

**Blanche Ely Has a New Principal**



## SPITFIRE: Pompano Beach's District Five Showdown



### NEW MILLAGE RATE, TAXES TO GO UP

The Pompano Beach City Commission approved a tax millage rate of 5.770 which represents 11.11% increase in property taxes. This is due mostly because of an increase of the city's taxable property in 2022. The millage rate represents a 5.27 rate for the general fund and .5 for the Pompano Beach Emergency Medical Services District.

By Attiyya Atkins

The race for Pompano Beach's District 5 is spitting hot.

**O**N Friday, August 19, at a city-sponsored health fair at the Herb Skolnick Community Center located at 800 SW 36th Ave., candidates for Pompano Beach's District 5 had an up-close-and-personal encounter. Incumbent commissioner Cyndy Floyd and her predecessor and sole competitor for the seat, Barry Moss, had an interaction that witnesses say represented the city in a bad light. Moss was eventually asked to leave.

Floyd and an event organizer say that at around 11:30 a.m. Moss entered the facility and accosted Floyd for attending the event, claiming she was campaigning and that it was against city rules. Witnesses say that Moss was yelling frantically at Floyd, so close that his spit was flying in her face.

"With COVID still going around, it's ridiculous that he was so close to me," Floyd said. "He was yelling at me and telling me to get out of the center. I felt very unsafe."

Moss did not respond to a request for comment via email and phone.

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### FREE EXPUNGEMENTS

The free one-stop Arrest Sealing and Expungement Workshop hosted by the Broward State Attorney's Office in Pompano Beach in July was another happy and successful event. To date, 3,228 people have qualified to get an arrest sealed. Staff members from the State Attorney's Office volunteered their time to help members of the community who are legally allowed to seal or expunge one arrest. The team

■ Free Expungements, see page 12

### CITY MEETINGS

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH,**  
City Commission Meeting, City Commission Chambers, 1 p.m.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH,**  
City Commission Meeting, City Commission Chambers, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH,**  
City Commission Meeting, City Commission Chambers, 1 p.m.

# As I See It

BY MIKELANGE OLBEL,  
CEO OF COMMUNITY BASED CONNECTIONS, INC

As I See it...

Fathers are needed across the world. Fathers have always been the leader of the family, and while times have changed for some, one thing that remains true is that fathers are necessary for any family. I am not taking away from anyone else and their labor of love for their family, but as a father myself is my responsibility to be a protector, provider, lover, and community statesman.

**T**HE overarching goal of Awesome Dad Awesome Mentoring (A.D.A.M.) is to unite fathers by engaging them in their families and children's lives. The program provides weekly group sessions and a safe environment for fathers to exchange ideas, share stories, and discuss topics related to being dads. New and experienced fathers have a platform to speak to each other, obtain help becoming better fathers, foster healthier relationships with their children and their partners, and develop successful parenting strategies. Fathers learn from others and foster strong friendships with like-minded people. Fathers are given the opportunity to strengthen their bond with their children at scheduled father and child group activities and provided with an array of wraparound services to address barriers that can hinder their ability to be fully present and engaged fathers.

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# Arianna's Center is Helping the Transgender Community Through Education and Resources

By China Boynton

In August, Arianna's Center, a unique community group, held a forum on programs that are available to members of the transgender community ages 50 years old and older. Located in the United Church of Christ office in Fort Lauderdale, Arianna's Center is a non-profit organization that empowers and uplifts the trans-Latinx community, undocumented immigrants, people living with HIV/AIDS, and those who have been incarcerated.



**I**N attendance were representatives from the LGBTQ community, activists, and Arianna's Center founder Arianna Lint who spoke passionately to the group about her journey as a trans-activist.

"This month marks seven years that we have been providing services to the community to show that we can be independent, we can be financially stable, and we can thrive," said Lint.

"Many providers when they come to Fort Lauderdale who want to work in the trans community have to contact us and have to know about us and we are very proud of that."

Rajee Narinesingh, a transgender actress, author, and activist spoke to the crowd about her experience working with Arianna's Center over the years.

"Arianna and I travel to different conferences, and we represent the trans-community because one of the key components of our cause is visibility," said Narinesingh.

South Florida hosts one of

the second largest transgender communities in the nation along with Texas, New York, and Georgia.

Arianna's Center is just one of the few organizations in South Florida that provide access to legal name and gender change services and transition-related care for individuals who are transgender in the community.

Keila Moreno Coleman who has been volunteering with Arianna's Center since its inception in 2015 says that the center has especially helped many marginalized citizens in the trans-community who are transitioning from incarceration back to civilian life.

"When transitioning it's already tough because you don't

have that open community as you would have if you're gay or straight," said Coleman. "To be able to have Arianna's Center which helps in that transition for trans people is necessary for our community."

The event was coordinated by Kendra Hayes and included food and education on how to get your name changed or access to medical care for the senior citizens in the trans community.

"If I can make a difference in one person's life, I can just imagine the impact they can make in other's lives," said Hayes.

For more information, you can reach Arianna's Center at [www.ariannas-center.org](http://www.ariannas-center.org) or on Instagram @ariannascenter.



## Pompano Pride - Don't Say Gay - Instead, Go to Stonewall Beach

By: Kristen Hernandez

Palm Aire resident Anthony Kulp was fed up with having just one gay friendly beach to visit. It's located east of Wilton Manor but Sebastian Beach lacks any type of facilities for beachgoers. While it remains a popular destination, Kulp's frustration stemmed from having to commute about 20 minutes through grueling traffic. Without any bathroom facilities or a place to grab a cold drink, he felt there needed to be another choice.

Kulp took action and found an alternative location for his community. "We felt a beach should be straight people inclusive and somewhere members of the LGBTQ+ community could feel comfortable sunbathing. Love for my hometown of Pompano led me right to its' shore." With the addition of a new parking garage and a multitude of food and alcohol options just a street away, Pompano Beach was the choice.

The cozy stretch of sand just south of Fisher Family Pier that reaches over to the first lifeguard stand was dubbed, Stonewall Beach. "The riots helped changed the way people thought of the gay community. Stonewall Beach was our way to honor those who made being in public even possible."

Kulp began a Facebook group to promote the new gay hotspot. This past June, one week before Wilton Manor held the annual Stonewall Pride Parade, he hosted the first Kickoff to Pride event at Stonewall Beach with the help of

■ *Don't Say Gay, see page 12*



## Ask Annie

### My ex won't leave me alone. What do I do?



Dear Annie,

My ex keeps calling me and wanting to meet up. We broke up over a year ago. I'm still single, but I am not interested. I want no parts of their life. When we were together it was alright, but we broke up because we just grew apart. How do I let 'em down easy?

Sincerely,  
Running From My Ex

#### Dear Running From My Ex,

YOU BETTER GO! There ain't no easy let down, they straight BOTHERING YOU! Whenever an ex comes back into your life, just remember God don't like ugly. That scoundrel is creeping back into your life because they're lonely, bored, or just plain desperate. Either way and any way that's not a good look for you boo! We don't do destitute, we don't go backwards, we go forwards. So, it's time for you to block that number, block the IG, block the Facebook, you don't need to meet for brunch or dinner, they don't need to come over and see the kids, you don't need them AT ALL. Save yourself the drama, trauma, and headache. For all you know, your ex is all cuddled up as someone else's next and they looking to get you into some mess. Don't step in this dog poo, leave it alone. You can do better than foolin' with a fool who don't know your worth.

Leave the past in the past.  
-Annie.

# Blanche Ely Has a New Principal

Long-time principal Karlton Johnson has moved on from Blanche Ely to another school. After a summer long search, spearheaded by Vice Mayor Perkins and Blanche Ely Vice Principal Malcolm Spence, Principal Tavures Williams was hired.

**H**E is 33 years old and graduated from Blanche Ely in 2007. He is the first Blanche Ely alumni to become a principal. He comes from a long line of Mighty Tigers. His grandmother graduated in 1966, and at that time Blanche General Ely (the school's name-sake) was the principal.

Blanche Ely has gone through tumultuous times and was noted for poor academic performance in the recent years. Williams aims to



combat that through his programs and hiring more teachers. Williams also graduated from Florida

A&M University and aims to make Blanche Ely the "Baby FAMU of the South."

## It Only Takes a Second

Hurricane Ian decimated parts of the West Coast of Florida, flooded out parts of central and north Florida, and left thousands without power. In Florida, we are no strangers to natural disasters, but whenever they hit, it reminds us that natural is going to come when it wants to, do what it wants to, and affect who it wants to. If you forgot, Hurricane Ian will remind you that we have no control over the bigger picture. Yes, we go to work, provide for our families, and do the best we can, but ultimately, we are all little ants in this cosmic universe. It only takes a second for anything to go from beautiful to ugly, from full to empty, from whole to in pieces. With that being said, we need not forget that every single second is a precious gift. Every second is a memory in the bank, or a moment missed. And



with these moments we have left, it's important to reach out a hand and help. My parents live in one of the affected areas and they still have no power. While I haven't been able to go out there myself, I call them every day to let them know which gas stations have gas so they can power their generator. Some of you have taken trips over that way

to deliver water and supplies, others have donated money and others have bowed their heads and prayed. If you are able to help, I encourage you to do so, because it only takes a second and what we thought was right-side up is now up-side down.

We are stronger together,  
Attiya Atkins

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# Ashanti Cultural Arts, Building a Bridge to Better Housing

By China Boynton

Ashanti Cultural Arts & Enrichment Center, a Pompano Beach based non-profit known for their dance performance artistry throughout Broward County, used its art to move people in a different way.

**A**T the organization's "Creative Bridge to Social Justice" events this summer, there weren't dancers, but there were activities, discussions, and initiatives to uplift the community and help access affordable housing, careers, and activism. At the E. Pat Larkins Com-



munity Center, 520 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., attendees enjoyed live music from the Valerie Tyson Band, a communal art experience, a panel discussion led by community leaders, and assistance with affordable housing, career searches, and activism at their June, July, and August events respectively.

The first workshop discussion focused on empowering the community to access their own needs as it relates to housing, especially in northwest Pompano. Other events included wealth acquisition, businesses and jobs, and voting and criminal justice activism.



Owner and founder of Ashanti Cultural Art & Enrichment Center, Linda Jones, said that she hopes that the events were enlightening and sparked **■ Cultural Arts, see page 11**

## Upcoming Election Nov. 8th

### District 1

Andrea Leigh McGee – Monetary Contributions \$550, Expenditures \$550

### District 2

Barbara BJ Coon – Monetary Contributions \$1,100, Expenditures \$525.35

Luiz M. Dasilva – Monetary Contributions \$1,420, Expenditures \$2,887.04

Rhonda M. Eaton – Monetary Contributions \$31,200, In-Kind \$99.23, Expenditures \$6,251.79

Thomas Terwilliger – Monetary Contributions \$5,300, Expenditures \$5,113.94

David van der Most – Monetary Contribution \$1,600,

Expenditures \$1,025.35

### District 3

Alison Fournier – Monetary Contributions \$20,305, In-Kind \$560, Expenditures \$12,446.52

Tom Heinrich – Monetary Contributions \$550, Expenditures \$525.35

Thomas McMahan – Monetary Contributions \$34,245, In-Kind \$3,794.32, Expenditures \$15,704.99

### District 4

Kevin Eason, Sr. - Monetary Contributions \$5,701, Expenditures \$4,364.19

Beverly Perkins – Monetary Contributions \$3,895, In-Kind \$900, Expenditures \$783.42



Alison Fournier



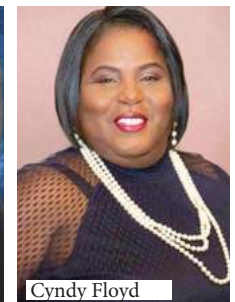
Mary Scofield-Phillips



Rhonda M. Eaton



Andrea Leigh McGee



Cyndy Floyd



David van der Most



Barry Moss



Tom McMahan



Kevin Eason, Sr.



Thomas Terwilliger

Mary Scofield-Phillips – Monetary Contributions \$3,083.38, In-Kind \$25, Expenditures \$2,147.59

### District 5

Cyndy Floyd – Monetary Contribution \$17,386.81, Expenditures \$7,420.93

Barry L. Moss – Monetary Contributions \$19,300, Expenditures \$1,492.02



## Topgolf May Be Coming to Pompano

By Attiyya Atkins

It seems like the popular hangout spot Topgolf is coming to Pompano Beach at the site of the new Live! Resorts Pompano at the former Isles Casino location. The project received an initial site plan approval from the Planning and Zoning board in June. The plan also includes approval for a Publix at the site.

**T**HE 223-acre Isles Casino property is being redeveloped to include dining, entertainment, hotel, office, retail and residential space. The site is being developed by Cordish Companies based in Baltimore.

The Topgolf facility is expected to be north of the current casino building at Racetrack Road and SW

23rd Ave. The proposal includes a three-story building at the 11-acre site with 102 golf hitting bays, event space, full-service restaurant and bar, outdoor seating and a roof terrace.

Topgolf features hitting bays that look over a golf driving range, where golfers of all abilities can take a swing at hitting giant targets using micro-chipped balls that record your score.

The golf portion of the facility is surrounded by 170-foot high netting.

Topgolf is a global sports entertainment company with local locations in North Miami and Doral. This will be the first Topgolf in Broward County.

The Publix that was approved will have a liquor store, pharmacy, and an outdoor plaza for eating.



## Stellar at Palm Aire Gets New Owner, Aims to Help with Housing Crisis

By Attiyya Atkins

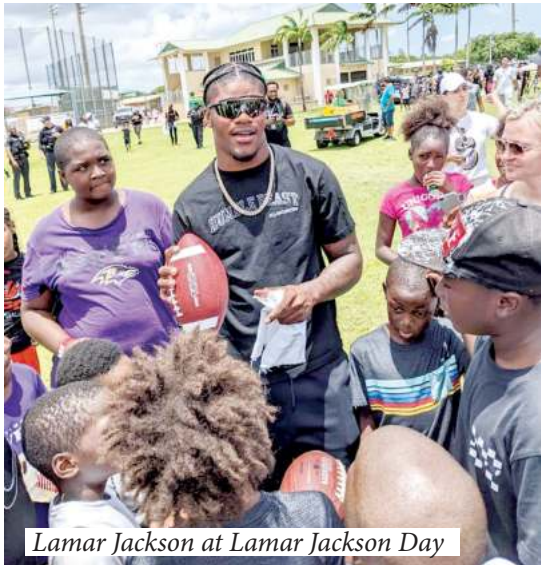
Pulso Capital, a Fort Lauderdale investment group, recently bought Stellar at Palm Aire in Pompano Beach. The firm paid \$21.5 million for the property, according to the South Florida Business Journal.

The complex located at 4091 Seina Circle, 4081-4099 Sunset Way, 700-706 Stellar Court, and 4082-4098 Highland Oaks Drive contains rental townhomes within the Palm Aire County Club.

The firm paid about \$551,000 per townhome.

Stellar at Palm Aire features two-bedroom-, three-bedroom- and four-bedroom units ranging from \$3,550 to \$4,350 a month.

# CELEBRITY NEWS



Lamar Jackson at Lamar Jackson Day

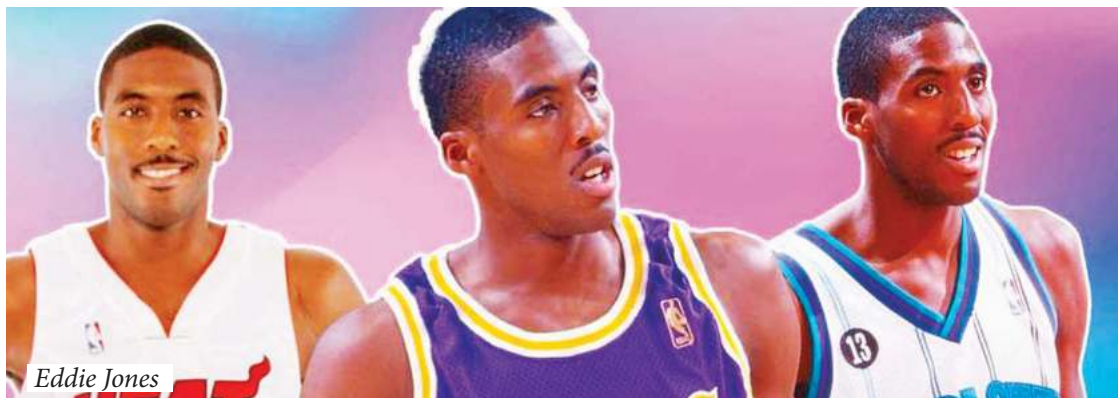
## LAMAR JACKSON

- The Ravens are reportedly not inclined to offer Jackson the fully guaranteed \$200 million contract he desires. Jackson allegedly turned down an offer just before the start of the season worth \$290 million because the money wasn't fully guaranteed.
- Jackson rushed for 119 yards and a touchdown in a 42-38 loss to the Miami Dolphins, giving him 11 100-yard rushing games in his five-year career to surpass Michael Vick's all-time record for most such games by a quarterback.
- Lamar Jackson purchased Tasty's Soul Food Sports Bar & Grill, 3770 NE 3rd Ave., Pompano Beach, which is now called Play Action Soul Food. Jackson's slogan is "You 8 yet?"



## KODAK BLACK

- Kodak Black Day attracted over 3,500 people in June to the field near the amphitheater in Pompano Beach. It was described as a family event with no incidents.
- Kodak Black paid the rent of 28 families that were facing eviction in the Merry Place Housing Projects in West Palm Beach. He paid their rent for the rest of the year.



Eddie Jones

## EDDIE JONES

Eddie Jones was named Top 5 Shooting Guards for Miami Heat by the Sun Sentinel for the Miami Heat's 35th year. Jones was number two after Dwayne Wade, who Wade calls his mentor. Jones helped to keep the Heat on fire at the end of the Alonzo Mourning and Tim Hardaway era 2001-2004. Jones is a Pompano Beach native who graduated from Blanche Ely high school.

# AROUND TOWN



Pompano Chiefs 8u Cheerleader Homecoming



Pompano Chiefs 8u cheerleaders Homecoming



Pompano Chiefs Cheerleaders 8u Homecoming



Blanche Ely Homecoming 2022



Blanche Ely Homecoming King and Queen



Blanche Ely Homecoming Game



Blanche Ely Homecoming Court



Blanche Ely Homecoming 2022



Blanche Ely Homecoming Parade



Blanche Ely Homecoming 2022

# Chuck E. Cheese Reimagined

By Kristen Hernandez

All ten South Florida Chuck E. Cheese restaurants have gotten major technology upgrades during a market-wide renovation effort to evolve the brand, including the one at Pompano Citi Centre, 1955 N. Federal Highway.

**E**ACH location has gotten music, décor, gaming, and menu overhauls. It's still the Chuck E. Cheese you've always known, but now with more wow. Part of the market-wide changes include expansions of the play area and removal of walls which now allows parents to watch their child regardless of where they are. They've also incorporated a more contemporary color palate. All tables have charging stations to stay connected while little ones play. There's a new light-up interactive dance floor which transforms into centerstage when Chuck E. Cheese and Friends perform every hour on the half hour. Each location also sports a massive 200-inch LED video wall that showcases Chuck teaching



their dance tutorial.

The upgrades don't stop inside the locations. Parents looking to visit South Florida's second famous mouse can now plan, including how much they want to spend, with the new Chuck E. Cheese app. With the

app parents can create spending limits for each child, keep track of tokens and tickets, pause timed play, and monitor spending from previous visits. Kids can be independent with Play Bands which are used for games, rides, tracking tickets, and lets kids re-up or cash out by themselves at a ticket counter or one of several kiosks.

With the addition of fifteen newest and hottest video games available, it's no wonder

Chuck E. Cheese rakes in over two billion in arcade sales yearly. After parent company CEC Entertainment in Irving, Texas filed for bankruptcy in 2020, it took just six months to rebound. "The judge who ruled over the bankruptcy proceedings said Chuck E. Cheese is part of the fabric of America," said Alejandra Brady, Head of Public Relations. According to Brady, last year CEC renovated 35 locations worldwide. This year, they're on track to renovate 200 locations. CEC expects to have their entire fleet of over 400 stores completely upgraded within the next two to three years.

"Chuck E. Cheese is a multigenerational brand," said Brady. "Whether it's your first birthday, your first job, your first career at corporate, or bringing your first child to

celebrate a milestone, Chuck E. Cheese is part of American culture. We've had to evolve over time to stay relevant and that's why we're still here." Brady is one of many employees whose first job was at Chuck E. Cheese, then later she returned to a lucrative career at headquarters after becoming a parent herself.

The fun at Chuck E. Cheese has also gone digital. Their relaunched website include links to their YouTube and YouTube Kids channels, where kids can

view Edutainment videos and participate in daily Afternoon Fun Breaks. Parents can download Behavior Rewards Sheets that can help reward good behavior with free play at Chuck E. Cheese restaurants.

Check out [www.chucke-cheese.com](http://www.chucke-cheese.com) and download their app today. Be sure to visit the Pompano Beach location at Citi Center for a sneak peek at the newly reimagined Chuck E. Cheese, where kids go to just be kids.



**CHUCK E. CHEESE**





# ONE MINUTE IN THE WORD

## GENESIS CHAPTER 3, VERSE 6



When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She

also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. - NIV Version

In the Book of Genesis, scholars believe in the mosaic authorship even though the book ends three centuries before Moses' birth.

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Marriage is expensive, and not saying "I'm sorry" is trying to maintain it on the cheap.

\*You can't put saying "I'm sorry" on

layaway.

\*You can't get saying "I'm sorry" on discount.

\*Saying "I'm sorry" never goes on sale.

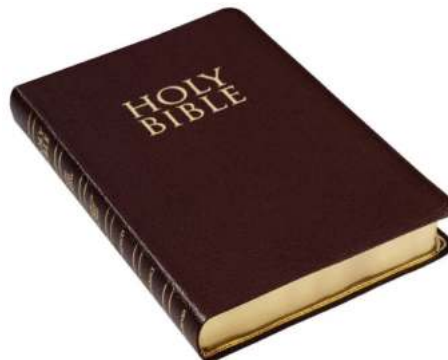
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Today's text is tailored to teach us that Eve thought it would make her wise, so she ate some of the fruit, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her. Then he ate it too.

**Hold on Ladies...**

Pump your brakes...I know some of y'all are saying when you get to Heaven you going to drag Eve...but, don't drag her just yet...

Marriage is like taking a long road trip together and for a while you can be headed in the wrong direction, but going in the wrong direction is just as important to your destiny, as going in



the right direction and when you can authentically admit to each other "I'm sorry," it is here where you will hit the release button to the U-turns in your Marriage.

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All Marriages have garden moments where Satan tries to do two things:

#1 Make you doubt the words of your marriage,

#2 Make you deny the words of your marriage.

And you may be at a space and a

place right now where it was once wine in your marriage, but now it's WATER. The only one who can make that water turn into wine again is Jesus Christ, turn it over to Him.

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Remember this:

Marriage is the gymnasium that God gives you. Keep it healthy, drop your pride and say "I'm sorry."

And that's your One Minute in the Word!

**Life Question**

Are you in a position to say "I'm sorry" to your significant other, but you won't?

Write down five things that are keeping you from saying "I'm sorry." And ask God to help you remove these barriers.

Follow the One Minute Preacher on YouTube @TLG Fashion and Instagram @The1Minute Preacher

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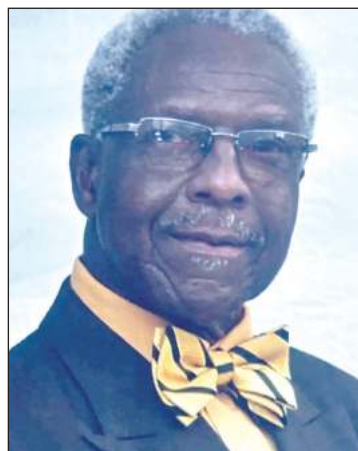
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# Blanche Ely Class of 1966 Presents Scholarships to Local Students

By China Boynton

The Blanche Ely High-school Alumni class of 1966 is making a difference in students' lives 56 years their junior. The class of 1966 gave away two scholarships to two deserving students from Blanche Ely high school class of 2023.

**T**HE scholarships were presented to Audrey Rozier and Faith Mervil at the Blanche Ely Museum, 1500 NW 6th Ave, Pompano Beach in June. Class of 1966 President Henry Robinson says that his class is close-knit. They came up with the idea to give scholarships away at one of their monthly meetings.

"We meet every third Thursday in the month and try to

come up with ideas to better serve the children in our community," Robinson said. "One of the initiatives that we came up with was to give away scholarships to deserving students every year."

The class of 1966 has given away scholarships to Blanche Ely high school students three years in a row. The scholarship fund is the classes' main community effort, along with looking after the family of deceased class members. Joanne Gibbons-Smith, fundraiser for the class of '66, said that helping the youth is an important part of the classes' outreach.

"We know going to school is hard," Gibbons-Smith said. "We know looking back on what we had to go through that we had to give back."

Each class member contrib-

uted to the fund and was able to raise enough to give away two scholarships.

In order to receive or be eligible for the scholarship, students must be a Blanche Ely high school graduate and have an acceptance letter from the college they will be attending.

Tammy Rozier who is the mother of scholarship recipient Audrey Rozier was overjoyed for her daughter when she received the news.

"I felt very proud and honored for her because she's worked so hard for everything she achieved," Rozier said. "To get something a little extra that can help her is wonderful and we're very grateful."

Audrey Rozier will be attending Florida Atlantic University in the fall and said that her journey to graduation had

its ups and downs.

"It was pretty smooth sailing my freshman and sophomore year and then COVID hit and I had a lack of motivation," Audrey said. "I was able to manage and persevere with a great support system around me."

Faith Mervil who also received a scholarship will be attending the University of Florida this summer. She said that she originally went to Blanche Ely high school to pursue her LPN, but later decided on a business major.

"Down the path, I realized that business was really my passion so I decided to do a whole 180 my senior year," Mervil said. "I'm a first-generation student, so college is a big deal

for me and my family. The fact that I am breaking generational curses means everything to me."

Pompano Beach Vice Mayor Beverly Perkins congratulated the two young ladies on their achievements.

"I'm going to do what I can to make the scholarship even bigger because this is such an amazing way for alumni to give back," Perkins said. "I'm honored to be a part of the journey that these two young ladies are on and the community is very proud."

Students can apply in April of next year to be eligible for the 2023 scholarships.





## Broward HealthPoint Mobile Unit Rolling Into to a City Near You

By Attiyya Atkins

Healthcare on wheels is coming to those who need it the most – the uninsured.

**B**ROWARD Health has unveiled its newest addition to help tackle healthcare disparities in Broward County.

Don't let the exterior fool you, the unit has enough space for a nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse, two exam rooms, a waiting room, a telehealth area, specialized machines for cardiology and mammograms, and is handicap accessible. The employed medical professionals speak English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole. There is also a language line that allows medical professionals to connect with people who speak any language, including

Russian, Portuguese, and more.

"We want to empower health in those that are uninsured and don't even have Medicaid," said Dr. Aldo Calvo, Medical Director of the Ambulatory Division at Broward Health.

The Healthpoint mobile unit is the result of a county-wide study with the Broward Regional Health Planning Council to identify our community's barriers to healthcare. One barrier the study found was that people who did not have health insurance were using the emergency rooms within hospitals for issues that could have been handled with a general physician. Within this population, not having blood pressure medicine, or depression and anxiety medicine warranted a trip to the emergency room.

"These things shouldn't be considered an emergency," Calvo said.

Another benefit of the mobile health unit is that it can reduce the burden on local emergency rooms.

The mobile health unit is available to community partners throughout Broward County. Calvo said that there are plans to partner with organizations that help the homeless and faith-based groups to assist in providing medical, emotional, and behavioral care.

"Any organization that has a need can call us," said Calvo.

The care provided is for patients 18 and older. There is no pediatric service or prenatal care, although the mobile unit can refer those in need to other physicians. All care is provided by appointment only. No walk-ins.

To schedule the Broward HealthPoint mobile health unit, community organizations can call 954-473-7061.

### Cultural Arts

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the seeds of activism in the hearts of those who attended.

"We wanted people to be engaged in the information so that when they leave, they will have a plan and will be able to access the things that they need," Jones said.

The housing event was extremely popular, with people lining up in the morning to attend the evening event. PNC Bank gave attendees an opportunity to fill out preliminary loan paperwork.

Ashanti Cultural Arts & Enrichment Center received a Community Foundation of Broward's Art of Community grant to address social justice.

Sherry Brown Grovener, Vice President of Community Impact at the Community Foundation of Broward, said she looks for projects that bring the community together, give voice to issues facing our community and generate solutions to those issues.

"Over the past two years our arts' focus has been using the arts as a tool to advance social justice in our community and we are delighted that Ashanti Cultural Arts was one of the recipients of a grant to make that happen," said Grovener. "When it comes to social justice, there are many battles within the fight. So we are trying to empower people to stand up and give voice to their struggle so that we can solve problems and bring about change."

Also coming out to support her district was Vice Mayor Beverly Perkins at the June event. "What Ashanti Cultural Arts is doing with social justice is needed because there is always a need for housing," Vice Mayor Perkins said. "I have four condos/apartments coming up in my district and one set of single-family homes in my district that I'm trying to push forward to get done."



## Baila! Pompano

Latin dancing is returning to the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. Following on the heels of the Center's much-beloved dance series Sabado de Salsa, Pompano's newest participatory dance program will be kicking off in October. Presented by renowned Latin dancer and instructor Alex Bezanis of Poppin' Events, Baila Pompano will include salsa, bachata, and other Latin dances, with each event including a one-hour dance class, a live eight-piece band, a DJ, and performances by professional dancers. The program will be held quarterly at the Center, starting at 8pm, Friday, October 21, 2022. The series continues February 17, May 19 and September 15 of 2023, with the final night of the program kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month. Tickets are \$20. Drinks and snacks available. For more information: [www.pompanobeacharts.org](http://www.pompanobeacharts.org)

**Pompano**

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Floyd says she was welcoming people to the event when Moss approached her. Floyd said she worked in the healthcare industry for over 20 years, and she knew most of the vendors. The health fair had over 20 vendors and more than 40 people in attendance. An event organizer, who requested to remain unnamed, said that Moss entered the facility and began “acting crazy...[Moss] asked who was in charge and was shaking like a madman and waiving his fists... a customer wondered if he was there for psychiatric help.”

Moss proceeded to get in Floyd’s face, yelling at her to leave. Due to his conduct, the event organizer said she had no choice but to ask Moss to leave. Moss left without incident.

Floyd wrote an apology to the attendees on Facebook, which stated, “I apologize to all of the healthcare vendors who were first-time visitors to the City of Pompano Beach; I also apologize to those who serve our city, and the residents who felt threatened by

his actions.”

Moss wrote in a post that Floyd was using taxpayer dollars to finance a campaign event. He states that Floyd sponsored a campaign event at a city location while wearing a commission shirt to skirt the rules of traditional campaigning.

He wrote: “I am left with no choice but to file a complaint with the Florida Elections Commission and the Broward County Inspector General...unfortunately it will involve the staff of the City of Pompano Beach who I think was bamboozled into doing this.”

He added: “Ethics in certain areas of this city are badly lacking and a “pay to play” mentality predominates. Sadly, the Everglades is not the only swamp in South Florida.”

The event organizer said that she coordinated with city staff at the Herb Skolnick Center to host the event, and that it was not political in any way. According to the event organizer, Moss’ conduct was very unbecoming of a past, present, or future city com-

missioner. The event organizer said that Floyd appeared to break no rules.

“[Moss]’ behavior was not professional,” the event organizer said. “He was going crazy demanding the event be shut down.”

Although the organizer regrets that politics seeped into her event, she says she will be back in Pompano. “The event wasn’t about politics, it was about community health and getting the community the health resources that they need...[Moss]’ behavior was so offensive that it would affect me if I was a voter of Pompano Beach, but it will not stop me from bringing the health fair back to the city.”

The event organizer said that a representative of the city did call and apologize. City staff at Herb Skolnick could not offer a comment.

District 5 covers west of I-95 to the turnpike from McNab Road to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. Moss was recently endorsed by the South Florida Sun Sentinel newspaper.

**Don’t Say Gay**

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Equality Florida. Many event attendees still remember the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City, and some give the violent riots credit for beginning the gay rights revolution. “A lot of young gay people don’t realize you could go to prison for showing any PDA with the same sex, like holding hands. I’m glad they don’t” remembered beachgoer, Chris.

About 300 people showed their love during Kickoff to Pride. The early afternoon was clear and hot, perfect for the Kickoff Beach Party. Rainbow umbrellas dotted the sand and laughter could be heard over the crashing waves.

At around 2pm, the event shifted to the Kickoff to Pride Rooftop Party hosted at the brand new Tru by Hilton. The music ripped by DJ Cliff R and complimentary cold drinks flowed while everyone enjoyed the refreshing ocean breeze.

Head over to the Stonewall Beach Facebook Page to view the location and stay updated on any events soon to grace the shore. Pompano Beach has always been a gay friendly city and now earned a stripe on the rainbow flag with a new legacy. So don’t say gay - show your pride at the “unofficial” Stonewall Beach.

**Free Expungements**

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provided guidance and helped applicants to fill out the forms and gather all the necessary paperwork.

“A big thank you to the volunteers from our office, as well as those from the Broward Clerk of Courts, Broward Sheriff’s Office, Broward Public Defender’s Office, the City of Pompano Beach and Mayor Rex Hardin for helping to give so

many people a second chance,” the Broward State Attorney’s Office stated in a news release.

The next free one-stop Arrest Sealing and Expungement Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 20, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex, 445 SW 2nd St, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441.

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