

Entrepreneur scores with opening of One Senior Place

As we checked off Mother's Day and Memorial Day on our calendars this year, fires threatened many Florida residents and smoke polluted the air, spoiling the few remaining cool spring evenings.

Now that we are in the month of June, Father's Day and the first day of summer are almost here, as well as the beginning of the much-heralded 2006 hurricane season.

One would expect that horrific fires and storms would discourage growth in Brevard, but they haven't. In fact zero-lot-line hous-



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ing developments seem to pop up overnight, more condos obscure ocean and river shorelines weekly, and buyers are snapping up older homes as soon as they reach the market.

Roads, schools and services cannot keep up with the increased

population. But one group, entrepreneurs, is having a heyday.

Place for seniors

Don Kramer qualifies as an entrepreneur. He spent four years researching a concept that occurred to him as he lay awake in his bed one night, the idea of a central place that seniors could go to for help in finding solutions to their unique problems.

On April 18, Kramer held the grand opening for "One Senior Place," his dream business, at 8085 Spyglass Road in Viera.

One Senior Place is an office building housing a variety of vendors who serve the senior community, such as private duty home care providers, lawyers, bookkeepers and tax preparers, mortgagers and the like.

An elder care manager like **Donna Sargent**, director of operations, confers with visitors and helps them select service providers.

Clients do not have to restrict themselves to seeking help from building occupants.

A library is available with ex-

tensive information regarding a variety of other businesses providing similar services.

One Senior Place also offers organizations that serve the senior community free meeting space on a space-available basis.

Group meetings

Rita Cole and **Thelma Epstein** staffed a table-top at the grand opening offering information about TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly), a group that meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the facility,

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At another table was **Linda Margolis** from the Antiques and Collectors Club that meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday.

The Brevard Users Group, a computer club that meets at 2 p.m. on first Mondays, was represented by **Edgar Dalton**.