

# COMMUNITY CENTRAL

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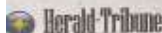
**HIM AND RON'S CLASSIC CAR SHOW:** 1 to 4 p.m. at Bryan Pub Works, 5942 34th St. W., Bradenton. Free. 751-0500 or www.bryanpub-works.com.

**ALTERNATIVE THINKERS GROUP:** 30 to 4:30 p.m. at Asia Restaurant, 844 14th St. W., Bradenton. Discussion facilitated by Sharon La Rosa. Buy \$4.50 minimum from the menu. 92-0308.

**ROMA STRING QUARTET:** 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 630 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton. The quartet is comprised of principal players in the Sarasota Orchestra. \$10 adults, \$3 students. www.christchurchwfla.org

**EMERSON POINT VOLUNTEER WORKDAY:** 1 to 3 p.m. at Emerson Joint Park, 5801 17th St. W., Palmetto. Volunteer to help remove exotic plants to allow the natives to grow. For all ages. R.S.V.P.: 748-4501, Ext. 673.

**SMART READING SEMINAR:** 6:30 a.m. at Anna Maria Island Power Squadron School House, 1200 71st St. S.W., Bradenton. Learn how to read and use charts correctly for safe boating. Presented by the local chapter of the U.S. Power Squadron. \$20. R.S.V.P.: 795-0462 or manatee-boating.org.



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families still suffering from the spraying of dioxin-laden Agent Orange during the war. He wanted to help the homeless, blind, HIV-positive, Agent Orange-affected, and mentally and physically disabled children.

Since then, Harrison maintained a 12-year mission with help on trips from other veterans, including **Rick "Gunny"**

nam teachers, nurses and village leaders, Buddhist priests, Cambodian Buddhist leader Thay Tin, plus his own Sarasota and Manatee community.

Harrison's wife, **Michoko**, wrote a check for \$7,000 to cover his expenses.

"So many people help," he said.

The 2011 trip was postponed

## Laundry help welcome for three local families

ta, Manatee, Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

"We are an employee-owned company, and our whole team gets excited about this day," said **Steve Marino**, Home-Tech founder and president. "We are happy to donate these washer-dryer sets to families who need and deserve the assistance."

Also receiving appliances was **Keith Evans**, a Bradenton single father of an 11-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter. He has been struggling since his car broke down, forcing him to take the bus to work and relying on friends and neighbors to do errands, including going to the Laundromat. A co-worker at Osprey Biotechnics nominated him for the giveaway.

"This is going to change our lives tremendously," Evans said. "We really appreciate it, and will treasure this day forever."

A third family will receive a washer and dryer this month.

**Local organization acquires bridal nonprofit**  
Cancer Support Community Florida Suncoast has acquired

Brides Against Breast Cancer is leasing a 3,500-square-foot space at 6279 Lake Osprey Drive in Lakewood Ranch. In addition to its offices, Brides Against Breast Cancer will operate a bridal retail store and bridal dress preparation center.

Wedding gown sales are an important fundraising program for Brides Against Breast Cancer.

"Our organization makes it possible for future brides around the country to purchase designer wedding gowns at dramatic savings," Paulishak said.

Locally, the organization already is receiving dozens of boxes filled with donated satin, beaded, tulle and organza gowns in all sizes, she said. Gown donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, visit [www.cancersupportsuncoast.org](http://www.cancersupportsuncoast.org) or [www.bridesagainstbreastcancer.org](http://www.bridesagainstbreastcancer.org).

**Blood bank faces shortage of all types**

The Suncoast Communities Blood Bank is facing a shortage of blood.

"We currently have less than a

one-day supply for all of our blood types, except AB," Suncoast CEO **Scott Bush** said in a prepared statement. "Heavy blood usage at our hospitals, combined with a community-wide outbreak of the flu and common cold has adversely impacted the adequate levels of our blood supply."

People should not donate blood if they have a cold or sore throat.

A complete listing of bloodmobile locations and donation center addresses and hours can be found at [www.sccb.org](http://www.sccb.org). Five donation centers — Sarasota, Nokomis, Arcadia, Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch — are open for donors. Walk-ins are welcome, or donors can call (866) 972-5663 to make an appointment.

"Every time we visit is a miracle," Camara said. "The first

standing photographs to everyone that helped, when we get home," Camara said. "And to see the kids' smiles. The kids always tug at our hearts."

Harrison added that he regrets the United States left the South Vietnamese to fend for themselves.

"But decades later our community's generosity toward Vietnamese people is inspiring," he said.



than 3,100 submissions to attend the event March 29 to 31 at Weber State University in Utah.

The conference promotes undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity in all fields of study.

The students and their projects are:

■ **Jami Worley**, a psychology major, will present "The Importance of Trial Ambiguity: Understanding the Influence of Pretrial Publicity on Jurors' Decisions and Emotions." Her faculty mentor is **Dr. Christine Ruva**.

■ **Candace Rainville**, a criminology major, will present "Are Pictures Better than Words When Mapping Alcohol Expectancies?" Her faculty mentor is **Dr. Richard Reich**.

■ **Paul Dunder**, a history major, will present "It Did Not Happen Here: Nazi Infiltration of America in the 1930s." His faculty mentor is **Dr. June Benowitz**.

■ **Erin Carter**, an English major, will present "Natural Law in the Tragedy of King Lear." Her faculty mentor is **Dr. Suzanne Stein**.

**USF students to attend national conference**

Four students at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee were accepted to participate in the National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

They were selected from more