

THINGS TO DO


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Events



Farm Tour: Take the family for a tour to see goats, pigs, rabbits and donkeys. The farm also has a slide, cow milking, pony rides, hayride, baby barn and a barn maze. Tours leave every 15 minutes. Bring lunch to eat in the lakeside barn. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. today. \$11, \$9 ages 2-12/seniors/military, infants free. Old McMicky's Farm, 9612 Crescent Drive, Odessa. (813) 920-1948.

Bay Area Singles Dance: Dress to impress and meet up to 150 other singles of all ages. 6-10 p.m. today. \$8. Largo Community Center, 400 Alt. Keene Road, Largo. (727) 518-3131; largo.com.

Largo Celebrates National Night Out: Join the Police Department in celebrating the 30th anniversary of this observance, which is designed to promote awareness, support and participation in anti-crime efforts. There will be fingerprinting, bike registration, kids' safety stations, free document shredding, a SWAT display, the mobile command vehicle and a visit by Largo Fire Rescue. 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Free. At Target, 10500 Ulmerton Road, Largo.



Gardening

African Violet Show and Sale: The African Violet Council of Florida presents its annual show and sale of violets and other gesneriads. Members will be available to answer questions. Purchased show plants can be picked up after 3 p.m. Sunday. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. today. Free admission and parking. Holiday Inn Select, 3535 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater. (813) 251-1581.



Florida West Coast Bromeliads: Bromeliad Society meets, with information on bromeliad care, plus plants for sale. Learn which bromeliad varieties are best suited for different garden conditions. 7 p.m. Tuesday. Free. Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S Belcher Road, Clearwater. (727) 439-7782; hopefamily.com.

Shade-Loving Plants: Got a bare spot under a tree? Pam Brown shows how to landscape a shady garden spot with plants that thrive with little sun. 7-10 p.m. Tuesday. Free (registration required). Pinellas County Extension Service, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo. (727) 582-2501; eventbrite.com/event/5260371914/eorg.

Food/cooking

Pastry & Baking Classes: Chef Michael Ostrander shares his secrets as an executive pastry chef in hands-on class with lunch served. Make tempting pies and tasty tarts filled with fruit and more. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today. \$100, includes light lunch, materials and recipe book. Michael's Extraordinary Desserts & Baking Academy, 11151 66th St. N., #301, Largo. (727) 744-6073; www.chefmichaelostrander.com.

Art of Cooking Seafood: Become an expert at cooking seafood as Chef John shows how to use scallops, fish, shrimp and more in a variety of recipes in a hands-on class. Limited space, beer or wine available for sale, or \$10 corkage fee for guests who bring their own bottle of wine. 6-9 p.m. today. \$50. Bistro Atlantis, 1140 Main St., Dunedin. (727) 433-1889; itsallaboutthefood.us.

Classes

Scottish Country Dancing: At weekly classes, beginners will learn basic steps, figures and easy dances and take part in basic-level social dancing 6-7 p.m. today; a social dancing/class for more experienced dancers is 7 to 9:30 p.m. First visit free; \$3 per night. Scottish American Society Hall, 917 Loudon St., Dunedin. (727) 787-3805.

Aspiring Writers Workshop: This weekly class is designed for

those dreaming of writing the next great American novel, fantasizing about being a newspaper columnist or leaving a legacy for one's children through the written word. Bring pen and paper. Call to pre-register. 10 a.m. Tuesday. \$40 a month. Tarpon Springs Community Center, 400 S Walton Ave., Tarpon Springs. (727) 942-5628; tsrdonline.com.

Computer Classes for Seniors: Comprehensive computer instruction is offered on site at a comfortable pace every weekday morning. Registration is required. 10 a.m. Course fee is \$25. Senior Citizens Services Inc., 1204 Rogers St., Clearwater. (727) 442-8104; www.facebook.com/clearwaterseniorcitizens.

Markets

Crossroads Farmers Market: Vendors offer fresh produce, locally produced honey, food, baked goods, jewelry and crafts. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today. Pop Stansell Park, 797 Florida Ave., Palm Harbor. (727) 724-3054.

Pets



Pet Photos: Professional photographer Laura Allen will take pet and family photos inside her mobile, air-conditioned, private studio with all sitting fees donated to the SPCA of Tampa Bay. Pre-registration required. Call or visit the website. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today. \$15 for up to 2 pets and 5 people; \$20 for 3 pets and 5 people; \$25 for 4 pets and 5 people; \$30 for 5 pets and 5 people. SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Ave. N., Largo. (727) 584-5040; LauraAllenStudios.com.

Theater

Wedding Secrets: When a



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Super Boat National Championship and Festival

Powerboats with speeds of 180 mph return for a fifth year to the waters off Clearwater Beach. The race course start/finish line is at the Sandpearl Resort, 500 Mandalay Ave., Clearwater Beach. Boats launch at 10 a.m. for race heats at noon and 2 p.m. today. Good viewing all along the coastline. Free, but some \$5 and \$20 viewing is available at Pier 60. Proceeds benefit local marine charities. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., spectators can see the boats up close and get autographs from the drivers before and after the race in the racing village at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St., Clearwater. (727) 593-5536; for a complete schedule, visit clearwatersuperboat.com.

Superboat Championship Race Lunch: Feel the rumble of the super boats at they speed by you on this 4.5-hour course-side cruise with buffet lunch and DJ music. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. today. \$69.95, \$49.95 children. Yacht Starship Satellite Dock, 25 Causeway Blvd., Slip 55, Clearwater. (813) 223-7999.

couple decides to keep their marriage secret from their families, they uncover more drama than they bargained for in this comedy. Through Oct. 6. 2 p.m. today. \$17. West Coast Players Theatre, 21905 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. (727) 437-2363; wcplayers.org.

Music

Hope Musical Benefit: Some old classics and new favorites offer something for everyone, from the young to the young at heart. 7

p.m. today. Donations. Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S Belcher Road, Clearwater. (727) 531-3200; hopefamily.com.

Sing Barbershop Harmony: Sharpen your singing skills, establish lasting friendships, enrich your life and the lives of others and have fun as a member of the Palm Harbor Crystal-Aires Men's Barbershop four-part harmony group that meets at 6:45 p.m. every Monday. The Centre, 1500 16th St., Palm Harbor. (727) 784-8052.

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Around Pinellas »

Good for you

Grant aids new citizens

In 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill formalizing the celebration of Citizenship Day. In 2004, Congress established Sept. 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in honor of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787.

This year, United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast Inc. has extra reason to celebrate.

It recently received a grant of \$250,000 from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to support its citizenship preparation services for permanent residents through September 2015.

The ministry, based in Largo, is one of 40 organizations from 21 states to receive a total of nearly \$9.9 million through Immigration Services' fiscal year 2013 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program.

Since the program began in October 2009, the grant program has helped more than 66,000 permanent residents in 31 states and the District of Columbia prepare for citizenship. Immigration Services hopes to assist an additional 31,000 permanent residents in receiving citizenship preparation services through Sept. 30, 2015.

"There is a continued need for high-quality citizenship preparation services in communities across the country," said director **Alejandro Mayorkas**. "This funding will help thousands of



Sunstar

Charlene Cobb, Sunstar's community outreach coordinator, and Barry Niemann, deployment director for Sunstar, display donated items from the organization's recent baby food drive.

permanent residents gain the support they need to learn English and civics and embrace the important rights and responsibilities of United States citizenship."

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast has provided English and citizenship instruction in Pinellas County for 10 years, serving permanent residents from countries including Vietnam, Mexico, Cuba and Colombia. It received its first grant in 2011.

With funding throughout the current fiscal year, the ministry will partner with Gulfcoast Legal Services and the Literacy Council of Manatee, Inc. to expand services in Manatee and Pasco counties.

During a six-week baby food drive, Sunstar Paramedics, in partnership with the RCS Food Bank and Family Homeless Shel-

ter, collected approximately \$1,200 worth of food, diapers and hygiene items that will benefit the area's youngest residents.

"Giving back is a must here at Sunstar. Our people want to do it, and we're proud of that," said **Charlene Cobb**, community outreach coordinator for Sunstar. "With this baby food drive, we are encouraging Sunstar employees, family, friends and the public to help make a difference by donating items in need."

The final collection tally was 23 boxes of diapers, 17 cans of infant formula, six boxes of cereal, 89 jars of baby food and 124 personal hygiene items including soap, shampoo and dental care products.

Submit Good For You items to Tampa Bay Times, 1130 Cleveland St., Suite 100-A, Clearwater, FL 33755; fax to (727) 445-4119; or email nbeall@tampabay.com.

UNDERWEAR DRIVE: Clothes to Kids is sponsoring its third annual "Drop (off) Your Drawers" drive, which supplies each K-12 shopper with five pairs of new underwear. A distribution in October is part of a 67,500-pair giveaway this year. Bring

unopened packages to stores at 1059 N Hercules Ave., Clearwater, or 3251 Third Ave. N., St. Petersburg. For information, call (727) 441-5050, ext. 22, or email jenniferj@clothestokids.org.

CLEANUP: Keep Pinellas Beautiful is looking for volunteers. There will be a countywide event Oct. 19, and cleanups will continue through Oct. 26. Email stop litter@tampabay.com and put "coastal cleanup application request" in the subject line.

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