank on Bell Shoals 2) church on Bell Shoals and 3) strip mall where Beef O'Brady's is located. He stated that he spoke with owner of the strip mall and there is no space available but that he is planning to develop the land directly behind the existing building. Trustee Pitrowski asked him about placing a modular building on that property. Mr. Micas stated that he would meet with Trustee Pitrowski in 2 weeks to discuss the idea. Trustee Pitrowski stated that next month's meeting would be at the recreation building again.

New Business: FY99/Qualifying Packets — Trustee

Liguori stated that his term is up at the end of September and to please encourage friends, neighbors concerning the board and new members. Trustee Uphoff stated that the board needed to pick someone to work with Trustee Liguori until Oct. 1 to learn the bill paying system. Trustee Pitrowski asked if anyone on the board was interested. No response was given. Trustee Pitrowski stated that two board members will need to be bonded. Trustee Liguori asked if any other board members have made a decision concerning staying on the board. Trustee Pitrowski and Trustee Szabo will also be leaving. Trustee Pitrowski stated that we may re-appoint trustees for one month in September. Later in the meeting, Trustee Uphoff agreed to work with Trustee Liguori on the treasurer's job.

Property Managers Report: Mr. Devney gave report. Chemical Treatment for Wall — Trustee Liguori asked Mr. Devney where we were on the experimental chemical for the iron in the walls. Mr. Devney stated that it is working. He stated, "Have you noticed that the thing has not come back on Greenhollow?" Trustee Pitrowski stated to Mr. Devney that he had told him that it was not working. Mr. Devney stated that he got it working. Trustee Liguori asked if the water was working or the chemical working. Mr. Devney stated that the chemical is going in the water. Trustee Mallon asked about the results. Mr. Devney stated that the orange thing has not reappeared on Greenhollow. Trustee Pitrowski stated that we had just painted Greenhollow. Mr. Devney stated yes. Trustee Uphoff stated that the paint is coming off the wall on Greenhollow. Trustee Mallon stated that she would look into it. Trustee Mackiewicz asked Mr. Devney if the chemical was working on the walls. Mr. Devney stated that he got it working about a month ago so that means that it has gone through the cycle about 6-8 times. Trustee Mackiewicz asked if this means that it is too early to tell. Mr. Devney stated yes. Contract — Mr. Devney stated that he sent a letter with his intentions in renewing his contract the existing price. The topic was tabled until the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

This report was submitted by Sue Mallon, Recording Secretary and Rick Pitrowski, President.

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By Eric Robinson

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The professional, safe and top-quality service that Class VI River Runners provided was what made the trip what it was – a great adventure. The Class VI staff was very professional and recommended just the right rafting trip for me. They also provided ultimate safety by teaching me how to "read the river" and giving me the right safety equipment and a quick-but-thorough river safety training course. The trip was fully organized, from a staff member directing parking to direction to my raft. The meals on my trip were also top quality. They included a morning reception with rolls and juice or hot drinks, a delicious high-quality, deli-style lunch and a Buffalo-leg roast for dinner.

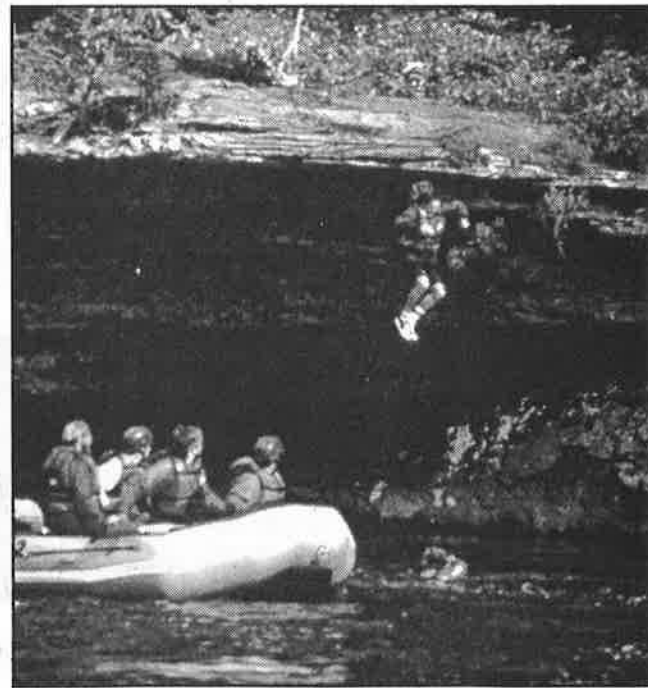
Class VI River Runners and the Gauley and New Rivers are located in Lansing, West Virginia. Class VI offers a variety of river trips from thrilling to soothing for those with a thirst for adventure or families looking to get away from the city.

The Fall Gauley River trips are possible because beginning the second weekend in September the U.S. Army corps of Engineers releases water from Summersville Lank into the Gauley's riverbed. The first five weekends of the six-weekend release are four-day releases and the last weekend is a Saturday and Sunday release only. The water releases are as follows: Sept. 11-14, 18-21, 25-28, Oct. 2-5, 9-12, and Oct. 16-17.

The rafting trip wasn't the only enjoyable part of my trip to West Virginia, my stay at the Country Inn and Suites-Beckley was also top-notch. They offered wonderful hospitality and a complimentary continental "plus" breakfast. The staff was also very helpful and their indoor/outdoor pool with whirlpool hot tubs was very relaxing after a day on the river. Gauley season ends so but Class VI offers other trips and packages on the New River.

The last weekend release for the Gauley runs, Oct. 16-17 and it is also Bridge Day Weekend. Bridge Day Weekend is an annual event where adventure seekers parachute and bungee jump from the 876 foot bridge above the water. There are also spectacular fall colors the trees this time of year and rafting, gourmet dining and live music all highlight this event. There are also special rafting packages available for the end of the Gauley season.

For more information about Class VI River Runners call them at 1-800-Class VI or visit their website at www.raftwv.com.



"Jump rocks" are located along the banks of the river where rafters can jump off into the water for a little extra fun.

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Open the Crayons and Pick Up a Pen Kids can enter the contest in one of three ways: by submitting a creative story (less than 100 words), colorful drawing (on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch piece of paper) or clever rhyme or slogan (10 words or less) that shows why they love KRAFT Macaroni & Cheese.

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Entries must be postmarked by November 30, 1998 and should be sent to KRAFT "I Want the Blues!" Contest, P.O. Box 35958-PR, Los Angeles, CA 90035-0588, and should include the child's name, date of birth, address, telephone number and description of type of entry (story, drawing or rhyme/slogan). A photograph of child's most humorous smile is optional. Winners will be notified in February 1999.

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Bloomingtondale Homeowners Association

Minutes - August 11, 1998
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Directors in Attendance: Randy Wolfe, Ann Underwood, Ted Grable, Pam Liguori, Luana Russell
Guests in Attendance: Joe Liguori, Melanie Smith, Virginia Hassler, Marta Zarrella, Bruce Hassler, Sue Waltzer

Meeting called to order at 6:42 p.m. by President Wolfe

Public Comment:

Several residents brought up the issue of speeding and traffic safety in the community. Options were discussed including working with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and our Community Resource Officer. Upon a motion by Ted Grable and a second by Luana Russell, it was agreed that the Gazette would dedicate a future edition to this subject.

A resident brought up concerns regarding deed restrictions and code violations. The Board restated the BHA's NIP program, which works to enforce deed restrictions

and county codes.

Representatives of UNDO spoke to the Board regarding their opposition to a planned rezoning on John Moore Rd. south of Bloomingtondale Estates. After considerable discussion the Board, on a motion by Ted Grable and a second by Luana Russell, agreed to write the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners in support of the general community-based issues discussed in the Tampa Tribune editorial of August 10th "Fury at the end of John Moore Rd."

Reading of the minutes of the prior meeting was deferred. The financial reports were deferred until the next meeting. Committee Reports:

Mobile Watch: No report this month.

NIP: The chair reported on the committee's recent code enforcement activities.

Membership: Pam Liguori and Ted Grable reported on the 1998 Dues Drive.

Board Members Issues: The Board discussed various issues relating to the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m., motion by Ted Grable, second by Luana Russell

Adopt-A-Pet



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Letters to the Editor

Traffic Woes

Our family lives in the Bloomingtondale community near the high school. There are many families here with children - some many are young. I am concerned because instead of a community it seems like a race track. The little ones are at risk.

We are also concerned for the traffic on Bloomingtondale. Not only is there high school traffic but also it's our understanding that it is a truck route.

How can one double lane road take that much wear and tear on it? I suggest that we route trucks out of residential areas onto larger main arteries.

Another solution might be if feeder roads were built at the rear of the high school leading to some of the main roads.

These two suggestions would alleviate much traffic out of our residential streets and off Bloomingtondale Road.

Cheryl Athens
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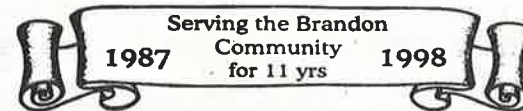
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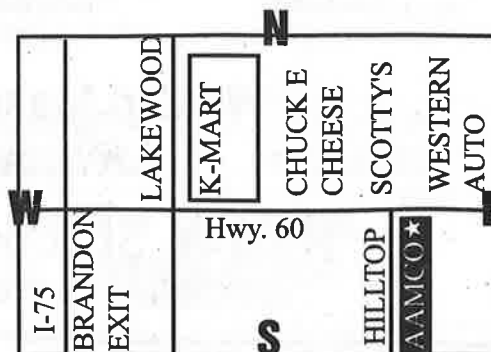
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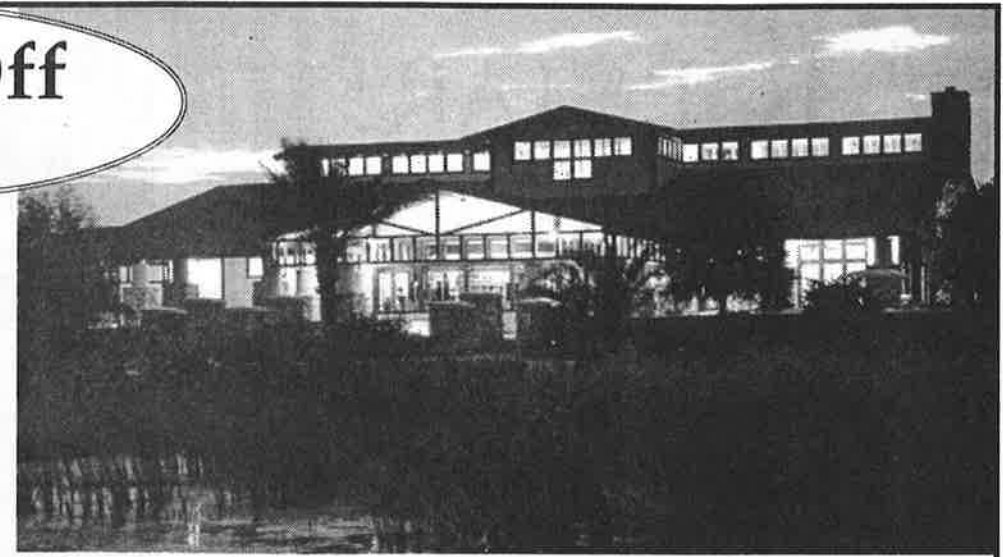
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