

Brandon briefs: Annual health fair is scheduled for March 7

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BRANDON

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The Brandon Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2009 annual Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 7 at the Valrico Campo Family YMCA, 3414 Culbreath Road. Health-related businesses will be on hand to showcase their products and services, and free health screenings will be available throughout the event. For information, call 689-1221.

RUSKIN

Workshops aimed at Web site development

Looking for free advice on how to get more traffic on your Web site? The SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, is offering six workshop sessions on Web site development from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Feb. 4 and 11. Topics will include Web site promotion, Web page content, keywords, audience, links and what to avoid. Sign-ups are after 5 p.m. on the day of each session. For information, call 298-6028.

SUN CITY CENTER

Concert rehearsals will resume Jan. 5

Rehearsals for the Kings Point chorus' spring concert resume Jan. 5 in the East West Social rooms at the Kings Point Main Clubhouse, 1900 Clubhouse Drive. The chorus is open to all Kings Point and Sun City Center residents. Dues are \$5, and rehearsals are 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays. For information, call 634-7959. BRANDON

Free seminar will help you start a business

The Brandon Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Working Smarter Workshop Series is holding a free seminar on starting a business. "Smart Start Your Business" is 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 6 at the chamber, 330 Pauls Drive, Suite 100. Certified business counselors from the Hillsborough County Small Business Information Center will provide information on licenses, zoning issues, legal entities, financial options, grant availability and marketing.

The registration deadline is Jan. 5. For information or to register, call 689-1221 or 914-4028.

SUN CITY CENTER

Grant will help with residential hospice

The Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center has awarded LifePath Hospice half of a \$100,000 grant to fund residential hospice care in the community. LifePath, a nonprofit organization that serves nearly 1,700 ill people in Hillsborough County, will receive the remaining \$50,000 in 2009.

The organization met the foundation's challenge from March by raising almost \$150,000 on its own. In 2006, LifePath Hospice

received a \$75,000 challenge grant from the foundation to help build the Sun City Center Hospice House.

PLANT CITY

Tickets now on sale for 2009 Strawberry Festival

Tickets are on sale for the 2009 Florida Strawberry Festival, which takes place Feb. 26 to March 8 in Plant City. Admission starts at \$4 for kids and \$8 for adults. The festival's concert series includes 22 shows in 11 days with performances from country music stars Taylor Swift, George Jones, Jake Owen, Rodney Atkins and Travis Tritt. Concert tickets range in price from \$10 to \$45, but there are 3,000 free tickets available for each show. For festival information, go to www.flstrawberryfestival.com.

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