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## Opiate effects on the ones you love

BY CHEYENNE GEER  
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We all hear about the opiate epidemic that affects our beloved country and towns. The news never mentions the “behind the scenes” affects to the family and friends and many times, it goes unspoken. Drugs tend to leave a trail of emotional and mental tolls on the friends and family, and even though I don’t know how to begin to prevent the addictions, I personally have found myself, too, reminiscing on the memories that I buried for so long.

Often, it begins as simple as distancing themselves from others. When I was a child, I bleakly recall very few occasions where I could look out into the audience of ceremonies and see my mother’s face. Everyone else would have both of their parents, despite many broken households, for support and I would have to try and excuse my mother for neglecting to come. It started with excuses as simple as; “I don’t feel well,” or, “prior arrangements” interfered, but eventually they were just that, excuses.

Many times, I would  
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## FACT CHECK: Florida House Republicans blocked debate on banning assault rifles

BY ROCCO MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

It is being widely reported that the Republicans in the Florida house blocked debate on banning weapons. This is a very misleading claim that we rate mostly false. The legislators voted to not debate then vote on a bill that they had not read. The legislature was working

on their normal business and Rep. Kionne McGhee a Democratic Representative from Miami and an attorney used a procedural rule that allows any member to make a motion to bring House Bill 219 (HB-219) out of committee and bring it to the floor. This motion is rarely used, members could only recall it being used twice in the last 12 years. Rep. McGhee said



Ruger SR-556 Rifle - 5.56 NATO - Standard, courtesy Sturm, Ruger & Co. Firearms

“While this is an extraordinary procedural move, the shooting in Parkland demands extraordinary action.”

Some students from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High

School in Parkland, Florida were in the gallery when this happened and their agony has been widely shown. The students were unaware that what was going on

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Florida Sea Grant Agent Brittany Hall-Scharf heading out to the Gulf to take monthly water samples to measure salinity, dissolved oxygen and clarity. Photos by SUE QUIGLEY

## Keeping tabs on our ecosystem

Sea Grant and volunteers sampling, testing local waters through community-based outreach program.

BY SUE QUIGLEY  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

The climate and scenery of the “Sunshine State” has made Florida a very desirable place to live and attracts an enormous number of tourists each year.

Most of Florida’s nearly 20 million residents live close to its 1,800 miles of coastline and another 100 million tour-

ists are drawn here every year because of its bountiful ocean resources ...and the numbers are still rising.

Florida Sea Grant, a coastal and marine extension program within the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, (UF/IFAS) conducts science-based outreach programs designed to conserve and sustain Florida’s precious coastal and ocean resources.

“Healthy oceans and coastlines provide essential nursery grounds for fish, and homes for manatees, wading birds, and other wildlife,” said Brittany Hall-Scharf, a Florida Sea Grant Extension

agent affiliated with the University of Florida. “It’s vital that we educate Floridians and visitors about protecting and restoring our natural marine habitats.”

Scharf is a fisheries biologist and also an adjunct professor at the University of Tampa. Her mission is to conserve the coastal and marine resources and enhance economic opportunities in the county.

One of Scharf’s many remits has been to train residents in Hernando County to sample and test the waters along our coastline through a new

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# LOCAL & STATE

## County, School approve funding for additional SROs

BY JULIE MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN EDITOR

On Feb. 27, the BOCC approved funding for the immediate addition of 10 School Resource Officers, a SRO Sergeant, a floating SRO and a SRO Training Officer through September 30, 2018 (Remaining amount of the County's Fiscal Year). They gave approval contingent on the school district funding 50% of the \$887,107 expense, which was approved unanimously by the School Board during a packed regular meeting later that day.

On the county's side funding will come from the County's General Fund Reserves and the school district will be invoiced \$443,553.50, which will be returned to the reserves.

Conversation during the Board of County Commissioners meeting ran the gamut, including the harm of gun free zones, the need for building school infrastructure in a secure way, armed and trained citizenry present in schools, instating auxiliary officers, safety funding challenges for the school district, the potential for state SRO funding, high number of Baker Acts barely three months into 2018 as well as an update on the action plan upon approval of the additional SROs.

Throughout discussion there was little doubt the BOCC would approve the expense, although questions arose if they would be penalized by the state for having a program in place prior to the state requiring a SRO in every school causing them not to receive the state funding associated with that requirement.

Choice remarks came from Commissioner Holcomb who called school campuses "murder zones" since guns are banned from the premises as law abiding citizens cannot carry concealed weapons in the gun free zones. "As far as school situations go, we need to get rid of our pre-9/11 mentality," he stated. He views the additional SROs as a step in the right direction and he's confident the SRO failure in South Florida wouldn't happen here.

Commissioner Nicholson agreed that they need to get rid of gun free zones for schools. He said that someone who has a concealed weapon permit should be able to carry a gun on a school campus.

Holcomb is in favor of constructing schools for security as in Israel and creating vetted groups of individuals with law enforcement or military training to protect schools- like TSA for airports.

Dr. Romano commented, "I don't want our parents dropping off their child everyday and wondering if they're going to see their



Sheriff Al Nienhuis, School Board Chairman Mark Johnson, Dr. Lori Romano School District Superintendent and Capt. Harold Hutchinson Jr. who oversees the SRO Unit in attendance at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Feb. 26, 2018 to finalize additional SRO funding.

child again. I don't want that."

"We can do many things on the proactive end," she continued, "We are reviewing safety plans, we're putting training into place, we're looking at every child with multiple risk factors."

Commissioner Allocco stressed that training the students to react properly is key. "We need to not think about it as an inconvenience when we train our children on how to be prepared for different situations." He commented that killers prey on the lack of training the students have in these situations.

He asserted that there needs to be individual accountability on the state and federal levels of government. He said that the reason Parkland, Las Vegas and Connecticut happened was "people on the state and federal level not doing their jobs and being held to a different standard than those in the private industry." "And I'm tired of it," he added. Allocco emphasized that we need to throw out entanglements that don't allow the police to do their job.

The Parkland incident had entanglements on many levels. One entanglement that involves local and state levels, is an agreement called the Promise Program - between the County, Sheriff's Office, School District, municipalities within Broward County, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of the State Attorney which outlined how law enforcement would respond to student scrapes with the law. It deals mostly with misdemeanors occurring in public schools, giving law enforcement the discretion whether to arrest a student or not in order to reduce in-school arrests. Broward County had the highest number of school related arrests in the State of Florida in 2011-2012, spurring them to insti-

tute the program in 2013 according to their collaborative agreement on school discipline. It also explains that the use of arrests may decrease a student's chance at graduation, entering higher education, joining the military and getting a job. It additionally cites that "students of color, disabilities and LGBTQ students are disproportionately impacted by school-based arrests for the same behavior as their peers". However, it's easy to see how decreasing the threshold for arrests could create an unsafe situation.

There was some discussion during the Feb. 27 meeting about Governor Scott pushing for an SRO requirement for every school in a district based on 1 SRO per 1000 students and state funds would be allocated to relieve financial pressure. However questions arose about whether the county would get the funding if they already had met the SRO requirements. Sheriff Nienhuis assured the Board when he came to the podium, stating that he had just made a quick phone call to the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff who stated that we would not be penalized for acting early. "He's never lied to me before," said Nienhuis.

Dr. Romano expressed concern for the school district's Safe School Allocation which is based on the crime index for the county. "It's minimal (\$400,000-\$500,000)... We know what we need to do, in terms of training... infrastructure, partnering with law enforcement - it's our funding - the safe schools allocation is basically half of what we need because it's based on the crime index. However the behaviors, safety and security issues we see with our children - they're substantial. We have over 200 baker acts with the Sheriff's Department just this year. When something occurs in

the school, they go out to the homes to investigate... imagine the resources it takes to provide just this year 200." Yet there is some hope because Scott has outlined an increase in the Safe School allocation for each school district in his proposed school safety plan.

Expounding on the number of Baker Acts since the beginning of 2018, Sheriff Nienhuis said that 99% of the Baker Acts have been self harm related. "What my SROs do is that any juvenile that is Baker Acted whether it's inside or outside of school, they have a protocol they go through. They visit the house and talk with the parents or the guardians as well as the student to make sure that they have seen somebody, that they're getting help, do they feel like they're in crisis now... We prefer to prevent one of these things than have to deal with it," Nienhuis said.

Sheriff Nienhuis commented that having a SRO in every school will give him the opportunity to expand the Auxiliary Deputy Program. Teachers, administrators or "John Q. Citizen" go through the required training and they are given the authority to make arrests as long as they have a fully certified deputy with them.

HCSO Captain Harold Hutchinson Jr., who is in charge of the School Resource Officer Unit has chosen the 10 additional SROs and the additional Sergeant, Sgt. D. Deso who is an active shooter trainer and member of the HCSO SWAT team. The new SROs will begin on Thursday. Over the summer, they will go through SRO training. Methods of long term funding and the proportion of funding by the school and county for the additional SROs is still up in the air and will be discussed in future meetings.

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P & Z recommends approval for Njoy Spirits special exception use permit change: Phone number was incorrect. Correct phone number for Wild Buck Whiskey is 352 592-9622 and the events they hope to have are the Sugar Cane Festival and 'Love the rum your with.'

## Project Diamond to take part in 'warehouse to consumer' phenomenon



Proposed 200,000 sq ft Project Diamond warehouse

BY JULIE MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN EDITOR

Kenneth Brown Chairman of Lionchase Holdings out of Washington DC, the company with whom the county brokered the "Project Diamond" incentive deal spoke to the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday Feb. 27, 2018.

To review, Lionchase Holdings plans to build a 200,000 square foot warehouse at the Brooksville Tampa Bay Regional Airport, creating 60 new jobs by 2021 with an average wage of \$37,506. The warehouse represents a \$22 million capital investment. County incentives include a \$180,000 job creation incentive, \$420,000 land lease incentive (over 5 years) and \$217,000 building permit and impact fees mitigation.

Brown began by acknowledging the role the county's Economic Development Manager Valerie Pianta played in bringing "Project Diamond" to the county.

"That's really the impetus for us being here," said Brown of Pianta's energy and hardwork.

On Feb. 13, 2018 the Board approved the financial incentives package

to seal the deal, which represented about 4 years of work on the part of Pianta and Economic Development Director Len Sossamon.

Brown provided some information as to their plans for the 200,000 square foot warehouse and how they became involved in warehouse distribution.

"As far as our group is concerned, it's family-owned, private equity. (That) basically means we invest in operating assets as opposed to investing in a security. We got very very interested in infrastructure. Infrastructure basically ties everything that's privately owned, whether it's water sewer, solar power... Cold storage was an ideal opportunity for us ... It had a huge demand for infrastructure and is in huge demand right now."

He pointed to the growing 'warehouse to consumer' phenomena where warehouses ship directly to the consumer like Amazon or Walmart.

"So many other large groups are changing their thinking about shipping goods," Brown remarked. He explained that there is a 5% vacancy rate in the US in terms of warehouse

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## City council's consideration of disbanding Brooksville PD continues

By LISA MACNEIL  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Another full chamber of concerned citizens and Brooksville Police Officers convened at the Brooksville City Council's workshop meeting on Feb. 26, 2018.

At the beginning of the meeting Council Member Natalie Kahler objected to the presentation on the agenda to be given by Duane Chichester, on the basis that Chichester is not a city resident, and not an expert in law enforcement or finance. After some discussion, the majority of council members agreed to allow the presentation.

Citizen's Comments began the four-hour meeting. The first Brooksville resident to address the board was Craig Garrett, who stated he was retired from 25 years in Public Safety. Unhappy with the proposal, Garrett led with, "Leave the police department alone. Without public safety, we don't need a city, and we don't need (city council)." Garrett stated, "You're

*"We're a business that is losing money, and all we're doing is looking at ways to maybe save the city."*

- Council Member  
Joe Bernardini

that [sic] is a liar, a cheat and a thief, hides numbers ... he's going to do exactly the opposite of what he's going to tell you tonight." Regarding the council specifically, he said, "This is the worst city council that I've ever seen ... you guys have a vindictive agenda."

Council Member Joe Bernardini responded immediately to Garrett's comments, calling the statements "very poor." Bernardini said of the city council, "We're a business that is losing money, and all we're doing is looking at ways to maybe save the city."

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was not at the meeting.

Several other residents spoke to the board, some in favor of the county providing the public safety services for the city or dissolving Brooksville's charter, or both. Don Gilbert of Southern Hills Plantation called the situation of 45% of city residents paying no ad-valorem taxes, "the perfect storm." Reiterating the business of running the city, he said, "Take the emotion out of this." Roughly one-third to one-half in attendance were residents of Southern Hills.

Duane Chichester, a county resident and former publisher of *Hernando Today*, gave a presentation showing relevant statistics and financial figures for "a city that cannot afford itself." Chichester cited no growth (a net increase of 482 people since 2010), low household income (\$38,636 for Brooksville and \$59,039 nationwide) and a low ad-valorem tax base. In addition to turning police and fire over to Hernando County, another option is to raise taxes significantly. "No one's

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**HCSO ARREST SUMMARIES**

The data provided is only arrest information. This data does not reflect charging decisions made by the State Attorney's Office or the outcome of criminal trials.

**Argument over laundry Leads To Domestic Battery Between Brothers**



**BLAKE, FREDERICK ANDREW**  
 YOB: 1972  
 CHARGES: DOMESTIC BATTERY  
 Arrested on 02/23/2018 01:13 XXX ROSETTI CT, SPRING HILL  
 Arrest Summary: "On 02/23/2018, inside the residence of 10277 Rosetti Court, Dale Blake and the defendant were involved in a verbal argument regarding the defendant doing laundry this early in the morning. Dale advised that when he confronted the defendant, his brother, regarding the issue, the defendant started calling Dale names. While calling Dale names, Dale advised that the defendant slapped his face three times, causing a laceration on his nose where Dale's glasses rest. The defendant advised that he and Dale were arguing about Dale not helping out with their mother who resides with them. The defendant also advised that Dale was complaining about laundry being done this late, as it was interrupting his television watching. The lacerations around Dale's nose showed visible blood, which was consistent with Dale's statement of the incident. The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident, where he is being held without bond. The defendant was provided a misdemeanor court date of 03/16/2018 at 0900 hours in Courtroom C of the Hernando County Courthouse."

**Serving Divorce Papers Leads To Domestic Battery**



**KENNEDY, BRYANT WILLIAM**  
 YOB: 1963  
 CHARGES: DOMESTIC BATTERY  
 Arrested on 02/23/2018 16:12 XXXX AIRMONT DR, SPRING HILL  
 Arrest Summary: "On 2/23/18, at approximately 1414 hours, I was dispatched to the residence of 6072 Airmont Drive, in reference to a battery. Upon arrival, I made contact with the victim, Geni Williams, who advised that on today's date, at approximately 0930 hours, she and the defendant, Bryant Kennedy, were at their children's school today. Geni advised that she was trying to deliver a copy modified child custody papers to the defendant, however he did not want to accept them. The defendant drove to the Sheriff's Office substation located at 1221 Kass Circle because he stated they wanted to have a Deputy present. Both the victim and defendant walked to the front door, however it was locked and no personnel present. The defendant attempted to return back to his vehicle to leave and when he opened the door to his vehicle, Geni placed the paperwork on his seat. Geni said this made the defendant extremely upset, and he grabbed her with both of his hands on her left and right forearms. The defendant began pushing her back. Geni stated she sustained lacerations on her forearms from the defendant's nails as he was squeezing her while grasping her arms. I observed 2 lacerations on both of Geni's forearms consistent with her statements. I also observed a bruise on her left bicep area, which she advised the defendant caused that when he was pushing her backward. Pictures of Geni's injuries were taken. I made contact with the Defendant who advised that he was indeed with Geni today. He advised he went to the Sheriff's Office substation at Kass Circle because Geni was trying to give him papers he did not want to accept. He said when they got their and no one answered, he tried to leave but Geni was standing next to his car. The defendant advised that he just "opened his door" so he could leave. The defendant denied hitting Geni, but couldn't give an answer when asked if he touched her at all. I observed the defendant to have fingernails that appeared to be able to cause the injuries consistent with Geni's statement. The defendant and Geni advised that they were together for 6 years, however they have been separated for 11 years now. Both subjects have children in common. The defendant was taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he was charged with one count of Domestic Battery. The defendant is to be held on a no bond status. The defendant was given a misdemeanor court date of 3/16/18 at 0900 hours in court room C in the Hernando County Courthouse."

**Aggravated Assault over Popcorn Mess on Stove between Brothers**



**ELSTER, DAVID ALLEN**  
 YOB: 1962  
 CHARGES: AGG ASSAULT  
 Arrested on 02/23/2018 21:40 XXXX HILLVIEW RD, SPRING HILL  
 Arrest Summary: "On 02/23/2018 I responded to 6337 Hillview Rd in reference to an aggravated assault, where victim Curtis cooked popcorn on the stove and made a mess. The Defendant David Allen Elster began to argue with Curtis about making a mess and being a "bum". While arguing, Curtis walked towards the living room. David followed Curtis and proceeded to grab a paring knife from the kitchen sink and charge Curtis. Curtis stated he was backed in the southwest corner of the living room where he yelled for David to stop charging him when he came within 4 feet of Curtis. David subsequently stopped and left Curtis alone. Curtis stated he was in fear and he believed that his brother would have stabbed him if he didn't yell at him to drop the knife. David was taken into custody, where he is being held on a no bond status due to the relationship being domestic. David was given a court date of 03/20/2018 in courtroom D at 0900 hours."

light fixture above the door, causing the glass to fall out and break. Mary further advised the door would cost approximately \$100.00 to replace and the glass light fixture would cost approximately \$150.00 to repair. At that time, the defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant was charged with 1 count of criminal mischief. The defendant was issued a bond amount of \$1,000.00 and given a court date of 03-16-18 at 0900 hours in Courtroom C of the Hernando County Courthouse."

**Said He Had No Idea Why His Girlfriend Called Law Enforcement**



**COX, JOHN EDWARD**  
 YOB: 1971  
 CHARGES: DOMESTIC BATTERY  
 Arrested on 02/24/2018 13:26 XXX CALIFORNIA ST, BROOKSVILLE  
 Arrest Summary: "On arrival I made contact with John Cox who stated that his live in girlfriend, Kelly, called Law Enforcement but he had no idea why. He stated at no time did this argument turn physical and no one was hurt. I then made contact with Kelly who stated that she and John are dating and he lives in the travel trailer on this property with her. Kelly also stated nothing occurred because she does not want anyone to get into trouble; however Kelly then stated she was in fear for her safety. Kelly stated that she found some YouTube websites that John was looking at and questioned him about it. Kelly stated she was standing in the doorway of the travel trailer and John grabbed her by the arms and pushed her backwards to get inside the trailer, causing her to fall on the floor. Kelly did have fresh scratches on her left upper arm that I did take photos of. Kelly provided a sworn written statement that was placed into records. I again made contact with John, who stated he was trying to get into the trailer and Kelly "lost her balance and fell backwards". John stated he did not hit her and he does not know how she fell. Based on Kelly's statements and her injury's, as well as the statements made by John, I placed him under arrest for domestic battery. A check of FCIC/NCIC showed that John is a violent felony offender of special concern and is on felony probation for the original offense of possession of a controlled substance under 823652 and was set to be released on 01-24-2022. I checked the Hernando County Clerk of the Court Website and found that on 05-18-2017 he was convicted of battery 2nd or subsequent offense and was convicted of another count of battery 2nd or subsequent offense on the same date. I then placed him under arrest for felony battery 2nd or subsequent offense and transported him to the Jail where he was held on a no bond status and issued a felony court date of 03-20-2018 at 0900 hours. John was also arrested for VOP under 2018-05936."

**Stated that the "weed" was his but "did not know" who the Hydrocodone belonged to**



**KASSNOFF, STEVEN ANTHONY**  
 YOB: 1985  
 TATTOO: MULTIPLE TATTOOS/RT ARM  
 CHARGES: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSS OF MARIJUANA, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA  
 Arrested on 02/24/2018 21:00 DELTONA BLVD & BEGONIA ST, SPRING HILL  
 Arrest Summary: "On 2/24/18, this affiant conducted a traffic stop on a 2002, tan, Mazda, four door due to the fact that the registered owner of the vehicle had a suspended Florida driver's license and this affiant observing a male driving the vehicle that fit the description of a Steven Kassnoff (vehicle owner). This affiant then came into contact with Steven Kassnoff, the driver of the vehicle and the defendant, who had in his possession 2.0 grams of a green leafy substance that field tested positive for THC in a clear plastic bag, and a Marlboro cigarette pack containing 11 white pills with the impression of "Watson 3203" on them (which through Drugs.com was identified as Hydrocodone). Both items were found directly in the center console of the vehicle. The Hydrocodone was discovered directly underneath the clear plastic bag of the green leafy substance. The defendant stated that the "weed" was his but "did not know" who the Hydrocodone belonged to. The defendant also stated that the passenger of the vehicle, Gabriel Ellison, must of "put them there." The defendant was placed under arrest for the above offenses and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant is being held on a total bond of \$4,000."

which appeared consistent with marijuana. I also located a multicolored cylindrical silicone pill holder, which contained one half of a red pill. Per the drugs.com pill identifier, the pill was oxycodone. A presumptive field test was conducted on the green leafy substance using NarcoTest 7609 which turned 'red' indicating positive for THC. The defendant advised there was oxycodone in the syringe and on the spoon. The defendant was then taken to Bayfront Health Spring Hill for medical clearance due to a recent fall. After, the defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident where he is being held on a \$4,500 bond per the bond schedule. The defendant was issued a court date of 03/20/2018 in courtroom D of the Hernando County Courthouse at 0900 hours."

**Found Hiding in His Mom's Attack**

**REYNOLDS, BRYAN LEE**  
 YOB: 1985  
 CHARGES: RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL  
 Arrested on 02/25/2018 20:42 1272 MARKHAM AVE, SPRING HILL  
 Arrest Summary: "On 02/25/2018 I responded to 1272 Markham Ave located in Spring Hill in reference to serving a misdemeanor warrant (warrant number 2018-489CT) for the defendant, Bryan Reynolds, date of birth 09/25/1985. Upon arrival at the residence, contact was made with the defendant's mother, Barbara Adkins. I asked Barbara if the defendant was at the residence and Barbara stated "no" and provided verbal consent for a search of the residence. The defendant was located in the attic to which he climbed into upon my arrival at the residence. The defendant attempted to hide and prevent his arrest. While inside of the residence, I asked the defendant to come down from the attic several times, after I announced my presence and identified myself. After multiple chances, the defendant refused and then finally came out of the attic and was taken into custody without further incident. Due to the defendant refusing to come out from the attic after being given multiple chances, the defendant was arrested and transported to the Hernando County Jail. The defendant was provided a court date of 03/16/18 at 0900 hours. The defendant is being held on a \$1,000 bond."

**While Under Investigation For Domestic Violence Attempted to Steal \$22 from the Victim**



**MECCARIELLO, TREVOR B**  
 YOB: 1989  
 CHARGES: PETIT THEFT  
 Arrested on 02/26/2018 02:17 XXXX HAWTHORNE RD, SPRING HILL  
 Arrest Summary: "On 2/26/18, I responded to the residence of 2387 Hawthorne Road in reference to the physical disturbance call that was dispatched. While conducting interviews with multiple witnesses, the defendant, Trevor B. Meccariello, removed \$22.00 in cash from a wallet belonging to the victim, Angela Mayes, during an active investigation for a domestic battery at the residence. The victim was able to describe the exact denominations of the stolen money, and the exact denomination was discovered crumbled, falling out of the defendant's pocket as the defendant attempt leave the scene in a hurry. The defendant was then placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant was given a court date of 03/21/2018 at 0900 hours in courtroom B."

**Attempted to Steal (5) 'York' peppermint patties with Oxycodone in His Pocket**



**APONTE, JAMES MICHAEL**  
 YOB: 1979  
 TATTOO: TATTOO/LT ARM/"JGA"  
 CHARGES: RETAIL THEFT (SHOPLIFTING), POSSESSION OF OXYCODONE, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA  
 Arrested on 02/25/2018 01:49 1485 COMMERCIAL WAY, SPRING HILL  
 Arrest Summary: "On 02/25/2018 I responded to Walmart located at 1485 Commercial Way in Spring Hill, Hernando County, Florida in reference to a retail theft. It was determined that the defendant James Aponte had taken and concealed five (5) 'York' peppermint patties, and had broken the packaging on a 'Mophie' cell phone case and a 400 amp portable vehicle jump box. The defendant passed all points of sale without paying for the candy and was stopped outside of the doors. While searching for the items, I located a hypodermic syringe with a red in color liquid at the tip as well as a gold in colored teaspoon with red powdery residue on it. I also located two small glass jars which contained trace amounts of a green leafy substance,

**Son Punches Hole In Door Because His Mother Would Not Be Baker Acted**



**RUST, BRIAN ALLAN**  
 YOB: 1961  
 CHARGES: CRIMINAL MISCHIEF  
 Arrested on 02/23/2018 22:07 XXXX GLASGOW RD, WEEKI WACHEE  
 Arrest Summary: "On 02-23-2018, I was dispatched to the residence located at 7396 Glasgow Road, Weeki Wachee, Florida, 34613, in reference to a criminal mischief. Upon my arrival, I observed a large amount of glass to be on the walk way directly in front of door to the residence. Upon making contact with complainants/victims Mary and Doyle. I was advised by Mary that she was involved in a verbal disturbance with her son/defendant, Brian Rust, when she locked herself inside her bedroom. Mary advised that the defendant then began to violently bang on her bedroom door at which time he made created a hole in the door. I was able to observe an approximate fist sized hole in the door which was not present on a previous call at the residence prior in the day. Contact was then made with the defendant who advised he was involved in a verbal altercation with his mother due to him believing that she needed to be Baker Acted. The defendant advised that he was intoxicated in which he ran to his mother's door and began banging on it because she would not open the door, at which time he created the hole in the door. Upon asking the defendant where the glass in front of the door came from, he advised that after creating the hole in the door, he then ran outside and smacked the glass

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Brooksville City Council Meeting 3/5/18, 7PM  
 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL

School Board Workshop  
 3/6/2018 12:00 PM  
 District Office-Board Room  
 919 North Broad Street  
 Brooksville, FL 34601

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting  
 3/6/2018 9:00 AM  
 Government Center  
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Fine Arts Council Meeting  
 Thursday, March 08, 2018, 5:30PM; Location  
 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE

Brooksville Council Workshop; Monday, March 12, 2018, 5:30PM  
 Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE,

Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting  
 3/12/2018 9:00 AM  
 Government Center  
 John Law Ayers Room 20  
 N. Main Street Brooksville, FL 34601

Metropolitan Planning Organization Regular Meeting  
 3/20/2018 1:00 PM  
 Government Center  
 John Law Ayers Room 20  
 N. Main Street Brooksville, FL 34601

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting  
 3/27/2018 9:00 AM  
 Government Center  
 John Law Ayers Room 20  
 N. Main Street Brooksville, FL 34601

School Board Meetings  
 3/27/18; Informal 11:00 AM  
 Workshop 2PM  
 Employee Discip. Appeal 4PM  
 Regular Meeting 6PM  
 District Office-Board Room  
 919 North Broad Street  
 Brooksville, FL 34601



Photo by HCSO

**Suspicious object probably a munition from Civil War**

On Monday Feb. 26, 2018 a homeowner on Oakridge Drive called the Sheriff's Office to report an object he found while digging in his yard. Deputies identified it as a possible munition and called the Citrus County Bomb Squad and Macdill Air Force Base for assistance. The individual from MacDill AFB indicated the object may have possibly been a munition from the Civil War era and removed it. During the Civil War, known conflicts in Hernando County include the Battle of Bayport and the Brooksville Raid.

# State of Florida moving fast in school safety plan

BY JULIE MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN EDITOR



the ability to bring guns to schools, ban people under 21 from buying rifles or other long guns, and allow law enforcement officers to get court orders to take guns away from mentally ill people they categorize as dangerous.

On Tuesday Feb. 27 the bill went to the Senate Appropriations Committee. That same day a similar school safety bill was heard in a House committee and approved 23-6. The

House appropriations committee earlier rejected an amendment 18 -11 that would ban assault rifles.

Governor Scott met with officials in Miami-Dade County on Tuesday about his plans to pass a \$500 million school safety bill prior to the end of session on Friday March 9, 2018. Unveiled last Friday Feb. 23, the governor's goals are numerous and include:

- Increase in law enforcement and mental health counselors at schools
- Make buildings more secure with metal detectors and steel doors
- Create an anonymous tip line
- Create a "Violent Threat Restraining Order" which would prevent a violent or mentally ill person from purchasing or possessing a firearm or any other weapon

- Mandate a law enforcement officer in every school, at least 1 per 1000 students
- Criminal penalties for threats to schools
- Age requirement of 21 years old to purchase a firearm
- Increase in funding for the Safe Schools Allocation. Additionally, School districts must also take all capital outlay funds received from taxpayers and use it for school hardening before it can be spent on any other capital outlay. All safe school allocations must be spent in accordance with the sheriff approved plans.
- Each Sheriff's Office would be required to have a DCF case manager within their department to work as a "crisis welfare worker" for repeat cases in the community.

The early part of the week saw lots of activity in the legislature in regards to gun and school safety related bills. On Monday Feb. 26, 2018, during a Senate Rules Committee hearing a wide ranging school safety plan was approved in what was described as a "raucous" meeting.

Student survivors and family members spoke vehemently in favor of an amendment that would ban assault - style weapons which grew particularly heated and the amendment ended up failing. The school safety plan approved by the Senate Rules committee is \$400 million bill, sponsored by Sen. Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican, that would give specially trained teachers

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was not a serious attempt to pass a law. They saw the vote as an insult to what they had suffered. A "procedural game" was played to either force representatives to vote on HB-219 an "assault rifle" ban law they or the committee staff had not yet reviewed or vote to leave the bill in committee.

The motion requires a supermajority (2/3) of legislators to approve it, since it short circuits the normal process for bills. If the motion passes to move the bill from committee to the floor, the bill jumps over a number of steps and moves to a third reading and a vote. (There is no first and second reading.) The third reading of a bill only allows debate about the bill. The legislators are not allowed to ask questions about the bill, since by this point normally a bill would have been well explained. They could not offer amendments since amendments must be available a day in advance. The legislators could not really debate the bill since they had not read it and had no idea what was in it.

The legislature voted to not allow this "extraordinary procedural move" and the bill is still in committee. Since the committees are no longer in session that bill is most likely dead for this session.

Jared Moskowitz, a 1999 graduate of Stoneman Douglas and the Democratic member of the Florida House of

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property. "Everyone is out there bidding up warehouse space around the country."

It's also become more technologically oriented with automation and temperature control opportunities.

"With all those things, we are working as hard as we can to get in the markets that are growing, that have the capability to support warehouse growth," said Brown.

"Working with Valerie has been fantastic. This is a great opportunity for us. Everybody that we've talked to is real excited about this Hernando County opportunity. Hernando County has the best of everything... I've spent a lot of time in Tampa and everyone is talking about the growth here."

"As far as the incentives

Representatives, representing the 97th District which contains Parkland issued a statement where he called the move "procedural games."

"The decision to make a procedural motion to bring HB 219 to the floor was brought up with zero notice. The majority of Democratic members of our caucus were not aware that any motion would be made and several were not present on the floor.

"I was in my district attending Peter Wang's funeral. Peter was a hero. He held the door open so other students could survive and it cost him his life. I know in my heart I was where I needed to be yesterday. Paying my respects to a hero.

"I have been and will continue to work with Democrats and the Republican majority to pass a bill that addresses the tragedy in my hometown.

"Procedural games will not make policy. Only members from both parties working together on legislation will bring the gun safety changes we need to prevent this from ever happening again."

Rep. Blaise Ingoglia Republican Hernando (District 35), who represents much of Hernando County, said, "Every one of my constituents should be happy, I did not vote on a bill I had not read, and had no idea what was in it."

How a bill normally moves through the House of Representatives.

The bill is filed by a representative. Each representative is allowed to file up to 6 bills per session. Although there are some types of bills that do not count towards this limit, in every session there are more than a 1000 bills. The bill is given a first reading and assigned to a committee or committees.

In the first committee, if the bill is selected by the committee chair and put on the agenda, the bill is debated and amended. Testimony is

are concerned we're really excited about that," Brown said. He commented that the competitive advantage given to them really means a lot to their outside partners. "We're really excited about all that you've done to help move this project forward."

"We want to let you folks know that we are

given about the bill. If the bill is approved by the first committee it moves to the next until it passes through all the committees it has been assigned to.

Once a bill has passed all the committees it has been assigned to it is placed on the calendar to be heard on the floor. If the bill's time comes up before the end of the session, it then goes on the house floor where the bill's sponsor explains the bill. The sponsor answers questions about the bill, which the legislators have in front of them.

The legislators then go home and the third reading, debate, and vote is on the next day. A legislator will have the committee staff's analysis and will have read the bill and had time to think about what the implications are of the wording and what the definitions mean.

### HB 219

HB 219 was assigned to three committees: Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Judiciary Committee. It had not advanced in the first of the committees to which it had been submitted. HB 219 was submitted in October and hasn't moved from the first committee.

Usually as a bill progresses through the committee, the bill is amended many times as legislators point out potential problems with the law. Issues that will present themselves in the future are noticed and fixed. HB 219 had not received these fixes.

HB 219 defines assault weapons and lists a number of rifles, shotguns, and pistols. To call this a ban on assault rifles is not accurate. In fact, any pistol that accepts a detachable magazine and has a threaded barrel or weighs more than 3.125 pounds is considered an assault weapon in HB219.

welcoming you here," said Commissioner Dukes. "Our housing market crashed like everybody else's did. Anytime a person like yourself is interested enough to bring a new industry here, giving new jobs is an asset for this county."

### NRA

A narrative around the failure to advance HB 219 is that the legislature is beholden to the NRA, because of campaign contributions. The Tampa Bay Times', "The Buzz" blog found that "since 2000, the NRA's donations to current members of Florida's House and Senate amount to a grand total of zero." The NRA does have significant influence, but that is from their many politically active members.

### Consequences

The results of the inaccurate reporting on this issue has led to a tremendous amount of vitriol online. The names of the people who voted against the "extraordinary procedural move" have been listed far and wide. The amount of misinformation about what the House of Representatives was voting on juxtaposed with the crying school students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School has led to anger and hate.

As the Democratic State Representative of Parkland Jared Moskowitz wrote "Procedural games will not make policy. Only members from both parties working together on legislation will bring the gun safety changes we need to prevent this from ever happening again."

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find myself asking why she would avoid going into public, or attending anything that involved others. I never recognized the stress on her face or the agitations from the drugs. The most obvious effect was the "withdrawal" from her responsibilities and celebrations. My mother believed that she was as entitled to her privacy, as we all were. However, her privacy soon turned into a complete exodus from my life.

As a child, you rely on your guardian to fulfill your simplest needs; food, shelter, clothing, and water. One time after I returned home from school, I walked into the house and there was no power, and since we had a well, no water. My mother had removed all the cabinets in the home for her own undisclosed reasons and was not concerned about how she would store any food. Maybe I was naïve, or hopeful, and just wanted to believe that every family went through spurts similar to ours, but deep down I knew something was different.

Eventually I resumed living with my father after I mentioned her recent actions. For a

few months, she would call to ask about my life and school, but that too ceased. There were some months, I would find myself checking the local obituaries and arrest reports in the local paper, trying to understand why she refused to contact me. At thirteen years old, your parents should be preparing you for puberty, supporting you at your sports, and helping you discover who you are becoming as a person. Instead, there I was at thirteen years old, awkwardly trying to ask advice from my father, wondering why it was such a burden for her to be a [minor] part of my life.

As I got older, I began to notice the drug use, and I tried to forgive her absence in my childhood. On several occasions I have made attempts to rekindle our relationship as well as introduce her to my new life that I have built. She recognizes the anger and grudges I hold towards her and continues to dwell on the past, without acknowledging the things she could do to move forward. Instead, she still hides in the shadows, and nobody mentions it, but we all know the person the drugs have made her to become.

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# Spring Hill private school celebrates 35 year milestone

*“Over the years we, our teachers, students and their parents have seen the power of a loving, stimulating, structured school culture. This environment has allowed children to overcome their fear of failure and encourage them to take off, to be the best independent learners they can be...”*

- Dr. Domenick Maglio and Julie T. Maglio, Directors of Wider Horizons School

BY ROCCO MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Recently, Wider Horizons School students took a day to celebrate. School staff organized a festival in honor of the school’s 35th anniversary. Activities included face painting, hula hooping, a duck hunt, fossil digging, hat making and there was even an ice cream shop. Older students manned the activities and led the younger students around the festival.

Many years ago there were two educators that became heavily involved in education in Hernando County. They had worked in the Peace Corps in Peru setting up schools and later worked in inner-city schools in New York. Dr. Maglio taught child development and psychology courses in colleges and universities for a number of years. The Maglios often attended the Hernando County School Board meetings, offering suggestions based on their experience. The school board probably felt a sense of relief when they announced that they were opening a private school in Brooksville.

Wider Horizons School started in a converted home on Howell Avenue in Brooksville. As the school grew, a second larger location was built in Spring Hill on a former persimmons farm. When the Spring Hill school increased its enrollment they decided to close the

Brooksville campus and expanded the Spring Hill campus. They built a second larger building and now offer education from preschool through high school, Montessori in the early grades and college preparatory in the upper grades.

Graduates have gone on to USF, UF, New College, Univ. of Tampa, Cornell, Univ. of Kansas, Univ. of South Carolina, Ivy League schools, Oxford and

zons for almost 24 years reminisced, “Celebrating Wider Horizons 35th Anniversary has brought back many wonderful memories. A couple of the first students in my class over 20 years ago now have their children here. Although there are many students we never hear from, others stay in touch and say: ‘I graduated college, I am a Psychiatrist, an Engineer, a Teacher, a Doctor, a Pharmacist...’ and the list goes on. Reflecting back over the twenty something years, I think of all the students that have passed through the school and pray they all found their goals reached.”

Senior Tim Foley said “Having been at Wider Horizons since I was two years old, I have grown up seeing the school as a second home. My classmates became my brothers and sisters and the teachers filled the roles of our parents while we were away from our real ones. With the school being a second home, I have numerous fond memories of grow-



First grader Patrick hula-hoops during the fun day festival for the school’s 35th Anniversary.

many other great colleges and universities.

Wider Horizons places an emphasis on public speaking. Throughout the year, they require the students to present at the Biography Fair, Science Fair and Cultural Fair. Once a year they put on a variety show known as Friday Night Live where students indulge their theatrical inclinations. Many of their alumni, parents and some community members who enjoy good theater attend the show.

Mrs. Parks who has taught at Wider Hori-



A smile from First grader Layla



Face painting - DaKayla in 10th grade gives Zoey a rainbow on her cheek.

ing up here. I remember all the various roles I have played in Friday Night Live and many of the exciting field trips we have taken throughout the years. I remember being here for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the school and going through all the booths and attractions as a first or second grader and gathering in front of the gazebo with the rest of the school and eating ice cream as the importance of the event was explained. Five years later I was one of the students manning the stations for the thirtieth anniversary and again this past week as my last year here. Each student here has their own stories and memories to tell and relive from this school. Wider Horizons has played a major role in all the students’ lives and has given them a head start in their lives. I am incredibly grateful to the school and its administration for everything they have done for me over the 15 years I have been at this school.”

In closing, the school’s Directors, Dr. Domenick and Julie T. Maglio remark, “Over the years we, our teachers, students and their parents have seen the power of a loving, stimulating, structured school culture. This environment has allowed children to overcome their fear of failure and encourage them to take off to be the best independent



Newspaper clipping taken of the children of Domenick and Julie T. Maglio at play on the Brooksville School’s tire trees.



Kindergartners Brooklyn and Zander enjoy their ice cream cones

learners they can be. The positive changes in character, academic competencies and social skills have been evident and miraculous to everyone involved in WHS. It is a wonderful sanctuary of learning that is gratifying to everyone it has touched.”

*Editor’s Note: The author of this article is the son of Domenick and Julie T. Maglio. Can you guess which one he is in the tire tree photo?*



Caitlyn, in 11th grade, mans the ice cream shop during the 35 year celebration. While Javier is happy to receive his cone.



The Spring Hill campus didn’t have many trees, when they constructed the first building.

# Commissioners vote to submit \$1.4 million proposal to take over city's fire service

BY LISA MACNEIL  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

On Feb. 15, 2018 Brooksville City Manager Mark Kutney, contacted Hernando County Administrator Len Sossamon at the direction of the City Council for the purpose of having Hernando County propose provisions and terms connected with Hernando County providing fire and rescue services to the incorporated areas of Hernando County.

The move is seen as "a long time coming" and supported by Commissioner Wayne Dukes, as well as the rest of the board. Commissioner Steve Champion cautioned the public that is

not to be perceived as "the county is the big brother trying to take over Brooksville... This is initiated by the city." Champion did state also that with the county taking over fire and rescue and the possibility of Brooksville eliminating the police department, "There's no reason to have a city."

Not expecting Champion's comment, Commissioner John Allocco said "We've got a lot of research ... infrastructure upgrades that are going to be needed, that's a very expensive proposition for the county." Utilities and other services would need to be considered as well.

Commissioner Jeff Holcomb acknowledged

that if the county does take on Brooksville's Fire Service, residents with larger homes will see a drastic decrease in their fire assessment, since home size is part of the calculation to determine the assessment.

With services being absorbed into the county, possibly resulting in the loss of jobs, Champion asked why the county couldn't employ the former city fire department employees. Deputy County Administrator Jeff Rogers explained that acquiring the city staff is not necessary to continue the same level of service in Hernando County as well as Brooksville.

If the choice to acquire additional staff were

made, Rogers said the county could consider which additional services could be provided. "Taking on additional staff is a long-term funding issue... and reserves are not where they need to be at this time."

Commissioner Nick Nicholson mentioned that Hernando County has been subsidizing the City of Brooksville "for a long time... because they cannot provide Basic Life Support (BLS), and we don't really get paid for it." The entire board agreed that the move could potentially save residents county-wide a lot of money.

Presently, Brooksville is expected to receive state grants for building

repairs. The provisions of the grants will need to be amended and directed to Hernando County in the event the repairs do become the responsibility of the county. The provisions will also include a 30-year contract to preclude complications arising from possible future boards reversing the agreement, and leading to a chain of upheaval.

The motion to submit the interlocal agreement

to the city was made by Commissioner Nicholson, seconded by Commissioner Dukes and passed unanimously. The Interlocal Agreement will be forwarded to Brooksville City Council to be reviewed at a workshop on March 12th. If the proposal is agreed upon, Hernando county could see revenue of \$1,400,000 and additional debt service of \$64,832 annually.

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## BPD

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going to give you money, other than the taxpayers."

The city is reviewing three levels of service from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). The base level comes at an estimated cost of \$967,624, which includes eight patrol deputies, 24 hours per day. Two deputies are expected per shift, based on call volume, with no stated minimum. The middle tier, or enhanced level includes twelve deputies, with a stated minimum of two deputies per shift, at the cost to the city of \$1,451,295. The intensive level, with a price tag of \$1,814,295 includes twelve deputies, one sergeant, one dedicated traffic unit, and 1 Community Oriented Policing Problem Solving (COPPS) deputy.

Lieutenant Mike Burzumato of HCSO answered specific questions from the board regarding staffing ratios of the different service levels, terminology and policies specific to law enforcement in general, as well as HCSO, which were detailed in the 200-page packet of information given before the meeting.

Regarding the current members of the Brooksville Police Department (BPD), Council Member Joe Bernardini read from a letter from Colonel Mike Maurer, "We suspect that re-employment of cur-

rent police officers is of great concern to you. I can assure you that they will have priority hiring preference and expedited process." Bernardini stated he wanted to make sure (the council) is looking out for the current officers. Burzumato stated that this was the intention of the Sheriff.

Brooksville Police Chief George Turner was in Sarasota County, attending a public meeting as a finalist for the position of North Port Chief of Police.

BPD Captain Rick Hankins was available to answer questions about documents submitted by Chief Turner. Kahler began with questions about levels of service, balanced with neighborhood differences and response times by law enforcement. Hankins answered, "At the police department, it takes everybody," where the the Sheriff's Office would have designated staff to perform certain duties. He went on to say that "The chief (position) isn't just a desk job ... he's out there working too."

BPD Detective Tracey Schofield spoke for several members of the department, answering some questions that arose during the discussion of specific police procedures. With regard to the "two deputy" standard that was mentioned, Schofield said "The reality is that two officers aren't going to cover the city... safely...

all the time. We can do it, but there are going to be delays. One domestic (violence call) takes up two of your guys or girls. If another 911 call goes out, there is no one else available."

Schofield also addressed the topic of expensive tools and technology, saying "At the end of the day, (tools) don't solve cases, we solve cases."

The final segment of the workshop pertained to the current pension plan and possible transition should BPD disband. Bonnie Jensen, legal counsel for the city's pension fund explained that BPD officers would not lose any pension benefits and that several scenarios exist for pension payments to entitled

officers. Brooksville would still be responsible for retirement benefits regardless of the fate of BPD.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Vice Mayor Robert Battista posed the question, "Where do we go from here?" More insight into Brooksville's next steps will likely be on the next regular agenda.

*The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, March 05, 2018 at 7:00PM ; 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL - Joseph E. Johnston, III Council Chambers For more information: City Clerk 352-540-3816*

## TIDE CHART

**High/Low Tide Prediction Data Listing**  
Station Name: ROCKY CR.,LITTLE PINE IS. BAY, FL  
Action: Daily  
Product: Tide Predictions  
Start Date & Time: 2018/3/2 12:00 AM  
End Date & Time: 2018/3/9 11:59 PM

Source: NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS  
Prediction Type: Subordinate  
Datum: MLLW  
Height Units: Feet  
Time Zone: LST/LDT

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2018/03/02	Fri	01:15 AM	3.26 H	09:18 AM	-0.59 L	2:09 PM	2.81 H	9:23 PM	0.14 L
2018/03/03	Sat	02:01 AM	3.19 H	09:53 AM	-0.38 L	2:38 PM	2.87 H	10:05 PM	0.00 L
2018/03/04	Sun	02:44 AM	3.03 H	10:25 AM	-0.12 L	3:05 PM	2.91 H	10:45 PM	-0.07 L
2018/03/05	Mon	03:27 AM	2.81 H	10:56 AM	0.16 L	3:33 PM	2.92 H	11:24 PM	-0.06 L
2018/03/06	Tue	04:11 AM	2.55 H	11:26 AM	0.44 L	4:02 PM	2.90 H		
2018/03/07	Wed	12:06 AM	0.00 L	04:59 AM	2.28 H	11:57 AM	0.71 L	4:35 PM	2.84 H
2018/03/08	Thu	12:53 AM	0.12 L	05:56 AM	2.01 H	12:32 PM	0.97 L	5:13 PM	2.73 H
2018/03/09	Fri	01:51 AM	0.26 L	07:10 AM	1.81 H	1:19 PM	1.21 L	6:05 PM	2.59 H

# IN, OUT & ABOUT

## Library Programs

**SH-** Spring Hill Branch Library, located at 9220 Spring Hill Drive.

**WH-** West Hernando Branch Library located at 6335 Blackbird Ave, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613

**BV-** Brooksville/ Main Library located at 238 Howell Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601

**EH-** East Hernando Branch located at 6457 Windmere Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602

### March 3

**Relief and Relaxation - EH**  
3/3/2018 10AM - 2PM Drop in any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for soothing music, a cup of herbal tea, a dollop of art therapy and maybe meet a new friend or two.

**Game On! - EH**  
3/3/2018 10AM - 4PM Enjoy family gaming at the East Hernando Branch!

**VITA - SH**  
3/3/2018 10 AM - 1PM Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - by appt. only

**Anime Club - SH**  
3/3/2018 11AM - 12:30 PM Registration is open Are you a fan of anime, manga, or Japanese culture? Join Anime Club, where you can watch,

read, and enjoy anime & manga with other fans.

**Osteoarthritis - SH**  
3/3/2018 1:30 - 2:30 PM Registration is open An educational talk on osteoarthritis and the latest treatment options to date including stem cell/prp injections.

### March 5

**Cut and Paste - BV**  
3/5/2018 10AM - 12 PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools.

**Meditation Break - WH**  
3/5/2018 12 - 12:30 PM Enjoy a 30 minute Monday meditation break with us - meditation provides many health benefits for mind, body and spirit. Chairs provided or welcome to bring mat.

**Electronic Images from the Internet - BV**  
3/5/2018 12:15 - 1:15 PM Getting images from the Internet is easy!

**Medicare - WH**  
3/5/2018 1 - 2 PM For people new to Medicare or anyone who would like a better understanding of how the program works. A fun discussion with plenty of time for questions.

**Long Term Care Planning - WH**  
3/5/2018 2 - 3PM Understanding the latest strategies in protecting your retirement portfolio from catastrophic Long Term Care expenses.

**Cut and Paste - WH**  
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### March 6

**Beginner/Gentle Yoga Class - SH**

3/6/2018 12:15 - 1:30 PM Join the waiting list Join certified yoga instructor Terry Schoonmaker for a gentle beginning yoga class to, as she says - "join me to learn & grow a little at a time, enjoying the health & well being that comes with listening to your body & connecting with mind & spirit."

**Adult Coloring Class - WH**  
3/6/2018 1:15 - 3PM Registration is open Pick a Color, Any Color. Movies @ Your Library 3/6/2018 2 - 4PM Movies on the big screen with free popcorn.

**The Past Contained: Florida's Prehistoric Pottery Tradition - BV**  
3/6/2018 2 - 3PM Please join us for this presentation by an archaeologist from the Florida Public Archaeology Network.

**Florida 505 Book Discussions - SH**  
3/6/2018 3 - 4:30 PM Spring Hill Branch holds monthly discussions of Florida-themed writings. Ask for a copy of the assigned reading & join in.

**Learn to Sew! - WH**  
3/6/2018 4 - 6PM Join the waiting list Always wanted to learn to sew? Want to try it out before you invest in that sewing machine? Come to our monthly sewing class where you can learn the basics and make a simple project to take home. Class size limited. Registration required.

### March 7

**Cut and Paste - SH**  
3/7/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools. Life Starts at 50 Club - SH 3/7/2018 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration is open

**Watercolor Techniques with Edward Barker - SH**  
3/7/2018 1 - 4PM Event is full Come join local award-winning artist Edward Barker as he demonstrates and teaches students basic watercolor techniques. Each student will complete a painting to take home. **Financial Management Series - WH**  
3/7/2018 2 - 4PM This month's topic: Credit Use **Cut and Paste - EH**  
3/8/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools.

### March 8

**Life Starts at 50 Club - WH**  
3/8/2018 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Writers Workshop - EH**  
3/8/2018 1 - 3PM Free and open to the public - meets every other Thursday. All levels of experience from beginners to published authors. Our group is on-going and continuous, join at any time. Bring pen and paper. For more information call 352-583-2441.

**Movies @ your library - SH**  
3/8/2018 2 - 4PM Synopsis A drama based on the elite crew of men who battled a wildfire in Prescott, Arizona in June 2013 that claimed the lives of 19 of their members.

**LEGO Club - BV**  
3/8/2018 4:30 - 5:30 PM Build the coolest LEGO creations your imagination will allow using the library's collection of LEGOs.

**Psychology of Communication - WH**  
3/8/2018 5 - 7 PM Discover the Psychological science behind the art of communication.

### March 9

**VITA - SH**  
3/9/2018 10:AM - 1: PM Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - by appt. only

**SHINE - EH** (individual counseling by appt. only)  
3/9/2018 12 - 2PM Free Medicare and Health Insurance Counseling and Information during open enrollment period. By appointment only. Call 352-593-0705 for more information.

Signing for Everyday Living - SH  
3/9/2018 1 - 2:30 PM SEFL is a crash course in basic ASL for learners at any skill level.

Tech Tutors - BV  
3/9/2018 2:30 - 4:30 PM Not quite sure how to use your device? Do you have any questions or concerns? Grab your gadget and stop by!

## CryptoQuote answer on page 15

# CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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# IN, OUT & ABOUT

Life & Leisure

## Unique dining experience off the beaten track



Bob Horne with "Jomar" — the private train car that once belonged to circus royalty John and Mable Ringling.

*Savor the atmosphere in Bob's Train — a fully restored Pullman train from the Ringling Circus collection.*

BY HERNANDO SUN STAFF

You don't have to be a rail buff to enjoy a visit to Bob's Train. It's probably the most unique place to eat in Sarasota. Bob's Train is an actual circus Pullman train that's been restored and transformed. It's owned by Restaurateur Bob Horne and it's the only circus train in the world owned by an individual.

Bob thinks "it's "the best-kept secret in Sarasota." In fact, it's so far off the beaten track that most GPS devices cannot locate it.

There's one car for dining and two more displaying circus memorabilia for exploring. He also restored Jomar, the private train car of circus royalty John and Mable Ringling that was once the epitome of luxury travel for Sarasota's prominent circus family.

Inside Bob's Train is a treasure trove of the circus years in Sarasota. The walls are adorned with old photos, posters and other material about the circus years in Sarasota including the many celebrities who visited.

Bob's is a great place for lunch with specialty burgers like Bob's famous Moose Burger — a Black Angus Beef Burger served with Mozzarella, Green Olives, Onions, Homemade Horseradish Sauce, Lettuce and tomatoes. But



Bob Horne

our group decided to dine on the entrees offered after 5 p.m.

We ordered Balsamic Chicken — chicken breast cooked in a Dijon mustard and Balsamic vinegar glaze, served with homemade potato chips and a vegetable of the day; A tilapia filet sautéed in dry herbs and spices in extra Virgin Olive Oil, also served with homemade potato chips and a vegetable of the day;

We also selected two of Bob's specialty entrees — Scallops ala Mimi — sea scallops seared in butter, placed on a bed of organic mixed greens then finished with freshly cut apple slices and pistachio nuts sautéed in hard apple cider and I chose bacon-wrapped lamb chops seared perfectly and placed on a bed of fresh baby spinach with vine ripened tomatoes.

To follow, we ordered

and shared two of the absolutely delectable desserts offered by Bob's Train. Chocolate Spaghetti — an Angel Hair pasta coated in butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, vanilla and a Ghiradelli chocolate sauce, then finished with peach Schnapps, vanilla ice cream and whipped cream. Rum On The Rails is made of spiced peaches in a sinful brown sugar sauce on top of a moist slice of carrot cake infused with rum and topped off with vanilla ice cream and whipped cream.

From time to time, Bob takes time out to chat with his guests and shares the history of the train cars he's restored.

Our visit to Bob's Train was well enjoyed by our party loved Bob's Train, especially for the atmosphere. We would recommend a visit.



Bob Horne's famous Mooseburger



Bob's Train located in Sarasota. Photos courtesy of Bob's Train.

**All Scales Encouraged**  
**Table Space: \$10 per table**  
**(Bring your own table & chair)**  
**Set up time: 7:30 a.m.**

**(352) 684-2484**

**DANA'S RAILROAD SUPPLY TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH**  
**9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**  
**4042 Deltona Blvd.**  
**Spring Hill**



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## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Homemade Instruments to Drum and Shake

When I heard the beat of the drums, I knew I was really back in Africa. It had been years since I taught in a secondary school in the remote Ubangi region of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Accessible only by boat or plane, I was fortunate to return recently to this tropical land of mangoes, butterflies and poinsettias as large as trees to see former students, and participate with Congolese women's groups devoted to hygiene, finance, agriculture and clean-water projects.

It was the rhythmic welcomes in villages, each drum with its own sound blended with the tones and beats of rattles and voices, that got my feet stamping and hands clapping. The sounds are pervasive. All ages still beat drums to transmit messages, even while others simultaneously dial up their cellphones to do the same.

Percussion instruments are universal, really, and at their most basic level play an important part in a child's development. A simple rattle sparks an array of sensory experiences for a baby. No wonder a growing toddler enjoys finding anything that clangs to bang together like cymbals. Later, their fascination may lead them to musical training, which has been proven to increase math scores and self-expression.

Here is how to assemble a mini drum set and shaker to further your child's musical journey:

#### DRUM SET

—Paint various sizes of clean soup and vegetable tin cans in bright colors. Decorate with pompons and other favorite crafty charms.

—Wrap strong paper cut in circles over the open end of some of the cans. Hold paper in place with rubber bands. Turn remaining cans open-side down on a table.

Use wooden and metal spoons to tap out a rhythm. The eraser ends of unsharpened pencils make good drumsticks.

For fun, play a game of "echo." Hit the cans and challenge others to repeat what you have done.

For mini cymbals, thread a bead 3-inches down on a wooden skewer.



Glue in place, then thread a flat canning-jar lid with a hole poked through its center, onto the skewer. Add another bead and a second lid. Top with a bead and glue in place. Tape to the side of a can. Hit with "drumsticks" as you play on the mini drum set.

#### BOTTLE SHAKERS

—Pour dry beans in a plastic bottle and glue the cap shut. Paint and decorate with colorful tape and stickers.

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*Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."*

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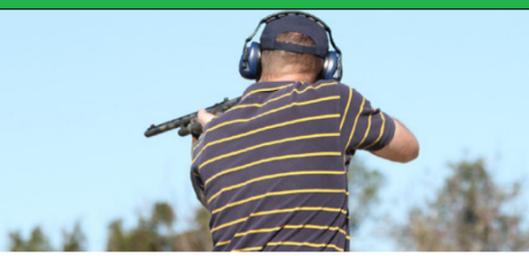
# IN, OUT & ABOUT

Upcoming events that will get you out and about...

## Event Previews

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**FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS**  
 by Cheryl Clanton

**Easy Festive Shrimp and Fettuccine**



**Ingredients**  
 Easy Festive Shrimp and Fettuccine  
 Ingredients  
 2 tbsp butter  
 1lb med shrimp shelled & deveined  
 ½ cup driced green pepper  
 1 large garlic clove minced  
 1/8 tsp crushed red pepper  
 1 can zesty/seasoned tomato sauce  
 ½ cup water  
 Hot cooked Fettuccine or Choice of Pasta

**Directions**  
 Skillet cook add butter, shrimp, green pepper, garlic, crushed pepper until shrimp cooked. Hint: could also cook shrimp before adding to mixture, it is good too. When ready add tomato sauce and water. Heat and serve over fettuccine or choice pasta



**ART IN THE PARK — ART, CRAFTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 9 AM - 5:00 PM**

Over 115 artisans participate in the annual juried show featuring fine art, fine craft, and craft artist vendors, and live entertainment throughout the day. The Student Art Pavilion features a county-wide exhibit of student art and a Kid's Art Zone. You'll enjoy food, children's activities, an Art Boutique and more...all in the beautiful tree shaded Tom Varn Park, 306 Darby Lane, Brooksville, FL 34601 in Brooksville. Special Concert: Saturday, 2:00pm - Hernando Symphony Orchestra in the Park. Admission is free; Parking, \$5.00. Contact Email Janknowlesfl@gmail.com / phone 352-279-5182 or visit hernandoarts.org



**FANTASY AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW**  
**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,**  
**MARCH 9-10, 2018**  
**11 AM - 4 PM**

'Violets by the Shore' the Fantasy African Violet Club's 24th Annual Show will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2018 and Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club, 3357 Susan Dr. and corner of Toucan Trail. African violets and supplies will be available. For info contact - Thad Scaggs sat 352-345-5271, tascaggs@gmail.com

## Firearms Classes Offered

**Free concealed weapons/firearms safety course for teachers**

American Gun & Pawn is partnering with our NRA instructors from DownRange to offer this great opportunity! On March 24, 2018 (plus additional days if needed) free concealed weapons / firearms safety courses are being offered for all current Hernando County school teachers and school board employees. They will learn all aspects of safety, Florida laws and learn how to safely fire a firearm. No catch, no purchase necessary. To sign up visit: American Gun & Pawn 1118 E Jefferson St Brooksville FL 34601 352-593-7296 Open 7 days a week **Disclaimer:** We are not encouraging any illegal activity such as carrying on campus. Obey all Federal and Florida Firearms laws always.

**HCSO Active Shooter Preparedness NIGHT Session**

The information session will be held on Monday, 03-12-18 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Training Room at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office - 18900 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34601. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office will be hosting an information session on Active Shooter Preparedness. Events in recent years have called attention to the need to be prepared for a wide range of emergencies. Communities across the country have reassessed their level of preparedness and established broader training and education programs. At the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, deputies have been training for years to respond to an active shooter incident, training that is routinely reinforced with exercises. Sheriff Al Nienhuis and

the men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office want to emphasize that your awareness and preparedness is as important as our training in keeping your community safe. Should an incident like this occur, there could be crucial minutes of time before law enforcement officers arrive on the scene. Law Enforcement Officers from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office will share information from the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, and the FBI, along with videos on how to react to an active shooter incident. Attendees are encouraged to bring a notepad and pen as they may want to take a few notes. To reserve, go to hernandosheriff.org/applications/Internet-ClassSignup/ Note - Firearms are NOT permitted in the building. Attendees should be 15 years or older.

**ARCHERY**

**PEE-WEE ARCHERY**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**MARCH 10, 2018**  
**11 AM - NOON**

This is an opportunity for mom or dad to work alongside youngsters who are interested in learning archery. Ages 5-9 will have an opportunity to learn the basics of archery using our scaled-down equipment, one-on-one coaching, and help from mom or dad. Space is limited for this one-hour program. Register at (352) 754-6722.

23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville



**TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 9 AM - 2 PM**  
**OPEN HOUSE 9 AM TO 3 PM**

All scales encouraged. Table space \$10.00 per table. Bring your own table and chair). Set up time is 7:30 a.m. Phone (352) 684-2484 or visit www.danasrailroad-supply.com for more information.

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**BY AL SCADUTO**

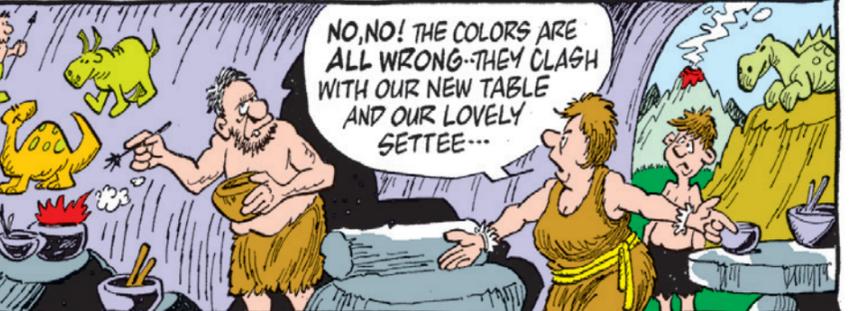


**THE HERNANDO COUNTY JAZZ SOCIETY PERFORMS**  
**SUNDAY, MAR. 11, 2018**  
**2PM**

Jazz Society Performs  
 WHEN: Sunday, March 11, 2018 2 p.m.  
 WHERE: The Wellington Clubhouse at 400 Wexford Please join us for a fun afternoon listening and dancing to your favorite tunes as we "Swing into Spring". Sit-ins are welcome. Admission: HJS members Free, Singles \$10, Couples \$15. The Sioux City Grill be offering a cash bar and buffet for purchase. For more information call Ike Johnson at 352 263-8579.

The Wellington Clubhouse is located at 400 Wexford Blvd, Spring Hill

**HOME DECOR DEPT-**  
 THEY DID IT BACK IN CAVE-MAN DAYS... and THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH TODAY...  
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# Calendar of Events

## March 2-4

**“Hernando Beach South” Community Wide Sale**  
Off Shoal Line Blvd  
Saturday 8AM - ?  
**Stop by on your way to the Swamp Fest!**

### Annual Weeki Wachee Swamp Fest

WHEN: Friday, Sat, Sunday March 2-4, 5pm  
WHERE: Linda Pedersen Park 6300 Shoal Line Blvd. Weeki Wachee, FL 34607 (map)  
Description: Over 140 vendors and master crafters offering extraordinary selections in arts, crafts, food and entertainment will delight every whim and taste. Live entertainment throughout the day including country, folk, and toe-tapping get-up-and-dance tunes. Don't miss the Swamp Monster contest, a favorite every year! A variety of food and beverage is available for purchase. Enjoy Weeki Wachee Springs State Park as you shop for jewelry, fine art, textile crafts and more. \$5 Adults, \$3 Kids 6-12; Kids 5 and under free. Cash Only at Gate. ATM on Premises For more information please call (352) 597-4424. <http://www.swampfestweekiwachee.com/>  
**Free Hearing Aid Battery Giveaway**  
WHEN: Friday, March 2, 2018 10 a.m. to 12 noon  
WHERE: Foundation's office at 6333 River Road, New Port Richey  
Description: The Sertoma Speech & Hearing Foundation of Florida is hosting a battery giveaway. The Foundation will offer free hearing aid batteries in the most common sizes while they last: 10, 13, and 312 and 675. Call (727) 312-3881 for details. The Foundation's web site is [www.familyhearinghelp.org](http://www.familyhearinghelp.org).

## March 3

### 6th annual Disability Awareness Walk & Fun Run

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2018 7am - 12pm  
WHERE: West Hernando Middle School 14325 Ken Austin Parkway Brooksville  
Description: The 6th Annual Disability Walk & Roll 5k and Family Fun Run is going to be better than ever! This county wide event will provide all participants with inclusive activities designed to promote disability awareness for families, schools, and communities. This event starts with a 5k run at 8:30am followed by a 1 mile family fun run. HSCB fee: \$10, 5K entry fee: \$25.00, Family Fun Run: \$20. For tickets visit: <https://register-walkandroll.ticketsocket.com/event/6th-Annual-Disability-Awareness-Walk--Roll-5K-and-Family-Fun-Run>.

### Floral City Strawberry Festival

WHEN: Sat-Sun, March 3, 2018 - March 4, 2018  
WHERE: Floral Park, Citrus County  
Description: The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome you to the 31st Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival. The Floral City Strawberry Festival is a salute to local agriculture. Ferris Farms, our local grower, supplies hundreds of flats of strawberries that we make into fresh strawberry shortcakes and are also sold fresh to festival goers to bring home to make their own strawberry delicacies. Parking: On site at Floral Park or at the Citrus County Auditorium. Shuttle buses from the auditorium are running all day, both days, for \$1 round trip. Children 12 and under ride the bus for free. A shuttle van pick up will also be available from downtown Floral City behind the Floral City library. For more information, visit: [gostrawberryfest.com / 352-795-3149](http://gostrawberryfest.com/).

### Happy Hippo House

WHEN: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3-5, 2018 9am - 5pm  
WHERE: Hernando County Fairgrounds 6436 Broad St, Brooksville, Florida 34601 (map)

Description: It's time for the Spring Happy Hippo House event. A seasonal adult consignment event! Everything from adult clothing, shoes, purses, kitchen items, decor, furniture, and more! Two buildings packed with awesome deals! 10,000 sq. ft of shopping! The event is open to the public to come and shop. There is no charge for parking. Just come and shop! There will be everything you can imagine. It is a shopping extravaganza!! (50% off day is Sunday). Interested in consigning, you can register to consign at our website [www.HappyHippoHouse.com](http://www.HappyHippoHouse.com)

### How to read a nautical chart

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 9am - 12pm  
WHERE: Coast Guard Auxiliary building on Calienta at Shoal Line in Hernando Beach

Description: When navigating on land you use a map. For navigating at sea, we use a chart. You will learn about different types of charts, their capabilities and limitations and how to select the best chart for your needs. Contact Susan Watkins (352) 340-8848 Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education.

### Paranormal Investigation at May-Stringer House

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 9pm - Sun, March 4, 2am  
WHERE: May-stringer House 601 Museum Ct, Brooksville, FL 34601 (map)  
Description: Brooksville PIT's (Paranormal Investigation Team) Group Investigation of The May-Stringer House

in Brooksville Florida is a Pre-sale event. Tickets must be purchased online in advance for entry. This is our 5th annual group ghost hunt. Join us to ghost hunt this historic home. Tickets are very limited so don't delay. The investigation will begin at 9:00 pm and last till 2:00 am. Investigate side by side with us or go off and perform your very own investigation. We are allowing everyone who attends to use our very own professional paranormal investigating equipment. That's right! If you don't have equipment...we got you covered. Investigate this haunted and historical home built in 1855 by John May. Visit [www.brooksvillepit.com/may-stringer-house-group-tour](http://www.brooksvillepit.com/may-stringer-house-group-tour).

## March 7

### Children's Nature Exploration Program (Ages 5-8)

WHEN: Wednesday, March 7, 10:30am - 11:30am  
WHERE: Chinsegut Conservation Center 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd Brooksville, Florida 34601 (map)  
Description: Join us at Chinsegut the first Wednesday of each month for our Nature Exploration program for ages 5-8. Programs are free, pre-registration preferred. Call (352)754-6722 to register.

Contact: Gina Long [Gina.Phillhower@MyFWC.com](mailto:Gina.Phillhower@MyFWC.com) / (352)754-6722. Wildlife Water Safari: Children will use their nature journal made last class to explore how wildlife uses water. Children will get to view different animals from different water bodies around Chinsegut and take a "safari" hike to May's Prairie. Hike approximately a half mile in total. Meets standards (Kindergarten & 1st Grade):

### Free Spring Concert to Feature Modern Bluegrass Choral Composition

Saint Leo University student musicians and guests will perform for their annual spring concert a contemporary (2015) composition "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass," on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at the Saint Leo Abbey Church, 3301 State Road 52, St. Leo, FL 33574. All are welcome and admission is free. Rather than a traditional Catholic Mass or worship service, this will be an evening entertainment event featuring a performance of modern bluegrass music written for choir musicians with instrumental accompanists. The music has been described as joyful and ecumenical and was created by noted composer Carol Barnett. For more information or special accommodations with seating or parking, contact Megan Orendorf at the School of Arts and Sciences at (352) 588-8401 or by email at [jennifer.orendorf@saintleo.edu](mailto:jennifer.orendorf@saintleo.edu). This event is sponsored by the School of Arts and Sciences and Department of English, Fine Arts, and Humanities at Saint Leo University.

## March 9

### Fantasy African Violet Club 24th Annual Show and Sale

WHEN: Friday & Saturday, March 9-10, 2018  
WHERE: Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club, 3357 Susan Dr. and corner of Toucan Trail.  
'Violets by the Shore' the Fantasy African Violet Club's 24th Annual Show will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2018 and Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. African violets and supplies will be available. For info contact - Thad Scaggs sat 352-345-5271, [tascaggs@gmail.com](mailto:tascaggs@gmail.com) or Carol Chmiko - [scootsno@yahoo.com](mailto:scootsno@yahoo.com) or visit [www.sceneonline.biz/group/FAVC](http://www.sceneonline.biz/group/FAVC)

### Swarms, Amphibians in Isolated Wetlands

WHEN: Friday March 9, 2018 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
WHERE: 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville  
Description: Chinsegut educator Joe will guide a group to May's Prairie in hopes of collecting a number of different amphibians and their spawn. Come join the fun, bring a headlamp if you have one. This free program is limited to 15 participants ages 10+. Register online or by calling (352) 754-6722.

## March 10

### Art in the Park - Art, Crafts and Music Festival

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9AM - 5PM  
WHERE: Tom Varn Park, 306 Darby Lane, Brooksville, FL 34601  
Description: Over 115 artisans participate in the annual juried show featuring fine art, fine craft, and craft artist vendors, and live entertainment throughout the day. The Student Art Pavilion features a county-wide exhibit of student art and a Kid's Art Zone. You'll enjoy food, children's activities, an Art Boutique and more...all in the beautiful tree shaded Tom Varn Park in Brooksville. Special Concert: Saturday, 2:00pm - Hernando Symphony Orchestra in the Park. Admission is free; Parking, \$5.00. Contact Email [Janknowlesf@gmail.com](mailto:Janknowlesf@gmail.com) / phone 352-279-5182 or visit [hernandoarts.org](http://hernandoarts.org)

### Train Show & Swap Meet

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Open House, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
WHERE: Dana's Railroad Supply, 4042 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34606  
Description: ALL SCALES ENCOURAGED. Table space \$10.00 per table. (Bring your own table and chair). Set up time 7:30 a.m. (352) 684-2484. [www.danasrailroadsupply.com](http://www.danasrailroadsupply.com).

# Movie Times

## TOUCHSTAR CINEMAS

SPRING HILL 8  
Friday, March 2, 2017 through March 8, 2018

15:17 To Paris, The (PG13) Fri, Sat, Mon: 11:30AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:15PM, 10:10PM. Sun, Wed: 11:30AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM. Tues: 11:30AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:15PM, 9:45PM

Annihilation (R) Daily except Thurs: 1:15PM, 4:15PM, 7:15PM, 10:00PM

Black Panther (PG13) Daily except Thurs: 11:15AM, 2:15PM, 5:15PM, 8:30PM

Black Panther GTX (PG13) Daily except Thurs: 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM

Death Wish (R) Daily except Thurs: 11:15AM, 1:45PM, 4:30PM, 7:15PM, 10:00PM

Every Day (PG13) Daily except Thurs: 11:45AM, 2:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM, 10:10PM

Fifty Shades Freed (R) Daily except Thurs: 11:45AM, 2:15PM, 4:45PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM

Game Night (R) Daily except Thurs: 1:30PM, 4:30PM, 7:30PM, 10:10PM

Godfather, The (R) Sun, Wed: 2:00PM, 7:00PM

Greatest Showman, The (PG) Daily except Sun, Thurs: 11:15AM, 2:00PM, 4:45PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM. Sun: 11:15AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM

Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle (PG13) Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 11:45AM, 6:00PM. Sun, Wed: 6:00PM

Peter Rabbit (PG) Daily except Thurs: 11:45AM, 2:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:15PM, 9:30PM

Red Sparrow (R) Fri, Sat, Mon: 12:15PM, 2:45PM, 3:45PM, 7:00PM, 8:45PM, 9:45PM. Sun, Wed: 11:30AM, 12:15PM, 3:45PM, 7:00PM, 8:45PM, 10:00PM. Tues: 12:15PM, 2:45PM, 3:45PM, 7:00PM, 8:45PM, 10:00PM

Wrinkle In Time, A (PG) Thurs: 7:00PM, 9:45PM

### Pee-Wee Archery

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 11am - 12pm  
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Description: This is an opportunity for mom or dad to work alongside youngsters who are interested in learning archery. Ages 5-9 will have an opportunity to learn the basics of archery using our scaled-down equipment, one-on-one coaching, and help from mom or dad. Space is limited for this one-hour program. Register at (352) 754-6722.

## March 11

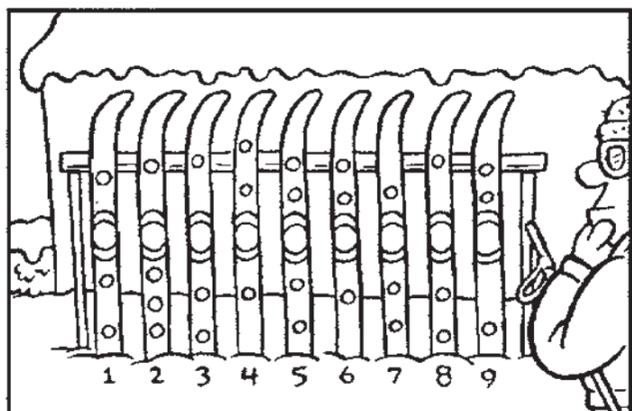
### Jazz Society to Perform

WHEN: Sunday, March 11, 2018 2 p.m.  
WHERE: The Wellington Clubhouse at 400 Wexford Blvd, Spring Hill.  
Description: Please join us for a fun afternoon listening and dancing to your favorite tunes as we "Swing into Spring". Sit-ins are welcome. Admission: HJS members Free, Singles \$10, Couples \$15. The Sioux City Grill be offering a cash bar and buffet for purchase. For more information call Ike Johnson at 352 263-8579. Volunteers Needed for Oyster Restoration 16110 Aviation Loop Drive PO Box 15427 Brooksville, FL 34604 352-754-4433

## March 24

### Clean Air Bike Ride - Withlacoochee State Trail

WHEN: Saturday, March 24 7:00am - 3:00pm  
WHERE: Liberty Park, 268 N Apopka Ave, Inverness, FL 34450, USA  
Description: Rain or Shine. No Mass Start. Continental Breakfast for all Entrants. The ride begins at the Inverness Trail Head this year, with additional SAG stops at Ridge Manor, Istachatta, and Citrus Springs. This paved Withlacoochee State Trail winds through Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties in West Central Florida. The Trail Head is 2/10 mile north of the Old Historic Courthouse in downtown Inverness. Choose from 4 distances: 14 Miles: Heading South from the Trailhead, take our shortest loop and enjoy a scenic ride to Historic Floral City. 28 Miles: Enjoy a fully supported SAG stop at the small town of Nobleton, including a park, music, and restrooms! 48 Miles: This is our most popular distance and the SAG stop is located at Ridge Manor Trailhead (24 miles South) with large food and beverage support. 100 Miles: For the more serious rider. Ride the trail from end to end and complete this 50 mile stretch out and back with limited road crossings and plenty of wide open space to spin your wheels. Email: [citruscountyevents@gmail.com](mailto:citruscountyevents@gmail.com)



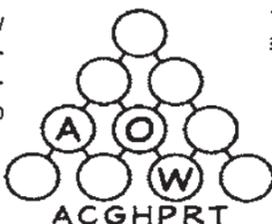
**HERE'S A SCHUSSBOOMER PUZZLE!** You have one minute to pick out a matching pair of skis in the rack pictured above.

Answer: Skis 3 and 8.

**A CHEESY PROBLEM!** Cheese is made from the curds of sour milk pressed together until solid and allowed to ripen. What cheese is made backward?

Answer: EDAM cheese is MADE backward. (I told you it was a cheesy problem.)

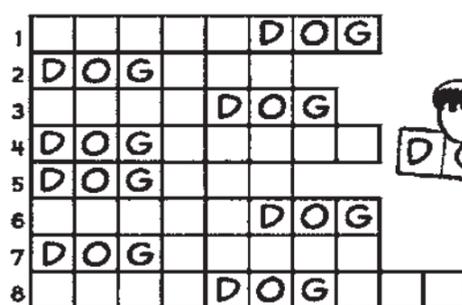
**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Chat, chap, chop, chow, crop, crow, craw, crag.



DON'T ROLL OVER ON THIS ONE!



It's time to "unleash" your word power. Each of the eight words above contains the word "dog." Using the following hints, can you fetch them in five minutes?

1. Popular fast food.
2. To be stubborn; tenacious.
3. Shamefaced or guilty.
4. Type of air combat.
5. Type of golfing fairway.
6. At a disadvantage in a struggle.
7. Crude, humorous verse.
8. Trivial, pointless work.

Answers: 1. Chlldog, 2. Dogged, 3. Hangdog, 4. Dogfight, 5. Dogleg, 6. Underdog, 7. Doggerel, 8. Boondoggle.

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## S P O R T S

### Hernando County prep basketball postseason roundup

by ANDY VILLAMARZO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF  
Photography by  
CHERYL CLANTON

The regional quarterfinal round of the Florida High School Athletic Association playoffs started last week, with three Hernando County teams taking part in games. Central, Nature Coast and Springstead all were in action and two of the aforementioned clubs have moved onto the region semifinal round. We take a look at the games that took place last Thursday.

Nature Coast 57, Zephyrhills 54: In the most exciting matchup between the three games played in by Hernando County schools, the Sharks needed every bit of time to get by the Bulldogs in the Class 6A-Region 2 quarterfinal. The Sharks went back and forth between leading and trailing throughout the contest, as the Bulldogs looked to make the upset bid. Trailing 54-53 with under a minute to go, the Sharks were able to take advantage of a late foul by the Bulldogs and hit their free throws to get by Zephyrhills. Nature Coast



Central's No. 25 Caleb Johnson. Central v. Ridgewood playoff

will host Ridgewood in the region semifinals with a trip to the region final on the line. Springstead 71, Tampa King 44: The return of playoff basketball to the gymnasium at Springstead High School has been long awaited.

The Eagles made sure to return to their winning playoffs selves, soundly edging out the visiting Lions (13-12) in the Class 7A-Region 2 quarterfinal. Matt McGarry relied upon the play of Sincere Torain, who scored 27 points in the win for Springstead.

The Eagles, who were making their first post-season appearance since Pat Kelly led the program to a 31-1 season in 2008,

looked right at home in the playoff spotlight. Torain's younger brother, Unique, also had a solid game for Springstead.

The freshman chipped in 16 points in helping the Eagles reach the region semifinals. They'll face next Tampa Hillsborough, whom defeated Land O' Lakes 61-46 in the opening round. New Port Richey Ridgewood 71, Central 44: The big upset was on early for Central when they visited Anders Court in New Port Richey.

The Bears slowed down the pace of the game and controlled mostly the entire first half. The latter half of play, however, was an entirely different story for Central. Turnovers, missed layups played vital factors in the Bears' blowout loss to the Rams in the Class 6A-Region 2 quarterfinal. Central leading scorer Caleb Johnson was held to way below his season average of 20.5 points per game and just couldn't find his shot against a swarming Ridgewood defense. Leading the way for Central was Brian Eck, who scored a team-high 17 points in the loss.

The Bears end the season at 14-14 and coach Matt Zandecki feels the program is heading in the right direction heading into the off-season. "Brian Eck and Caleb Johnson have set the foundation here," Zandecki said. "We're expected to win and we're expected to be good from here on out."



Central #0 Brian Eck; Central v. Ridgewood playoff

### Weeki Wachee girls basketball ends season on a high note

by ANDY VILLAMARZO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF  
Photography by  
CHERYL CLANTON

One of the best seasons in Hernando County girls basketball in recent memory ended somewhat prematurely with the Hornets falling to Fivay in the Class 6A-Region 2 quarterfinals nearly a week and a half ago.

Despite the loss, the Hornets were able to accomplish and break many school records in the process. Weeki Wachee notched the best record in program history, finishing at 25-3. The Hornets also came away with some strong individual marks, as point guard Halie Bondulich finished with a county record 190 assists.

Weeki Wachee coach Mike Munro knows that though his Hornets may not have gone deep into the postseason, there's still plenty to be proud from a stellar 2017-2018 campaign.

"We accomplished some things that had never been done at Weeki Wachee with flying colors," Munro said. "We set the benchmark this past season. We will be missing three seniors and one set the county record for assists at 190 (Halie Bondulich). We are going to miss her tremendously. We are also going to really miss Hannah Storie. She hit 52 3-pointers this past season and we really relied on her for her outside shot all throughout the season. The last one we will be missing is Brook McMurray. She



Weeki Wachee's No.1 Halie Bondulich; WW-Fivay playoff



Weeki Wachee's No. 4 Seytia Hill; WW-Fivay playoff



Central PJ Moss; Central v. Ridgewood playoff

# SPORTS

## Late foul call benefits Sharks, advance to Sweet 16

By JOE CARLINO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF  
PHOTO BY  
CHERYL CLANTON

Last Friday night, Nature Coast defeated in-county rival Central to clinch their seventh district championship under head coach Dave Pisarcik. Entering yet another FHSAA regional tournament, the Sharks had the benefit of being able to host the first round on their court per FHSAA bracketing procedures. Their opponent in the first round was the Zephyrhills Bulldogs, a team that has history with NCT due to previously being in the same district for a several years and famously defeating the Sharks a few years ago on said court en route to a state semifinal appearance.

And on Thursday night, that almost happened again.

After a shot by Cartrell Strong went in and gave Zephyrhills a 53-52 lead with under three minutes left in the game, Nature Coast would score from the free throw line the rest of the game, 2 by junior Robert Gomez and 2 by senior Robert McAfee, and barely squeaked by a furious Bulldogs team, 57-54. The win guaranteed yet another appearance for the Sharks in the Sweet 16, which is no surprise to many fans of Nature Coast because under Pisarcik's tenure, the Sharks have only failed to reach the Sweet 16 once, losing to Dune-din in the first round back in 2015.

For the Sharks as a unit, the team shot 8 of 17 from the field (47 percent), 8 of 16 from three-point range (50 percent), and 17 of 21 from the line (81 percent). For the visiting Bulldogs, the team shot 23 of 40 from the field (58 percent), 1 of 8 from long distance (13 percent), and converted

all five of their attempts from the free-throw line. Both teams were aided by key shooting from their top players, NCT receiving a game-high 25 points from McAfee and Zephyrhills gaining 23 from their 6-foot 7-inch senior center Kurt Robbins. Robbins was on fire throughout the game, as evidenced by 20 of his points coming in the first half, allowing Zephyrhills to take a 35-29 advantage into the half.

For Pisarcik, he wasn't about to just take the win without giving heavy credit to his opponent. "These guys we played tonight, they're unbelievable. We've had some great games against this school, and their coach (Mike Novak), he runs a phenomenal program. We knew coming in that #24 (Robbins) was an animal, and he proved it tonight. Offensively, we had some missed opportunities that I'd like to get back, but we made it through tonight, and now it's on to the next game."

And despite the final score, the game could've easily gone the visitor's way. At the start of the second half, the Bulldogs came out incredibly cold, failing to convert on a basket for better part of five minutes. What followed next was an incredible turn of events that saw multiple lead changes and kept everyone invested. However, the main incident that ultimately hurt the Bulldogs came in the final seconds of the game. Running their patented full-court press, which is something a Pisarcik-led team has notoriously struggled against, an inbound pass to Gomez appeared to be a clean play, but a foul was called and sent him to the line, where he converted both attempts and gave NCT a 55-54

advantage. Moments later, Zephyrhills committed their first turnover of the second half, a steal by McAfee with 3.6 seconds left, and he would convert his two attempts to set up the final score. A last-second heave by senior guard Anthony Antoine fell short, and the host Sharks barely survived.

Because this game was in the regional tournament, Nature Coast advances once again to the second round of the FHSAA playoffs, and will now host neighboring district champion

Ridgewood on Tuesday night. The Rams advanced this far by defeating the Bulldogs in their title game and then soundly defeated Central 71-44, advancing to the Sweet 16 for the final time in school history (the school is closing this May). A win by either team will advance them to the regional finals on March 2, where they will be required to travel to either Eastside High School (just outside of Gainesville) or Palatka High School (in between Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Orlando,

and Gainesville). If confusion exists as to why either NCT or Ridgewood must travel, per FHSAA bracketing procedures: "In the regional championships for 5A through 9A and boys' and girls' soccer, the school on the top line of the bracket in each game shall be designated the host school. If, however, the school on the top line of the bracket served as a host school in the regional semifinals and the school on the bottom line of the bracket was a visitor in the regional semifinals,

the school on the bottom line of the bracket will be designated the host school for the regional final. In any case, when a district champion plays a district runner-up, the district champion always shall be designated the host school. NOTE: the host school line position (top line or bottom line) alternates each year; what initially begins on the top line this year will alternate to the bottom line next year."

### High School Sports Schedules Week 3/5/2018 thru 3/11/2018

Central High School Bears					
MON	03/05/18	JV BASEBALL	CRYSTAL RIVER	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
TUES	03/06/18	V SOFTBALL	GULF	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
WED	03/07/18	JV BASEBALL	NATURE COAST	HOME	06:00:00 PM
THURS	03/08/18	V BASEBALL	NATURE COAST	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
FRI	03/09/18	FRESHMAN SOFTBALL	MILTON	AWAY	5PM-7PM
FRI	03/09/18	V SOFTBALL	HUDSON	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
Hernando High School Leopards					
MON	02/05/18	JV BASEBALL	NATURE COAST	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
MON	02/05/18	JV & V SOFTBALL	NATURE COAST	TOM VARN	6PM - 730PM
TUES	03/06/18	V BASEBALL	RIDGEWOOD	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
TUES	03/06/18	V SOFTBALL	HUDSON	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
WED	03/07/18	JV SOFTBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
THURS	03/08/18	JV BASEBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	AWAY	04:00:00 PM
THURS	03/08/18	V BASEBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
FRI	03/09/18	V SOFTBALL	RIDGEWOOD	AWAY	06:30:00 PM
FRI	03/09/18	V BASEBALL	CYPRESS CREEK	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
Nature Coast Technical High School Sharks					
MON	03/05/18	JV & V-? SOFTBALL	HERNANDO	TOM VARN	6PM - SHOWS 7:30 V
TUES	03/06/18	JV & V SOFTBALL	CYPRESS CREEK	AWAY	6PM - 7:30PM
TUES	03/06/18	V BASEBALL	HUDSON	HOME	07:00:00 PM
WED	03/07/18	JV BASEBALL	CENTRAL	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
WED	06/07/18	V SOFTBALL	FIVAY	HOME	06:30:00 PM
THURS	03/08/18	V BASEBALL	CENTRAL	HOME	07:00:00 PM
SAT	03/10/18	JV BASEBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	HOME	11:00:00 AM
F. W. Springstead High School Eagles					
MON	03/05/18	JV BASEBALL	CITRUS	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
TUES	03/06/18	V BASEBALL	LECANTO	HOME	07:00:00 PM
TUES	03/06/18	V SOFTBALL	WEEKI WACHEE	HOME	07:00:00 PM
WED	03/07/18	JV SOFTBALL	HERNANDO	HOME	06:00:00 PM
WED	03/07/18	JV BASEBALL	LECANTO	HOME	06:00:00 PM
THURS	03/08/18	JV & V BASEBALL	HERNANDO	HOME	04:00:00 PM & 7PM
FRI	03/09/18	V BASEBALL	CITRUS	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
FRI	03/09/18	V SOFTBALL	CITRUS	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
SAT	03/10/18	JV BASEBALL	NATURE COAST	AWAY	11:00:00 AM
Weeki Wachee High School Hornets					
MON	03/05/18	JV BASEBALL	LECANTO	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
TUES	03/06/18	V SOFTBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
TUES	03/06/18	V BASEBALL	CRYSTAL RIVER	HOME	07:00:00 PM
WED	03/07/18	JV BASEBALL	CRYSTAL RIVER	HOME	06:00:00 PM
THURS	03/08/18	V SOFTBALL	HERNANDO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	HOME	06:00:00 PM
FRI	03/09/18	JV & V SOFTBALL	CRYSTAL RIVER	HOME	5PM & 7PM
FRI	03/09/18	V BASEBALL	DUNNELLON	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
Hernando Christian Academy Lions					
MON	03/05/18	V SOFTBALL	MEADOWBROOK ACADEMY	HOME	04:00:00 PM
MON	03/05/18	V BASEBALL	MEADOWBROOK ACADEMY	HOME	04:00:00 PM
TUES	03/06/18	V SOFTBALL	SEVEN RIVERS CHRISTIAN	HOME	04:00:00 PM
TUES	03/06/18	V BASEBALL	SEVEN RIVERS CHRISTIAN	HOME	04:00:00 PM
THURS	03/08/18	V SOFTBALL	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
FRI	03/09/18	V BASEBALL	BAYSHORE CHRISTIAN	AWAY	06:00:00 PM



NCT Robert Gomez

## Hernando Sportsmans Club Events Calendar

16121 Commercial Way, Brooksville, FL 34614  
March 2 - 9, 2018

Friday	Saturday
2 OR, T, S & FIVE STAND 9-2 200 MTR, 50 YD & TRAP RING CLOSED-4-H STATE RIFLE SET UP LONG BAY CLOSED	3 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-3 STEEL MATCH N BAYS 9AM 4-H STATE RIFLE COMPETITION 50 YD RANGE, 200 MTR RANGE & TRAP RANGE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-3 COWBOY N BAYS 9AM MOD F MATCH 200 MTR 9AM 4-H 1PM	5 RANGE CLOSED	6 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2 BULLSEYE 50 YD 9AM IDPA PRACTICE N BAYS 9-11 & 200 MTR 11-2 COWBOY 9AM NIGHT OR &	7 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2 STEEL PRACTICE N BAYS 9AM GUN CLASS 50 YD 9AM	8 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2 HI PWR & MOD F PRACTICE 200 MTR 9-1 COWBOY N BAYS 9AM NIGHT OR &	9 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2 BOWLING PIN PRACTICE 50 YD 9-12 N BAYS & LONG BAY

**The Garden Bug**  
Tool prep

Get your tools ready for the coming year's work. Clean rust and stubborn dirt off all metal surfaces with a wire brush or steel wool. Wash items with warm soapy water, then rinse and dry completely. Recondition wooden handles by smoothing nicks and splinters with medium-grit sandpaper, and coat handles with boiled linseed oil to help prevent future splintering. - Brenda Weaver Source: www.hgtc.com

# SPORTS

## Bodyslams for Charity

BY MATTHEW VANDENBURGH  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF



Champion Aaron Epic chokes the Golden Ticket Rumble winner Taino, despite the referee's warning alongside individuals and families impacted by disability through recreation, education, support, and training

Sunday, Feb. 25 saw Brawl USA team up with Ability Tree Florida to bring the Golden Ticket Rumble to Spring Hill.

This was the rescheduled event that was originally anticipated to take place on Jan. 28, but was cancelled due to inclement weather. This time, the weather held and the fans and performers were treated to clear skies and warm temperatures. It could not have been nicer weather.

Hosted outside Rookies Sports Bar and Grill, the event helped raise money for Ability Tree, an organization that helps families with disabled children maintain an active lifestyle, regardless of their disability.

"Ability Tree comes

(R.E.S.T.) We aim to partner with individuals and organizations to raise awareness and build support networks

to strengthen and grow able families," their website states.

This made partnering with Brawl USA a simple decision. Run by James Richartz, Brawl USA runs events in Pasco and Hernando County often, while also raising money for various charities and organizations. They are currently in talks to have an event to raise money for children to go on a school trip, as Richartz says that any child who has earned a class trip deserves to go.

The wrestling show hosted an over the top rope battle royal and five other matches, including two title matches. There was a lot of fun crowd interaction, especially during the intermission, which saw some of the more popular "Brawl Stars" come out to pose for pictures and autographs.

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The winner of the Golden Ticked Rumble got a title match against the Brawl USA champion Aaron Epic later that night.

You can check out Brawl USA on Twitter @ BRAWL\_USA, and look up Ability Tree Florida on their website, abilitytree.org.



From left to right: Kimberly, Dawn, Diana, Emmalee, and Tina running the donation tent.

## WEEKI WACHEE from page 10

was out 6th man off the bench and really did well for us."

Losing three key seniors to the lineup, it is going to be tough to replace for Munro, but the Weeki Wachee head coach believes he has some girls that will be prepared to step into new roles and contribute. Weeki Wachee will be returning some solid players that will help to bring the Hornets right back to the playoffs, including Seytia Hill, Shayleese Vazquez and Mykenna Corbett.

All three were crucial to Weeki Wachee's record breaking season and could lead the school to back-to-back 20-win seasons once more. Munro labels Hill, Vazquez and Corbett as the 'Big Three.'

"We have the 'Big Three' coming back to us and filling in at the point guard for us is Morgan McDaniel and she'll have her first option to fill in at the point," Munro said. "Backing up the post players will be Taylor Carbone who has really, really improved. We've got people who are poised to take over the empty spots. And having the strong team we did, those three spots are very, very important for us. Those girls coming back for us, they're veterans and they know what it takes to win."

Now that Weeki Wachee has a 25-win season under its belt, the Hornets will not be the unknown



Weeki Wachee's Hannah Storie; WW-Fivay playoff

team coming out of Hernando County any longer. Munro expects moving forward that teams will bring their 'A' game where they face Weeki Wachee.

"They know the days of walking in and sneaking up on people are over," Munro added. "We will

have some targets on our backs. It's going to be a real challenge for us to repeat we did. We had good depth and we should have good depth again. We should have a good team again. I think we will be okay."

## Solution to Crossword on page 15

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 "If I may interrupt, ..."
- 5 Pen filler
- 8 Otherwise
- 12 African gully
- 13 Born
- 14 Sweetie
- 15 "Metamorphoses" poet
- 16 Make less intense
- 18 Disappointment
- 20 Shampoo directive
- 21 Author Buscaglia
- 22 Cravat
- 23 Fireplace minutia
- 26 Square dance party
- 30 — constrictor
- 31 Prompt
- 32 Court
- 33 Overwhelm
- 36 Archipelago components
- 38 Suitable
- 39 Modern-day evidence
- 40 Frighten
- 43 Dusk
- 47 Prison security measure
- 49 Pelvic bones
- 50 Baseball's Hershiser
- 51 Varnish ingredient

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- 53 Simple
- 54 Coloring agent
- 55 Slam-dance
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- 2 Own
- 3 Tend manuscripts
- 4 Center
- 5 Halved
- 6 Night light?
- 7 Barbie's companion
- 8 Formed a vortex

- 9 Ponce de —
- 10 Cutting tools
- 11 Sea flyer
- 17 Great Lake
- 19 " — the ram-parts ..."
- 22 Pirouette pivot
- 23 Recede
- 24 Cattle call?
- 25 Satchel
- 26 Attila, e.g.
- 27 Hooter
- 28 Trouble
- 29 Ph. bk. data
- 31 100 lbs.
- 34 In an ominous way
- 35 Newspaper pg.
- 36 Hostel
- 37 Cruel treatment
- 39 Conical-cap wearer
- 40 — gin fizz
- 41 Cat of "Iron Chef America"
- 42 High cards
- 43 Vacillate
- 44 Hodgepodge
- 45 Victories
- 46 Doggerlist Ogden
- 48 Antiquated

# BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

## BUSINESS / COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Purchasing and Contracts Department relocating

The Hernando County Purchasing and Contracts Department announces it will be relocating from the Government Center located at 20 North Main Street in Brooksville to the Building Department located at 1653 Blaise Drive in Brooksville. Beginning March 1, 2018 at noon, the Purchasing and Contracts Office will be closed and reopen with limited staff beginning March 5 and with all staff March 6. The Purchasing and Contracts Office phone (352) 754-4020 and fax (352) 754-4199 will remain the same.

### St. Patrick's Day Dance Social March 8

USA Dance - Adventure Coast 6090 invites you to a St. Patrick's Day Social from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Avenue, Spring Hill.

DJ Pete will be there with his fabulous music. A dance lesson will be included. Whatever your favorite music, DJ Pete will play Rumba, Foxtrot, Country, Swing, Cha Cha, Tango and more. Cost \$6 or members and \$8 non-members. Free snacks and coffee included. Canned soda \$1, water 2 for \$1. The club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. Mark your calendars. For more information, call 352.515.5008 or 631.220.7029.

### Hernando County Democratic Club Meets March 7th

Featuring Lynn Thomas Dostal & Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense

The Hernando Democratic Club invites you to our monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at 7pm at The Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Avenue in Spring Hill.

Join us for a pre-meeting St. Patrick's Day Celebration at 5 p.m. featuring corned beef sandwiches, salads, and desserts for just \$10.00. RSVP to Gordon Carroll at gordycr@gmail.com or call 563-340-4625.

At the meeting that follows, our guest speakers will be Lynn Thomas Dostal who will discuss waste to energy concepts. Mr. Dostal has a background in policy development and education and was a Democratic Congressional candidate in 2012.

The Nonprofit Focus will be on Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, created 2012 in response to the devastating shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School to demand action to establish common-sense gun reforms. The regular meeting will follow, including coordinating efforts to support our Democratic candidates for office.

For more information: call Hernando County Democratic Club President Debbie Salvesen at 727.488.2644. Find us on Facebook at Hernando Democrats & Democratic Club or online at www.hernandocountydemocrats.com.

The public is welcome to join us and donations are always appreciated.

### Tickets Are Now on Sale for Live Oak Theatre's ReUnKnighted

Tickets are now on sale for LOT's ReUnKnighted, a delightful original musical. (Join Sir Gareth and Sir Percival, as they hilariously attempt to rid their fair Queendoms from the vile Morgana in this Original Musical of Medieval Misadventure.) All seats are reserved.

ReUnKnighted will See BRIEFS, Page 15



Volunteer Ruby Turner of Hernando Beach takes measurements using a refractometer

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community-based water monitoring program. "Engaging citizens as volunteers in our coastal science projects has many benefits, said Scharf. "It can not only improve their knowledge of issues affecting our coastline, but it can help them be better stewards of the many natural resources we have."

Trained volunteers will jointly administer the program by regularly monitoring the health of our coastal waters so that longterm trends and changes in water quality can be documented.

After training, volunteers must demonstrate the ability to use chemical kits and equipment provided by Scharf. Once trained, the volunteers sample monthly for one year, record the information and send the data sheets to the UF/IFAS Sea Grant Extension Program in Hernando County.

"Volunteers are certified annually for this task," said Scharf.

Ruby Turner is one such volunteer and is a resident of Hernando Beach. Both she, and a friend, Debbie Bradley, have been trained and certified to conduct the monthly tests.

"We go out once a month and test water samples out in the bay for dissolved oxygen, pH, salinity, clarity and other water quality indicators," said Turner. "All the necessary equipment and chemicals are provided by UF/IFAS to do the tests."

Debbie Bradley said she conducts a water clarity test using a Secchi Disk.

"It requires a Secchi disk to be lowered into the water until no longer visible and mark the depth," she said. "Then the disk is slowly raised again until it becomes visible again and recorded."

Data are then entered in a regional water quality database to help resource managers assess coast-

al water trends in areas where public funds can no longer support routine monitoring. Each test is conducted twice for accuracy.

"We enjoy going out in the boat to do the testing," said Turner. "It's the least we can do to help keep our waters healthy."

"If residents understand what causes a decline in water quality in local waters, it's likely they'll practice actions to help improve conditions everywhere," said Scharf.

Florida Sea Grant efforts include outreach programs for artificial reefs, derelict crab trap removals, beach cleanups, mangrove and sea oat replanting and oyster reef restoration —programs that have and will continue to improve and restore thousands of acres of natural habitat.

Contact Brittany Hall-Scharf to find out about more about other innovative programs she conducts to conserve and sustain the precious ocean and coastal resources of Florida.

She can be reached at Hernando County Extension Office, 16110 Aviation Loop Dr., Brooksville, FL 34604. Phone: (352) 754-4433, ext 7. Email: bhallscharf@ufl.edu

## Pastor Jerry Waugh Retires

BY MELISSA FORDYCE HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Sunday Feb. 25, 2018, marked the end of Pastor Jerry Waugh's time as Senior Pastor of Northcliffe Baptist Church. The church put together a wonderful retirement celebration in honor of their dear pastor and all his years of service. Many on Facebook shared wonderful memories they had of him over the years, and well wishes for he and his family in their future.

Pastor Waugh is originally from West Virginia. He attended Cumberland College in Kentucky, where he obtained a degree in Religious Education, and also completed his Master of Divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in TX. When asked when he received the calling to preach, Jerry said, "At 18, God is all-knowing and all-loving so I wanted to be wise enough to follow God, not as my co-pilot, but as the pilot of my life." He went on to say that he told God, "I'll be what you want me to be, and go where you want me to go." After graduating, he received the call to interview at Northcliffe, and felt rather sure Florida was not where God was sending him. That Florida was the place faithful preachers were sent towards the end of their career. However in 1986, he received the call to come to Northcliffe, and there is where he began and remained for 32 years. First as an Associate Pastor, and then a Senior Pastor in 1990.

The church at the time was fairly new, only opening its doors in the early 1980's with 20 people. In his time there he has seen God grow their campus adding four facilities, ex-



From left to right: new senior pastor Jeff Dye with Pastor Jerry Waugh

panding their parking area, and the expansion of their Worship Center to hold 1,000 parishioners. During their highest attendance year, over 1200 people flocked to their Sunday service.

The church provides groceries to families and homeless in Hernando County each week. As a church their purpose and goal is to make a difference in the lives of people, sharing and showing God's love and sharing the gospel of Jesus.

When asked what he would miss most his response was, "Hearing the youngest child or oldest senior adult call me 'Pastor.'"

He continued, "The ministry is not about me, it's all about God. But the human part of me is grateful that in a world with so many 'bad guys' there is one of the good guys, by the Grace of God, who tries to live for God and do right. It's not about the title 'Pastor,' it's what the title represents - someone who loves God and I know loves me." The preaching, hugs, and handshakes will be deeply missed as well. While he will no longer be Senior Pastor, Jerry will continue to teach two classes each week.

I asked him if he had



any words of wisdom for anyone considering this path. "Be called by God. This is the one career you don't choose - it chooses you. You will see the best in people and the worst. You will be with people when they are at their happiest and when they are their saddest. You will only make it in ministry if you can go back to the time you know God called you to do this. With God's all sufficient help, you must be willing to love people."

On the church website, it lists his life verse, and it perfectly sums up the end of this chapter in his life. "I have brought You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do." Thank you Pastor Jerry Waugh for your years of service and your impact on this community in the past, present and into the future.



Volunteer Ruby Turner and Sea Grant Agent Brittany Hall-Scharf conducting a calibration test.



Volunteer Debbie Bradley of Hernando Beach conducts a Secchi test to determine clarity of water in the Gulf.

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR OYSTER RESTORATION PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to help assemble oyster bags for an upcoming restoration project. Opportunity is limited to the first 40 registrants. Please register for a time slot and one free t-shirt\* through the following link: [www.volunteersignup.org/KMKR8](http://www.volunteersignup.org/KMKR8)

**When:** March 11, 2018 **Time:** 10:00 am until 12:00 pm OR 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm

**Location:** We will be filling the bags in the county lot next to the Hernando Beach Water Tower. This is a dirt road off Shoal Line Blvd. Closest address to this tower is 4500 Shoal Line Blvd., Spring Hill, Florida

**What to expect:** Each event willspan for two hours. Volunteers will be using shovels to fill bags with recycled oyster shell. Bags will then be loaded for transport to holding site. **What to wear:** Volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes. Jeans recommended but not required. What to bring: Please bring a pair of heavy duty gloves - oyster shells are sharp! Water bottle, insect repellent, sunglasses, and sunscreen/protection are also recommended.

For more details, contact Florida Sea Grant Agent Brittany Hall-Scharf: 352-754-4433 or bhallscharf@ufl.edu.

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## GREAT OUTDOORS

# State lands closed for increased bear activity;

### Hunting still not an option.

I've been out and about lately, spending time on a lot of the local public lands scouting for turkeys. I'm happy to report that this year ought to be exceptional for folks headed out after them old long-bearded rascals. Lots of birds and lots of really, impressive ones are being seen with minimal effort. That bumper crop of jakes from two seasons back are now all grown up and beginning to gather their hens and running each other off from the bachelor flocks they've been circulating in.

I've found the most sign and the greatest abundance of turkeys on the Homosassa, Richloam and Ocala WMAs. Pretty exciting times ahead for those of us addicted to the gobbling. However, one thing I noticed was an area of the Ocala WMA, the Juniper Springs Unit, being temporarily closed due to excessive bear activity.

With the Forestry Service closing public access to our public lands due to the real threat of bear attacks, wouldn't a hunting season solve the issue? Unfortunately it's not that simple for the FWC and public opinion matters. I'll remind all of you about the fiasco of the limited hunting season they allowed in the Fall of 2015. The FWC sold an unprecedented number of permits for the hunt, which was to be conducted over a week, or until the quota of three hundred bears was reached. Well, hunters totally blew away the biologists by checking in the quota, and then some, on the first day of the hunt (a total of 304 was recorded)!

Outcry from anti-hunting protesters forced the FWC to postpone bear hunting in 2016. In April



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ABOVE: The Florida Black Bear. RIGHT: Map of Ocala National Forest- closure areas

of 2017, the FWC Commission postponed bear hunting for at least another two years, when they said a new management plan which could include hunting would be considered. Brian Yablonski, FWC Chairman released the following statement, "As shown by today's staff presentation on population, habitat, human-bear conflict and outreach, we have a long-standing, proactive approach to bear management and will continue to build on that existing foundation. We will continue implementing our comprehensive approach to bear management. We directed staff to bring back a revised bear management plan in two years, including hunting as a management tool." During the April 2017 meeting, Nick Wiley, FWC Executive Director stated, "We're not ready to go back into another hunting season," further

explaining that additional public education would be needed to sway opinion on hunting.

Commissioner Aliese Priddy expressed frustration, "I told you whenever I saw that the bear hunt was not going to go forward (in 2016) that we'd see ourselves right here at the same place kicking the can down the road one more time. And that's exactly what happened... There's really no scientific reason whatsoever to not have a hunt."

The public research firm, Responsive Management, conducted a study in 2016 on public opinion regarding black bears and their management, for the FWC. Interestingly, the findings in regards to black bear hunting public opinion conflicts with the outspoken few.

"FWC Opinions on Hunting: A majority (70 percent) of Florida resi-

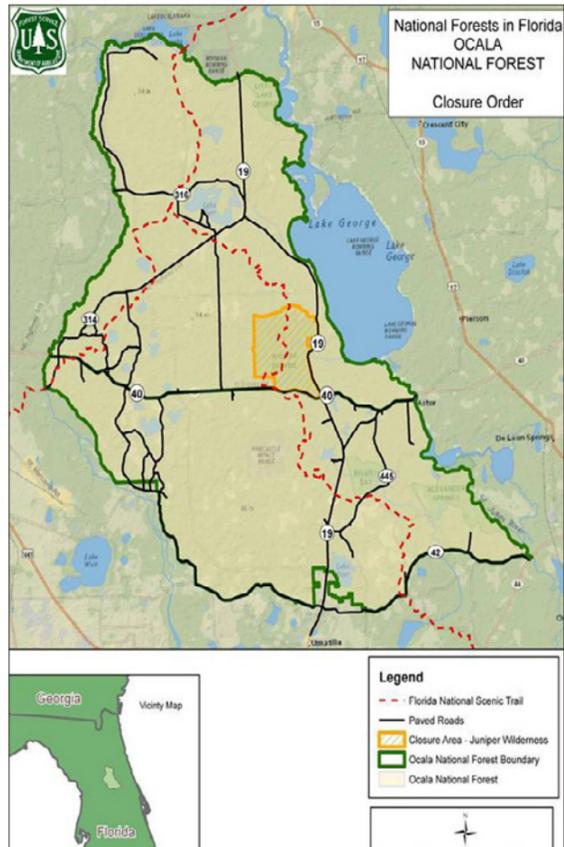
dents supported regulated hunting in general, while 22% opposed it. Slightly more Florida residents supported (48%) regulated hunting of black bears than opposed it (43%).

The percent of respondents who supported hunting for black bear in Florida differed in each of the following situations:

If FWC was monitoring the bear population and regulated hunting was compatible with maintaining healthy, sustainable populations, a majority (62 percent) supported bear hunting. Just over a quarter (28 percent) opposed it.

If the goal of regulated hunting of black bears was to keep numbers at their current levels where populations are abundant and healthy, a majority (63 percent) supported bear hunting. Just under a third (30 percent) opposed it."

Hunters are the greatest asset any governing body can utilize to maintain a given population of wildlife. In fact, we not only would do it for free, we'll readily pay for the privilege! A win, win relationship if ever there was one. There are better ways of protecting a population from bear predation than closing our public lands. First thing that comes to my mind is to thin the predator population via a controlled hunting season, only in a far more thoughtful manner as was previously attempted. Then earmark the funds raised from the sale of the hunting permits to be utilized for further conservation projects



involving the bears.

I guess it comes down to why they hosted the 2016 hunt to begin with. People were being attacked and many, seriously injured due to bear encounters. Once enough people were hurt, the FWC decided to act, although. Since that hunt, I've been made aware of several other incidents involving bear and human encounters that did not end well. People are still getting hurt.

The Forestry Service's hands are tied, really. They can't force the state to open a season, therefore they have to resort to the only tool available to them

for public safety, which is to close portions of our public lands. At least they are looking out for us in that regard, but isn't it sad that the FWC, who can and should take action to control the bear population, doesn't? The fear of the emotional backlash is no reason for them not to conduct sound conservation practices, not only on public lands, but statewide.

*If any of you are out in the woods or on the water this weekend, I wish you the best of luck! And as always, if you have any questions or a story to share, feel free to reach out to me at toby@hernandosun.com. God bless and good hunting!*

## We found our perfect prom dress

Co-founders of Citrus Cinderellas, a nonprofit ministry by Cornerstone Baptist in Inverness, Dana Davis, Melinda Ferguson and Rachel Da Silva collect prom dresses, jewelry, shoes and purses throughout the year to make prom night magical for all area teens. Every year, the trio and volunteers host a prom dress giveaway of prom dresses and accessories to area high school students.

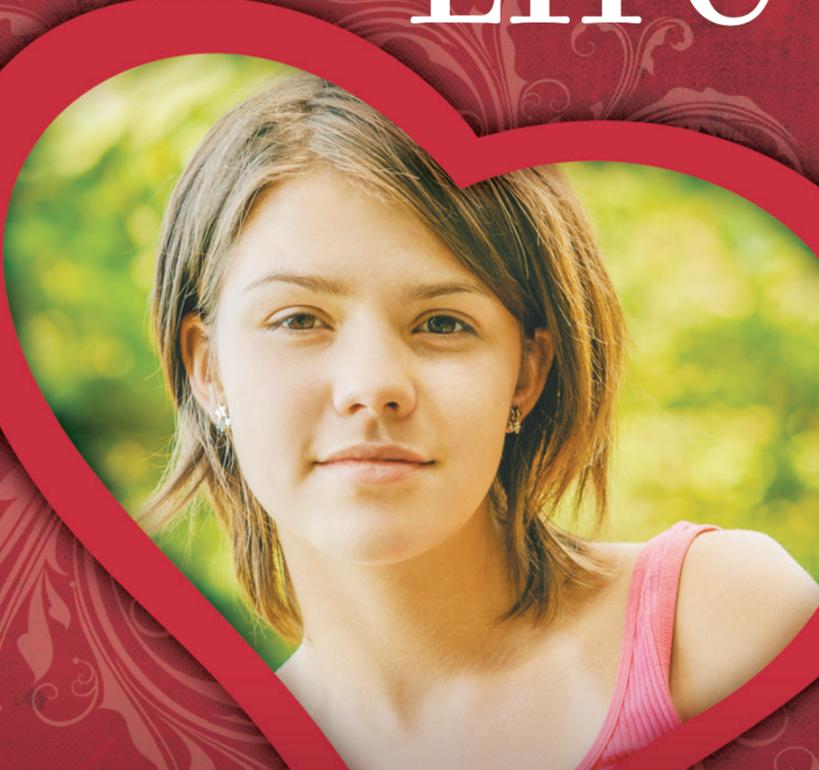


Above: Co-founders of Citrus Cinderellas, a nonprofit ministry by Cornerstone Baptist in Inverness, Dana Davis, Melinda Ferguson and Rachel DaSilva at the 11th annual prom dress giveaway.



Above: Abbey Hageman. Left: Destiny-Gonzales, 17, and Jaylynn Quinones, 18, of FW Springstead High School pose in their selected gowns. The students are all from Hernando County.

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# Cognitive Impairment



**Gary LeBlanc is a health columnist specializing in dementia care. He has authored over 350 articles on the subject and provides local caregiver workshops**

Friends and even family members would spend maybe ten minutes in conversation with my dad and walk away satisfied that he was perfectly fine. Their impression would be that I over exaggerated the whole situation.

Have you ever had the wind knocked out of you? Indisputably, that is what it feels like. What they didn't realize is the minute they were out of the door my father was asking: "Who the heck were those people? What were they trying to sell us?"

Having suffered from Alzheimer's for many years, Dad had reached a point where he had absolutely no short-term memory whatsoever. Everything started for him at that very moment--there was no before. What was happening at the present time was the only world he lived in.

Unfortunately, his long-term memory started to fade as well.

an entire season in this cabin. I believe he was recalling a small cabin from his boyhood where he and his own father would stay overnight while cutting wood for the winter months. Throughout the progression of the disease, sadly, the long-term memory also starts to deteriorate.

There are certain matters a person living with dementia will put forward that you're better off not questioning. One afternoon Dad kept going on how he remembered my sister at the age of fourteen and how she loved to sit on the swing chair in the front yard and was simultaneously running an auction house. Hardly! The fact of the matter was at that time, she was already the mother of three children and approaching her thirties.

While watching a football game being played in Green Bay, Wisconsin, we noticed the weather there deteriorating into blizzard conditions. Turning his

head from the television screen, he told me to call in the cat before she froze to death. Bear in mind--we lived in hot, sunny Florida.

There is one inevitable incident that crumbles every dementia caregiver. Dad finally asked me who I was. It had already happened with my sisters, mother and practically everybody else he knew, but this was my first. No smite by the remorseless mental invader is more atrocious. I felt completely devastated as Dad was altogether stolen away from me. Alas, though I'd been with him since the madness began and tried to prepare myself for this, it came on me like a locomotive steaming down a mountain pass.

In conclusion, I really don't know if there is anything I can do to make the road smoother for you when this happens. And it will.

What I can tell you though is that you'll never really be forgotten. These dementia

There was a time when he could tell you what color sweater he was wearing on a particular day forty yesteryears ago. On the other hand, I had a conversation with him about his two youngest brothers and he had absolutely no recollection of either. Were it not for a family photo album, he probably would have accused me of lying.

He also had great difficulty recognizing our house where he'd lived for the last eighteen years. Often he would ask if we ever spent

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related diseases prevent our loved ones from retrieving their memory at certain times. You might leave the room, return a minute later and they're glad to see you.

Their love for you never really disappears. They just can't retrieve it at certain innocent moments.

## BRIEFS

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be performed on April 20-21, and 27-29, 2018 at Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 200 Mt. Fair Avenue, Brooksville, Florida 34601. Shows are 7:30 pm on Fridays and 2:30 and 7:30 pm on Saturdays. Sunday matinees are at 2:30. Doors open 30 minutes before show time.

For more information, call 352-593-0027 www.LiveOakTheatre.org. Follow us on Facebook.

## Artists to showcase their talents at Farmer's Market

Members of the Nature Coast Art League will have a display of their talents from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Farmer's Market on US 19 in front of Rural King. Cards, jewelry, pottery and paintings are just a few of the items that the artists will have for sale at a cost of under \$100. The club plans to be at the Farmer's Market on the first Saturday of each month, with different

artists displaying their work. Stop by and check it out! Call (352) 610-4643.

## Type O blood donors needed now

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LifeSouth asks you to donate today. If you do not know your blood type, now is a great time to donate and find out. Donating with LifeSouth directly impacts the community and those treated at area hospitals. Anyone 17 or older, or 16 with parental permission, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health can donate blood. A photo ID is also required. Go to www.lifesouth.org to find a blood drive near you, or call toll-free 888-795-2707 for additional information.

## 2018 Hurricane & Safety Expo

Hernando County Emergency Management (EM) will be hosting its annual Hurricane & Safety Expo on Saturday, May 5, 2018. The Expo will be held at the Hernando County Fairgrounds located at 6436 Broad Street in Brooksville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature a panel of local TV meteorologists, public safety displays, SKYWARN(r) training, vendor tables and fun activities for the kids. The

Expo is EM's opportunity to bring the community together to become better prepared to face the upcoming hurricane season, especially after being impacted by both Hurricane Hermine and Irma in the last two years. We encourage our partners to participate in this event with an information table and/or display to help educate and prepare our community for all possible hazards. Email RRussell@HernandoCounty.us to reserve.

## CALENDARS FOR ENRICHMENT CENTERS

SPRING HILL ENRICHMENT CENTER MAR CALENDAR; 10441 Quality Drive Spring Hill, Florida 34609 Medical Arts Building Suite #105; Located on the campus of Bayfront Health Spring Hill

<b>5</b> 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 9-12 Painting 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 12-3:00 Current Events 12:30-4 Canasta- Hand & Foot 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 1-4:00 Painting	<b>6</b> 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8:30-9:00 Weights & Squats 9:00-9:40 2 mile walk 9:40-10:00 Tai Chi 9-11 Share A Craft 11-12 Social Seniors 11:30-12:30 Blood Pressure checks by Home Instead 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 1-4:00 Scrabble 1-3 Deaf Services & FREE amplified Phone 6:30-8:30 TLC for Mom's	<b>7</b> 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 10-2 Vocational Rehab 10-12 Ceramics 10-12 Mah-Jongg Lessons 1-4 Advanced Mah Jongg 1-4:00 Alzheimer's Support 1:00-Chewin' the Fat!	<b>8</b> 8-4 Cards, Board Games & Puzzles 8:30-9:00 Weights & Squats 9:00-9:40 2 mile walk 9:40-10:00 Tai Chi 9-11 Share A Craft 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 1:00-3:00 Memory Café-Meridian Research 6:30-8:30 Mom to Mom	<b>9</b> 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 10-11:30 Crochet Classes 10:30 Music with Gale 12-1 Blood Pressure checks by Home Instead 12:30-4 Mah-Jongg 12:30-4 Advanced Canasta- Hand & Foot 1:00-Chewin' the Fat 3-6:00 TLC for Mom's
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BROOKSVILLE ENRICHMENT CENTER MAR CALENDAR; 17222 Hospital Blvd Brooksville, FL 34601 Medical Arts Building Suite #120 Located; on the campus of Bayfront Health Brooksville; 544.6022

<b>5</b> Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 8:30-9:30 Exercise 11-12 Beach Ball Bash 10:00-3:30 Florida Sewing Society 1-4:00 Alzheimer's 7:00 Creative Anachronism-	<b>6</b> Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 9-5 SHINE BY APPT 9:30-11 BINGO 10-11:30 Florida Retired Educators Association 10-12 Deaf Services 8-3 Sewing Class 6-8 Mary Kay 6:30-7:30 Nurse Support	<b>7</b> Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8:30-9:30 Exercise 10-4 AARP DSP 9-12 Crocheting & Knitting 10:30 Humane Society 11-12 Blood Pressure by Home Instead 12:30-4:00 Canasta-Hand & Foot 1-3 Warm Up America ~crocheting 1-3 Pencil Sketching 1:00 Music with Gale 6:30-7:30 AA Support Group 7 Toastmasters- Public Speaking	<b>8</b> Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 9:30-11 BINGO 8-3 Sewing Class 10-1 Quilters & Stitchers 1-3 Creative Art 3-5 Our Perfect Storm 5:30 Cognitive Training 6:00-10:00 CPR-AED 7:30-9:00 AL-Anon	<b>9</b> Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 8:30-9:30 Exercise 9-12 Gourd painting 10-12 Relax thru Coloring 10-1 Quilters with a Cause Change your clocks Change your batteries
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The Quarry Mining Association Enrichment Center MAR CALENDAR; 800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd; Brooksville

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Solution to Sudoku from p 18:

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
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**CryptoQuote**  
answer  
I was the toast of two continents — Greenland and Australia.  
— Dorothy Parker

(puzzle on page 6)

# Toe-tapping music at Florida Bluegrass Festival

BY SARAH NACHIN  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

The sound of music filled the air last week at the Florida Classic Park in Brooksville when musicians came from all over the United States to perform. Most of the performers sang and played Bluegrass. However, Country, Gospel and 50's Rock & Roll were also represented. Approximately 2,000 people attended during the six days that the Florida Bluegrass Classic Festival took place. Many came in campers and motorhomes and stayed at the park.

In addition to a full schedule of music, there was a variety of other activities going on for the participants and attendees. Tuesday evening was a square dance; Wednesday there was Bingo and a potluck dinner; Thursday, more Bingo as well as performances by several artists; Friday there were guitar and banjo workshops, as well as entertain-



Todd Mummert (partially hidden), Jeff Williams, Pete Zicky, Eric Winger

ment that went on until 10 p.m. Saturday featured a classic car show; more Gospel, Bluegrass and Country music; a set by The Atlantic City Boys, a 50's Rock & Roll quartet; and a tribute to the military. The festival ended Sunday with a Gospel music sing.

Ernie and Debi Evans of Evans Media Source produced the event with the help of countless dedicated

volunteers. The Evans' have been doing event production for ten years. They produce festivals, concerts and theme cruises all revolving around live music, mostly country, bluegrass, Zydeco, with some Celtic thrown in. The couple also tours and performs Bluegrass and Gypsy Jazz, which is a very European-sounding type of music involving violin and other acoustic instruments.

Ernie states, "Music is our entire life. We work seventy hours a week, seven days a week. Being an entertainer your job is making people happy and providing entertainment that gives them a release and triggers memories. The most fulfilling thing is watching people have a good time."

The business is not without its challenges, though. Ernie and Debi are hands-on, doing everything from booking the acts and handling marketing to arranging for Porto-Johns. One of the most challenging things is dealing with the economy and technology - social media, graphic arts, etc. They've started to outsource some of the duties because they don't have the time to do it all themselves. Keeping the entertainment fresh and attracting a wide audience is a major goal.

"A lot of the performers and fans are passing on, so we have to continuously have something coming out that will appeal to younger fans and performers. You have to reach down to another age group ten years at a time. We're getting more music that appeals to 50-year-olds. If we don't get 50-year-olds involved, we won't get the 40 and 30-year-olds. We have to change the music a little bit or add some variety that will appeal to them," comments Ernie.

One of the acts that performed on Saturday was the the Williamson Branch, a family from Nashville, Tennessee. The band consists of Kevin and Debbie Williamson and their three daughters: nineteen-year old Melody; fifteen-year-old Kadence; and Caroline, age nine. The family travels all over the United States and parts of Canada,

See BLUEGRASS, Page 20

# Mowing the right way



"When mowing correctly, your lawn grows healthy and becomes less susceptible to diseases, weeds and insects." Photo by JIM DAVIS

BY JIM DAVIS  
SPECIAL TO  
THE HERNANDO SUN

Mowing is one of the most underrated significant cultural practices in maintaining a green, lush and vigorous lawn. Mowing at the correct height is essential in turf health.

Not all turf species are mowed at the same height. In fact, cultivars within the same species may differ in mowing height. It is very important to know what turf species you have, along with the cultivar.

The most popular turf used in Florida is St. Augustinegrass. St. Augustinegrass is a wide bladed grass that grows relatively fast in the growing season. St. Augustinegrass is available in a variety of cultivars. 'Floratum' is with a doubt the most used in landscapes all over Florida. 'Floratum' requires weekly mowing in the growing season and prefers to be grown in full sun. During the winter months, growth slows down and mowing frequency decreases.

The preferred mowing height of 'Floratum' is 3.5 to 4.0 inches. Other cultivars of St. Augustinegrass include 'Palmetto' and 'Bitterblue'. 'Bitterblue' is a cultivar suited to shade. Zoysiagrass is also used extensively, 'Empire' being the dominant cultivar of zoysiagrass grown. 'Empire' is a much different zoysia than most people are familiar with, such as the finer leaf cultivars such as 'Emerald' or 'Diamond'. 'Empire' is a wide bladed grass that is slower growing than 'Floratum' St. Augustinegrass. 'Empire' prefers full sun and requires a mowing height of 2.0 to 2.5 inches. 'Empire' needs to be mowed weekly in the growing season.

When scalped, this turf will turn brown and will not recover quickly. In the

dormant months, November through February, 'Empire' will go dormant and will need less mowing. Bahia is another turf used in Florida. Bahia is a drought tolerant turf that prefers full sun and acidic soil. 'Argentine' and 'Pensacola' are two widely used cultivars. Bahia should be mowed at a height of 3.0 to 4.0 inches and should be mowed weekly during the growing season. Along with 'Floratum' and 'Empire', Bahiagrass goes dormant in the winter months.

Scalping can be a major problem in landscapes. Scalping is caused by removing too much shoot tissue at one time. Do not remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade when mowing to avoid scalping and mow weekly during the growing season. Scalping stresses turf, which makes it more susceptible to pests, especially Take-All root rot.

One question we always receive in plant clinics is; should grass clippings be removed or left on the grass? UF/IFAS recommends leaving your grass clippings on your lawn. Grass clippings will breakdown, providing nutrients and adding to the organic matter in the soil.

When mowing, keep blades sharp. Dull blades leave a rough cut that is visually unattractive and can encourage diseases. Alternate mowing patterns weekly. Mowing the same direction will result in compaction and may cause unsightly ruts in your turf.

*Jim Davis is the Multi-County Extension Director for UF/IFAS Sumter County and Hernando County Extension and a Florida Master Naturalist Instructor.*

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The Williamson Branch Band, accompanied by Anthony Howell.

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**DOB: 04/21/1992**  
**Hgt: 5'10" Wgt: 154 lbs.**  
**Spring Hill**

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Toll Free 1-866-990-TIPS (8477)  
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Pd by CSTF

## Salome's Stars

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family situation takes an unwelcome turn. While others might be looking around for answers, you'll soon sort it all out logically, and the matter will be resolved.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Someone might try to create doubt about your reliability for his or her own agenda. But your reputation and your colleagues' long-standing faith in you saves the day.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change of plans forces you to come up with an alternative by the end of the week. Look for colleagues to offer valuable suggestions.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Nothing upsets the Goat as much as broken promises. But before you vent your anger, consider that this could ultimately prove to be a blessing in disguise.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An old workplace problem you thought you had solved for good resurfaces. But this time, co-workers will take a more active role in helping you deal with it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Be careful not to be misled by a negative reaction to one of your more important projects. If you believe in it, then it has worth and is, therefore, worth staying with.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Everyone appreciates your gift for finding beauty, even where it seems least likely to exist.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2018-CP-149 IN RE: ESTATE OF LOIS L. LAMB Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LOIS L. LAMB, deceased, whose date of death was January 17, 2018; File Number 2018-CP-149, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: March 2, 2018.

/s/ Seymour A. Gordon Attorney for Personal Representative Email: sygo96@aol.com Secondary Email: catvas@aol.com Florida Bar No. 0303070 GAY & GORDON ATTORNEYS, P.A. P.O. Box 265 699 First Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33731 Telephone: (727) 896-8111

/s/ SANDRA BEAN Personal Representative 8600 Thacker Street, Apt. 8406 Dallas, TX 75225 (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018)

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, RACINE COUNTY

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF

Petitioner CHRISTOPHER SEAN MORANO and Respondent JENNIFER ANN MORANO

Case No. 17-FA-1351

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:

You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, RACINE County Court-house, Address 730 Wisconsin Ave. City: Racine State: WI Zip: 53403

and to Petitioner Name CHRISTOPHER SEAN MORANO Address 2825 Wellington Dr. City: Racine State: WI Zip: 53403

Hearing Date: April 3, 2018, 10:30AM, 3rd Floor

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Terry Brosman, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Terry Brosman Seal Coating" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

tion of \$948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment:

If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.51(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

- (a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following as appropriate to the action commenced: 1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action. 2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action. 3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties. 4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders. (b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 262-636-3333 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

/s/ Bruce A. Fishbain 1/9/2018

(02/23/2018), (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2007 DR 2592 Stephanie Conner (Ventry) Former Wife/Petitioner,

And Henry Ventry, III Former Husband/Respondent.

SUMMONS - PERSONAL SERVICE ON AN INDIVIDUAL

TO: Henry Ventry III

A lawsuit has been filed against you. You have 20 calendar days after this summons is served on you to file a written response to the attached complaint/petition with the clerk of this circuit court, located at: Room 246, 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the Court to hear your side of the case.

If you do not file your written response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may be taken thereafter without further warning from the Court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

If you choose to file a written response yourself, at the same time you file your written response to the Court, you must also serve a copy of your written response on the party serving this summons at: P.O. Box 703, Lutz, FL 34658; Physical Address-19409 Shumard Oak Drive, Ste. 103, Land O Lakes, FL 34638.

If the party serving summons has designated email address(es) for service or is represented by an attorney, you may designate email address(es) for service by or on you. Service must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents, upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and Email Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE: You are commanded to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint in this lawsuit on the above-named person.

DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2017

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Deputy Clerk /s/ Jaclyn Tomaszewski (SEAL) (02/23/2018), (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018), (03/16/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Carolyn Harris, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Counseling With Carolyn" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that PERK Commercial Sales Inc., owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "ANJO Metal Recycling" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 17-CA-1099 Division:

STRESS FREE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, AS TRUSTEE, FOR LAND TRUST NO HERNANDO TD 4/5- Plaintiff,

v. MICHAEL ROBERTSON, TIMOTHY ROBERTSON, DEBRA MARSHALL, RICHARD ROBERTSON, BELINDA MCGUOIRK, and LAURA ROBERTSON Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HERNANDO

TO: BELINDA MCGUOIRK, and LAURA ROBERTSON,

whose residence is unknown if they be living; and if they be dead and the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following real property located in HERNANDO County, Florida:

Lot 6, Block O, Leisure Retreats, Unit #1, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 12, Pages 1-8 inclusive, public records of Hernando County, Florida.

Also known as: 14445 Wren Rd. Brooksville, Florida 34614 has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on NATA-LIA OUELLETTE, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Law Office Grant D. Whitworth 14502 N Dale Mabry Hwy, #200, Tampa, FL, 33618, on or before March 21, 2018 (no later than 28 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

Done on this 24th day of January, 2018.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Peggy Welch, the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Hernando County Courthouse, 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601, Telephone (352) 754-4402, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

/s/ Natalia Ouellette, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff Law Office Grant D. Whitworth 14502 N Dale Mabry Hwy., #200 Tampa, FL 33618 (813) 7284-6664 Florida Bar No. 68905 Natalia@wtg1.com L 1277

Don Barbee Jr Clerk of the Court, Hernando Seal

(03/02/2018), (03/09/2018) (03/16/2018), (03/23/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2018-DR-292 David Brian Smith, Petitioner, and Syndi Anne Smith, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Syndi Anne Smith Respondent's Last Known Address: Unknown YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on David Brian Smith, whose address is 1022 Howell Ave, Apt. B5; Brooksville, FL 34601 on or before March 23, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 20 N. Main St, Rm 246; Brooksville, Florida 34601, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED this 9th day of February, 2018.

DON BARBEE/ SEAL CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By /s/Sonya Sanders Deputy Clerk (02/23/2018), (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018), (03/16/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Claudio Teles, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Teles Apps" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

INVITATION TO BID

The State of Florida, Department of Military Affairs (DMA), Construction & Facility Management Office (CFMO) requests bids from State of Florida registered licensed General or Building Contractors (GC) or licensed Roofing Contractors for the following project located at Brooksville, FL.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION, & SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS YOU MUST GO TO THE MYFLORIDA.COM VENDOR BID SYSTEM ON OR AFTER 2/27/18 AT http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main\_menu.

PROJECT: 217029 Roof Replacement at AASF #2, Brooksville

FUNDING: The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this contract is contingent upon availability of funding and an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

BID OPENING DATE: As stated on the Vendor Bid System (late bids will not be accepted)

MANDATORY PRE-BID/SITE VISIT DATE: As stated on the Vendor Bid System

STATEMENT OF WORK: Remove and replace approximately 29,200 SF existing roof system with asphalt built-up roof system. For full details, please see ITB on VBS.

The Department reserves the right to reject any and all submissions or accept minor irregularities in the best interest of the DMA.

POINT OF CONTACT: Department of Military Affairs, Construction & Facility Management Office, Contract Management Branch (904)827-8544 or e-mail ng.fl.flamg.list.cfm-contracting@mail.mil.

Faxed or e-mailed bids are not acceptable and will not be considered. All instructions must be complied with and requested data must be included in order for your bid to be considered for this project. All information received will be maintained with the Department and will not be returned.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 18000226CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF TANETA MORRELL Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Taneta Morrell, deceased, whose date of death was January 23, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 2, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Unknown Elyssa M. Harvey, Esquire MATTHEW J. JOWANNA, P.A. Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 119907 2521 Windguard Circle, Suites 101-102 Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544 Telephone: (813) 929-7300, Facsimile: (813) 929-7325 Email: Service@Jowanna.com EMH@Jowanna.com (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that John Kile, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "John Kile Home Services" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LISA MINER, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "HEALTHY LISA'S" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Brian Fleury, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "FREEDOM PAINTING" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Claudio Teles, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Teles Apps" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 2018CP000198CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF EUGENE DAVIDSON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of EUGENE DAVIDSON, deceased, File Number 2018CP000198CPAXMX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N Main St, Brooksville, Florida 34601. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against Decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against Decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file with this Court, WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, their claims and any objection by any interest person to whom notice was mailed that challenges the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the Court.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS:

February 23, 2018.

Thomas F. Cox, Esquire Florida Bar No: 397873 P.O. Box 40008 St. Petersburg, FL 33743 Telephone (727) 896-2691 Facsimile (727) 541-3700 Thom@coxsanchez.com Attorney for Petitioner Electronic Service: pleadings@CoxSanchez.com

Jenny Kopp Petitioner 683 Holland Ridge Drive La Vergne, TN 37086 (02/23/2018), (03/02/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2017-DR-002012 Division:

MELISSA BOCK, Petitioner,

and LEVI D. HILLMAN, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: LEVI D. HILLMAN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Petition for Temporary Custody, and for payments of support, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Laurel C. Ackley, Esq., of NORTH TAMPA LAW GROUP, LLC, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 28852 Tanic Dr. Ste. 102, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544, on or before March 21, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court at Hernando County Courthouse, 20 N. Main St, Brooksville, Florida 34601, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED this 9 day of February, 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ JBT Deputy Clerk (02/23/2018), (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018), (03/16/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Robert Gordon and Kenneth Vandermeade, co-owners, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Old Business Research" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LOVE NAILS BY JEN, INC, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "LOVE NAILS" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Brian Fleury, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "FREEDOM PAINTING" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Camilla, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Camilla's Beauty" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Camilla, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Camilla's Beauty" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. (03/02/2018)

Choate V. Ward, age 89 of Timber Pines passed away on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018. He was a US Coast Guard veteran. Ward is predeceased by son Ronald. He is survived by wife Mary, and children John and Roxanne. Src; Downing

Hunter Edna, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Src; Pinecrest

Peyton Charles E. Sr., age 81, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents: Clyde & Bessie Peyton. He is survived by his wife Molly; sons and daughters-in-law: Charles E., Jr. (Charlene), Timothy (Robin); daughter and son-in-law: Susan (James); 4 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Walsh Jeanne A., age 82, of Spring Hill, passed on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband Tom. She is survived by her sons, John & Arthur (Flo). Src; Brewer

Horsham Ralph, age 54, of Weeki Wachee, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. He is survived by his loving wife, Wanda.

Src; Brewer

Cianci Laura, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Src; Turner

Roberson James H., passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Src; Turner

Moore Beverly E., age 80, of Brooksville, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Beverly is predeceased by her husband, Kelly Moore, and son, Raymond Gibson. She is survived by her daughter, Susan; daughter-in-law, Jan; 4 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Visitation Saturday, March 03 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, and Memorial Service from 11:00 AM to 12: PM at Brewer & Sons Funeral Home-Brooksville Chapel. Src; Brewer

Matteo Henry John, age 89, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. He was survived by his wife, Jennie; son, Stephen

Matteo (Jayne); daughter, Gina Panepinto; 3 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Dolecka Helena, age 91, of Spring Hill, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Src; Brewer

Cortes Adolfo, age 90, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Adolfo is survived by wife, Maria; daughter Addys; step son, William Rivera; step daughter, Carmen River; 1 grandson, and 1 great grandson. Src; Brewer

Trowsie, Betty Ann, age 82, of Brooksville, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. She is preceded in death by her husband Ronald, and daughter Maryann Newell. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Michael (Marie); daughters and sons-in-law: Connie (Randy), Tammy, Debbie (Dave); many grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Blasi Francis A., passed away on

**MARRIAGES**

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Muschter, Peter David and Miller Carol Ann 2/23/18

Febles, Justin Adam and Colon Yaritza 2/23/18

Fugate, Michael Eugene and Glascoe Ruth Ann 2/23/18

Cicero, Justin Warren and Stark Barbara Louise 2/26/18

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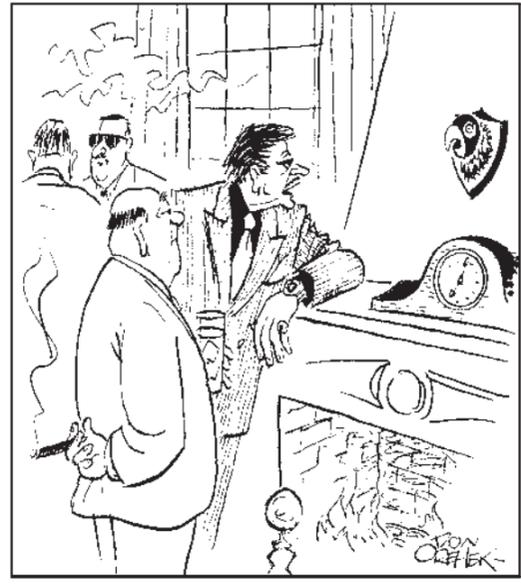
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**GRIN AND BEAR IT**



"I'll refer him to you, then you refer him back to me."

**LAFF-A-DAY**



"He was a great bird and I'm gonna miss 'im. But he knew too much."

Solution to Sudoku on page 9

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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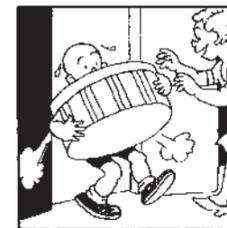
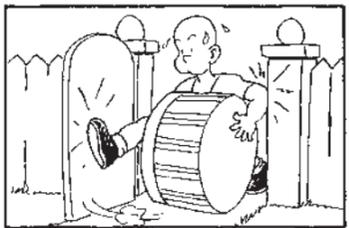
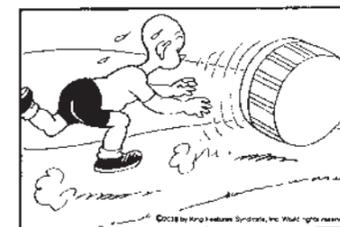
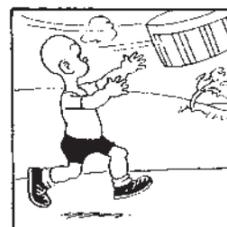
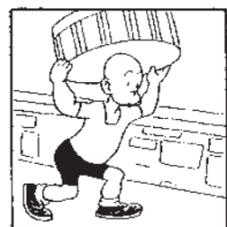
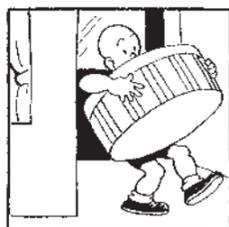
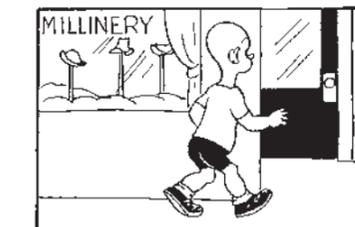
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**The Spats**



by Jeff Pickering



**BIBLE TRIVIA**

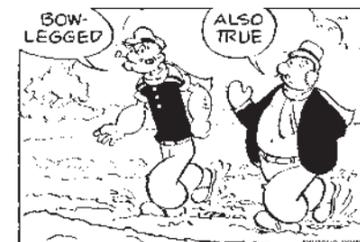
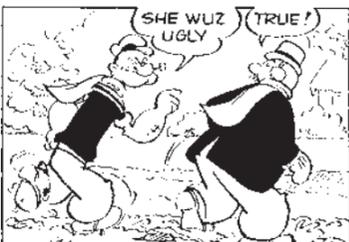
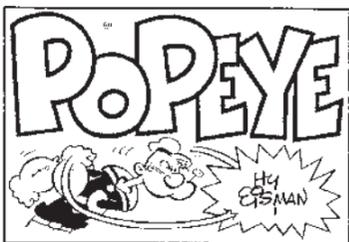
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of 2 Peter in Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation(s) by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 70
3. Who said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away"? Satan, Adam, Job, Haman
4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant
5. How old was Abram when Hagar bore Ishmael? 19, 39, 68, 86
6. From Acts 13:1, where was Lucius from? Cyrene, Zion, Sodom, Canaan

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 40; 3) Job; 4) Ant; 5) 86; 6) Cyrene

Visit Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).

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**Just Like Cats & Dogs**

by Dave T. Phipps



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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

When he was in distress, he entreated the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.

2 CHRONICLES 33: 12,13

Detail of "The Prayer of Manasseh" (1929) by Hester Sainsbury

OPINION

DOMENICK J. MAGLIO, PH.D.



Traditional Realist

Virtues of the past are today's virtues

The shift in our culture from traditional to progressive has become profound in a relatively short span of time. The vices of the past have been dressed up with convoluted rationalizations to make them appeal to selfish interests rather than those of family and community. This originated in the "me generation" movement where the individual's interests gained supremacy over all others.

We all belong to a social unit called the family. When we neglect our parental responsibilities of consistently and forcefully teaching moral values to our children, we are weakening our family, community and nation. We are creating parasites. The moral fiber of the nation withers when the family is no longer viable.

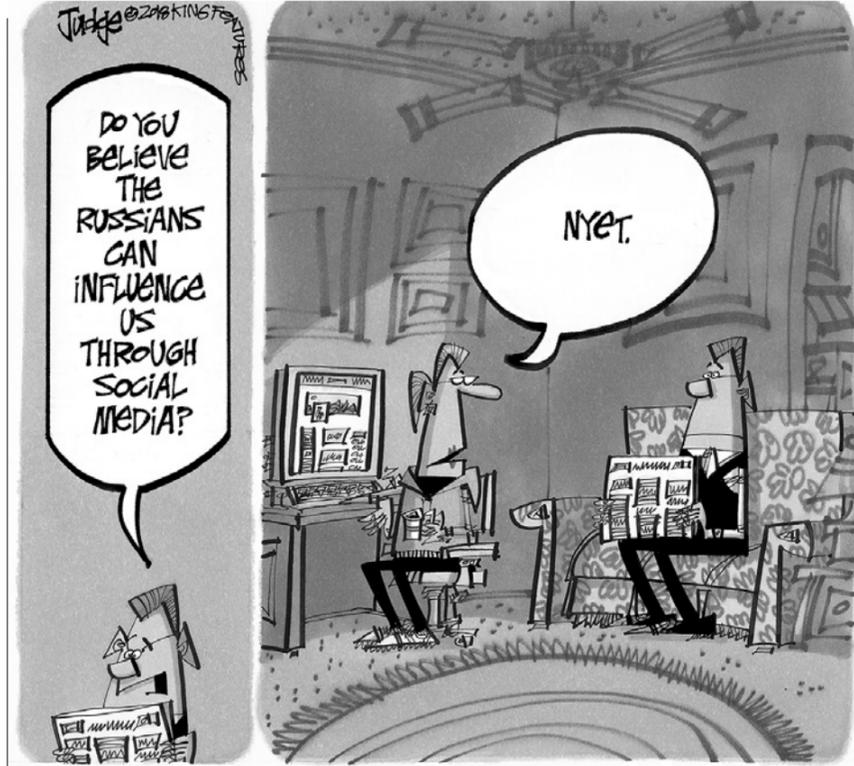
Expecting freedom without responsibility is creating selfish and reckless individuals. The vocal child who argues to use a machine before he has learned to follow directions is bound to hurt himself or break the machine. Too many young adults have great wants with no self-discipline. They are not being taught this by permissive parents, which has led to our inability to wait in our instant gratification world.

When youngsters are given money in their pocket without earning it they will often spend it to their own detriment. To feel good and be cool they often take the drug or computer game route. Once they have entered the world of drugs or addiction to video games their performance in school falls and the probability of dropping out increases. These modern casualties who imitate celebrities such as gangsta rappers, self important sport stars, singers or actors have greased the shift in values from being productive members of society to self-involved slackers. Being "parents in charge" of the family is currently seen as barbaric according to progressive child rearing experts. The modern child should be on an equal footing with parental power. Most modern parents have gladly accepted this philosophy as it has freed them from past responsibilities and duties of parenthood. Today's children are raising themselves with assistance from misguided, out-of-control peers who are the role models for most naïve youngsters. When parents do not prepare their offspring to face the reality of temptation unsurprisingly these youngsters become negatively addicted.

Children are hearing and witnessing that a man is not necessary to participate as a father in raising a child. A man is only a "sperm donor" although is on the hook financially. In other words men are no longer responsible for raising the child. The feminist movement has given women the right to decide if they do not want the child they are carrying. They say unwanted children should be allowed to be killed to resolve any inconvenience to their personal life. Women can be free to be indiscriminate sexual playmates with no responsibility to their live fetus, partner or family's reputation. These objectified undisciplined, self-centered and promiscuous females have become feminist heroines and the loving mothers become sad, boring losers in the progressive perspective.

More importantly, it does not seem to matter in our current culture the number of harmful acts to self and others an arrogant person has done in his life. These "self-celebrities" are fascinating to their peers for their moody, unpredictable life style. They are a protected class that is not supposed to be ostracized. As the family and community cohesiveness fades unknown and unconnected people's actions, good and bad have less significance. Stating you are going to do something at a certain day and time and not doing it has become a common practice with no stigma.

Instead of humility and keeping one's word being virtues, they are now seen as ridiculous acts. A self-promoter paints a vivid picture of what he wants to portray to others rather than what he actually has accomplished. Sophisticated marketing distortions or lies pay great



ADON TAFT



RELIGION

Graham Legacy Is Worldwide

While Billy Graham will be remembered around the globe for preaching — in person during his famous stadium crusades as well as by radio, television, books, movies and other media — to more people throughout the world than anyone in history into the 21st century, he leaves special memories in Florida where he had many close ties.

Long term, his impact probably will stem from lesser known activities. All, like his crusades and other well known evangelistic efforts, stemmed from a genuine love of people and commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ that prompted nearly everything undertaken by him and his unusually effective organization.

Having watched Billy (he didn't like the title "Dr." Graham given to him by others because he had numerous honorary degrees) and his team up close and personal at work and at play during my nearly four decades as religion editor of The Miami Herald, I, along with others, can testify to the down-to-earth and up-front nature of his faith and personality. To be present at his team's private, lengthy, pre-service prayer sessions was a revelation.

The lanky North Carolinian got his start preaching at the Florida Bible Institute in Palm Harbor (which relocated in Dunedin and became Trinity College). He frequently returned to the state to preach -- first as part of the Youth for Christ organization and then with his own ministry -- in churches, auditoriums and stadiums from the Panhandle to Miami. He spoke to lay meetings, religious and business conventions, and international gatherings. He vacationed at various South Florida spots and visited daughter Gi Gi Tchvidjian and her family in Coral Springs.

As he grew from a somewhat brash, fast talking, flashy dressing, dogmatic fundamentalist pulpiteer to a more dignified, conservative evangelical but ecumenical religious statesman, Billy hobnobbed with presidents, kings and queens, Communist dictators and business tycoons, often carrying messages back and forth between those who in public were at arm's length. Yet he retained his common touch.

Billy's personal integrity, a trait found in all the close associates he chose, spared him from the sexual and financial scandals that plagued some other big-name evangelists. Members of his team held to their rule never to be alone with a woman other than their own wives or female relatives.

The executive committee of his board was made up of prominent businessmen.

Although some family members served on the larger board of directors, none was on that committee. He himself was on a regular pastor's salary since 1952 and the royalties from his numerous books went into a trust fund that made donations to various ministries, colleges and charities.

His example led to the formation, in 1969, of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) requiring members to provide annual independent audits to the public. That restored some credibility to the genre.

In addition to his headline-making crusades on five continents (even behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains), Billy personally engaged in reconciliation efforts to bring together Protestants and Catholics in Ireland, Christians and Hindus in India, blacks and whites in the United States and South Africa. As part of those latter efforts, early on he included two black men, Howard Jones and Ralph Bell, as associate evangelists in his organization and insisted on integrated crusades wherever he went around

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Adon Taft, retired, was a reporter for The Miami Herald for 48 years. During the 37 years he was the religion editor he won numerous awards including the Supple Memorial Award, the top prize in the field of the reporting of religion news. He now lives in Brooksville, FL.

COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR

**On "County, Sheriff's Office, School District work out funding for additional School Resource Officers" published 2/23/18:**

**Eric Stone:** See this is exactly how this should be done you don't punish hundreds of thousands of people by taking their guns or making it harder for them to own them because of a few dozen Psychopaths. Our children need to be protected. Taking guns from or punishing law-abiding citizens isn't how you handle a murderer.

**Cecil Davis:** Fastest, simplest, cheapest solution. Close schools. We don't need them anymore. It would be cheaper to subsidize Florida Virtual School and send everyone home. That solves all the

problems at once.

**Lee Jacoby:** Bullet proof doors with buzzer locks. I'm so glad that a Full Assault Rifle ban is being looked at.

**On "Fact Check: Florida House Republicans blocked debate on Banning Assault Rifles" published 3/2/18:**

**Ken McConnell:** Well, I spent 61-67 in the military and also was a member of the NY State Police and know a few things about firearms. I am tired of hearing the AR-15 described as an "Assault rifle" or "military assault weapon". It is a single shot with each pull of the trigger semi-auto. It is not a military weapon nor has it ever been. It is dressed up to look like an M-4 or M-16. See <https://www.ammoland.com/.../ar-15-rifle-historical...>

**Dave Doerr:** I am at a loss. Would someone in Government please explain to me exactly what an "Assault Rifle" is? It seems that none of the media and even less of the Politicians know?

**Timothy Bruce Lair:** Stop using the term ASSAULT to describe an inanimate object. Thats a political term used to create fear and demonize these tools.

**Ted Knowles:** Thanks for reporting the TRUTH! This was just another political stunt by the Democrats! Very deceptive claim!

**Dave Martin:** Automobiles kill way more people every single year should we start calling them assault automobiles?

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Disposables...

HUMOR  
By VINCENT  
CARDEGIN

My wife doesn't buy paper and plastic anymore, so I looked into disposable clothing.

If I can't drop plates and forks in the garbage can, then I want to stop doing laundry. (I'm semi-retired.)

I found that there are indeed disposable garments, but I don't want to walk around looking like I'm about to perform surgery.

I want regular shirts and pants, and especially underwear. They can be made of paper or even from wheat and rice — and no, I don't mean edibles. (Hey, doesn't Japan have something like that? Seems I heard about it years ago from over there.)

I do know I've seen paper clothes before, but it was probably on an episode of Walter Cronkite's TV show "The 21st Century" or a science fiction movie, or perhaps on Johnny Carson.

What I want is to be able to toss my daily clothes (or even better, put them in a recycle bin) and open a fresh outfit every morning. (Note: I also need rice jammies.) I want a company that sends a weekly supply.

And I want to get online and choose different styles and patterns whenever I want. For me, solid colors between tan and brown are my favorite, with occasion-

al shirts in warmer tints of plaid. No paisley or flamingos or beach scenes. I do not want to look like a snowbird or a new transplanted retiree.

But since such a company does not yet exist, I hereby proclaim that if I do get another job, I will spend my first paycheck on paper towels, paper napkins, three different sizes of paper plates, two sizes of paper bowls, plastic regular forks and salad forks (if they make them), plastic regular spoons and soup spoons (I know they make those), and plastic knives, which are never very sharp, but I can make do.

And a case of disposable wooden chopsticks. (I eat a lot of noodles.) And I will replenish my supply as needed with every debit card deposit. My wife might have a fit, but I am still not convinced of a significant savings between disposables and the water and electricity used in washing.

There probably is, but

dividends while allowing others to note your own accomplishments rarely happens in this anonymous world. Creative lying has become a virtue while much of the truth has become a boring humdrum narrative.

The switch back to historical virtues can only happen by exposing the real negative consequences of living a self-centered, immoral life. More parents need to emphasize to their children and everyone else they can live the positives of traditional virtues

without the side effects of losing their conscience and soul. On the other hand, as often as possible elders should emphasize that cheating and taking advantage of others results is a pathetic life style.

God-fearing people realize an ineradicable history of destruction of other people's lives is not worth gaining wealth and fame. Mentally dysfunctional con artists and deviants bring on their own tragic lifestyles. These negative incidents are the inevitable outcome of evil choices,

I'm willing to pay for convenience.

We started buying paper plates and the like back when my grandkids were young and living here. They refused to follow my repeated suggestions that they rinse out a mug they used for water and rinse off a spoon they used for mixing a powdered drink and stop using a bowl or small plate whenever they wanted to carry around grapes and other portable fruit — just hold them in your hands — so we bought disposable ware to end the nightmare of dishes. Eventually it became our main tools of eating.

One time, years ago, when we switched back to real dinnerware, I don't remember why, I found that my grandkids were tossing the ceramic plates and bowls and metal forks and spoons and knives in the garbage. They were only doing what they were used to, but we lost over half of our old utensils before I realized it. That's when we went crazy with paper and plastic. But now we're back to washing again.

(And yes, I admit to dropping one real plate and fork in the garbage can, but I realized what I had done and retrieved them.)

while the blessings of living a virtuous life are no accident.

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# A walk through the Heritage Festival

The 35th Annual Heritage Day Festival, hosted by the Hernando Historical Museum Association last Saturday was a treat for local residents. The event is a fundraiser for the museum association and featured a Chinese Auction, an old-time bake sale, folk music, a historic home tour, museum tours as well as vendors that showcased their wares or history related organization and crafting such as weaving and the slightly more obscure boondoggling. Cindy, a volunteer from the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park explained that boondoggles were made and displayed in the home to ward off evil spirits. The park offers classes on making boondoggles. While the Heritage Festival has been going on for 35 years, the 175-year history of the county was celebrated during the event, which took place at the Historic Train Depot and Countryman One Room Schoolhouse in Brooksville.



Dade Battlefield volunteer Cindy works on a "boondoggle"



Above and Right: weaving; Center Countryman One Room Schoolhouse

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the world. He also placed black ministers Tom Skinner and Ralph Abernathy on the program of the U.S. Congress on Evangelism he financed in Minneapolis in 1969 when 5,000 delegates from 93 denominations took part just as 1,300 evangelists, theologians, and denominational leaders from 104 nations had done in 1966 at the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin which his group had organized and financed. Thousands more young evangelists—men and women, up to half of

whom had never before been outside their third world countries or had little or no formal theological training — were able to attend similar gatherings, at



the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's expense, in Amsterdam (that one alone at a cost of \$21 million), Bangkok, Manila and various other places of Asia, Europe, Africa and Latin America. Altogether, there were nearly 100 such 3 to 10-day gatherings involving some 50,000 evangelists from nearly 100 countries. Among other little known activities, the BGEA over the years gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to support organizations such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade for Christ, Young Life, and

## CAPTION THIS !

We asked our readers on Facebook to come up with a caption for this photo. Here's what they came up with....



- Karen Smith:** Are you 'tire'd? Then relax, take a break and 'head' to the beach!
- Dorene Stanfield Lovelace:** Wellllll, at least my head ain't in the sand!
- Van Man:** I can Dig the Beach I never get Tired of it! or Caught Rubbernecking on the Beach!
- DeLana Roberts:** Tired and loving it at the beach!
- Lee Jacoby:** Gov. Scott said I'd be ok right here. Lol
- Mary White Risk:** Is this Florida?
- Joy Hamm:** Ring around the collar at its worst
- John Harason:** Mom, don't worry the car is fine. This is just a joke.
- Bill Severance:** Rubber..... you're doing it wrong!
- Leta Smith:** You never get tired of the beach.
- Karen Alsdorf:** I just fell asleep for a minute
- Bernard Brian Accetta:** Is that Hubcap?
- Theresa Peila:** Burnin rubber!
- David Schmutz:** In too deep.
- Ted Knowles:** Shovel ready??



Classic Car Show at the Bluegrass Festival

## BLUEGRASS

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Mexico and the Caribbean performing Bluegrass and Country music. Their niche is Bluegrass Gospel and Southern Gospel. The music is fun and fulfilling for them, but it is also a ministry. "We've been performing as the Williamson Branch Band and touring for 3-1/2 years, but we've been singing as a family ever since the girls could sing," Debbie states. Dad and Mom play guitar; Melody plays guitar, fiddle, and ukulele; Kadence plays bass; and Caroline steals the show with her animated singing and beautiful soprano voice. Joining them on Saturday was eighteen-year-old Anthony Howell on banjo and guitar. "The most satisfying and rewarding thing is getting to experience so much of the world together as a family; getting to see the girls grow in their music," Debbie continues. Being together virtually all the time, as well as traveling in a 15-passenger van most of the year can be challenging. In addition, Mrs. Williamson has been homeschooling her daughters. Debbie observes, "Every-

thing happens all together, but most everyone gets along most of the time. We're gone from home a lot." For Melody Williamson, who finished her schooling last year, playing music is almost as natural as breathing. "I started playing guitar at age four. When I was six I started playing the fiddle," Melody comments. "The most fun part is when things are just really clicking with the audience. I love that feeling when the crowd is so into what you're doing. You're getting back what you're putting out. When we play the Gospel music they're worshipping with you." For a change of pace, the Atlantic City Boys did an amazing job of sounding like Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The quartet, made up of Todd Mummert, Pete Zicky, Erik Winger and Jeff Williams kept the audience tapping their toes and singing along. The next local Bluegrass festival produced by Evans Media Source will be taking place at Sertoma Youth Ranch in Brooksville March 21 - March 25. For more information call 904-536-3868 or go to www.evansmediasource.com

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