

Fire Service Professionals of the Year Awards

Excerpted from press release

At its Tuesday, Sept. 23 meeting, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners named the recipients of the inaugural Fire Service Professionals of the Year awards.

The awards are given to those who go above and beyond the call of duty when providing professional fire services to the community and to the members of the fire service.

Pinellas County 9-1-1 Telecommunicator **Patrick Lavender** was named Fire Dispatcher of the Year. Largo Fire Rescue District **Chief Keith Daliendo** was named Firefighter of the year. Palm Harbor Fire Rescue's **Vehicle Extrication Team** took the honors for best Special Operations Team of the year.

The award recipients each received a plaque and a cash award from the Pinellas Federal Credit Union.

A special video profiling the award winners is available at Pinellas County's YouTube page (www.youtube.com/pcctv1) at <http://youtu.be/ePqpoaMyweQ>.



Accepting their awards at the Sept. 23 Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners meeting are, from left, Largo Fire Rescue District Chief Keith Daliendo; Lieutenant William M. Fisher, Firefighters Joshua Lovetere, Matthew Quinn, Ryan Fisher, Kyle Drozdowski and Andrew Bittner, vehicle extrication team, Palm Harbor Fire Rescue; and Emergency Fire Dispatcher Patrick Lavender.

Pinellas County Hazardous Waste Program Recognized

Excerpted from press release

Pinellas County's Small Quantity Generator (SQG) Program has been honored as the **2014 SQG Program of the Year** by the Florida chapter of the **North American Hazardous Materials Management Association**.

The SQG Program of the Year Award recognizes the most outstanding or most improved Small Quantity Generator program in Florida over the past year. The Pinellas County program focuses on education and outreach, visiting businesses to inform them of their hazardous waste management regulatory requirements and verifying that they comply.

Team members also develop and provide tools and resources to assist businesses in meeting and maintaining compliance. Pinellas County's program is the youngest of the 50 state programs. It is only in its sixth year of existence, compared to the typical 15 to 20 years that the others have been in place.

For more information about the association, visit www.nahmma.org. For more information about the Pinellas County Small Quantity Generator Program, visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/sqg.htm.

St. Pete-Clearwater Airport Wins Award

Excerpted from press release

PIE recently won the **Best in Show** award for its 2013 Airport Rebranding Campaign - *Tampa Bay the Easy Way* - in the "Marketing Budgets under \$100,000" category at the 14th annual **Flagler Awards**. The presentation took place at the 47th annual **Governor's Conference on Tourism**.

Best of Show awards are especially prestigious. "Receiving recognition by our peers in this very competitive and innovative Florida Tourism industry is very exciting," said Noah Lagos, Airport Director. "I am very proud of our airport team."

Named for Henry Flagler, the Flagler Awards were established in 2000 to recognize outstanding tourism marketing in Florida. PIE is the first airport to win a Flagler Award in its 14-year history.

Pinellas County
Semi-annual
Golf Tournament
Summer Scramble 2014



On a muggy September 6th, organizers and players raised over **\$800** for charity at the second Pinellas County Golf Scramble this year. Sponsored by the **Pinellas County Wellness Program**, it took place at Tarpon Woods Golf Club in East Lake. Money was raised through raffles, 50/50 ticket sales, a silent auction and buying \$1 extra putts on the putting green.

The funds were donated to **The First Tee of Tampa Bay**, a non-profit with a curriculum which, through the game of golf, teaches healthy habits to young people with a goal of optimum physical, emotional and social health.

There were 76 players in all including County employees and their families and friends. Everyone had a terrific time! One participant said it was “a blast to do things with our coworkers outside of the office.”

Registration fee included breakfast, lunch, a goodie bag, 18 holes of golf, a golf cart and range balls.

Look for another County golf tournament in the spring of 2015. Organizers hint at a mid-county location.



Organizers Joanna Cheshire, Jonathan Ferguson (BTS), Becky Batten (BTS), Justin Taylor (BTS), Beth Woodbury (HR), Chris Labiak (BTS), and Silas McGhee(BTS)



1st Place	Rick Grajirena, Dave Nason, Cameron Carlin, Brad Sueholtz
2nd Place	Tom Fredrick (BTS), Mike Alband (BTS), Steve Clark (BTS), Jonathan Ferguson (BTS)
3rd Place	Justin Taylor (BTS), Mike Hughes, Jeff Dailey, Pat Kraemer
Closest to Pin	Justin Taylor and Tammy Smith
Longest Drive	Steve Clark (BTS) and Donna Graham
Putting Green	Jonathan Ferguson and Matt Miller (Planning)

In case you missed it!

The September issue of the **Pen** included information you don't want to miss. Here's a sample.

- Pinellas County's new performance management system, **FACE of Performance**
- From Employee Benefits - \$500 **health care premium** differential for 2015
- Employees on the move - **Promotions**
- Employees as poll workers - **November General Elections**
- NEW** monthly feature - **Consumer Corner**

And in the **October To Your Health** newsletter:
 October is Breast Cancer Awareness month - **sign up for a mammogram**
 Start or join a **Tampa Bay Heart Walk** Team!

The Pen Extra

Graduations



Kaylee Wolf, daughter of **Joe Wolf** (DEI) & Michele Wolf, graduated from the University of Central Florida with a GPA of 3.54 on August 2nd, 2014. Kaylee earned a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management from the Rosen College of Hospitality Management at UCF. She was involved in the Department of Housing and Residence Life and the Office of Student Conduct throughout her college career. Kaylee is currently working for Walt Disney World in the Magic Kingdom for Main Street Operations. She plans on pursuing her career with Walt Disney Parks and Resorts.

Beat Hunger? Can Do!

By Debbie Fulton

The folks in the DEI-Utilities Building at 14 S. Fort Harrison Ave. (Clearwater), took the “CAN DO” attitude two years ago. We joined the **Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger** and their “CAN DO” initiative to help stop hometown hunger.

Our donations provide Religious Community Services (RCS) a means to support local families in need of food throughout the year, year after year. The volunteers at RCS are always so very thankful for our donations. We contributed another 160 lbs. of nonperishables today, bringing our two year total to **1,476 lbs.** That is enough to provide 1,181 meals to folks in our community. I am proud to say I work with generous colleagues who care about the welfare of others.

The 1st year our donations averaged 35 lbs. a month. We’ve doubled that average for the 2nd year at 78 lbs. a month. With our “CAN DO” approach, I hope we can increase our donations again for the 3rd year in a row.



A recent contribution tipping the scale at 244 lbs.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

~Mother Teresa

APPLAUSE!

AWESOME CUSTOMER SERVICE

Recently, Pam Frazier, a Call Center Supervisor (DEI) received the following email from a customer:

Ms. Frazier,

I work for CWIS, which is a property management company for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. I call hundreds of utility companies all over the State of Florida every day for my job. I just wanted to let you know that **Pinellas County Utilities is hands down the best customer service I receive.** Every single time I call, every representative I have ever gotten, gets me the information I request within seconds. As you may know, HUD tends to be very detail oriented. This makes the utility company's job more difficult, but everyone at Pinellas County Utilities is always very accommodating and kind. Thank you guys so much for the awesome customer service!

Thanks,
Kelly S. Dorian
Researcher, CWIS, LLC
Lakeland, FL 33811



Introducing...



Maximo Mateo Cespedes, Born September 4, 2014 to Dina and Carlos Cespedes (Clerk). Maximo weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz., and was 19.75 inches long.



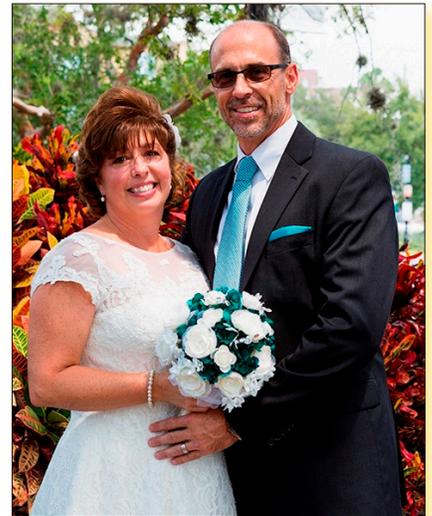
Michael Vinson Nugent (on the right) and **Jerimiah Russell Nugent** were born September 10th, 2014 at Mease Countryside Hospital to Nicole and Jerimiah Nugent (REM). Michael was born first at 8:57 p.m. at 5lbs. 4 ozs. and was 18.5 inches long. Jerimiah was born at 8:58 p.m. weighting 6 lbs. 6 ozs., and was 18.75 inches long.



Wedding Bells



After ten years, **Geoff and Elizabeth Giaquinto** (both Tax Collector's Office) finally tied the knot on May 24, 2014 at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor, FL.



Kimberly Thornburg and Robert Meador (DEI) got married on August 23rd at Clearwater Community Church in Dunedin. The wedding was followed by a reception at The Living Room on Main.



Bernard and Tammera Maloney (DEI) celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary October 5th, 2014.

Classified Ads

Wanted

Wanted - Reliable vehicle for transportation to work. Tony R., Transportation & Stormwater (727) 656-4485

For Sale - 2 bedroom/2 bath Rutenberg Home in NW St. Petersburg, attached garage and free standing workshop. Contact Debra or Scott (727) 528-0562

For Sale

For Sale - 1969 car engine L78 396 Nova/Corvette usable with Midrise Aluminum Manifold, 780 Holly carburetor with matching serial number, a 400 turbo automatic transmission, pink rods, Dana solid differential, Koni 4 link suspension 300 lb. spring with solid pan. \$7,000 and motor lift \$250. (727) 465-6262

For Sale

For Sale - Dining room set with China cabinet - \$800; Coffee table - \$300; TV stand - \$100. Call Flo at (727) 726-3570.



DR table, 40" W X 81" long (with 2 leaves), 6 chairs



Coffee table, 44" square



China cabinet, 53"W X 68"H X 18"D.



TV stand, 41"W (front), 37"W (back), 24" deep.



Free to a Good Home



Sweet '**Mellow Yellow**' Tony is neutered and declawed in the front so he really needs a stay inside home. He is about 15 years old and healthy. He is quite big but very nice – a bit shy until he gets to know you. Once he knows you, all he wants to do is sit by you and nuzzle. He loves to have his belly rubbed (unusual for a cat) and he loves to be brushed. He doesn't have any bad habits; it's just that we are moving to into a condo and I can't have two cats. I would be really happy if he could find a nice loving home. He is due for shots and a new license which I will gladly pay for. I just haven't done it yet because I want it to be in his new owner's name. Call Flo at (727) 726-3570.

The Pen Extra