



# SOARING *Scene*

HIGH TECH CENTER CENTRAL  
3800 Michigan Avenue • Fort Myers, FL 33916

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## Parentlink

The new district-wide Parentlink system is now available to all parents. It has been implemented to improve student achievement and attendance by facilitating parental involvement with student grades, homework and attendance. Increased awareness of school and district activities is another goal of this system.

To access Parentlink, parents can use the following communication methods:

- n Phone (239) 337-3347
- n Letter
- n Email
- n WEB <http://Parentlink.LeeSchools.Net>



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## High Tech Central's 40th Anniversary

is fast approaching and a day of **60's** celebration is in order on **February 9, 2008** for a big bang Open House to be held from **10am to 2pm**. This **60's** celebration commemorates High Tech Central's 40th year of providing futures for students that have become entrepreneurs, owners, employers, employees and managers as health care providers, auto, marine and gas engine mechanics, auto body technicians, web designers, electricians, plumbers, gas engine welders, construction workers, business professionals and many more throughout our community and around the country.

All are invited and a **flurry** of events will occur along with **giveaways** galore to attendees donated by local businesses around the Lee County area.

HTC students will be available to assist visitors around campus as well as providing demonstrations of their programs. **Counselors** and **Financial Aide personnel** will be available to offer information to anyone with interest in attending HTC for the upcoming school year.

This special day of celebration also coincides with the beginning of

### Career and Technical Education Week

being celebrated around the country.

Visitors will actively participate in the **60's** celebration program events as follows:

- **Cosmetology students will provide manicures, pedicures, and facials.**
- Childhood Education slideshow of our Early Childhood Education students and Lee Tech Tots at work, everyone's favorite--play dough, fence painting (weather permitting), and a "make and take." This will also be a great time to get information about next year's VPK program.
- **SkillsUSA will have a bake sale and help out with the activities**
- **Accounting will offer a Guided Practice QuickBooks Demonstration & Step-by-Step Instruction Activity utilizing vendor management data. Guests will learn accounting basics of working with a chart of accounts and the basics of accounts payable.**
- The Electronic Technology class will have several demonstrations on display in their classroom (G4) including;
  1. Lab-Volt Technical Training Display
  2. ETACI Electronic Troubleshooting Display/Demonstration
  3. Wave Solder Machine Demonstration
  4. Telsa Jacob Ladder High Voltage Exhibit
  5. Simple Electric Motor Display
  6. Spider Robots Demonstration
  7. Strobe Light Demonstration
- Auto Body will be demonstrating the refinishing of a Honda S 2000 bumper
- Auto body will be offering a free car wash
- PC Support will have an activity for visitors to create a flyer along with an excel spreadsheet demonstration creating a chart from the spreadsheet data.
- **Web Design and Web Programming classes will be exhibiting design projects in that reflect a 1960s theme, musically, visually or both.**
- HOSA students will be demonstrating, and teaching emergency response to choking and providing blood pressure checks.
- **Business Management will offer a digital portrait picture imported and printed in color to a flyer showing the visitor as a new hire CEO of a local company.**

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Robert Durham

## Message from the Director

Forty years!!! Lee County High Tech Central, formerly Lee County Vocational Technical Center has been serving the five county area for the past 40 years. During

If you are, or if you know, one of these individuals, come out to see us during our birthday celebration. We are planning to have an open house and an alumni get-together. Give us a call let us know where you are and how you are doing. We want you to be a part of the celebration. Without you, there would be nothing to celebrate. We are here to serve our students and community and we want to know how we can improve and continue to do it better in the years to come.

that time thousands of students have passed through our doors, gone on to new careers and are now employees and employers throughout the area.

We need your input as to what is needed and how we can better serve those needs. You will find a schedule of events in this newsletter and you will also find us at the Edison Festival of Lights Parade and the Southwest Florida Fair. Please, come and be a part of the celebration of this past forty years and planning for the future.



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- Marine mechanics will have engine and outdrive displays on hand with students to explain functions
- The Massage Therapy Program will offer free Seated Massages to the public that day.
- Culinary will have a flowing chocolate fountain with goodies for the visitors and free popcorn for the public
- Electricity will demonstrate motor control system operation and control lighting devices system
- Drafting will demonstrate the steps to complete a graphical depiction of an architectural drawing
- Carpentry will demonstrate hand tool usage
- Plumbing technology will demonstrate residential repairs for water heaters, faucets, toilets, and lavatory and kitchen sinks.
- Welding will be demonstrating a Plasma Cam cutting table

In addition there will be a

**Classical Car presentation - Bake Sale - White Elephant Sale**

Special events demonstration by the Police and Fire Academy

- 10:00 am** K-9 Demonstrations
- 10:30 am** Firefighter Rescue Demonstration
- 11:00 am** Criminal Justice Building Clearing Demonstration
- 11:30 am** Firefighter Fire Extinguisher Demonstration
- 12:00 pm** Helicopter Landing
- 12:30 pm** Jaws of Life Demonstration
- 1:00 pm** Felony Stop Demonstration
- 1:30 pm** Propane Burn Demonstration
- 2:00 pm** Helicopter Take Off

Following this great open house event will be a week of celebration for the staff and students of High Tech Central

- Monday, February 11, 2008 HTC T-shirt Day
  - Tuesday, February 12, 2008 All HTC alumni are invited to a breakfast in their honor\*
  - Thursday, February 14, 2008 SkillsUSA/ HOSA Day & Happy Valentines Day
  - Friday, February 15, 2008 Retro Day - Dress for the 60's
  - Saturday, February 16, 2008 High Tech Central's float will be in the Edison Parade
- \*(please contact HTC if you are alumni and would like an invitation at 239 334 4544 ask for Ms Gordon or Ms Krouse)

On Wednesday, February 6, a dignitary luncheon will be prepared by the Culinary Arts students to acknowledge all of those in the community that have supported High Tech Central's growth throughout the past 40 years.

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 15 - 17 Early Dismissal Days
  - Jan. 17 End of 2nd Quarter
  - Jan. 18 Professional Duty Day
  - Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day
  - Jan. 22 Start of 2nd Semester
  - Feb. 6 40th Anniversary Luncheon for Dignitaries
  - Feb. 7 HOSA Regional Competition at HTC
  - Feb. 9
- HTC 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**
- Career and Technical Education Week*
- Feb. 11-15 T-shirt Day
  - Feb. 11
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- Feb. 12 HTC Alumni Breakfast
  - Feb. 13 School Advisory Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
  - Feb. 14 SkillsUSA/HOSA Day
- Happy Valentine's Day**
- Feb. 15 Retro Day - Dress Is 60's Clothing
  - Feb. 16 Edison Festival of Light Parade
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- Feb. 18 President's Day
  - Feb. 21-22 SkillsUSA Regional Competition
  - Feb. 23-25
- Southwest Florida Fair**
- Southwest Florida Fair*
- March 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
  - March 20 End of 3rd Quarter
  - March 21 Good Friday
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- March 23 Easter
  - March 24 Professional Duty Day
  - March 25 IV Therapy Program Begins

# High Tech Students Build Float



Painted the frame, Carpentry students are building the main platform and structures, Electrical students are wiring the float with outlets and junction boxes and providing the lights for the

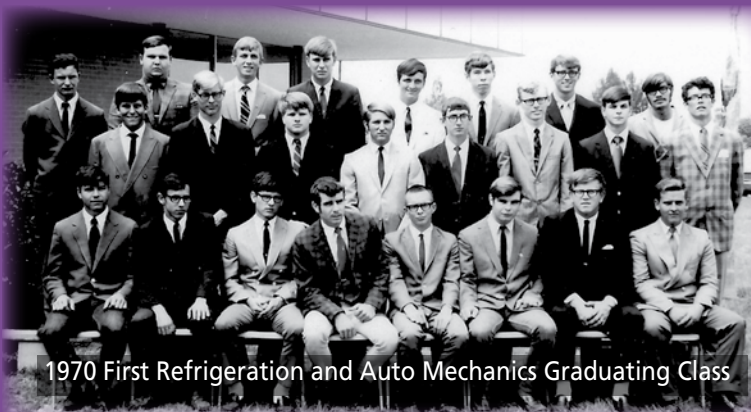


High school and adult students are working side by side to build High Tech Central's first float for the Edison Festival of Light. The float represents the skills taught at the school which is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Architectural Drafting students designed the float, Welding students fabricated the float platform from a truck that was donated to the school by Wallace International, Auto Body students

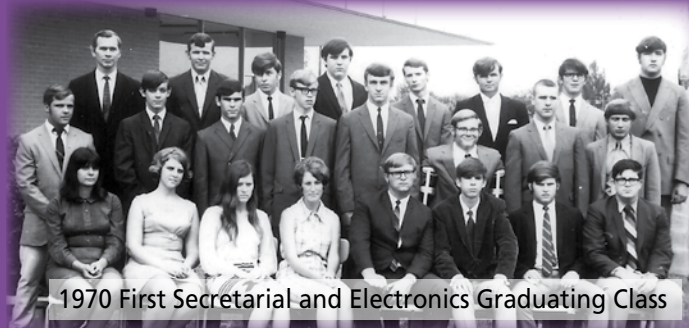


float, Gas Engine students are working on the engine and a generator for the electrical systems, Electronic Technology students are creating a laser light show, and students from other programs will

be decorating and riding on the float. This project is an example of real-life experiences students get while attending training at High Tech. The float will be featured at the 40th Celebration Open House held February 9, 2008 and in the Edison Parade on February 16, 2008. Students from multiple programs will be dressed in their career uniforms and both standing on the float and walking along side. Come see the students masterpiece.



1970 First Refrigeration and Auto Mechanics Graduating Class



1970 First Secretarial and Electronics Graduating Class



First HTC Graduating Class 1969



Graduating Cosmetology Class of 1970

Tour the Campus • Have Some Fun!

YOU'RE INVITED



Lee County High Tech Central's

40TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, February 9, 2008 • 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Public Invited • Free Admission • Door Prizes Galore

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**Lots to do  
and see!**

K-9 exhibits,  
classic cars,  
massages, blood  
pressure checks,  
car wash, fire  
demos, food and  
desserts, program  
demonstrations

**How to Find Us**

HTC is located on Michigan Avenue  
just north of the flea market. Take  
Veronica Shoemaker off MLK to  
Michigan Ave. and turn right 1 block.



**Lee County High Tech Central and the  
SW Florida Fair... "Got it Goin' On"**

Students from Lee County High Tech Center Central will provide examples of class projects and individual work at the SW Florida & Lee County Fair to be held at the Lee Civic Center from February 29th through March 9th, 2008. The fair theme this year, "We Got it Goin' On," certainly fits the philosophy of the tech school. Students from various classes will demonstrate their skills by providing services such as blood pressure monitoring and free chair massages. A static display will provide information about the variety of training opportunities at the school available to community members, both adult and high school age.

In 2008, Lee County High Tech Center Central celebrates 40 years of service to the SW Florida community. According to Marie Snow, Career Specialist, "Our school has always enjoyed being a part of the fair. I remember when we set up

displays at the Lee County Fair at Terry Park. Back then it was more of a family approach. Then, the Lee County Fair relocated to the Kickapoo Ranch and was renamed the SW Florida Fair to allow more community involvement. Today, the Lee Civic Center is the home of the event. Throughout all of these years, Lee County High Tech Central has always been there, representing vocational, technical and career education for the Lee County School District."

In past years, our students have reaped numerous financial and honorary awards for a variety of entries including numerous culinary creations, a rocket ship covered in memorabilia, a student designed small gasoline engine powered grocery cart, a cake replica of our school, masonry and tile benches and tables, cosmetology demonstrations and services, a history of nursing display and many,

**Rolf Samulewicz,**

a welding student who built the HTC Eagle mounted in the front of building C, left Lee Vo-Tech in 1984 to work on a shrimp boat in California for a short bit. He left shrimping to build stages and lighting trusses for rock concerts. In 1986, he was hired by the Nissan race team where he did both IMSA GTP and MTEG stadium off road racing.

This began his racing career. Waker Evans Racing picked him up doing the Baja

1000 and 500 races, then Mazda then Chevy, building off road trucks for Danny Thompson. Shortly thereafter, Nissan asked him to return to build Group C cars.

For the next four years, Rolf joined the Trans-Am team and was crew chief for a start up team in the Trans-Am series of Huffaker-Qvale Racing. This is where he won the Race Crew Chief Award at the Detroit Grand Prix. His plan was to have his own race company and all of the experiences he had led up to that. Five years ago on July 4, 2002, Rolf opened up his own race shop in the heart of Sonoma Valley. He says "it just doesn't get any better than this."

The back door to his shop opens up to the race track, Infineon Raceway, previously Sear Point Raceway and he lives in the heart of Sonoma Valley's beautiful wine country. Rolf says the top races come to Sonoma including: NASCAR, NHRA, AMA, motorcycles, Gran-Am, and Vintage Racing. He says he is living his dream, living in wine country and working at the race track. "How cool is that!" says Rolf. "This was all made possible by what I learned at Lee Vo-Tech and Mr. Remy's welding class. Thanks to all."



many more.

Find out what Lee County High Tech Central has in store for you at the fair this year! Take a walk on the wild side and venture out to the fairway, eat a corn dog and cotton candy, ride the tilt-a-whirl, pet a baby goat or bunny, feed the chickens and most of all, support your Lee County School District by visiting all the student displays at the fair.