

OBITUARIES

CHARLOTTE
Paula Bayliss

Paula Bayliss, 83, of Deep Creek, Fla., and Port Orange, Fla., entered into eternal rest Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008, with her family by her side.

She was born Nov. 28, 1924, in Utica, Mo., to Arthur and Frankie Marie Woodard.

Always active, Paula was lovingly called the "Energy-gizer Bunny" by her family. Her shop-till-you-drop attitude and love of Starbucks Frappuccino kept everyone on their toes. Paula was a jeweler and a certified diamondologist, working with precious gems for many years.

She leaves the most precious of all gems, her children, to cherish her memory; sons, Michael (Darlene) Mason, John Mason and Jerry (Shannon) Bayliss; daughters, Phyllis (Gary) Vocum and Joyce (Ken) Miller; daughter-in-law, Kinette Bayliss; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at San Antonio Catholic Church in Port Charlotte, Fla., after which she will be laid to rest in the Memorial Garden. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.MeM.com.

The family requests that memorial donations be made in Paula's memory to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32129.

Arrangements were handled by Volusia Memorial Funeral Home.

Michael D. Bois

Michael D. Bois, 79, of Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at Harbour Health Care at South Port. Arrangements are by National Cremation Society of Port Charlotte, Fla.

Heather K. Nolen

Heather Kay Nolen, 38, of North Carolina, and formerly of Port Charlotte,



Fla., and Arcadia, Fla., died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at her home.

She was born April 18, 1970, in Jefferson County, W.Va.

Heather was a member of Stoney Point Baptist Church, where she was active in the children's ministry.

Visitation will be between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at Stoney Point Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. at the church, with the Rev. Dr. Harold Herd officiating.

Survivors include her husband, William Savoy Nolen III of Raeford, N.C.; two sons, Brandon Nolen and Justin Nolen of Raeford; daughter, Alexis Nolen of Raeford; father, Monte R. (Catherine) Thomas of Citra, Fla.; and a brother, Brian Thomas of Virginia. She was preceded in death by her mother, Katherine Rudolph; daughter, Brooke Nolen; and brother, Monte Thomas.

Memorial donations may be made in Heather's name to Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

Arrangements are by Crumpler Funeral Home, Raeford.

Louise Smith

Louise Smith, 58, of Port Charlotte, Fla., and formerly of Fort Myers, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008. Arrangements are by National Cremation Society of Port Charlotte.

Raymond Stagliano

Raymond "Ray" Stagliano, 61, of Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, after a long and hard-fought seven-year battle with cancer.

He was born Oct. 27, 1947, in New York, to George and Edna (nee Wright) Stagliano. Ray was a multitiered and creative entrepreneur whose ventures ranged from constructing multiple homes and owning a night club, to breeding, raising and racing horses. An avid golfer, he enjoyed competitive rounds with his daughter, Melissa. Ray will be remembered for his dry sense of humor, which he shared with his daughter, Barbara. He was proud of and enjoyed watching his daughter, Jessica, ride. Ray also enjoyed the time they spent in the stable with his horses.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, local Realtor, Dianna; and daughters, Melissa, Barbara and Jessica Stagliano.

The service in celebration of Ray's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at the Punta Gorda Chapel of Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family in care of the funeral home at 1515 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, to assist with Ray's extensive medical expenses. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.LTaylorFuneral.com and sign the online guest book.

Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral Home.

Ola J. Wennerberg

Ola J. Wennerberg, 90, of Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away Monday, Dec. 8, 2008.

She was born March 14, 1918, in Andalusia, Ala., to Gordon and Callie Padgett.

Ola is survived by her sons, Raymond of Madbury, N.H., and Leroy of Martinsburg, W.Va.; daughter, Era Josephine Moorer of Port Charlotte; sisters, Nell Lindsey of Avon Park, Fla., Anne George of San Miguel, Mexico, and Elizabeth Sherborn of Ashland, Ore.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, at the Port Charlotte Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2036 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90245; or TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Arrangements are by Wiegand Brothers Funeral Home, Sarasota, Fla.

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In Memoriam

Larry B. Carper

Larry B. Carper, 73, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, at his home in Sebring, surrounded by immediate family and Hope Hospice.

He was born Aug. 30, 1935, in Charleston, W.Va.

Larry graduated from Charleston High School in May 1953. The following month, he married his wife of 55 years, Arlene Fisher. During 1956, Larry and Arlene moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where he became employed with Firestone, which took them to various cities throughout the state. In 1964, they relocated to Arcadia, Fla., where Larry became self-employed in the oil business. He eventually moved his family to Avon Park, Fla., in the early '70s and became owner/operator of Carper Oil Inc., until his retirement to the Florida Keys in 1988. While in the Keys, Larry became bored with giving up work and decided to obtain his captain's license to enable him to use his boats on fishing charters. He then began an environmental petroleum company, partnering with his son, Larry L. Carper, who preceded him in death earlier this year. Larry then ultimately re-entered retirement around 2000 and returned to Highlands County, Fla., to be closer to family, where they since enjoyed activities RVing and traveling in the United States and Canada.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene Fisher of Sebring; daughter, Tisa Jensen (Ben Stone) of Sebring; daughter-in-law, Nancy Carper of Sebring; grandsons Adam (Erika) Carper of Rogersville, Tenn., Jarret Carper of Orlando, Fla., and Jarvis Carper, Austin Weed, Jeffrey Carper and Bransford Stone, all of Sebring; and one granddaughter, Carmen Stone of Sebring.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Sebring, with the Rev. Andrew Katsanis officiating.

Arrangements are by Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring.

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New college coming to Port Charlotte

By PAMELA STAIK
STAFF WRITER

PORT CHARLOTTE — One week after Edison State College and Florida Gulf Coast University announced their desire to bring more higher education opportunities to Charlotte County, another college has set its target on the area.

Southwest Florida College, a private, non-profit school from Fort Myers, plans to open a Port Charlotte campus in Grand Oaks Plaza II, located at 950 Tamiami Trail in Suite 109.

According to Executive Vice President Stephen Calabro, classes are slated to begin either in January or March, depending on when the institution receives its certificate of occupancy from the contractor.

He said the college has committed to a 6,400-square-foot building, which will accommodate six fully equipped class-

rooms and labs.

Of course, administrative offices, faculty space, a break area for students and an area for learning resources are included in this space.

"We hope to give people a no-nonsense career education facility," he said. "The greater Charlotte County area was always part of our master plan. It just took us a while to get here."

Initially, programs related to the medical field will be offered.

These include associate's degree programs for surgical technicians, health information technology and medical assisting. Diplomas in medical billing and coding technology will also be offered.

Depending on how the campus grows, Calabro said the college hopes to offer early childhood education programs and possibly criminal justice

at the site. However, at this time he said they cannot commit to these plans.

In the meantime, the campus will serve as a regional service area, where students from Charlotte and Sarasota counties can take online classes in management and marketing, criminal justice, paralegal studies as well as medical billing and coding.

The college, which also has branch campuses in Tampa and at the institute for interior design in Estero, has approximately 2,000 students.

Tuition rates are about \$275 per credit hour with financial aid available for those who qualify.

For more information about Southwest Florida College and the Port Charlotte campus, call 239-939-4766 or 1-877-906-4948. You can also visit the college Web site at www.sfwc.edu.

E-mail: pstaik@sun-herald.com

'Loony' for Toys for Tots



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Cpl. Steve Ritzer, Sgt. Major Rich Frattarelli and Gunnery Sgt. Gary Lubiz pose for a photo of Mark and Karen Smith, owners of Rascals Loony Bin, with a check presented for \$6,825 for Toys for Tots. They also donated 714 toys.



Mark and Karen Smith pose with guests Joan and Bill Smith and Leo and Lois Nolan during the fourth annual Toys for Tots Party at Rascals Loony Bin.

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