This year, the City of Clearwater is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Last issue, we highlighted parts of the area’s earliest history and its settlers and ended right before the Civil War. The 1860 Census had determined 381 people in 82 families were living on the peninsula. The residents called the area “Clear Water” because the many natural area springs flowed into the bay keeping the water so clear, you could see the bottom. If you missed last issue, you can read it online at www.beachnewsletters.com.

At the beginning of the Civil War, James P McMullen with other Clear Water leaders organized The Home Guard making every Clear Water man a member. It was their job to watch for Union Troops and protect the community. During the Civil War, Florida was really only affected by blockades. The area around Clear Water avoided most of the war, although a few Union gunboats raged Clear Water, stealing food and provisions, but there was no real combat.

Before and during the war, salt was produced in the area. It was used to cure meats. Young girls monitored large pots of boiling salt water near the shoreline. By the second day, a pot would yield two or three quarts of white salt.

Very ill and close to death, Reverend C.S. Reynolds, both a newspaper pioneer and a preacher, had moved to the area after his doctor advised him to so, hoping to extend his life. It worked, because he lived 30 more years. As the war was ending, he moved to Clear Water from Tampa after founding the Tampa Herald newspaper. He also worked with newspapers in Ocala, Palatka and Key West. In 1873, Reynolds established this area’s first newspaper; he called it the Clear Water Times.

In addition to his newspaper business, Reynolds started the Midway Baptist Church, holding services in a log cabin near today’s Municipal Cemetery. Later, it became Calvary Baptist Church.

During his time, Reynolds wrote some of the area’s best PR. In one issue, he states “orange groves here, will make the residents of this area independently rich.” He went on to say, “Our climate is almost unequalled. Our population is industrious and moral. With the finest crops of cotton, sugar cane, tropical fruits and rice, we have only to persevere for a few more years to become independent.”

With the end of the war, more farmers were growing citrus for shipment to to previously banned Union cities. The locally grown oranges, packed in large barrels, were shipped by boat to Cedar Key, then loaded on trains for northern locations. They sold for $15 per thousand.

During the war, the local post office was closed and did not reopen until roughly 1870. David Turner remained the postmaster, operating it out of his house on Turner Street.

By Bob Griffin, Publisher
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| Thursday, 12:15pm at Carlouel Yacht Club | John Funk | | |

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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

APRIL

Sugar Sand Festival | 17-26 | | |
| Fun N Sun Activities | 17-26 | | |
| Taste of Belleair & The Bluffs | 18-19 | | |
| Mainstreet Art Show | 19-19 | | |
| Belleair Sunday Concerts | 19-19 | | |
| Earth Day | 32 | | |
| Administrative Professionals Day | 23 | | |
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| Island Estates Spring Block Party | 25 | | |
| JUNE

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| Fun N Sun Events Continue | 1-3 | | |
| Cleveland Street Derby Party | 4-8 | | |
| Fish Fry Clearwater Historical Society | 4-8 | | |
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| Fun N Sun Country Concert | 5 | | |
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CLEARWATER BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Inside, you will find articles and local information about the nearby area inside. We call it a Neighborhood Newsletter because it is primarily about your neighborhood, Clearwater Beach. It is mailed to the entire 33767 zip code including Island Estates and Sand Key - a total of about 5,000 households - six times a year.

You can pick up another copy at the Beach Chamber Office, The Beach Rec Center, Island Estates Print Shack, Shorty’s Gourmet Deli or the Island Estates UPS store.

We want your input. How did you like this issue? What suggestions do you have for future issues and articles?

We hope you enjoyed this issue. Call or email us with your comments, Bob & Becky Griffin, 727-517-1997, bobb@griffindirectories.com

Read this issue and more at beachnewsletters.com.

SEE YOU AGAIN IN JUNE!

CLEARWATER
A Fine Italian Cuisine

$10 OFF

Take $10 off your entire bill. Must purchase at least one entree. One coupon per table. Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12/31/15. Offer Code: CENT$
SK SUNSET RUNS RETURN The West Florida YMCA Runner’s Club (WFYRRC) is returning with their popular Sunsets at Pier 60 SK Sunset Run series. The non-profit runners organization which also organizes the Discover Caladesi Island Run (10K) in February, and the annual Turkey Trot in November will be hosting five summer sunset runs: May 29, June 12, July 17, and August 14. Get more information and register at www.WFYRRC.com.

FREE TREES The city of Clearwater will celebrate Arbor Day by giving away 2,100 trees. The annual tree giveaway will be April 25 at the Public Service Complex at 1650 N. Arcturus Avenue from 9am until the last tree is gone. Mayor George Cretekos will be presented with the Tree City USA flag by the Florida Division of Forestry. Free trees are for Clearwater Residents only; proof of the Tree City USA flag by the Florida Division of Forestry. For more information at www.MyClearwater.com or call 462-6563, Ext 226.

SUNSCREEN MOVIE FESTIVAL The Annual Sunscreen Movie Festival, voted one of the “25 Coolest Film Festivals in the Country” by Movie Maker Magazine, will be held inside Sundial’s Muvico Theaters from April 30 through May 1. Google it for a list of movies.

SCHOOL WORKING AT SOUP KITCHEN 7th graders at St. Cecelia Intercatholic School are using their hands for service at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. Working in small groups, they’re helping to prepare and serve hot meals to 200 needy members of our community. The Soup Kitchen provides a hot, nutritious meal seven days a week for the homeless and working poor. For many, this is the only meal they will eat all day.

WEEDON ISLAND Weedon Island Preserve – often referred to as “the best kept secret in Pinellas County” – won’t be a secret for much longer. Runner’s World, the world’s largest running magazine, features it as its “Rave Run” in the April 2015 issue. It is 3,200 acres of coastal and upland ecosystems, owned and operated by Pinellas County and home to the 8k Gopher Weedon Trail Run.

SAFE BOATING INSPECTIONS Is your fire extinguisher expired? Do you have flares? Safe Boating Week is May 18-24 and your local Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting boat inspections on Saturday and Sunday, May 23 & 24 at the Madeira Beach Marina Parking Lot. Bring your boat to the ramp area between 9am and 2pm. The inspection is FREE and will help you prepare for summer boating fun.

NESTING SEASON Osprey, common to Clearwater Beach, tend to nest twice a year beginning in December. The nest is a large heap of sticks, driftwood and seaweed built in the forks of trees, utility poles, artificial platforms and channel markers in our Intracoastal Waterways. Newly hatched chicks weigh only about 2 oz but fledge in 8-10 weeks. The typical lifespan of the Osprey is 7-10 years, and some have lived to 20 years in certain environments.

FOOD DRIVE The Letter Carriers Food Drive is Saturday May 9. To donate, set out your dry, non-perishable food items in a grocery bag next to your mailbox that day before your normal mail pick-up. Your mail carrier will collect the items when they deliver your mail.

CENTENNIAL ORNAMENT The City has commissioned a pewter ornament to commemorate the city’s centennial. They are available for purchase at city libraries and recreation centers for $5 including tax, and will remain available for purchase all year.

SWIM ACROSS AMERICA Swimmers of all ages are invited to take part in this, the fourth annual event in beautiful Clearwater Beach on May 30th. This family event, is not a race. Whether you are a veteran swimmer or you’re looking to do your first open water swim, enjoy this event while you help fight cancer at Moffitt Cancer Center! Swimmers, kayakers, and volunteers are needed. Visit swimacrossamerica.org/tampaabay for information.

BLAST FRIDAY April 24th’s Blast Friday will be a street festival with music headliner Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, known for their hit “We’re Having A Party.” The party will include food and craft vendors, activities for children, celebrations of Clearwater’s history and a 100-foot birthday cake.

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN Each released balloon, including those marketed as “biodegradable latex”, return to Earth as litter. Balloons can travel thousands of miles to pollute the most remote and pristine places. Countless sea animals die each year when they mistake the balloons, floating on the water, for jelly fish and eat them. The also cause power outages when they get tangled up in transformers. Don’t release them!

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS IN JUNE Read this issue, as well as others, online at BeachNewsletters.com.
CLEARWATER HISTORY, continued

By 1873, Clear Water residents realizing they needed an organized school system, petitioned the Hillsborough School Board (they were still part of Hillsborough County) to establish a school district. When approved a year later, Jennie Reynolds Plumb was appointed the first public school teacher. Classes were held in the same church her brother, C.S. Reynolds built, the Midway Baptist Church. The school and the school district were the foundation of today’s county public education system. After about 10 years, a new school was built, where they later built the historic South Ward School on South Ft Harrison Avenue. M.C. Dwight bought some land and built the Orange Bluff Hotel which opened in 1880. It was the area’s first hotel, but burned down after a few years, a serious loss for the town. The area had no other hotel until 1885.

Also in 1880, after experiencing a shipwreck nearby, Charles Wharton Johnson decided to stay in Clear Water and bought the land along the bluffs south of Clearwater. He played an important role in the area’s growing citrus industry. Part of his land was used to build the Belleview Billmore ten years later.

Three pioneers J.M. “Doc” Baggett, Dr. J. L. Edgar and M. Joel McMullen started the newspaper The West Hillsborough Times in 1884. The 4-page weekly edition was published in today’s Dunedin area.

Arthur Turner, David Turner’s son, had many business interests including owning a printing press. Only a few months after it was started, Turner bought the newspaper and moved it to Clear Water. He printed it from 1884 to 1892, when he sold it to some St Petersburg businessmen. It was the forerunner of the St Petersburg Times.

When his father died, Turner inherited his south Clear Water land which he divided and sold. He also donated land for an Episcopal and First United Methodist Church.

As the town of Clear Water continued to develop, Turner moved his father’s store and post office to the foot of Cleveland St. He became the postmaster operating it from 1875 to 1886. Turner also operated the Clara Em, a small ship used to transport mail and products from Cedar Key. In addition, Turner served on the Town Council, was a Hillsborough County commissioner, served on the first City Charter Committee, participated in the formation of Pinellas County (1912) and served as Pinellas County’s first Treasurer (1913). He had had a profound effect on the area, at the time of his death in 1929 at the age of 85.

About 1885, Theodore Kamensky relocated here from Russia. He was a famous Russian artist and sculptor but, like so many others, left to escape the Czars. The area was still without a hotel, so he built the Sea View Hotel. Kamensky is also credited with creating the first historically detailed map of Clear Water. During the same time, an 1885 land survey made reference to the spoil island we know as Clearwater Beach, calling it “Clear Water Key”. It was the first name recorded for the beach.

By 1888 Peter Denens had built the area’s first railroad, the Orange Belt Railroad. It connected Sanford to Tarpon Springs, then continued to a small village to be known as St Petersburg, with a stop on the east side of Clearwater. The 1890 annual census documented 18 families living in or near the immediate Clearwater area. There were no paved streets or improvements to the town, only a public dock at the end of Cleveland Street.

This is part two of a multi-part story we will be running all year. Look for more installments in future issues.
Restaurant News...

**PROINO BREAKFAST CLUB**

If you like a big breakfast spread, you’re in for a treat. A new breakfast club is under construction in the former Flipper’s T-Shirt shop. As Seasons is almost over, it will soon be open for business. Called Primo’s Breakfast Club, it is under construction in the shopping center between The Reef and Cesar’s at the Beach. Serving breakfast and lunch, this will be their third location. The other locations, both in Largo are on West Bay Drive and Walsingham Road, right before the Indian Rocks Beach bridge. The new location is now hiring. E-mail PrimoaBreakfastClub@gmail.com if you are interested.

**AL & STELLA’S IN SANKEY**

Now that Easter is over, the newest Al & Stella’s Italian Restaurant in the Shoppes of Sand Key is no longer serving lunch. They open at 4pm for dinner only. For reservations, call 204-0743.

**SALTY’S ISLAND BAR & GRILLE**

If you enjoy Stone Crab, this new restaurant is open just across the street from the south end restaurant. The newest Al & Stella’s Italian Restaurant in the Shoppes of Sand Key is no longer serving lunch. They open at 4pm for dinner only. For reservations, call 204-0743.

**THE REEF STEAK AND SEAFOOD COMPANY**

This new restaurant is now open in the south end of the beach between the Brown Boxer and Cesar’s at the Beach. The Key West themed restaurant and bar features a sushi bar, printed out steaks, fresh seafood with a raw bar and lots of homemade dishes. Everything, including breads, soups, and desserts, is made fresh everyday. They are open for lunch and dinner at 437 South Gulfview, near the curve in the road.

**95 AND GOING STRONG**

Next month, the Palm Pavilion will celebrate its 89th year. It first opened in 1926. Harold Hamilton bought it in April, 1964. The family has owned it for 50 years. It now run by Harold’s kids, Ken, Dale, Hoyt and Wade. One of the oldest restaurants on Clearwater Beach, it is still one of the best places for a casual dinner, boat drink and a beach sunset. It runs October 15 through May 15th. Where can you still get them? Try Frenchy’s, Crabby Bill’s, Island Way Grill and usually at Publix. Availability may be limited.

**SEASON ENDING SOON**

Stone Crab season is almost over. It runs October 15 through May 15th. Where can you still get them? Try Frenchy’s, Crabby Bills, Island Way Grill and usually at Publix. Availability may be limited.
Business Briefs...

WALGREENS REOPENS AS SURF STYLE The old Walgreen’s store on the south end of the beach reopened as a Surf Style store. It replaces the Surf Style store just west of there. The new store is like most of the others on the beach, large and colorful.

SAND KEY FLOWERS MOVES Sand Key Flowers is not on Sand Key anymore. But, their phone number, 332-9100 and name did not change. Sand Key Flowers moved to the south end of Clearwater Beach to 785 Bayway Blvd, near Sand Key Realty. The shop is still owned by Brian Pelfrey. Their web site is www.SandKeyFlowers.com.

HESS NOW SPEEDWAY Speedway Gas Company bought Hess last October, but it has taken a while for the change to get to the stores. This year, they began changing the stores’ names. The two Clearwater Beach stores changed names in February. The sandwich shops in the store, which currently are Quizno’s, may change too.

COMING SOON An old favorite is coming to the beach soon. The building under construction between the Speedway Store and Palm Pavilion Inn on the north end of the beach is going to be a Dairy Queen. Because it is new construction it is being elevated to meet FEMA standards. Look for it to open soon.

MI GALLERY IN SAND KEY A new art gallery may open in the Shoppes of Sand Key where the CLIPS store was previously. Under construction behind the papered windows, it will have the same owner.

CMA WINS ADVERTISING AWARDS The Clearwater Marine Aquarium was awarded four Tampa Bay American Advertising Awards, called ADDY’s, at the annual 2015 ADDY Gala. Their in-house creative department was recognized for the following categories:
- Gold for their 2013 Annual Report Category
- Silver for Brochures and Fundraising Kits
- Gold for Collateral Materials for 2013 Annual Report
- Silver for Collateral Materials for Building Hope Fund Raising Campaign

Since 2013, CMA has been awarded a total of 10 ADDY Awards. The American Advertising Awards recognizes the true essence of creative excellence and is known as the world’s largest creative advertising competition

NEWS WANTED If you have news or suggestions you think are appropriate for this newsletter, e-mail it to Bob@GriffinDirectories.com or call 727-517-1997.

Hotel Business Briefs...

HILTON SOLD In February, the Hilton Clearwater Beach was sold to the Kentucky investment company Columbia Sussex Group, for $134 million. That works out to be $322,115 per room. It is the highest price ever paid for a hotel in the history of Pinellas County. Columbia Sussex also owns the Westshore Marriott. The Hilton, built on 10 gulf-front acres, has 416 room.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION The Wyndham Grand construction is well under way. When complete, this will be Clearwater Beach’s only 5-star hotel. The 16-story, building with 345 hotel rooms plus 105 vacation ownership rooms, will have views of both the Gulf of Mexico and the Intracoastal Waterway. Amenities include a spa, fitness center, business conference center, upscale restaurant, pool deck, and parking garage. The main ballroom, six meeting rooms and a boardroom will all have individual outdoor terraces. Construction is expected to continue through January, 2017.

CLEARWATER BEACH GUEST HOUSE This hotel, to be built west of the current Holiday Inn, should begin construction soon. It will have 155 rooms on 10 floors, with parking on the first 6. The office and pool will be on the 7th floor. They may build a Sunset Bar on the roof, similar to the Pier 60 Hotel. This hotel will have its own name and not be a Holiday Inn. Clearwater Beach resident Jeff Kierleber is the owner.

NEW HOTEL The City Council approved a hotel project on the south end of the beach at 401 South Gulfview, the site of the current Travelodge. The 13-story hotel, 140 feet high with 227 rooms, is still in the planning stages with construction starting later this year.

HAMPTON INN Construction on the Hampton Inn on the south end of the beach, has started. Now, a parking area west of the Quality Inn, which has the same owners, will be 12 stories with 90 rooms and six floors of parking. Look for it to open next summer.

CORONADO DRIVE HOTEL This 10 story, 144 room hotel will be built at 333 Coronado Drive, which is currently a parking lot. It is being built by Tony Fernandez and Mainstream Partners who have plans for two more nearby hotels.

BED TAX NUMBERS BREAK RECORDS Based on the Pinellas County Bed Tax figures, the 2014 tax revenues were up 12.7% over 2013. January 2015 was up 23% over the same period last year. It looks like we will be needing all the new hotel rooms under construction! Calculations show that hotels, vacation rentals and car rentals companies on Clearwater Beach and Sand Key contribute 47% of the Pinellas County bed tax generated. 58% of the Bed Tax revenue is used to market and promote tourism in Pinellas County. 9% is used for beach renourishment while the remaining 33% funds other things including the Tropicana Dome.

CLEARWATER BEACH NEWSLETTER
THE POOL IS OPEN

Clearwater Beach Aquatic Center

The city operates the Clearwater Beach Aquatic Center which has open swimming, a swim team, Friday Night Swims, Swimming Lessons and Facility Rentals. The Center is a state of the art swimming facility that includes six 25-yard lap swimming lanes and a children's play area with spraying water fountains, a “raindrop” waterfall, a fiberglass frog slide, and a water basketball goal. The pool ranges in depth from 1’-3’ in the children's area, and 3’- 5’ in the lap swim area. In addition, tables with chairs and lounge chairs are available for patrons, as well as large shade structures for escaping from the hot sun.

It is now open, through May 3 Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun., 12:3 p.m. Beginning May 4 through June 2 the hours are Mon-Fri 12:7 pm and Sat. & Sun. 10-3 pm

They offer Learn to Swim Classes (for ages 3 and up). The price ranges from $30 to $50 depending on your membership.

They offer Friday Night Swims on certain Friday Nights from 7 to 10pm in June.

The Swim Team practices Monday-Thursday at 6pm.

Aquatic Center is available for private parties. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, graduations and company parties. Lifeguards are provided. Prices vary but start at $200 for a two hour party. Call for details.

The Family Aquatic Center is located at 51 Bay Esplanade in North Beach. Call them at 462-6020. Get more information at www.MyClearwater.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PIER 60 SUGAR SAND FESTIVAL

The City of Clearwater’s Parks & Recreation Department and Sunsets at Pier 60 Daily Festival are asking volunteers for the 3rd annual Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival. The 10-day event, which was just awarded the best local festival by Visit St. Petersburg Clearwater, will be held April 17-26 on Clearwater Beach just south of Pier 60.

Volunteers may sign up at sugarsandfestival.com, and will receive a meal ticket to use at Pier 60 Concessions, a 2015 Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival t-shirt, free admission to the exhibit tent before and after each shift and free parking. A 21,000-square-foot tent will be filled 1,000 tons of sand sculpted by world-class artists using Clearwater’s famous sugar sand. You will walk into an enchanted story land, featuring classic fairy tales and modern-day literary adventures, where reality and fantasy are brought to life.

Team Sandtastic will return for a third year to sculpt the art swim ming facility, an exhibit tent before and after each shift and free parking.

EMERGENCY ACCESS PERMITS

by Scott Ehlers, CFO, EFO, Division Chief of Clearwater Emergency Management

It is that time of year again, when Dr. William Gray comes out with his storm predictions for the Atlantic hurricane season and the residents on our coast prepare for the worst, but hope for the best.

As part of this year’s planning process for beach residents, the Clearwater Police Department in conjunction with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, is putting in place a Barrier Island Re-Entry Program to facilitate residents and business owners’ access to their property as soon as possible after a storm. The program is designed to allow pre-register homeowners and businesses and assigns them a hangtag for their vehicle. It is important for our beach residents and business owners to understand that this will allow them access to their property as soon as it is safe to do so, and re-entry is authorized.

All residents and businesses are able to register at Clearwater Police Department headquarters, 645 Pierce St., seven days a week from 8 am to 11 pm. Additionally, from April 13 through April 26, police will have the following locations open to register from noon to 8 pm Monday through Friday and from 10 am to 6 pm on weekends:

- For residents and businesses north of the roundabout – Clearwater Recreation Center (69 Bay Esplanade)
- For residents and businesses south of the roundabout, including Sand Key – Clearwater Sailing Center (1001 Gulf Blvd.)
- For residents and businesses located in Island Way – Publix (200 Island Way)

For all the locations, you must bring the following to register:
- A government-issued photo identification (ex: driver’s license or passport)
- Proof of residency (ex: utility bill or property tax receipt)

IMPORTANCE OF LIGHTING ON SEA TURTLES:

Sea turtles are marine reptiles that spend most of their lives at sea. During the night, from May through early September, the 350-pound female sea turtle comes ashore to lay eggs. During a single nesting season, one female will lay 4-5 nests, depositing an average of 120 eggs into a bell shaped cavity she has dug into the sand. When the 3-inch hatchlings emerge, they use the natural light from the moon and stars reflecting off the water to find their way to the ocean. In areas where artificial lighting overpowers natural light, hatchlings can become disoriented, leading to dehydration and death.

If light from an artificial source is visible to a person standing anywhere on the beach, that light is likely to cause problems for the sea turtles that nest there. What can the public do to help sea turtles during nesting season?

- Turn off lights, this includes flashlights on the beach
- Minimize lights in number and wattage
- Reposition lights behind structures
- Shield lights
- Redirect lights so they point down or away from the beach
- Use recessed lights
- Draw blinds
- Move lamps away from windows
- Use timers or motion-sensors to reduce light times on Tint windows

All sea turtle species in the U.S. are threatened (loggerhead) or endangered (leatherback, green, hawksbill, Kemp’s Ridley). It is important that we do what we can to ensure that nesting activities occur with minimal human influence.
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION & COUNTY APP CONNECT CITIZENS TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

By Pinellas County Commissioner Chair Karen Seel

Life is so fast paced, not everyone has time to attend County Commission meetings. New and emerging technologies allow us to reach more residents and give them the chance to participate in their government. As part of this effort, the members of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator Mark S. Woodard will host a Community Conversation this spring.

Unlike a traditional meeting, you do not have to show up in person to ask questions, though you are certainly welcome to attend if you would like. Instead, you may listen live and ask questions through the call-in number, or post your questions on Twitter using the appropriate hashtag or post them on the Community Conversation blog. You can also watch the event live on Pinellas County Connection Television or online at www.pinellascounty.org/etowahall.

The upcoming Community Conversation will focus on goals and initiatives for Pinellas County. Residents may pose questions during the meeting on any topic they choose. Commissioners and the county administrator will answer as many questions as possible during the meeting.

This year’s Community Conversation will be held at the Seminole Campus of St. Petersburg College, on Wednesday, May 20, and will include an open house from 6 to 7 p.m., with the live event following from 7 to 8 p.m. During the open house, you will be able to have casual conversations with members of the board, providing an excellent opportunity to get to know your county officials.

Another component of connecting residents to county government is the county’s new mobile app, Pinellas County citizens can instantly stay connected to county news, meetings, events and social media through the new app - Doing Things for You! Residents can also report an issue in the community and submit a corresponding photo with their location automatically recorded by GPS. Once a report is received, it is routed to the correct department to handle the issue, whether the department is within county government or a municipality. Users can then monitor the progress of their report through the app. A video titled “Pinellas County App” is available at www.youtube.com/pccvt1 and shows how to report a problem.

Other app features include a map of the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail, and information about the county’s parks and preserves, local recycling programs and real-time bus schedules through PSTA. The Pinellas County app is available for free download to smartphones and tablets through the Apple Store and Google Play.

Connecting residents to their county government is important to me and all members of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. This year’s Community Conversation and the recently launched mobile app reinforce that commitment and further the county’s accessibility through new and emerging communication tools. I am excited about these avenues for citizen participation in county government.

More info about the Community Conversation and the mobile app is available on the Pinellas County website, www.pinellascounty.org.

Pinellas County Commissioner Chair Karen Seel

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A Restaurant Review by The Love Chef

Francis Anthony “The Love Chef” is an author, TV celebrity chef and local resident. You can find his “Cooking With Love” cookbooks on Amazon or his website www.thelovechef.com.

The Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail at $10.90 with remoulade dipping sauce (or cocktail sauce on request) was flavorful. The Nightly Special of Truffle infused Grouper with Shiitake mushrooms, chives, roasted fennel, onions and roasted garlic sauce was $23. The dish was well prepared and indeed special!

The Mahi Mahi encrusted with macadamia nuts in a coconut milk lime sauce at $15.90 was delicate and the sauce a good spin. Of course, you can order the sauce on the side. Their steaks are Prime and aged. The 9 ounce Sirloin was served in a Blue Cheese Crust with a Merlot reduction at $17.90. It is a carnevous delight.

If your child has an interest in marine science and loves going to the beach, this is their chance to learn more about it! Send them to Tam Bay Watch this summer for some fun in the sun with their marine ecology summer camps, where they will learn about amazing Tampa Bay and its inhabitants.

Once again, Largo Cultural Center will offer live theatre summer camps. Teens 12-18 may sign up for Fiddler on the Roof Jr., - June 8-26. Children ages 9-13 may register for Honk Jr., - July 20-August 8. Both are open, go to tamabaywatch.org for more information.

If you would like to see more of Carrie’s work, visit carrievsmith.weebly.com or call (419) 545-4465.

CARRIE SMITH
Local Portrait Artist

Carrie Smith has returned to the place she was born, so that she can follow her calling and be a successful artist. Carrie was born in Clearwater but her family moved to Ohio when she was three. By third grade, she knew she could paint and draw. She enrolled in art classes during high school, where her teacher motivated her to major in art during college at Ohio University. She found her niche and began to concentrate on developing her portrait painting skills. Her college professor told her that she was one of the best students he had ever taught. The first portrait she painted was of her brother. It took two months to finish, then she gave it to him as a present.

After graduation, she packed up her brushes and palettes, and moved back to Clearwater where her grandparents still live. Carrie, now 23, has set up shop inside The Creative Gallery at 1356 South Ft Harrison where she specializes in portraits. Normally, she works from a photograph. Paintings can be as small as 12” x 12” or as large as six feet wide. The small ones may take 40, 50 hours. The big ones may take 100 or more hours. The size determines the price. Prices can range from hundreds to several thousand dollars.

“Sometimes the small paintings are the hardest because there is so much detail in a smaller space,” says Smith. “Each painting has its own challenges.”

Carrie recently won Best in Show for her painting, The Sun Still Rises in the Dunedin Fine Art Center Members & Student Annual Exhibition, their biggest show of the year. If you would like to see more of Carrie’s work, visit carrievsmith.weebly.com or call (419) 545-4465.

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QUANTUM LEAP FARM-HORSES HELPING PEOPLE

by Bob Griffin, Publisher

Carla Staats, like her husband Dewayne, the face of the Tampa Bay Rays and TV play-by-play man on The Sun Sports Network, loves baseball. But during any given game, you will probably find her miles from Tropicana Field. Hours before a game’s first pitch, Carla likely left her Sand Key home to travel to Quantum Leap Farm (QLF) in Odessa, north of Tampa. She may be less recognized in a major league dug out, but at QLF not only the people, but also by the farm’s horses know her well.

QLF doesn’t grow crops like an average farm, they grow the hopes and dreams of mentally and physically challenged people. The non-profit facility provides comprehensive equine therapies to both the mentally and physically handicapped, ranging in age from 2 to 92.

Started by Edie Doping, PhD, this is QLF’s 15th year. In the 1990s, while working at St Anthony’s Hospital, Dr. Doping volunteered at the Bakas Equestrian Center, a Tampa therapeutic riding program serving disabled children. With a medical background and experience training horses, volunteering at Bakas led her to found QLF in January 2000 on 10 acres of land she owns in North Tampa.

The QLF program serves kids and adults with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The farm’s mission is to help people of all ages and abilities grow strong, achieve therapeutic goals and overcome challenges by engaging them with horses. QLF also offers two summer camps for children of all abilities, from ages 5 to 15.

Participants have a variety of conditions, including Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities. The U.S. involvement in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars has led to an increase in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities.

The U.S. involvement in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars has led to an increase in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and traumatic brain injury victims. QLF works closely with the James Haley VA Hospital and with Bill Young VA Medical Center to help serve veterans’ needs.

In 2008, QLF expanded its services to include At EASE (Equine Assisted Self Exploration) and EEL (Equine Experiential Learning) sessions. This is where Carla Staats became involved. The At EASE team has weekly sessions with traumatic brain injured participants from NeuroRestorative, a Pinellas Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center. The At EASE team also has a series of therapeutic weekend retreats for the wives and caregivers of injured soldiers called WOW (Women of Warriors.) Carla, born and raised in Texas, has always loved horses. She is certified with EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) as a Mental Health Professional and an Equine Specialist. In 2006, she purchased Doc, an American Paint horse, when he was a yearling. Doc’s parents were therapy horses at Cadwalader Behavioral Clinic, where Carla worked during graduate school. The clinic was a residential facility utilizing the EAGALA model therapy for women with Eating Disorders and Addiction. She spent 11 years in Texas as an addiction counselor.

Carla and Dewayne met in 1977 and after both were widowed, they married in 2007, when Carla moved from Texas. When Doc was 18 months old, when he also left Texas and relocated to Quantum Leap Farm.

Carla quickly immersed herself, as Co-Director with Jenna Miller, in the At EASE program they developed at the Farm. She travels from Sand Key to Odessa several times a week to work with clients.

“It seems like she is here every day,” says Director of Development Sue Levitt. “She shows up whenever needed.” Since its inception, QLF has worked with and helped a broad scope of people with disabilities. Their participant base has continued to grow each year. In 2014, more than 1500 participants were served during 5500 hosted sessions with the help of their nearly 600 volunteers who logged in 7,000 hours. Unfortunately, QLF has a waiting list of participants needing their services.

“There is something about interacting with our horses that helps our clients start the healing process,” Carla says. QLF has 16 horses on site with names like Silver (The Great Gray One), Tie (Black Tie Affair), Sonic, Idaho, Cowboy, Ponce, and of course Doc. In addition, they have two donkeys, three goats, three chickens and a cat and dog. Just like most farms.

Because most of their clients are undergoing financial hardship, many are unable to pay or can pay only a small amount to participate. Service costs are high; horses and facilities require care and maintenance 365 days a year.

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Community support includes cash and in-kind donations, sponsorships and volunteering. They welcome volunteers, 16 years of age or older, to become involved in any of a variety of ways, from daily work at the farm, to serving on committees and helping with fundraisers. Volunteer activities include helping in therapeutic sessions by being a horse leader or side-walker, or in the barn with horse care and stable maintenance tasks.

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The City of Clearwater continues to Gallery 1356, a new art gallery on South Fort Harrison, April 16 – Last meeting of the season

Close to 50 people indulged in a fabulous brunch on a display with wine & light hors d’oeuvres. Serious buyers artists. Paintings, sculpture, and mixed media will be on presents

May 2: Fish Fry, Keegan-Clair Park in Indian Rocks Beach

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Three World War II veterans have a count-down clock to 100th Anniversary their 100th Anniversary

and collectors, as well as those who appreciate visual arts, celebrating, beginning May 27th. They have a count-down clock to 100th Anniversary

are encouraged to attend the opening on Thursday May 7 from 6:00-8:30 pm.

The show will remain all of May and June. The gallery is located in the Tampa Bay Creative Studios- Sculpture & Fine Art, 1356 S. Fort Harrison. Call 407-247-9793 for more details and like us on Facebook – Gallery1356.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

The City of Clearwater continues to count down the days to the start of their 100th Anniversary celebration, beginning May 27th. They have a count-down clock to all the fun on their website, www.MyClearwater.com.

A photographic coffee table book highlighting Clearwater’s past 100 years is available for pre-order. It features 120 pages of photos displaying Clearwater’s history since becoming a municipality on May 27, 1915. You can pre-order copies at MyClearwater.com/100. Hard copies should be available in May.

Plan to attend the Centennial Parade Celebration on Saturday, May 30th. Other events will be held throughout the year. The events will be posted on the city website and their Facebook.

CITRUS GREENING - LESS GREEN FOR GROWERS

Orange juice has been an important part of the American breakfast since the 1960s. In the ’70s, Anita Bryant, TV citrus spokesw oman, touted “breakfast without orange juice is like a day with sunshine.” Florida is the largest producer of orange juice in the U.S. and the second largest in the world. Yearly, the industry has a $9 billion economic impact in our state and accounts for about 76,000 jobs. Not long ago, citrus groves covered 800,000 acres of Florida. Today, it is half that.

New Citrus greening, a disease that affects Citrus trees and their fruit could change all that. Fruit on an infected tree does not grow to normal size and it remains green. The fruit, misshaped and looking more like a lime, is small and bitter. The disease eventually kills the tree and has affected nearly every orange grove in the state.

Citrus Greening first affects a tree’s roots and later the fruit, causing crop and tree loss. It infects a tree before the grower can do anything about it, making the fruit useless. The disease has been around for centuries, but in the last ten years, it has become a major factor in the Florida citrus industry. It was first noted here in 2005, and since then, our citrus industry has certainly felt the squeeze with a 25% decline in the harvest since 2010-11.

Harvest declines obviously impact the cost of producing a gallon of juice. With the increased costs, sales of Florida’s orange juice are also down. Many local stores are starting to import more citrus from California and Mexico. For now, orange juice is still America’s best-selling juice but it is losing shelf space in nearby grocery stores due to rising prices and alternative fruit drinks.

The industry is spending millions of dollars on research looking for answers. They are experimenting with new tree species which may take 30 years to implement and even GMO (genetically modified organism) trees, which researchers say is the quickest solution. While the U.S. seems to be more accepting of GMO foods, 60 countries ban GMO products, including the top importers of Florida citrus. They will not allow them to be imported or sold. “Citrus Greening has cut my yield from a normal 80% to 60% a crate,” says local processor John Buck, owner of Largo’s Yellow Banks. “The problem is, you don’t know they are bad until you get them here and handle them. The affected fruit is smaller, green and usually shaped like an egg. However, they are not a total loss. In our case we can squeeze them and turn them into juice, which we sell a lot of.”

Yellow Banks owner John Buck with a greening and normal orange.

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Clearwater Beach's Chapel-BY-The-Sea gathered recently to celebrate the 25th anniversary of excellent music provided by their choir director, Dr. Marilyn Michael. In 1990, Dr. Michael with Masters Degrees in Vocal Performance as well as an opportunity to be a Metropolitan Opera “cover soloist”, chose to accept the past of choir director and organist at the Chapel. She was also Coordinator of Vocal Studies, Opera Workshop and Honors Western Humanities Ill at St. Petersburg College, as well as founder and artistic director of the Summer Vocal Institute which provides students with an opportunity to study with outstanding musicians from around the world.

“I persuaded Enrico di Giuseppe, a Metropolitan Opera institute lasts 5 weeks with students from all over.”

Still seeing herself as “just a kid from Kansas,” Dr. Michael made her début as the alto soloist at the Bachakademie Festival in Stuttgart, Germany, and earned a Doctorate in Music. Still Michael intermingles old favorites with more recent works. Under her direction, there are frequent special events including Easter programs, Christmas concerts, and guest musicians, gathered from her extensive associations in the music world. Her choir members say that her directing brings out their best, both as soloists and chorus.

“I am guided in my choice of music by the abilities of the choir members,” she says. “I work to help them understand the meaning of the words as well as how to sing the music. It sometimes develops into a miniature Bible lesson, but it’s important that a singer convey the message as well as the notes.”

Raised a Methodist, Dr. Michael sees music as an important part of worship. Her dad, Charles Michael, saw the Chapel-By-The-Sea ad for a choir director and organist back in 1990 and suggested his daughter apply. Not entirely satisfied with her organ skills, Dr. Michael called a friend who taught organ. “I gave her voice lessons in exchange for organ lessons,” she says, “we both benefited.”

Asked what has kept her at the small church on Clearwater Beach when she is in demand for solo work in places like Carnegie Hall where she recently sang the alto solos in the Messiah, Dr. Michael is quick to say, “the Chapel-By-The-Sea Pastor Herb Freitag, and the board members are very supportive, providing funds for guest musicians, giving me free reign to try new things and encouraging both me and my choir members with appreciation of our efforts. Besides,” she adds, “my choir members are like family.”

Many of the young people from the Chapel-By-The-Sea Choir and St. Petersburg college move on from Dr. Michael’s careful tutoring to further education at outstanding schools of music and successful careers in music. “That warms my heart,” she says.

CALLING all artists including young, longstanding, novice and professionals! We hope you will share your creative concepts and passion for the Clearwater Beach Chalk Festival by entering our official 2015 Poster Contest! The purpose of this contest is to design a poster that will help build awareness for the Chalk Art Festival. We are looking for original art in your chosen media that reflects your imagination, talent and vision. The winning poster will capture the energy and fun of this family friendly event and be the centerpiece on all promotional event materials. Visit clearwaterbeachchalkwalk.com
This can be an invaluable health creator.

and the non-religious. Muller shows "how to create a special period. The book Sabbath, by theologian Wayne Muller, not only extols the health benefits of mindfulness, it also explains time to pray, meditate, reflect or just be quiet for an extended time. But let's be unrealistic. The effect of persistent improvement is a much healthier life.攻坚克难，战胜疾病、腐败、犯罪和疾病，变得更强。

So where does health originate? The word spirituality is heard more and more in relation to health. But is spirituality something we just read and talk about? What happens when we practice it? I've found the active practice of spirituality to be one of the most powerful health producers around. For example: the active practice of gratitude. Finding fresh ways in which to say thank-you, keeping a gratitude journal, or trying to stay in a grateful frame of mind really does promote physical health. The effect of persistent improvement is a much healthier life.

4. Healthy responses. We are all tempted to react with unhealthy responses, but what if our responses were always consciously healthy? It might seem hard, but it is within reach. Here are a few examples of healthier responses:

- Respond to anger with compassion.
- Respond to rudeness with grace.
- Respond to ignorance with understanding.
- Respond to fear with love.

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Bob Clark's blog at simplyhealthyflorida.com.

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当一位听众认为自己无法实现某些目标时，格伦会鼓励他/她寻找一位精神导师，并将其视为实现目标的关键。他认为，真正的成功来源于持续学习和不断自我提升。格伦的演讲风格独特，语言生动，总能给听众带来深深的启示。

以下是一些格伦在演讲中提到的要点，这些要点对我们的生活和工作都有很大的启发意义。

1. 持续学习：格伦指出，无论身处何种职业，持续学习都是提高自身能力和实现目标的必要条件。他鼓励听众不断追求新的知识和技能，以便在未来能够应对各种挑战。

2. 保持积极态度：格伦强调，积极的态度是实现目标的关键。他鼓励听众在面对困难和挑战时，要保持乐观和积极的态度，相信自己能够克服困难，实现目标。

3. 坚持不懈：格伦指出，实现目标需要持续的努力和坚持不懈。他鼓励听众设定目标，并为之不懈努力，即使遇到挫折也应坚持不懈，直到实现目标。

4. 要有信心：格伦指出，实现目标需要有信心。他鼓励听众相信自己能够实现目标，相信自己的能力，即使遇到困难和挫折，也不要轻易放弃。“我们都是有潜力的人，只要我们有信心，就一定能实现目标。”格伦说。

5. 能源管理：格伦指出，能源管理是实现目标的关键。他鼓励听众合理分配时间和精力，确保实现目标的同时，也能保持良好的身体和心理健康。“我们在实现目标的同时，也要注意保持身体和心理健康，这样才能持续保持精力和积极性。”格伦说。”

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Health Creation

by Bob Clark, Belleair Christian Science practitioner

Can we create health? What if we could? How would it affect our own health and our nation’s health-care system? Don Berwick, CEO and founder of the Harvard-based Institute for Health Improvement (IHI) tells us “we would be better off to re-directed some health-care enterprise from fighting illness to pursuing health, going from health-care to health creation.” How can we make that shift on an individual basis?

1. A Healthy mind. So where does health originate? Conventional wisdom would say it comes from a combination of genetics, environment and behavior, right? But let’s be unconventional and consider a more radical idea. The concept of mindfulness points to the mental nature of health.

This is a radical idea: “Health is not a condition of matter, but of mind” (Mary Baker Eddy, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures). This points to the divine Mind, uplifting the human mind and its concept of health by accessing the divine. The effect of improved health, especially when inspired by the divine, on human health is beginning to take its rightful place in health management and health creation. So, take some time to pray, meditate, reflect or just be quiet for an extended period. The Sabbath, by theologian Wayne Muller, not only extols the health benefits of mindfulness, it also explains the idea that health creation is a spiritual practice.

2. Healthy habits. Be honest (which is a healthy habit), we all have unhealthy habits. Facing and conquering them is a healthy practice. A friend realized her habit of harboring critical thoughts was unhealthy. She took time to pray about a solution. A familiar Psalm from the Bible recommends not sitting in “the seat of the scornful” came to mind. She prayed to learn how to stay out of the hot seat and the answer was simple - love more and consciously replace critical thoughts with a loving one. It is hard, but the effect of persistent improvement is a much healthier life.

3. Healthy responses. We are all tempted to react with unhealthy responses, but what if our responses were always consciously healthy? It might seem hard, but it is within reach. Here are a few examples of healthier responses:

- Respond to anger with compassion.
- Respond to rudeness with grace.
- Respond to ignorance with understanding.
- Respond to fear with love.

Creating better health in our own lives is a powerful way to have an active role in our own and our nation’s well-being.

Read Bob Clark’s blog at simplyhealthyflorida.com.

Clearwater Beach Newsletter

“Note”-Worthy Local Efforts to Promote the Arts

When he heard a fellow Coast Guardsman singing a happy tune on base, Ed Hackett asked if he sang in a group. Soon Ed was invited to the Barbershop Harmony chapter in town. This was back in the mid 1970s, and Ed has been singing Barbershop harmony ever since. When he moved to Clearwater in 2005 to help care for his parents, Ed joined a local award-winning chorus, The Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony.

Founded in 1945, the a cappella chorus has sixty passionate men (as young as nine years of age). It’s not unusual for three generations of a family to be simultaneously represented. Last year, the Heralds earned the Barbershop Harmony Society Sunshine District’s coveted spot to compete at the upcoming International Competition this July.

Ed and his riser buddies practice weekly with director Tony De Rosa. “What an unbelievably talented guy. Tony walks in the room and everyone is energized. Tony’s one of the most decorated Barbershoppers in history, with three international quartet gold medals,” shares Ed. “He has an incredible ear. During rehearsal, Tony misses not just for a wrong note or breath, but for the color of the note being sung. Tony addresses it with a sense of humor, and he has the rare ability to personally connect with every member, keeping us motivated to grow individually for the ultimate benefit of the ensemble.”

In addition to singing on the risers, Ed coordinates the Singing Valentine program each February for the Heralds. For this event, a cappella quartets roam the Tampa Bay area to deliver messages of love to “sweethearts.” When he retired from the Emergency Management department in Pinellas County, Ed had some extra time, which he dedicated to preparing the musical charts used by the chorus. However, Ed’s favorite role is singing in his quartet, Equinox, which competes in contests and, of course, delivers Singing Valentines.

Ed is very excited about the Heralds show at the Palladium in May. “We’ve built a strong base in Tampa (often selling out shows) and are excited about spreading the word in Pinellas.”

Check out HeraldsOfHarmony.org for membership information. The Heralds of Harmony and two international medallist quartets will perform at The Palladium on May 10th (Mother’s Day) at 3 pm. Purchase tickets at MyPalladium.org or 727.822.3390.
 Hundreds of local dignitaries turned out March 12th to watch the contractors set the cornerstone for the new Doyle Tower at Morton Plant Hospital. The new four-story Doyle Tower, will be located on the east side of the main hospital, near the emergency room entrance. It will feature many private rooms, an additional entrance to the hospital, new surgical rooms and a women’s orthopedic platform. The new orthopedics unit will have 52 large private rooms and additional space for physical therapy.

The tower is named in the honor of Roz Doyle honoring her long time support of the hospital’s commitment to improving the health of the community. The Doyle family also made a large financial donation to the project. “This is a significant milestone in our master plan, and we are deeply grateful to Roz Doyle for her support,” says Kris Hoce, President of Morton Plant Hospital.

Kate Tiedemann, also made a major gift to fund an Intraoperative MRI which will be part of this new surgical platform in the new Doyle Tower.

The 200 million dollar budget for the Doyle Tower is part of a larger hospital transformation plan. This building is expected to be completed at the end of 2016, but the overall expansion is expected to take four years.

Before the expansion, Morton Plant has 687 hospital beds, 50 specialty areas, and hundreds of highly trained and certified physicians and trained nurses. Morton Plant Hospital first opened in 1916 with an endowment from Morton Plant, son of Henry Plant, the railroad and hotel pioneer. Thus, the completion of this new tower will correspond with the hospital’s 100th year anniversary.

I am proud to be a part of this new expansion,” says Dan Doyle Jr. “Morton Plant Hospital has been a big part of our family’s lives. We personally had three of our children born here. This has always been Mom’s dream, to build a bigger better hospital at Morton Plant.”

Each summer, Pinellas County teens join the volunteer team to help visitors discover Heritage Village. This summer, Heritage Village’s Junior Docent Program runs from Wednesday, June 17 to Friday, Aug. 7.

Approved as a Bright Futures volunteer activity, the program encourages pre-teens and teens 12 to 17 to learn about local and Florida history. After special training, junior docents are given the opportunity to take part in the fun, action-packed Passport Adventures program. Teens provide historic house tours, demonstrate fun living history activities, play historic games, sing songs and much more.

Anyone interested in participating should attend orientation on Saturday, June 6, at 10 am at Heritage Village in Largo. Those interested should bring a completed junior docent application. A parent or guardian must accompany them to the orientation session. To learn more or apply, email heritagevillage@pinellascounty.org or call (727) 582-2125.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. This living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life. Tour 29 authentic buildings and structures, and experience historical Pinellas County through hands-on exploration.

SUMMER ART CAMP

The Beach Art Center of Indian Rocks Beach announces the largest art camp program. For the 2015 Creative Kids Summer Art Camp, 50 sessions will be offered over 10 weeks. It begins the week of June 8th. Professional art instructors teach week-long, half-day camp sessions. Sessions are tailored each week for ages 5-18. See a full schedule and register at www.BeachArtCenter.org, or call 727-596-4331.

SUNSET CINEMA AT PIER 60

Currently Celebrating their 5th Anniversary, Sunset Cinema provides free movies on the beach every Friday and Saturday. Beach towels, blankets and low lawn chairs are welcome. Movies begin at dusk. Popcorn and beverages will be available on site.

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24: DOLPHIN TALES 2 /PG

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16: SPARE PARTS /PG-13
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23: THE CORBELL /PG-13
29: STRANGE MAGIC /PG
30: THE SEVENTH SON /PG-13

See the complete schedule online at www.SunsetCinema60.com or by calling 449-1036. This is partially sponsored by the City of Clearwater Recreation Department.

STUDENTS TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AS JUNIOR DOCENTS

Wish to volunteer or provide an activity for the 10th anniversary? Request an application form or come to the in-person volunteer information gathering. Call 727-582-2125.
Local Organizational News

SAND KEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
They meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7p.m in the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. The next meetings are May 6 and June 3, then they break for the summer. Membership has increased by over a hundred households in the past few months about 33%. And you a member! All Sand Key owners are automatically members when enrolled by their condo association, as long as the total dues are paid by their respective condo association. E-mail President Al Zimmerman at AL.Zimmerman26@Windstream.net

They donated many of Gulf Blvd’s green benches over a dozen years ago and they are starting to show their age. They are refurbishing and/or replacing many of them over the next several weeks as part of their effort to keep Sand Key looking good.

They are participating in the City’s Centennial Parade, May 30th with a float. Call if you are interested in riding along.

ISLAND ESTATES WOMAN’S CLUB
The Club meets September - May, on the third Tuesday of the month at the community center. The next meetings are April 21 and May 19. There will be no meetings June through August.

They raised $5,500 at their Annual Luncheon in March. This will allow the club to issue two $2500 scholarships to deserving Clearwater High School seniors. A presentation of the scholarships will be held at the May luncheon at Bob Hellman’s Beachcomber Restaurant.

This is the 52nd year of the Island Estates Woman’s Club. The group encourages a spirit of goodwill and cooperation in affairs pertaining to the welfare and betterment of the community. Membership dues are $20. Guests are welcome. To join, call Lynne McCaskill 2015 President, at 430-0111.

CLEARWATER, FL AMERICAN SERTOMA CLUB
SERTOMA is an acronym for SERVICE TO Mankind. Sertomans dedicated their efforts to helping the less fortunate among us, specifically those with speech and hearing difficulties. Their main fundraiser is the Sertoma Seafood Festival, the last weekend of every June.

CLEARWATER GARDEN CLUB
On Saturday, April 25th at 11am, they will have a ground breaking to open their new Community Garden that have been working on for over a year. It is where Cleveland Street meets Bygrave Ave, near the Nature’s Food Patch.

Everyone is welcome. The Clearwater Garden Club meets twice a month from October through May, at 403 Seminole Street, Clearwater. The last meeting of the season is May 8. For information contact, Alice Jarvis, President, at 391-3066 or email at bgjala@aol.com.

CLEARWATER BEACH ROTARY
The Rotary of the City of Clearwater Beach now holds their weekly meetings at the Carouelian Yacht Club every Thursday at noon. The organization will celebrate their 65th birthday in November. John Funk, President, can be reached at 599-3864 or visit www.ClearwaterBeachRotary.com.

CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Their Spring Fish Fry will be held on Saturday May 2, 2015 possibly at the Byrd Community School. This event is part of the City of Clearwater’s centennial celebration.

May 23 is their annual Bomber’s Day Golf Tournament. Call 442-8981 to play.

Saturday Tours of the Plumb House will end May 2nd, but Thursday Tours will continue on the first and third Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30am. Saturday tours resume in November.

Membership is $10 for individuals, $35 students, $20 family, $150 corporate patron. Call Bill Wallace 446-2676 or Michael Sanders 434-1648 for information.

ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSN.
They will host the Second Annual Spring Block Party, Saturday, April 25 from 6pm to 9pm in the CMA parking area. The party will feature live music, area food vendors, beverages and other entertainment. Two charter Jolley Trolleys will provide continuous shuttle rides from major streets on Island Estates. The party is part of the City’s Celebrate Clearwater’s Neighborhoods Day. No reservations are needed, just show up.

This community organization is comprised of Island Estates residents and business owners, with a mission to promote the safety, welfare, spirit and unique lifestyle of the Island Estates community. They strive to promote the interests of the community and assist and support members. They act as a clearinghouse for matters of community concern and interest, gain consensus and working relationships with activities that include monthly luncheons, book group, bowling and bridge. Membership is open to all women who are residents of Island Estates. Membership dues are $20. Guests are welcome. To join, call Lynne McCaskill 2015 President, at 430-0111.

GREATERT CLEARWATER WOMAN’S CLUB
For 43 years, the Clearwater Community Woman’s Club has been giving donations of $1,000 or less to local charities at their Annual Dr. Doug Draper Fashion Show and Luncheon, held in March. Charities receiving awards were Beth Gill, Girl Foundation Director, Global Community Tennis Association, Grace House of RCS, Lighthouse of Pinellas, Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas, and St. Catherine’s. The Clearwater Community Woman’s Club is a member club of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC), one of the world’s largest and oldest women’s volunteer service organizations. They meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 11 am, at the Clearwater Main Library, 10aga@Bala.com. Their next meetings are April 21 and May 19, before they break for the summer. The general public is invited at no charge. For information call any member at 442-2301.

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For more information about the club, contact Martha Hickey at 813-975-6219. Visit www.ClearwaterCWC.org.

WELLSLOPHOSY 360 STUDIO
NEW CLASS Wellslophy360 is offering the BodyWorx360 Stretch, Strengthen, & Sculpt Group Exercise Class. This is a non-impact class, performed on a steal and floor mat. The class is designed to promote spinal health, reduce back and joint pain, decompress the vertebral discs, and facilitate full exculation and articulation of major joints. In addition, this class focuses on the elongation of muscles, tendons and ligaments, improving flexibility, balance, coordination, strength and endurance. All ages and abilities are welcome. You must be able to lay on a floor mat and get up unassisted.

Class is 10 to 11am, Tuesdays and Thursdays and is $20 per person for a drop-ins, or you may purchase a discount card for multiple classes. Please bring a bottle of water and non-skid yoga socks (available for purchase at the studio). To reserve your spot, as space is limited Pre-registration is strongly encouraged in order to reserve your spot, as well as to be notified of any schedule changes. call 727-282-5190 or visit www.wellslophy.com. Contact the studio, if you are interested in evening classes.

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Thursday April 25 2015: 6:30pm at Wellslophy 360 Studio, 483 Mandalay Ave, Suite 210, Clearwater Beach, Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling 727-282-5190 or www.meetup.com/WelloPhysWorx/

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LEAR AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE
Learning to communicate nonverbally opens up a whole new world of communication and understanding. Applebee Recreation Center, 1600 72nd Street N., offers a new class on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This class is for family or friends who are deaf? American Sign Language (ASL) is a gestural language using the hands as a tool for communication. It is a fully formed, complete language that has a grammar, structure and syntax all its own. Learning ASL can be a wonderful experience for anyone who wants to learn a new language. It is often taught as a second language and is taught in schools for both hearing and deaf children. It can be taught as a first language, and even as a sign language for those who are deaf. The class is designed for people who have never had any knowledge of or exposure to the language, and for those who have basic knowledge of the language and wish to learn more. The course is divided into several levels, so that students may start at any level that suits their needs. The course will take place on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. from 6-17-15 to 7-21-15. To register call 727-849-2900 or email susigl@clrpws.org

500 DAYS TO THE PARALYMPIC GAMES
Are you sitting on a gold mine or saving sentimental keepsakes? How much is it worth? Let Tampa Bay area antiques experts answer those burning questions, $5 per item or $12 for 3 items, at Heritage Village 11909 125th St. Pinellas. Visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage or call (727) 582-2233
CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION

They are a neighborhood association in their 70th year, that is organized to promote projects of a civic, recreational and entertainment nature. They meet each month on the first Tuesday at the Clearwater Beach Rec Center. They will celebrate Clearwater’s Neighborhood Day April 25th with a picnic in Triangle Park (at Bay Esplanade and Narcissus) at 2pm. The picnic is free to members ($5 for non-members). Bring a dish to share and a chair. You can also join at this event.

Membership is only $25 per household. Make checks payable to CBA, and mail to PO Box 3295, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767. For information, contact President Elizabeth Pratt 859-802-611B or e-mail her at ESPHOME@Yahoo.com. Visit their new web site at www.ClearwaterBeachAssoc.com.

FRIENDS OF THE BEACH REC CENTER & LIBRARY

They work to support and encourage use of the library and recreation center, located at 69 Bay Esplanade Street. Donations for membership renewal for 2015 are now due. Your dues help the Friends in their work to provide new opportunities for recreation, learning and entertainment at the Center. The Friends meet for lunch at Noon on the third Monday of each month at the Beach Recreation Center. Guests are welcome. The next meetings are: April 20 and May 18. For more information, call Donna Ellason, 727-442-4184 or Linda Owens 260-894-0270.

Also the Clearwater Beach Family Aquatic Center on Mandalay Avenue, across from the Fire Station, is now open. Hours are: From Noon to 5 pm, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB

Thirty six members and guests boated to Caladesi Island State Park for a picnic on March 21st. The weather was perfect as members enjoyed the island, as well as horse shoes and corn hole. The Caladesi Picnic is one of their most popular events.

The Island Estates Yacht Club holds monthly meetings, events and parties as well as the December Annual Memorial Boat Parade. Upcoming IEYC events are: A Surprise Party at the Yacht Club in May and dinner dance aboard the Starlight Majesty in June.

Memberships are available and owning a boat is not required. Contact Commodore Paul Lightfoot 727-744-1728 or Rear Commodore Mary O’Connor 727-595-9932 for information.

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

Their annual Fun Day Picnic for The ARC of Tampa Bay is May 9th. The ARC brings their clients to the Yacht Club for a day of fun. Food is donated by Venus Restaurant. The Clearwater Marine Aquarium donates a pontoon boat for dolphin watching. This is a big day of donated fun. They are proud to recognize the three alumni of their youth sailing program for being named to the Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Teams: Paige Railey, Brad Funk and Brad Kendell.

Even if you don’t have a boat, you can join. Half of their members don’t have a boat. Most of their social activities center around regular parties. Friday Night is dance night. visit www.CWYC.org, call 447-6000, e-mail Communications@CWYC.org.
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